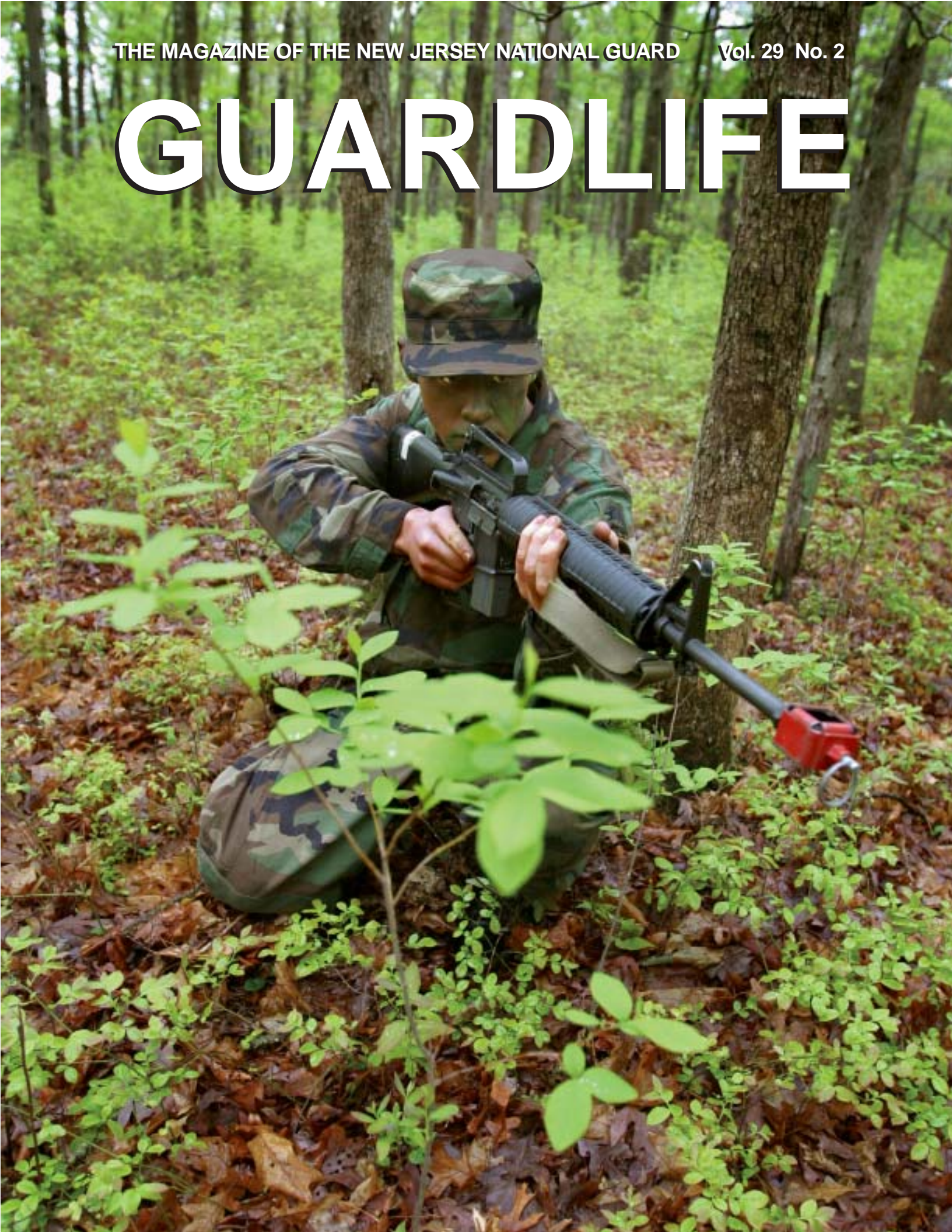


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Pvt. William Harpe, Soldier Support Battalion, Fort Dix, takes aim during C Battery, 3rd Battalion, 112th Field Artillery's open house May 26. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJ-DMAVA/PA.

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On the Road To Baghdad

Sign on the main highway to Baghdad. Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Edward C. Camp, 253rd Transportation Company.

Diversity Letter

By Brig. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth, The Adjutant General

We have all worked hard over the past year and a half to improve the New Jersey National Guard and move forward with a strategic vision for the future as our military forces transform. It is incumbent upon us that we work together to draw upon the strengths of all the citizens in our state. The organization needs to offer the full range of opportunities of the Guard to all citizens of our state that includes the benefits of schooling and advancement to all soldiers and airmen of our units. We need to re-focus our attention on embracing diversity as a resource that will strengthen the New Jersey National Guard.

Diversity is about valuing differences to achieve our fullest potential as an organization. This potential will allow our members to contribute their best to both the Army and Air National Guard. I believe that mentoring is a tool that is key to this goal. By mentoring all of our members equally we will enhance our culture and provide promotion opportunities for all personnel based on their individual potential for success. Diversity must and will be integral to our culture in the New Jersey National Guard and is an investment in our future that will reap large dividends in positive outcomes. It's about the ideas that stem from the qualities that are a person's fundamental nature and include age, creativity, culture, ethnicity, gender, race, religion, socio-economic background and talents.

Diversity will build team collaboration within our units that is reflective of New Jersey's population. To that end, our leadership must mirror the demographics of both our organization and New Jersey as a



Celebrating Unity Day— (Left to right): Sgt. Mauricio Vega, Sgt. Crystal Kim and Staff Sgt. Sabrina Williams sample food during the Unity Day celebrations held at New Jersey National Guard Headquarters at Fort Dix June 13 with theme "Together We Can Make A Difference." Unity Day highlights included a 5K Walk/Run, a performance by the New Jersey National Guard Youth Challenge Drill Team, followed by an awards ceremony, cultural displays, food tables, and a chili cookoff, which included separate awards for the tastiest and most corrosive chili. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA.

whole. I am charging all commanders to re-energize their efforts in active mentoring with diversity as a focus. Likewise, all members of both the Army and Air National Guard must become more active participants in diversity and mentoring. I have total confidence that our New Jersey National Guard team, with focused senior leadership providing direction, will achieve the new goal that we have in diversity.

Opening Rounds: 177th Holds Anti-Terrorism Exercise, 3-112 Holds Open House, DISCOM Change Of Command



Scoping The Opposition. *Members of the 177th Fighter Wing Security Forces and the Egg Harbor Township Police seek to locate "terrorist" during an anti-terrorism exercise held during June's drill. In this operation, the "terrorists" had barricaded themselves in the Security Forces building and the combined Security Forces and Township Police were required to capture and subdue them. The exercise was part of a base wide operation to train the wing in Force Protection Condition changes and the requirements of the various protection levels. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, 177 FW/PA.*



Charge. *Spc. Joseph Alexander Swansinger, 3rd Battalion, 112th Field Artillery, participates in an assault demonstration during the unit's Open House May 24. On display were vehicles used by the New Jersey Army National Guard, HUMVEE rides, and a JROTC drill and ceremony demonstration. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA.*



DISCOM Change Of Command. *Brig. Gen. Joseph Wondrack (right), Commander, 42nd Infantry Division, passes the Division Support Command colors to Col. Kent Milliken (left), who assumed command from Col. John Dwyer, at Somerset Armory June 8. Col. Milliken received his commission through ROTC and has served with the 3rd Battalion, 112th Field Artillery, 250th Signal Battalion and Recruiting and Retention Command. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA.*

108th Officer Receives Bronze Star

By Staff Sgt. Barb Harbison, NJDMAVA/PA

Lt. Col. Robert "Rory" R. Doolittle (right), 108th Operations Squadron Vice Commander, was awarded the Bronze Star by Maj. Gen Clark Martin (left), Commander, New Jersey Air National Guard, for meritorious achievement while engaged in ground operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom on Feb. 9. Lt. Col. Doolittle was assigned to the 405th Air Expeditionary Wing in Oman from December 2001 to March 2002. While there, he organized the first-ever Air National Guard tanker unit under an Air Combat Command Air Expeditionary Wing (AEW). He commanded more than 300 personnel and his squadron provided more than 17 million pounds of fuel to combat aircraft.



108th Backbone Of F-22 Test Program

While on deployment to Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., a 108th Air Refueling Wing KC-135 Stratotanker refuels an F-22 Raptor. The F-22 Raptor test program has been labeled the second most important mission in the Air Force according to the Chief of Staff of the Air Force. The Air Refueling aspect has been labeled the "backbone" of the F-22 program according to the 411th Flight Test Squadron at Edwards. On a typical mission lasting three hours the F-22 and the chase plane requires 80,000 pounds of fuel to complete their full array of tests including high maneuvers, supersonic runs, and weapons system tests. Photo courtesy Master Sgt. Thomas Miller, 108th Air Refueling Wing.



A Day In The Life Of The 253rd

By Capt. Michael Ciarrocca, Commander, 253rd Transportation Company



Members of the 253rd prepare for a convoy run. (l-r) Spc. Anna Maggi, Pfc. Nicola Harvey, Sgt. Russell Smith, Pvt. Andrew Scott, Staff Sgt. Gracie Henderson, Unknown, and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Mickey. Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Edward C. Camp, 253rd Transportation Company.

For the majority of the troops, the day begins with a 6:30 a.m. wake-up, with the temperature a cool 80-85 degrees. If you're on a convoy duty that day, your wake-up call fluctuates from 3:30-4:15.

At 7:15 the leadership meets at our expensive, government-issue con-

ference table, which also doubles as a wooden packing crate. I put out the info I received from the Battalion meeting the night before. When I finish, 1st Sgt. Michael Vey meets with the NCOs to get all work details and special assignments made. While all this is going on, the troops go to

breakfast. For the past couple of weeks, we've been getting a hot breakfast and dinner. Just when we were tired of the canned eggs, the Army started sending fresh eggs. They're such nice hosts; I think they want us to stay.

The work details are always interesting depending on who gets the luck of the

draw. Recycling is not an issue here (no curbside service); we collect trash and take it to the dump, which is across the street from us and continually burns. We supply two guards from 6 a.m. to noon. We're not sure exactly what they guard, but no one has stolen any trash yet so I guess that's good.

The Duty Driver has been voted as the worst detail. The Duty Driver reports to the Command Post at 6:30 a.m. and sometimes finishes as late as 9 p.m. Since there are no busses, the Duty Driver takes folks wherever they need to go. We now have a PX (three-four hour wait), a shower point if you don't want to use one of ours (half an hour wait for a seven minute shower), a legal office, and a recreation center with basketball, volleyball, and a field to play softball.

Last but not certainly not least, we have the proverbial "(deleted) de-



A view of the New Jersey State flag over New Jersey, Southwest Asia. Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Kevin E. Lewis, 253rd Transportation Company.

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tail." We burn all human waste daily. The procedure is simple, put four inches of diesel fuel into an oil drum that has been cut in half, light it up, and it will burn. When finished, the residue gets buried and four inches of fuel is added to keep the flies off of the current day's deposits.

By 2 p.m., the temperature has broken 120+ and most everyone but the maintenance troops are kicked back in their tents.

We normally receive the next day's convoy mission requirements by 9 a.m. The drivers will check the loads, pull some maintenance, eat an MRE, stow all personal baggage for the trip, and prepare to move out. A typical trip is five to six hours. At their destina-

tion, they'll unload, maybe pick another load for the return trip, eat a hot dinner, and relax for the evening. Most people sleep on or near their truck. The next morning they depart by 8 a.m. to come home.

As the day drags on, a lot of personal time is consumed doing laundry. There is a laundry unit here, but the turnaround is every 13 days. Doing your own laundry by hand is the norm - there is a laundry service but it takes too long. If you've ever wondered how hot 120 degrees is, the laundry is a good example. You can place a set of Desert Camo Uniforms (DCUs) on the clothesline - soaking wet, and they'll be bone dry in less than one hour. If there aren't any sand-

storms, the clothes will generally be cleaner than before they were washed - generally



Pfc. Katie Meisenbacher burning waste. Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Kevin E. Lewis, 253rd Transportation Company.

Dinner is served from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Like breakfast, the food has recently improved to fresh prepared meals. The cooks hear fewer complaints, and are relieved to finally practice their trade.

While everyone is eating, the first ***continued on page 8***



Spc. Donna DeLa Vega and the rest of the 253rd resort to the tried and tested methods of washing in the field. Photo by Capt. Michael Ciarrocca.



Burning oil breaks the monotony of a convoy. Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Edward C. Camp, 253rd Transportation Company.

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sergeant and I go to the Battle Update Brief. Since there is no battle going on, most of the time it is a test of staying awake and alert for an hour. By the time the torture is over, it has cooled down to 90 degrees and it is actually starting to feel comfortable. Unfortunately when the temperature dips below 80, the sand fleas come to feed on us. They stay from one hour to all night depending on how much it cools down at day's end. The most beautiful sunset you will ever see is witnessed every night around 8:30. It's the brightest most incandescent orange.

Showers are available every night. Nothing sophisticated, just an Army Bucket with a shower-head attached. It's enough to wet down, soap up, and finish with a good rinse. Some nights you get to take a shower in the dark under the stars, it's really beautiful.

Another day done, another day closer to our return. 🍷



Abandoned Iraqi T-72s are some of the sights seen while on convoy duty. Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Edward C. Camp.



Sgt. 1st Class Joe DiCola (right) poses with a group of new friends near Mosul, Iraq.

The Wednesday Club

Sgt. Michael Spallina, 253rd Transportation Company and member of the Wednesday Club, frying eggplant for dinner. The Wednesday Club is a group of 253rd soldiers that prepare, every Wednesday, an extraordinary dinner using ordinary Army supplies. After two weeks of experimenting, the first meal was served on June 26 and featured fresh salad, gnocchi, sauce, fried and grilled eggplant. Their success is due in part to they're making friends with an Iraqi who sells them fresh produce. Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Kevin E. Lewis, 253rd Transportation Company.



21 Inducted Into Order Of The Spur

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA

Twenty-one soldiers of the 5th Squadron, 117th Cavalry, were inducted into the Order of the Spur at Fort Dix on July 16 through 17.

The soldiers, currently deployed to McGuire Air Force Base and the 177th Fighter Wing, completed a Spur Ride, a 36-hour Cavalry exercise which challenges the candidates abilities and endurance. The Ride encompasses a road march, confidence course, and land navigation to find and successfully complete the following stations: armor, mortar, scout, NBC, maintenance and transportation.

The last event was the Spur Meal where the 21 tired but proud candidates were awarded their spurs and spur certificates.



Cavalrymen from the 5th Squadron, 117th Cavalry watch as a fellow Guardsman maneuvers through the confidence course at Fort Dix during the Spur Ride held July 16-17. Photo courtesy 5th Squadron, 117th Cavalry.

Victory Challenge 2003

Your enlistment leads can gain points toward the 2003 Victory Challenge (deadline Nov. 30, 2003) and win these prizes:

Gold Level (five enlistments): all prizes from silver level AND, NASCAR race, garage access, dinner with a race team (Las Vegas Race), Air Assault OR Airborne School and more. In addition, all NJARNG enlisted soldiers receive 3 promotion points for each lead that turns into an enlistment, max 15 points. For more information visit www.virtualarmory.com and go to 2003 Victory Challenge.



"That's A Lot Of Spaghetti." Col. Stephen Hines (third from left), Commander, 50th Brigade presents a check for \$2,000 to Brig. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth (fourth from left), The Adjutant General to contribute to the 253rd Transportation Company's weekly spaghetti dinners. Also pictured (l-r) Lt. Col. John Manfre, Maj. Robert Jarvis, Col. Hines, Brig. Gen. Rieth, State Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Adkins, Lt. Col. Steven Ferrari, Lt. Col. Joseph O'Connor and Maj. John Metzler. Photo by Lt. Col. Roberta Niedt, NJDMAVA/PAO.

108th Celebrates Family Day

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, photos by Staff Sgt. Barb Harbison, NJDMAVA/PA

Barbeque, sports, and pie-eating contests - sounds like a great time.

The 108th Air Refueling Wing held their annual Family Day after a Commander's Call July 20. More than 1,400 wing members and their families, along with two busloads of veterans from the Vineland Veterans Memorial Home were treated to a home-style barbeque by Food Services, cooked by the Chief's Council

and served by the wing staff.

This year's entertainment included three performers from the Metropolitan New York USO, a State Police traffic safety cruiser with a driving simulator, a unit member car show, various carnival-type entertainment, go-cart and miniature golf, as well as horseshoe, volleyball and basketball tournaments, a dunk tank ran by the women's softball team and a pie-eating contest.

In addition, one of the wing's KC-135E Stratotankers was on static display which, according to Family Day organizer Master Sgt. Lou Kiesling, Survival Equipment Shop NCOIC, "Was a constant draw and speaks highly of the support by the families of the 108th's mission."

And the reason for the event's success: "To be able to bring your family and have a good time is key to the whole operation." ✍



Just a sample of the activities at this year's 108th Family Day. See you next year.

108th Hosts Bring A Buddy Day

Senior Airman Dominick Rodriguez (right) explains to a friend how the engine on a KC-135E Stratotanker works during the 108th's Second Annual Bring a Buddy Day June 21. Starting at 9 a.m., the 64 visitors were welcomed by Col. Larry Thomas, wing commander, who focused on the various career fields and benefits available in the New Jersey Air National Guard. Despite periodic downpours, visitors toured a KC-135E Stratotanker, Operations Group and Logistics Squadron, as well as various work sections. Photo courtesy 108th Air Refueling Wing MultiMedia Center. ✍



National Guard Week Celebrated

Photos and story by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA



Governor James E. McGreevey signs the National Guard Week Proclamation while Brig. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth, Assemblyman Joseph Azzolina, Col. Maria Morgan and State Command Sgt. Maj. Richard S. Adkins watch.

In a State House ceremony, Governor James E. McGreevey, Commander-in-Chief, New Jersey National Guard, signed a proclamation designating May 11 through 17 as National Guard Week and May 15 as National Guard Day.

The tribute to the Garden State's 9,000 citizen-soldiers and airmen culminated on May 15 with National Guard Day

at the State House campus in Trenton.

The activities, displays, and award presentations began in the Assembly Chambers with Brig. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth, The Adjutant General of New Jersey and retired Brig. Gen. Robert S. Dutko, Sr., State Chairman, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, presenting the Seven Seals Award to Senate Co-Presidents Richard Cody and John Bennett, Assembly Speaker Albio Sires, and Assemblymen Jack Connors and Nick Asselta for their support of of the New Jersey Army and Air National Guard.



The 108th Air Refueling Wing Security Forces display was among the many Army and Air Guard exhibits.



The 150th General Support Aviation Battalion post the colors at the opening of the State Assembly session



Chief Warrant Officer 2 Dorinda Roth leads the 63rd Army Band on the rotunda outside the Statehouse.

Humanitarian Airlift In Panama

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA



UH-60A Blackhawks flying "loose tail" with the Panama City skyline and the Pacific Ocean in the background. Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Doug McNeil, 1-150th General Support Aviation Battalion.

Columbian government) supporters in the border village of Paya. In addition, the Colombian rebels seized all of the village's livestock and foodstuffs before making their way back across the border. The remaining residents of Paya – approximately 500 – fled to the nearby village of Boca de Cupe putting an immediate strain on the town's ability to house and feed them.

"Upon leaving the ODC we understood that the request was at the State Department for validation," stated 1st Lt. Joseph Roughneen, Detachment Commander. "The mission would call for two Blackhawks to depart at dawn the very next day."

Two Blackhawks would depart Howard Air Base for the refueling point in Meteti at 9:15 a.m. Jan. 23 carrying a sling load of four 2-½ ton truck tires, to be left at Yaviza. Additionally, 10 boxes of MREs would also be transported to Boca de Cupe.

Naturally once an operation gets started not everything goes according to schedule. First, the

aircraft were delayed so that the Panamanian press photographers and videographers could capture the departure

Rebel forces, humanitarian missions, flying over a place that isn't New Jersey.

All in days work for the 1-150th General Aviation Support Battalion.

From Jan. 13 through May 8, the 1-150th deployed three UH-60A Blackhawk helicopters and 60 Guardsmen for Operation New Horizons 03, Joint Task Force Chiriqui. The mission of Joint Task Force Chiriqui, named after the Republic of Panama province the base was set up in, was to construct schools and clinics and practice medicine to benefit the villagers in the remote mountain region.

The big test came almost immediately upon the 150th's arrival. With just nine days in country, the Battalion was being sent to an area where right-wing Colombian rebels had driven hundreds of people out of their village.

On Jan. 22, the New Jersey Guardsmen were told at the Office of Defense Cooperation (ODC) that the Panamanian Government had requested humanitarian airlift support. Right-wing Colombian rebels had crossed into the Darien Province of Panama and killed four suspected FARC (anti-



1st Lt. Joseph Roughneen and Sgt. Fred Derry prepare sling load of truck tires for the flight to Yaviza. Photo courtesy Task Force Chiriqui.

The success of the Darien airlift mission and the entire deployment rests on the teamwork between maintenance and supply. "They are the nuts and bolts that make the wheel turn," stated Capt. Roughneen. "Without them, this mission would never have succeeded."

of the Blackhawks with the Panamanian officials onboard.

"We arrived at Meteti and found the helipad too small for a UH-60. Then after we landed we found that their fuel hose was too short to reach the fuel receiver on the opposite side of the aircraft," said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Jim den Hartog, UH-60A and standardization/instructor pilot. Aviation personnel carefully ground-guided the aircrew to position the aircraft as close as possible to the refueling station. The combination of the short refueling hose and the slow process of gravity refueling delayed the mission's departure from Meteti considerably.

"Once both aircraft were refueled we followed the Pan-American Highway as briefed," said 1st Lt. Roughneen. "Upon arrival at Yaviza, we delivered the sling load of truck tires without incident." From Yaviza both helicopters continued to Boca de Cupe. Following a recon and assessment of the landing zone (a large soccer field) both helicopters landed and discharged their passengers.

"We then proceeded back to Yaviza in order to commence the load-up and resupply sorties," said 1st Lt. Roughneen. "Each aircraft performed three sorties, successfully transporting more than 16,000 pounds of food and equipment. Following the final drop-off we uploaded our original passengers and flew back to Meteti for refueling."

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Aid workers and Guardsmen unload emergency relief supplies from a 150th GSAB Blackhawk at Boca de Cupe. Photo courtesy Task Force Chiriqui.

and supply. "They are the nuts and bolts that make the wheel turn," stated 1st Lt. Roughneen. "Without them, this mission would never have succeeded."

Afterwards the rest of the deployment went smoothly. Aviation support allowed the physicians to treat hundreds of patients, while the engineers constructed three schools, three medical clinics and three latrines. Maintenance personnel enabled the Aviation unit to execute more than 541 accident free flight hours in less than 100 days, while maintaining an operational readiness of more than 90 percent. In addition, the 150th troops made friends with area villagers who brought their children out to the base for school field trips.

After Joint Task Force Chiriqui wound down, the base camp was taken apart and transported back to Howard Air Base. The helicopters and other equipment was taken to Port Christobal where the aircraft were once again shrink-wrapped and loaded aboard a cargo ship for the two-month return trip to the Port of Philadelphia.

All in a day's work for the 150th. 



Displaced Panamanians at Boca de Cupe line up for emergency relief supplies flown in by the 150th GSAB. Photo courtesy Task Force Chiriqui.

Hollywood Comes To T3BL

Photo and story by Staff Sgt. Robert W. Stephenson, 444th MPAD/Fort Dix PA

A Florida film crew was at Training and Training Technology Battle Lab (T3BL), at Fort Dix to film several real-world scenarios that soldiers might encounter while performing peacekeeping or combat missions.

Plots involve the use of standing rules of engagement, called judgmental use of force, but might be more familiar as the "shoot-don't shoot" scenario. Different versions of each scene were filmed and later converted for use on the Engagement Skills Trainer (EST) 2000, a laser operated small arms and crew served weapons firing simulator used throughout the military, including the T3BL, the only High Tech Training Center of its kind in the country.

"The Army and the National Guard come to us as subject matter experts to help implement, develop and field virtual training aids for different levels of training," stated Sgt. 1st Class Samuel Grimes, an infantry instructor and writer at T3BL.

The T3BL serves as a testing and fielding center for training aids, simulators and simulations. With the recent mobilization of more than 7,000 Reserve and National Guard soldiers at Fort Dix, the T3BL has seen an increased level of activity. Mobilized units that are waiting to deploy have been sharpening their skills on a daily



Sgt. 1st Class Samuel Grimes, confers with a T3BL staff member during weapons qualification.

basis at T3BL. Soldiers can zero weapons, engage virtual-reality targets or participate in judgmental use of force scenarios.

"One of the problems soldiers in the field face are situations where they don't know whether to engage a target or not," said Staff Sgt. Keith Weinberg, a member of the T3BL Battle Staff and one of the scenario writers. "This is going to get them practice the rules of engagement."

And it is not just the line soldier who has to make the difficult calls. Recent events in Iraq prove that all U.S. soldiers, from cooks to truck drivers, can find themselves in this type of situation.

One scenario shot at Walson Hospital came from real life, according to Jack Tensley, director and cameraman for the project. Tensley, who has shot and directed productions for Disney, was setting up a shot at the


vacant hospital. In this story line, men and women in civilian clothes were looting the hospital of furniture when a U.S. soldier encounters them at the door. An argument ensues, a gun is fired, someone falls, and a soldier is attacked. What next? This is the crux of the shoot-don't shoot scenario and if it sounds all too familiar U.S. forces have encountered similar situations in Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan, and in Iraq.

"We have shot close to 60 scenarios for the simulator," said Tensley. "And it's a bit eerie because a lot of what we've shot so far have been incidences like those that have happened in the field."

As for Tinsley, the importance of creating and filming the scenarios used in the EST 2000 is not lost on him.

"It's a big responsibility," notes the director. "To be realistic and effective and not to just produce scenarios that fill a quota, but actually are fielded and used and help protect and train people better is a big responsibility and we take it seriously."

By sending soldiers through the simulator, units are able to provide them with enough realism to uncover any deficiencies. As one soldier was overheard to say: "Anything can happen to you out there - so you have to be trained for anything."

At Fort Dix, the T3BL aims to do just that. 

9th Annual National Guard Youth Camp Held

By Lt. Col. Roberta Niedt, NJDMAVA/PAO

One hundred and thirty five children from throughout the Garden State have something "out of the ordinary" to tell their teachers and classmates when they go back to school. They attended the 9th Annual National Guard Youth Camp at the National Guard Training Center in Sea Girt July 7-12.

The campers aged 9-12 spent the week doing sports,



Arts and crafts were a popular activity among this pair of campers at this year's Youth Camp.


archery, arts and crafts, and going to the beach. They also experienced a taste of military life by doing physical training each morning, marching to daily activities, sleeping in barracks and eating in the mess hall. A visit to the National Guard Training and Training Technology Battle Lab at Fort Dix gave the group an opportunity to engage in some of the same training that soldiers do. They did laser simulation training in urban, desert, and woodland environments; they "called for fire" during a simulated artillery exercise and used tank and small arms simulators. Nightly programs with a strong educational "message" were a major camp component. Everyone participated in activities that emphasized the benefits of diversity, the importance of avoiding gangs, and the need to maintain a drug-free lifestyle.

The weeklong camp is open to children and grandchildren of active and retired members of the New Jersey Army



One of this year's activities was a lecture on gang awareness.

and Air National Guard. It allows those who live in non-military communities an opportunity to interact with other "military" children.

Volunteers ranged in age from 13 to 75 and all had some connection to the National Guard. According to Joanne Grieco, Camp Director: "The success of the Youth Camp can be attributed to our volunteers, vendors, and organizational sponsors. It takes the commitment of the staff and volunteers to make a camp like this continue to grow and succeed." 



On Target. Like previous Youth Camps, this year's was a hit with both campers and volunteers.

177th to Co-host Air Show

By 2nd Lt. Luz Aponte, 177 FW/PAO

Boyd Gaming Corporation's Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa announced it would present a special air show in cooperation with the 177th Fighter Wing and Atlantic City on Wednesday, August 27.

"The men and women of the 177th Fighter Wing want to express their appreciation for the outstanding support the surrounding communities have shown since our mobilization in support of Operation NOBLE EAGLE and the global war on terrorism," said Colonel Michael Cosby, Commander of the 177th Fighter Wing. "What better way to show that appreciation than to host an air show over the beautiful beaches of Atlantic City."

The entire air show, including the United States Air Force Thunderbirds and United States Army Golden Knights Parachute Team, will take place above and along the Atlantic City Boardwalk. Free to the public, the air show begins at 11 a.m. and concludes at 3 p.m.

Additional entertainment will include fly-bys orchestrated by the 177th Fighter Wing of the New Jersey National Guard, amid-air refueling by the 108th Air Refueling Wing, F-15 East Coast Demonstration Team, F-16 East Coast Demonstration Team, A-10 East Coast Demonstration Team, USAF Heritage Flight, F-18 West Coast Demonstration Team, U.S. Coast Guard off-shore search and rescue demonstration team.

For more air show information log on to www.atlanticcityairshow.com for show updates. 🦅



NORAD Commander Visits 177th

Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart (right), Commander, United States Northern Command and North American Air Defense Command, visits with (l-r) Tech. Sgt. Darren Custis, Staff Sgt. William Colon, Tech. Sgt. Damon Jackson, and Staff Sgt. David Murn at the 177th Fighter Wing June 30. The general visited the 177th with Congressman Frank LoBiondo to thank the wing for their support of Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, 177 FW/PA.

Air Guard Host Vineland Vets

Staff Sgt. Staci Rohan, 177th Fighter Wing Support Group, assists a resident from the Vineland Memorial Veterans Home. Members of the 177th Fighter Wing and the 108th Air Refueling Wing held a barbeque for residents of the Vineland Memorial Veterans Home at the Warren Grove Training Range, June 26. Following the lunch, residents and Guardsmen watched A-10 Thunderbolts and F-16 Fighting Falcons perform strafing runs on the range. Both wings have supported the Vineland Memorial Veterans Home for more than 10 years through fundraising efforts, and volunteer work during the holidays. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA.



Supply And Demand.. Many, Many, Demands

By Capt. Robert K. Bryan, Assistant S-4, 50TH Brigade

Imagine walking into a brand new supply room and being faced with the task of establishing accountability on millions of dollars of equipment.

In addition, a wall-to-wall inventory must be conducted, hand receipts, component listings, shortage annexes, and clothing records updated, submit and re-submit work orders, and equipment shortages requisitioned. And oh by the way, don't forget to turn in the excess equipment; get those vehicles prepared for the domestic action missions; drop off loaned equipment at another armory in Sea Girt, yada, yada, yada...

These were the very challenges that faced Sgt. Paul Saindon, the new Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 113th Infantry Unit Supply Sergeant when he arrived at his new unit. Sgt. Saindon responded admirably to the challenge and came through the ordeal with flying colors. His unit not only received a satisfactory rating for the Brigade Command Supply Discipline Program inspection it also exceeded the standard by employing numerous systems that enhanced unit supply operations for the company.

As a result, the unit qualified for the Region 1B competition and on Nov. 7, the Riverdale unit competed against the other Supply Excellence nominees throughout the region and despite performing extremely well, was narrowly defeated by a West Virginia unit.

Both 1st Lt. Scott Lewis and Sgt. Saindon were commended for their outstanding performance. Sgt. Saindon was also recognized as the primary reason for the significant improvements made by this unit in supply accountability. The competition evaluators cited both Saindon's organizational skills and painstaking attention to detail as



Sgt. Paul Saindon in his office at the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 113th Infantry. Photo courtesy Capt. Robert K. Bryan.

instrumental in the remarkable strides made by this unit over the past year.

1st Lt. Lewis summed it all up. "The 2-113th proved that confidence and determination are the two most important factors in attaining success. The troops should take great pride in the fact that they stood tall and displayed clearly their unique brand of professionalism." 🇺🇸

Editor's Note: Sgt. Saindon's daughter Rachel was one of five winners of the 2003 Armed Services YMCA Art Contest. In addition to receiving a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond, her artwork will also be used on a poster promoting Military Family Month in November 2003.

Short Rounds: Wall Of Achievement, Marathon Guardsmen, OCS - 46 Graduates



First Annual Wall Of Achievement Induction. *Newly inducted members of the New Jersey Army National Guard Officer Candidate School (OCS) Wall of Achievement pose for a photograph at Sea Girt June 28. The purpose of the Wall of Achievement is to recognize and honor New Jersey Army National Guard OCS graduates or other specially nominated individuals who have excelled in leadership and have exhibited the will and the ability to perform at a higher level than their contemporaries. In addition to Brig. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth (standing far right), inductees included retired Maj. Gen. Vito Morgano (seated, second from right), former Adjutant General, and retired Col. Michael Smith (seated, far right). Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA.*



Lincoln, Neb. *— New Jersey's Cpl. Anthony Christy (right in photo) came in 71st out of 137 with 3:38:29 in the 20th Annual National Guard Bureau Marathon Trials, held May 2. Sgt. Sean Chapman came in 96th with 3:57:48 and Maj. Jeffrey Westfield was 133rd with 5:5:17:38. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Matt Roland, Nebraska Air National Guard*



Officer Candidate Class 46 graduated 20 second lieutenants at the National Guard Training Center at Sea Girt on June 28. They represent a cross section of all skill fields in the New Jersey Army National Guard. Congratulations and Good Luck. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA.

New Jersey Army And Air National Guard Enlisted Promotions

New Jersey Army National Guard

To First Sergeant (E-8):

Sgt. 1st Class Louis J. Wiersma Jr.

To Master Sergeant (E-7):

Sgt. 1st Class Thomas J. Clark
Sgt. 1st Class Hermenegildo Devarie
Sgt. 1st Class George W. Floyd IV

Sgt. 1st Class Harold E. Homan
Sgt. 1st Class Scott L. Lance
Sgt. 1st Class Yvonne McGuire
Sgt. 1st Class Edgar E. Paulus
Sgt. 1st Class Maron R. Pazmino

To Sergeant First Class (E-6):

Staff Sgt. Berto Diaz
Staff Sgt. John Figueroa
Staff Sgt. James L. Monroe
Staff Sgt. Barry A. Odell
Staff Sgt. John J. Rowe
Staff Sgt. Sarita L. Wilson

To Staff Sergeant:

Sgt. Frederick E. Derry
Sgt. Michael A. Edwards
Sgt. Norris H. Fletcher
Sgt. William Gonzales
Sgt. Michael W. Hafke
Sgt. Michael J. Klock
Sgt. Harry E. Matish
Sgt. Donald L. Meddings
Sgt. Ammon Moore
Sgt. Eric R. Schumann
Sgt. James H. Birchfield III
Sgt. Danny Colon

To Sergeant (E-5):

Spc. Michael Alvarado
Spc. Shawn J. Betten
Spc. Joseph C. Bobinis
Spc. Eugene H. Brown
Spc. John A. Cardona
Spc. Michele N. Chirichello
Spc. Joseph F. Cooper
Spc. Jason E. Cronk
Spc. Mark A. Forenback
Spc. Nicholas L. Forrester
Spc. Keith C. Hands
Spc. Samuel B. King
Spc. Brian Kipila
Spc. Matthew N. Lanese
Spc. Thomas C. Lucas
Spc. Philip Steward
Spc. Robert D. Mapes
Spc. Michael McCoach
Spc. Adam R. Obest
Spc. Jean P. Ortega
Spc. Scott P. Osborne
Spc. Anthony Padin
Spc. Alberto Perez
Spc. John M. Peroza
Spc. Jose C. Pinheiro
Spc. Francine T. Remo
Spc. Miguel A. Salles III
Spc. Yosef Sherman
Spc. Benjamin T. Smith III

Spc. Jeffrey A. Sorrentino

To Corporal (E-4):

Spc. Patrick M. Tamasi

To Specialist (E-4):

Pfc. Branson J. Collins
Pfc. Christopher J. Concannon
Pfc. Brian R. Cooper
Pfc. Justin G. Delia
Pfc. Jamie P. Enriquez
Pfc. Kelly L. Farace
Pfc. Anthony J. Finamore
Pfc. Samuel J. Fucili
Pfc. Robert J. Guarino
Pfc. Jamie L. Henderson
Pfc. Lisa M. Hoch
Pfc. Dennis V. Knoll
Pfc. Kevin Lembo
Pfc. Vincent J. Monaghan
Pfc. Shatima L. Murphy
Pfc. Damion O. Newman
Pfc. Benjamin G. Ouckama
Pfc. Rina G. Patel
Pfc. Nicholina J. Pennington
Pfc. Hugo A. Rios
Pfc. Ryan D. Ritchie
Pfc. Matthew Rutch
Pfc. Herby D. Thomas
Pfc. Chad T. Tobin
Pfc. Kris O. Tolin
Pfc. Karl H. VonDerHeyde
Pfc. Kevin J. Washington
Pfc. Robert J. West Jr.

New Jersey Air National Guard

To Chief Master Sergeant (E-9):

Senior Master Sgt. Ronald B. Cranston

Senior Master Sgt. Ronald Finch

To Senior Master Sergeant (E-8):

Master Sgt. Michele L. Evans
Master Sgt. Joann Flores
Master Sgt. Grieg J. Moore
Master Sgt. Jack C. Peterson
Master Sgt. John J. Swantek, III
Master Sgt. Keith Thomas
Master Sgt. Ediegeo R. Vanterpool

To Master Sergeant (E-7):

Tech. Sgt. Vismal Cordero
Tech. Sgt. Brian K. Darden
Tech. Sgt. David Diaz
Tech. Sgt. Michael J. Edmiston
Tech. Sgt. Glenn K. Flemming
Tech. Sgt. Laverne F. Frazer
Tech. Sgt. Michael M. Lake
Tech. Sgt. Roberto Oquendo
Tech. Sgt. John D. Overstreet
Tech. Sgt. Gretchen A. Ramp
Tech. Sgt. Edwin Reyes
Tech. Sgt. Kenneth A. Schechter
Tech. Sgt. Trina L. Stratton
Tech. Sgt. Keith E. Thomas
Tech. Sgt. Elwood R. Tustin
Tech. Sgt. Jay L. Werling

To Technical Sergeant (E-6):

Staff Sgt. Anderson R. Archer
Staff Sgt. Keith M. Bertram
Staff Sgt. Michael A. Blue
Staff Sgt. Dennis P. Callan
Staff Sgt. Samuel J. Ciriaco
Staff Sgt. Andrew Devito
Staff Sgt. Brian S. Georgeson
Staff Sgt. Wesley L. Hickson
Staff Sgt. Robert W. Hyson Jr.
Staff Sgt. Damon K. Jackson
Staff Sgt. Jill L. Kovak
Staff Sgt. Edwin E. Krampitz
Staff Sgt. McGhee, Edward A.
Staff Sgt. Mark McQuillar
Staff Sgt. Robert C. Monico
Staff Sgt. Maurice M. Nelson, Jr.
Staff Sgt. Michele F. Orsino
Staff Sgt. Juan Rodriguez
Staff Sgt. Christopher A. Rose
Staff Sgt. Daniel Roske
Staff Sgt. Edilberto Ruiz
Staff Sgt. Christopher D. Schmidt
Staff Sgt. Jose A. Serrano
Staff Sgt. Elisardo Sosa
Staff Sgt. Delroy Wallace
Staff Sgt. Angela M. Youpa

To Staff Sergeant (E-5):

Senior Airman James R. Cameron, II
Senior Airman Crystal Chingeesmith
Senior Airman Thomas Daniel
Senior Airman Stephen L. Diambrosio
Senior Airman Joseph H. Garon, III
Senior Airman Higgins, Juan C.
Senior Airman Ferdinand D. Kabigting
Senior Airman Rose M. Kopala
Senior Airman Steven E. Landis, Jr.
Senior Airman Charles P. Mollineaux
Senior Airman Gregory A. Murphy
Senior Airman Rebecca A. Richardson
Senior Airman Allen J. Roberts
Senior Airman Christopher R. Schauers
Senior Airman Julius Simmons
Senior Airman Jeffrey Tafrow
Senior Airman James E. Tennefoss
Senior Airman Lloyd B. Terry
Senior Airman Lorenzo N. Young
Senior Airman George C. M. Wutsch

To Senior Airman (E-4):

Airman 1st Class Derek W. Amwake
Airman 1st Class Patrick A. Apetz
Airman 1st Class Christopher Bosch
Airman 1st Class Rasha A. Burton
Airman 1st Class Kelvin C. Cabnet
Airman 1st Class Lyssette M. Cano
Airman 1st Class Amin A. De La Rosa
Airman 1st Class Carl Erlandson Jr.
Airman 1st Class Frederick Erskine,
III

Airman 1st Class Diana M. Gomez
Airman 1st Class Anthony Gonzalez
Airman 1st Class Keith S. Greene
Airman 1st Class Andrew J. Harrigan Jr.
Airman 1st Class Victor E. Higa
Airman 1st Class Gordon A. Hill
Airman 1st Class Nathan Hollander
Airman 1st Class Stephen J. Kubanovich
Airman 1st Class Ramon Marquezcorrea
Airman 1st Class James A. McCallen
Airman 1st Class David C. Murdock
Airman 1st Class James R. Nall
Airman 1st Class Raymond T. O'Neal
Airman 1st Class Andrea Ospina
Airman 1st Class Colleen R. Ryan
Airman 1st Class Alicja R. Schladebeck
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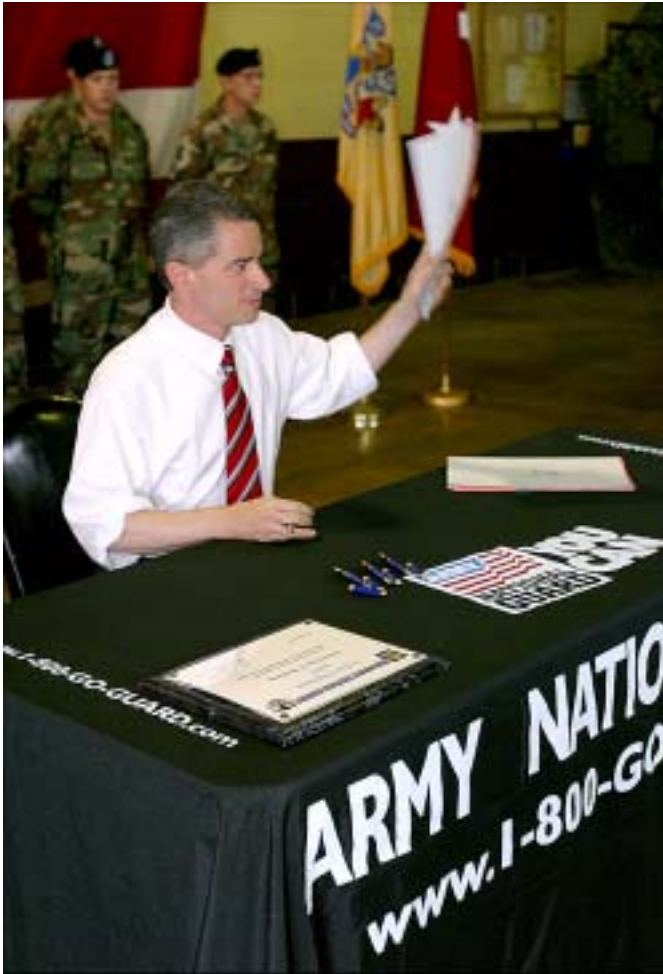
To Airman First Class (E-3):

Airman Robert B. Atkins
Airman Daniel P. Bevins
Airman Evelyn Bosque
Airman Daniel D. Burnham
Airman Daniel J. Casaburi
Airman James J. Caswell
Airman Tonya J. Cleveland
Airman Desiree A. Delagarza
Airman Michael D. Demarco
Airman Sidney F. Dos Santos
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Airman David E. Porras
Airman Michael J. Primavera
Airman Sean H. Rahbari
Airman Ramon A. Rosario
Airman Gary B. Sills
Airman Brandon K. Slatter
Airman Elizabeth A. Smith
Airman Matthew Thurston
Airman Richard N. Walley
Airman Jared L. Whalen

Congratulations.

Last Round: "Go Guard"

Photos and story by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, 177 FW/PA



Left: Governor James E. McGreevey displays the legislation that increases minimum pay for State Active Duty. Above: Governor McGreevey, flanked by Citizen-Soldiers from the power plant detail, addresses the audience.

In a ceremony on August 1, held at the Woodstown Armory, Governor James E. McGreevey signed two bills into law that will benefit members of the New Jersey National Guard.

The first law increases the minimum pay for Guard members on State Active Duty (SAD) to \$100 a day. The

second law establishes health care coverage through the State employee health benefits program. It applies to immediate family members of National Guard personnel called to SAD for 30 or more days and lose their employment-related health benefits coverage.

The ceremony was attended by members of both the New Jersey Army and Air National Guard, including troops who are guarding the nuclear power plants and airmen who are supporting Operations' Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle. Col. Maria Morgan, The Deputy Adjutant General, Senator Diane B. Allen, 7th Legislative District; Senator Stephen M. Sweeney, 3rd Legislative District and Assemblyman John J. Burzichelli, 3rd Legislative District also participated. §

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