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253rd Returns Home

Spc. Wilfredo Dehoyos, 253rd Transportation Company, salutes during the Welcome Home Ceremony at Cape May Courthouse. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA.

Inside Cover

Fueling Operation Iraqi Freedom

Somewhere over Turkey, a 108th Air Refueling Wing KC-135E Stratotanker refuels an Air Force C-17 cargo transport. Photo by Maj. Gen. Clark Martin.

TAG's Message

By Brig. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth, The Adjutant General of New Jersey

As we approach the traditional summer vacation season, more and more New Jersey National Guardsmen find themselves mobilized for extended active duty...and more and more Guard families are learning how to cope with the extended absence of their loved ones. This may not be the scenario many of us envisioned pre-September 11th, 2001...but it's a stark reality now in 2004. Through all the "Support the Troops" rallies, and even in light of the wonderful homecoming we shared with the members of the 253rd Transportation Company who returned from Iraq in May, there is a growing sense of the seriousness of the missions we have been asked to serve.

The harsh reality of war and the potential, deadly consequences of armed conflict came home in early June with our first four New Jersey Army Guard combat casualties. It came home again with the tragic death of another soldier killed in a car accident on his way back to Fort Dix. These tragic occurrences are indeed sobering. Yet the courage, commitment, and determination of our Citizen-Soldiers and Airmen remain undiminished. It is this character of our military members that embodies their selfless dedication.

As we continue to prepare for upcoming missions and deployments, we need to remain focused on our objectives. Those involved in training, preparation, and support also need to be the best they can be at doing those things. I like to refer to our National Guard as "New Jersey's Home Town Team". And at this point in time, that's exactly what it's going to take for us to succeed ... a team effort.


We have received tremendous support from throughout our local communities, from civilian employers to local organizations, as well as exceptional support from our families. For our part, we'll take care of the training, equipment, and supplies. We'll ensure that every soldier we deploy is fully prepared to deploy. Federal law provides certain guarantees regarding re-employment and job status when you come home. Our extensive family assistance and family support network will help care of your families while you're away. It's up to you to take care of yourself and help take care



Brig. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth, The Adjutant General of New Jersey with members of the 250th Signal Battalion at the Westfield Salute The Troops ceremony. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA.

of your fellow soldiers.

The summer months encompass three major patriotic holidays. We began with the somewhat somber observance of Memorial Day at the end of May, we celebrate the Army's birthday on Flag Day in the middle of June, and we fully immerse ourselves in the festivities and fireworks surrounding Independence Day on the 4th of July. Despite the difference in mood or flavor, all three of these holidays reflect the very same pride in the values that made America great ... democracy, liberty, and freedom. And they reflect our nation's pride in the members of our Armed Forces. These annual patriotic observances also serve to remind us that we enjoy the gifts of freedom and liberty only because courageous young men and women like you, and the brave veterans who preceded you, have always been willing to fight to defend that freedom.

On behalf of all the people of New Jersey, and all your fellow citizens of these United States, "Thank you" for answering the call ... "Thank you" for the sacrifices you have made...and "Thank you" for your patriotism and your service to our great state and nation. 

CSM's Message

By New Jersey State Command Sergeant Major Richard S. Adkins, Jr.

The successes of the past will not be sufficient to meet the challenges of the future”.

For those of us serving in the armed forces, the tragic events of September 11th marked our collective consciousness both personally and professionally. I believe this despicable act by the enemies of freedom and democracy has served to strengthen our resolve and focus our efforts to ensure that we, as soldiers are fully prepared to defend our communities, state, and nation against another terror attack and against all enemies both foreign and domestic.

Our professional competence, leadership abilities, and initiative long have been among the primary reasons America's armed forces are the best in the world. Given our increasing involvement in Homeland Defense, Homeland Security, and our continued role in local emergency response missions, it's even more important that we attain the highest possible level of professional skill and help our junior NCO's and enlisted personnel become the best soldiers they can become. We've received tremendous support from our elected officials and from throughout every aspect of our local communities. We've also been fortunate to have solid support from within our own chain of command. However, the successes of the past will not be sufficient to meet the challenges of the future.

We need to reinforce the importance of NCOES and obtain the necessary funding so that every promotable soldier in the NJARNG has the opportunity to attend NCOES schools. This includes the 1,000 soldiers who were promoted between January 2002 to 15 July 2004 and still have a military education requirement to complete NCOES.

As the State Command Sergeant Major I would like to identify four specific areas I feel are critical to the successful professional development of the Non-commissioned Officer Corps. These areas will be my top priorities for the next twenty-four months. It is my sincere belief that proper attention to these initiatives will increase our soldier's awareness of the



New Jersey State Command Sergeant Major Richard S. Adkins, Jr. (center) with the New Jersey ChalleNGe Youth Drill Team during the Unity Day celebration at the Joint Force Headquarters - New Jersey July 23. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA.

importance of living Army Values, decrease the level of complacency, and enhance our overall readiness.

1. Top loading from the Enlisted Promotion System (EPS) list for school attendance.
2. Establishment of the New Jersey Army National Guard Enlisted Personnel Management Branch.
Note: This is a brand new, first-time program to be managed by Sgt. Maj. Mike Amoroso.
3. Enlisted Career Management Program publish date 1 October 2004.
4. Military and civilian education.

With your continued commitment and support I have every confidence that we will be the best we can be; and perhaps most important, be what our nation and our fellow citizens need us to be. #

177th Supports OEF

By Capt. Yvonne Mays, 177FW/CCXO

On June 4, Congressman Frank A. LoBiondo, 2nd District of New Jersey, joined Brig. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth in bidding members of the 177th Fighter Wing a safe journey as they departed to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The deploying Airmen, which represent nearly every career field on the base, will be deployed for periods ranging from two weeks to 90 days.

Brig. Gen. Rieth applauded the more than 350 guardsmen and women who were departing as well as the hundreds of support personnel who helped prepare and equip them for this deployment. General Rieth urged the deploying personnel to “take care of one another and be safe.”

Congressman LoBiondo also addressed the deploying personnel thanking them for their service and sacrifice to the Nation. 🇺🇸



Wing members line up to board their flight to Southwest Asia. They will be deployed for periods ranging from two weeks to 90 days. More than one-third of the wing's strength is deployed in support of various operations worldwide. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, 177FW/PA.

108th CE Annual Training In Puerto Rico

By Senior Airman Lennard Gilbert, 108th Civil Engineering Squadron



More than 35 members of the 108th Air Refueling Wing Civil Engineering Squadron arrive at Borinquen U.S. Coast Guard Station, Puerto Rico, for annual training from Mar. 27 through Apr. 10. Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Juan Prieto, 108ARW/CES.

The 108th Air Refueling Wing's Civil Engineering Squadron recently completed its two-week annual training at Borinquen, a U.S. Coast Guard Station in Puerto Rico from Mar. 27 through Apr. 10.

While the training could be done at home station, Maj. Paul Novello, Commander, CES, noted that the squadron gains valuable, real-world experience by participating in training deployments. “By deploying to various areas throughout the world we have the opportunity to use different construction methods and materials. At Borinquen most structures are concrete, compared to McGuire where wood and metal frame structures are more common.

The deployments have additional benefits. “In addition to providing planning logistics experience the training deployments are a good tool for recruiting, morale and retention,” concluded Maj. Novello. “It’s a win-win situation.” 🇺🇸

Combat Veteran To Head NJANG

Story and photos by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, 177FW/PA

In a ceremony attended by more than 1,500 dignitaries, family members, guests and Guardsmen from the 177th Fighter Wing and the 108th Air Refueling Wing Brig. Gen. Eugene Chojnacki assumed command of the New Jersey Air National Guard from Maj. Gen. Clark W. Martin Apr. 17.

Brig. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth, The Adjutant General of New Jersey, appointed General Chojnacki to command the more than 2,400 members of the New Jersey Air National Guard.

Brig. Gen. Chojnacki, a decorated Vietnam Veteran, served as a special operations pilot. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Air Force after graduating from Officer Training School, Lackland Air Force Base (AFB), Texas, in 1968. In 1971, General Chojnacki attended helicopter transition training at Sheppard AFB, Texas and was assigned to the 20th Special Operations Squadron, Cam Rahn Bay, Republic of Vietnam, as an UH-1N pilot. During his combat tour, he flew 120 missions over Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam. In 1977, he accepted a commission with the New Jersey Air National Guard as the executive support officer for the 177th Fighter Interceptor Group. In August, 2002, he was appointed



Brig. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth, The Adjutant General of New Jersey passes the New Jersey Air National Guard standard to Brig. Gen. Eugene Chojnacki.



Command Chief Master Sgt. Paul Gunning presents Maj. Gen. Clark Martin with his colors at the conclusion of the Change of Command ceremony.

the vice commander of the New Jersey Air National Guard and subsequently promoted to brigadier general. General Chojnacki is rated as a pilot with more than 2,000 hours. His major awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross with One Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal with One Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, Vietnam Service Medal with One Bronze Star Device, and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Device.

In his remarks, Brig. Gen. Chojnacki spoke about the new roles facing the New Jersey Air National Guard. "We have seen the Air National Guard move from it's cold war posture... into being an integral and utilized part of our nation's military capability in day-to-day operations, in our war against terror and in the protection of the homeland. It is the hard work, the dedication, and the patriotism of each individual Guardsman that has made our past so successful - and our future so bright."

As Commander, New Jersey Air National Guard, General Chojnacki will be promoted to the rank of Major General pending federal recognition. 🇺🇸

'Faithful And Brave' Arrive In Guantanamo

Photo and story by Sgt. Jolene Staker, Joint Task Force Public Affairs, Guantanamo Bay

Members of 2nd Battalion, 113th Infantry Regiment, arrived at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, ready to assume responsibility for the Joint Task Force (JTF) perimeter security.

"It's a great opportunity for the battalion," said Lt. Col. Patrick Dacey, Battalion Commander. "It's a challenge but the battalion is ready for it."

The battalion is ready because they have been anticipating a mission for about a year and a half. The location changed but the desire to serve did not.

"It's a chance for us to not only give something back but to take the years of training and experience that we've had and put them to use," said Maj. Arthur DiBenedetto, battalion executive officer.

Soldiers have been training diligently to validate basic infantry skills and individual tasks at Fort Dix. Collective task training there ended in a five-day mobilization training exercise which was a live scenario based specifically on the JTF mission.

"They've been training very



Members of the 2nd Battalion, 113th Infantry Regiment arrive at Guantanamo proudly displaying the battalion's colors.

hard, training for a long time and they are ready to get this mission on," said 1st Sgt. George Floyd, first sergeant of C Company.

The next step in their training is the left-seat/right-seat training with members of the 1st Battalion, 181st Infantry Regiment.

"They are going to train you to

standard," said Col. Nelson Cannon, Commander, Joint Detention Operations Group. "I know you will take it to the next level and you will leave here better than you came."

Soldiers of the 2nd Battalion, 113th Infantry Regiment are ready for the next step.

"We're looking forward to getting our on-the-ground training and being set in the direction that we need to go to complete our mission," said Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Tatem.

The Battalion has members with deployment experience and one soldier, Cpl. Daniel Torres of D Company, served in Guantanamo Bay as a translator during the refugee mission in 1994 for four months.

He shared with his men what challenges he knew Guantanamo would hold for them.

"It's hot and it will take them a while to get climatized," said Cpl. Torres. "I tell them to drink a lot of water." ☼



1-114th Deploys To Arabian Peninsula

By the Guardlife Staff, photos by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA



More than 300 members of the 1st Battalion, 114th Infantry, New Jersey Army National Guard deployed to the Arabian Peninsula in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, the ongoing war against global terrorism.

Unlike past missions, this is the first time a New Jersey Army National Guard unit has been chosen for this type of deployment.

On May 18, a "Salute the Troops" ceremony was held at the Trenton War Memorial in Trenton to honor the battalion.

The deployment is expected to last up to 18 months and is part of the second round of rotations of Guard and Reserve units called up in support of Operations' Noble Eagle/Enduring Freedom.



253rd TRANS Back From Iraq

On April 23, Cape May County hosted a community Welcome Home Ceremony to recognize the 253rd Transportation Company for their support in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Six days earlier, more than 1,000 family, friends, and supporters joined Governor James E. McGreevey and Brig. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth in a emotional reunion at Joint Force Headquarters-New Jersey, Fort Dix.



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NDMAVA/PA.

Mobilization Page

Compiled by the Guardlife Staff



Family Day Check Presented

Former Congressman Bob Franks, representing the Health Care Institute of New Jersey, presents donation from one of his member companies to Linda Rieth, New Jersey Family Readiness Council (NJFRC) Co-Chair and Jeff Bloom, NJFRC Treasurer during the Council's July meeting. The monies will be used to help support Family Day, Aug. 21, at the National Guard Training Center in Sea Girt. Photo by Roman Martyniuk, NJDMAVA/PA.



Pancakes Net 12K

Linda Rieth, Co-Chair, New Jersey Family Readiness Council; Charles Brothers, Commander, American Legion Post 414 and Roy Hoch, President, Lawrence Lions Club, along with volunteers and supporters, pose with a \$12,000 check representing the proceeds of a pancake breakfast hosted by the two organizations on June 6. The money will be used to support the operation of the local Family Assistance Center at the Lawrenceville Armory and assist families of deployed Guardsmen and Reservists. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA.

New Jersey Army And Air Deployment Update

Operation Noble Eagle

150th Adjutant General Det.
254th Regional Training Institute
50th Main Support Battalion
5-117th Cavalry Squadron (Sqdn.)
D Battery, 112th Field Artillery
108th ARW Maintenance Sqdn.
108th ARW Civil Engineer Sqdn.
108th ARW Supply Sqdn.
177th FW Civil Engineer Sqdn.
177th FW Logistics Readiness Sqdn.

Operation Enduring Freedom

Joint Force Headquarter-New Jersey
Company E, 50th MSB
108th ARW Security Forces Sqdn.
108th ARW Medical Sqdn.
108th ARW Maintenance Sqdn.
177th FW Security Forces Sqdn.

Operation Iraqi Freedom

Company B, 50th MSB
50th Finance Battalion
50th Main Support Battalion
B Battery 3rd Battalion, 112th Field Artillery
Joint Force Headquarter-New Jersey
108th ARW Civil Engineer Sqdn.
108th ARW Transportation Sqdn.
5th Squadron, 117th Cavalry

Kosovo Forces

50th MSB

Stabilization Forces

OSA Det. 19

Joint Forge

108th ARW Civil Engineer Sqdn.
108th ARW Transportation Sqdn.
177th FW Logistics Readiness Sqdn.
177th FW Maintenance Sqdn.

News Guard Families Can Use Better Soldiers Sailors Act

Compiled by the Guardlife Staff

A new law replacing the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act (SSCRA) of 1940 will provide military personnel greater protections to handle their personal financial and legal obligations.

The focus of the Service-members Civil Relief Act (SCRA) is to provide protections to service members who have difficulty meeting their personal financial and legal obligations because of their military service. The SCRA clarifies and updates provisions that existed in the SSCRA, while adding additional protections.

A significant change added in the SCRA is an automatic 90-day stay of civil proceedings upon application by the service member. This applies to all judicial and administrative hearings. In the

past, stays were discretionary with the courts.


The SCRA states that the six percent limitation on interest rates for pre-service debts requires a reduction in monthly payments, and that any interest in excess of six percent is forgiven, not deferred.

The SCRA also expanded the protection against eviction. Previously, service members that entered into a lease for \$1,200 or less could not be evicted without a court order. The SCRA increased that maximum lease amount to \$2,400 and added an annual adjustment for inflation. For 2004, the maximum will be \$2,465.

The SCRA also gives the service member who has received permanent-change-of-station orders or who is being deployed for not less than 90 days the right


to terminate a housing lease with 30 days' written notice. Prior to the SCRA, service members could be required to pay for housing they were unable to occupy.

A provision in the SCRA that did not exist in the SSCRA was an added protection for service members who have motor vehicle leases. Any active duty service member who is being deployed for not less than 180 days, may terminate a motor vehicle lease. The law prohibits early termination charges so service members won't have to pay monthly lease payments for a car they can't use.

If service members have questions about the SCRA or the protections that they may be entitled to, they should contact their unit judge advocate for further assistance. 

Daughter Accepts Deployed Guardsman's College Degree

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

Jenna Betten (left), daughter of deployed New Jersey Army National Guardsman Sgt. Shawn Betten, accepts her father's college diploma from Dr. Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr., (right) President, Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, during the 2004 Graduation Ceremony held May 14. Jenna was given special permission by Stockton College to accept her father's Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management at the ceremony. Jenna was given a prolonged round of applause by the audience when the announcement was made that she was accepting on behalf of her father who had been deployed in support of the Global War on Terrorism. Sgt. Betten is assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 112th Field Artillery, headquartered at the National Guard Armory in Cherry Hill. The Battalion is part of the New Jersey Army National Guard contingent that recently deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. 



Salute The Troops

By the Guardlife Staff, photos by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA

On May 1, at 1 p.m., the New Jersey National Guard sponsored a “Salute the Troops” ceremony at the Sovereign Bank Arena in Trenton to honor the 650 citizen-soldiers from the Garden State deploying to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Troops include members of the 50th Brigade Headquarters (Lawrenceville), 2nd Battalion, 113th Infantry (Riverdale, Newark, Jersey City, Woodbridge); 2nd Battalion, 102nd Armor (Port Murray, Newton, Dover, Somerset, West Orange, Hackettstown) and 50th Finance Detachments (Flemington).

The event featured an Official Deployment Ceremony, a Parade of Troops and in addition to the troops’ family members and friends, include participation by Governor James E. McGreevey, Commander-in-Chief of the New Jersey National Guard; Brig. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth, The Adjutant General of New Jersey; Brig. Gen. Maria Falca-Dodson, Deputy Adjutant General; elected officials, community representatives, members of the New Jersey Army and Air National Guard, veterans organizations and the USO.





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Guard Deploys To Flooded South Jersey

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



Master Sgt. Frank Adams at a checkpoint.

Soldiers assigned to Task Force Bulldog, a component of Task Force South of the NJNG, responded to flooding in Burlington County on July 13. In a matter of a few hours, rains averaging nine to 12 inches swelled local earthen dams. The excessive amount of rain caused one of the dams to

break, creating a cascading effect, sweeping away seven other dams and flooding the towns of Lumberton, Medford and Medford Lakes.

"We had four trucks with eight drivers and assistant drivers on the road within four hours of our first call-up," stated Maj. Bryan Scully, Task Force Operations Officer.

Soldiers of C Battery, 3rd Battalion, 112th Field Artillery; Training and Training Technology Battle Lab and the 50th Personnel Services Battalion, along with members of the 108th Air Refueling Wing set up checkpoints and Light-Alls to keep the curious out and enable

various state and federal agencies access to the town.

At the end of the day, the Lumberton citizens were grateful to the Guardsmen for keeping order, providing stability and lending a helping hand during their time of need.



(left to right): Maj. Brian Scully, Master Sgt. Charles Wagner, Master Sgt. Donald Scully and Sgt. Joseph Maguire in Lumberton assessing the damage.



Class 47 Largest In Nearly 20 Years

The 254th Training Regiment graduated 30 new second lieutenants in Officer Candidate School Class 47 at the National Guard Training Center located at Sea Girt on June

27. Congratulations and Good Luck. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA.

Jersey Air Guardsman Wins Services Award

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, 177FW/PA, Photo by Tech. Sgt. Shawn Mildren, 177FW/MultiMedia Center

Tech. Sgt. Kenneth D. Johnson, Services Flight, 177th Fighter Wing, was one of 19 individuals worldwide to receive the coveted Air Reserve Component Non-Commissioned Officer, Air Force Services Award June 29.

This is the first time a member of the New Jersey Air National Guard has ever won the prestigious award. In addition, he was the only Guardsman in the United States to receive an award in the competition.

"This award is really recognition for all the Air Guardsmen that were deployed during Operation Iraqi Freedom," said Tech. Sgt. Johnson, Food Services Assistant Shift Leader, 177th Services Flight.

The Air Force Services Individual Awards Program recognizes Services personnel in 19 individual categories and 20 services program areas who make

outstanding contributions to the Air Force Services Program, which covers a variety of areas including: dining facilities, lodging, Morale, Recreation and Welfare, mortuary affairs and fitness.

Tech. Sgt. Johnson was activated to support Operation Iraqi Freedom, from Feb. 22 to Nov. 15, 2003. Upon arrival in the combat theatre, he assisted with the build up of two bases, the first being at a classified location 34 miles from the Iraqi border where he served as part of the 688-member 447th Air Expeditionary Group where he played a vital role in the conversion of a small commercial airport to fully operational forward staging base in just 18 days.

Following the invasion of Iraq, Tech. Sgt. Johnson's unit deployed to Camp Sather, Baghdad Inter-



national Airport (formerly Saddam International Airport), where he was instrumental in the rapid build-up and sustainment of coalition and humanitarian airfield operations, as well as special operations and combat search and rescue forces.

Signal To Deploy To Iraq

Members of A Company, 250th Signal Corps Battalion are entertained by "Bob Hope" (right) during the Farewell Salute ceremony held June 17, at the Cherry Hill Armory. At the end of the ceremony a Soldier spends time with his son (far right). Photos by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA.



Photos From Iraq

Photos courtesy 3rd Battalion, 112th Field Artillery, Iraq



Clockwise starting at the top: Cpl. Terrance Harrison, Sgt. Charles Shaw, 1st Lt. John Aslanian, Staff Sgt. Joseph Drinkhouse and Staff Sgt. Ronald Sinclair have a breakfast snack while on patrol. Next Cpl. Terrence Harrison takes a moment at the end of the day to practice his pipes. Middle right: Staff Sgt. Jose Couselo standing in front of approximately 100 weapons taken from a police station. Photos courtesy Staff Sgt. Couselo. Bottom right: 1st Sgt. Matthew Valentè takes a break with some friends in Iraq. Photo courtesy 1st Sgt. Valentè. Last, Specialists Christian Betancourt and Ronald Humphrey painted this mural C Company's Tactical Operations Center. Photo by Capt. David Beveridge. 🎨



Finance Battalion Update

Photos by Maj. Angelo Capolupo, Commander, 50th Finance Battalion, Iraq

The 50th Finance Battalion has been busy setting up shop in Iraq.

In addition to the normal in-theatre training, 50th Soldiers have been traveling around the country supporting funding units within their "area of responsibility".

"They have performed admirably during the past six weeks," stated Maj. Angelo Capolupo, the unit's Commander.

"As the unit gets acclimatized, our troops are beginning to get involved with some quality of life projects. These include installing sleeping tents for visitors and improving the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) facilities."

Maj. Capolupo noted that there was considerable activity related to renovating a building next to his office to be used for MWR. It has three rooms: one to be used for Friday night card and board games, one for a TV, and the last for reading and video games.

According to the Major, these improvements usually occurred while he and the command sergeant major were away. "It seems that every time the CSM and I are away, more and more work got done back at base camp. I think we have to stay away more often."

Mail and care packages also are making their



way to the unit. "We're getting packages left and right and everyone's really happy about that. We've received many packages from the Family Readiness Program back in New Jersey and believe me, it is contributing to our well-being."

Given the extremes in daily living conditions, security concerns, and the scope of their mission, the unit's morale remains high.

The Commander summed it up best. "I'm happy to report that everybody is doing well."

Family Appreciation Day

What: Beach Party, Carnival and Musical Performances.

When: August 21.

Time: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Picnic noon to 5 p.m.

Where: The National Guard Training Center at Sea Girt (see map below for directions).

Who: Active New Jersey National Guard members, NJDMAVA employees, their spouse or significant other and children.

Why: A Great Place To Have Fun.

Family Appreciation Day will begin following the Youth Camp Closing Ceremony at 10 a.m.

Highlights of the day are: a Carnival, Big Top Musical Program, Picnic and Beach Party. The Carnival includes inflated children's rides, games, carney snacks, pony rides, clowns, bingo and more. The Big Top Main events program includes live performances of 63rd Army "Big" Band, Doo Wop, Blues, Jazz, Spanish, Rap, Big Band and Country music. There will also be appearances by a USO troupe, Miss America, WWE wrestlers, the New Jersey Devils player Ken Daneyko and the team's mascot. The Beach Party includes volleyball, a sand castle



contest and other family activities.

For more information, contact your local Family Assistance Center, Family Readiness Group representative, or unit.

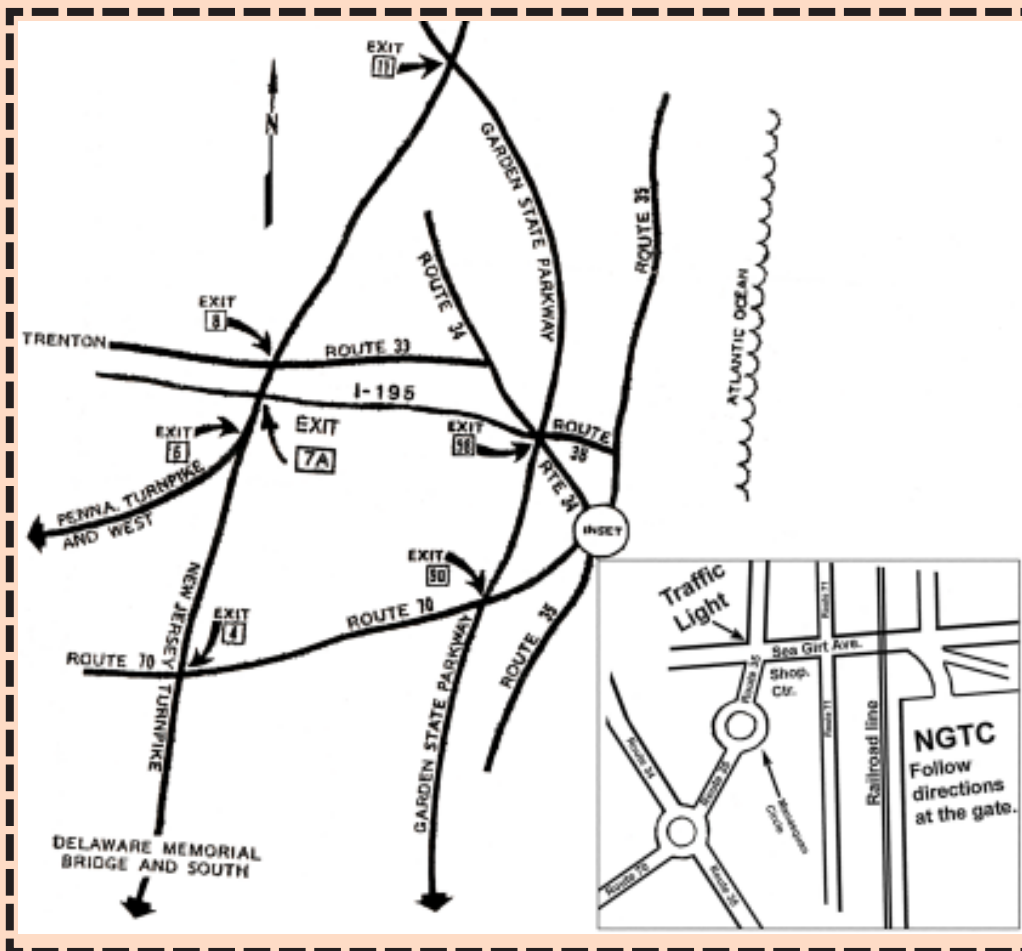
Things To Bring

- Your military or NJDMAVA ID card
- For quicker entry, get a dashboard pass from your FAC (see list on page 2)
- Suntan lotion, sun hats
- **Lawn chairs** or blankets for concerts and most important...

- An appetite for a good time!

Rain Date: Aug. 22

The rain date announcement will be made through units' chain of command, FRGs and FACs.



Short Rounds: DAG Pins BG, Long Distance Swearing In, Soldiers Of The Year



Perez Sworn In By Brother

2nd Lt. Anthony W. Perez was sworn in as an officer during a ceremony Feb. 12. What is unusual is that his brother, Capt. Johnny Perez, swore him in from Fort Wainwright, Alaska (2,888 miles away). The brothers raised their right hands and completed the oath, and then Capt. Perez watched as 2nd Lt. Perez's first insignia of rank, once worn by Capt. Perez, were pinned to his uniform. Compiled by Spc. Nikki St. Amant, Bayonet staff. Photo by Sgt. Kim Dooley, Bayonet assistant editor.



DAG Pins Brigadier General

On April 17, Brig. Gen. Maria Falca-Dodson (center), Deputy Adjutant General, became the first woman general in the New Jersey National Guard. Her husband Lt. Col. William "Dr. Buck" Dodson (right) and Brig. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth (left), The Adjutant General of New Jersey, pin the Brigadier General star on Col. Falca-Dodson. The ceremony was held at the Training and Training Technology Battle Lab at Fort Dix. Brig. Gen. Falca-Dodson was appointed by Governor James E. McGreevey as the Deputy Adjutant General of New Jersey on Mar. 1, 2002. She previously served as the Commander of the 108th Medical Squadron, 108th Air Refueling Wing. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, 177FW/PA.

NJARNG Picks Top Troops

State Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Adkins (center) presents Staff Sgt. William D. Collier (left), and Spc. Raymond Ostrowski (right) with the 2004 New Jersey Army National Guard Outstanding Non-Commissioned Officer and the 2004 New Jersey Army National Guard Outstanding Enlisted Soldier awards. Staff Sgt. Collier is currently assigned to E Company, 1st Battalion, 114th Infantry Regiment and Spc. Ostrowski serves with A Company, 2nd Battalion, 102nd Armor. The award's basic criteria includes being or in the process of being MOS qualified, within Army height and weight standards and weapons qualified. Once selected, they then compete against other units within the command, regional and national levels.



Photo by Roman Martyniuk, NJDMAVA/PA.

Short Rounds: Change Of Commands And CGSOC Graduates



Rosenberg To Command Cav

Lt. Col. James Rosenberg (right) accepts the 5th Squadron, 117th Cavalry's colors from Col. Frank Caruso (left), Commander, 50th Brigade, at the Change of Command ceremony at the Joint Force Headquarters – New Jersey May 2. Col. Michael V. Shute is the outgoing commander. Prior to taking command, Lt. Col. Rosenberg served in a variety of positions within the National Guard during his 26 years of service to include: tank platoon leader, tactical intelligence officer, company commander, battalion intelligence officer, battalion training officer, personnel officer and brigade personnel officer. Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Declan Callan, NJDMAVA/PA.



Brigade Gets New Commander

Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Trainor (right), 50th Armored Brigade, New Jersey Army National Guard, presents the Brigade's colors to (l-r) Col. Stephen Hines (outgoing commander), Maj. Gen. Joseph Taluto, Commander, 42nd Infantry Division and Lt. Col. Frank Caruso (incoming commander) during a Change of Command ceremony Apr. 4, at the National Guard Armory in Lawrenceville. Photo by Staff Sgt. Michael Druz, JFHQ-NJ/PA.



Eight Graduate From CGSOC

Eight members of the New Jersey Army National Guard graduated from the United States Army Command and General Staff Officers Course (CGSOC). The CGSOC educates field grade officers in the values and practice of the profession of arms, with emphasis on tactical and operational skills required for warfighting at the division and corps levels. (Front Row, l-r) Maj. Deborah Kennedy, Maj. John Metzler and Maj. Theresa Acocella. (Back Row l-r): Maj. Mark Boogaard, Maj. Robert Jarvis, Maj. Jemal J. Beale, Maj. William Peace. Not pictured: Maj. Ricci Anderson. Photo Courtesy Maj. Jemal J. Beale.

Short Rounds: Commanders, FAC Opened And CSMs Meet



Commanders Meet

Governor James E. McGreevey (right) shakes hands with Lt. Gen. Stephen Blum (center), Chief, National Guard Bureau, Washington, D.C., Apr. 15. Brig. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth (left), The Adjutant General of New Jersey hosted the Region 1, Northeast Adjutants General meeting. Ten adjutants general from across the northeast discussed issues affecting the National Guard. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA.



Woodbury FAC Opens

May 14 at 2 p.m., the New Jersey National Guard opened a Family Assistance Center (FAC) at the National Guard Armory in Woodbury. Cutting the ribbon are (l-r) Brig. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth, The Adjutant General of New Jersey; Heather Altman, Woodbury FAC coordinator; Lt. Col. Tommie Bellamy, Commander, 1st Battalion, 114th Infantry, and Leslie Clark, Mayor of Woodbury. This was the eighth FAC in New Jersey to be opened to support families of deployed New Jersey Army National Guardsmen. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA.



CSMs Hold Meeting

On Mar. 13, the annual Command Sergeants Major Seminar was held at the Training and Training Technology Battle Lab. Back row (l-r): Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Tatem, Master Sgt. Tim Maskery, Command Sgt. Maj. James Marshall, Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Crossley, Command Sgt. Maj. Howard Wright, Command Sgt. Maj. Jerome Jenkins, Command Sgt. Maj. William Kryscnski, Command Sgt. Maj. Stephen Barna, Command Sgt. Maj. James Blazakis, State Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Adkins Jr.; Command Sgt. Maj. David Kenna and Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Trainor. Front Row (l-r): Command Sgt. Maj. Cora Byrd, Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Marino, Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Thomas, Command Sgt. Maj. Eloyd Britt and Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Bammert. Photo by Staff Sgt. Barbara Harbison, NJDMAVA/PA.

N.J. Places 17th In National Guard Marathon

Compiled by Spc. Shelley Brown and Pvt. Riley Huskey, 111th Press Camp, Nebraska Army National Guard

The New Jersey National Guard combined team placed 17th in the 27th Annual Lincoln AllSport National Guard Marathon May 2 with a team total time of 10:14:15.

Led by Maj. Jesse Arnstein with 2:47:55 (average pace per mile: 6:24), both Master Sgt. Alexandro Estrada and Sgt. 1st Class Donald Brandinelli had times of 3:43:10 (average pace per mile: 8:31). Maj. Arnstein placed in the Open Male Roster for the National Guard All Guard Team. Out of the 3,000 participants and specifically the 200 Guard members



Team New Jersey (l-r): Master Sgt. Alexandro Estrada, Sgt. 1st Class Donald Brandinelli and Maj. Jesse Arnstein. Photo courtesy Nebraska Army National Guard.



Maj. Jesse Arnstein, N.J. Air National Guard Headquarters, refuels during the 27th Annual Lincoln AllSport National Guard Marathon May 2. Photo by Spc. Katie Bieck, Nebraska Army National Guard.

competing, Maj. Arnstein came in 20th overall and 12th amongst the competing Guard members in the 26.2 mile marathon.

The Puerto Rico contingent took first with a time of 8:10:32. First place went to Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Vandervlugt, 39, 1249th Engineer Battalion, Oregon Army National Guard, with a time of 2:35:02.

Every year Guard marathon teams from across the United States and territories travel to Lincoln in the hope of making one of the 55 spots on the All-Guard Marathon Team. The team consists of 35 of the top running Guardsmen under 40, the top 10 Guard women under 40 and the top 10 Master Guardsmen and women.

Burkel Takes First

Master Sgt. Joe Burkel, 108th Air Refueling Wing Marksmanship Team, topped the field at the Highpower Rifle Match at HH Range in Winslow May 16. Shooting a 474 out of a possible 500 points enabled Master Sgt. Joe Burkel to walk away with first place honors. The 108th's Marksmanship Team competes in matches on weekends from March through October. Photo courtesy 108th Marksmanship Team.



New Jersey Army And Air National Guard Enlisted Promotions

New Jersey Army National Guard

To Sergeant Major (E9):
Master Sgt. Joseph V. Tatem

To Master Sergeant (E8):
Sgt. 1st Class Jack A. Cipolla
Sgt. 1st Class George P. Diorio
Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth A. Hamilton
Sgt. 1st Class Martin Sotomayor, Jr.
Sgt. 1st Class Bruce D. Taylor, Jr.
Sgt. 1st Class Lavona A. Toplyn
Sgt. 1st Class Mark M. Zarr

To Sergeant First Class (E7):
Staff Sgt. Gerald Cole
Staff Sgt. Jose A. Colon
Staff Sgt. Denise E. Creary
Staff Sgt. Celeste J. Jachowski
Staff Sgt. Mark A. Leonard
Staff Sgt. Stephanie M. Millhollin
Staff Sgt. Ronald L. Naylor, II
Staff Sgt. Gregory A. Panowicz, Jr.
Staff Sgt. Nicholas P. Perone, Jr.
Staff Sgt. Angel Rodriguez
Staff Sgt. Ernesto Santiago, Jr.
Staff Sgt. James J. Vanderbilt

To Staff Sergeant (E6):

Sgt. Richard L. Basmajian
Sgt. Kuan I. Bowleg
Sgt. Steven J. Brill
Sgt. Larissa E. Carney
Sgt. William J. Carroll, IV
Sgt. Carl L. Craft III
Sgt. William J. Crawford
Sgt. James J. Curran
Sgt. Daniel E. Dagadu
Sgt. Justin G. Delia
Sgt. Roger A. Diaz
Sgt. Christopher R. Disciullo
Sgt. Morris Fellenz
Sgt. Darla Y. Flanagan
Sgt. Allen M. Garth
Sgt. Jon L. E. George
Sgt. William J. Hargenrader
Sgt. Dexter L. Hendricks
Sgt. Crystal J. Kim
Sgt. Brian J. Kruzel
Sgt. Brian J. Kurkjian
Sgt. Paul A. Laracy
Sgt. Ronald J. Lattanzio
Sgt. John J. Lombardoni
Sgt. Christopher J. Mahoney
Sgt. James Mcgoonan
Sgt. Jose E. Medinaortiz
Sgt. Jacqueline C. Murphy
Sgt. Lance K. Nash
Sgt. Damion O. Newman
Sgt. Joseph A. Nival
Sgt. Dennis M. Pasparage
Sgt. Edward J. Phillips
Sgt. Hilton D. Pichardo
Sgt. Steven B. Porter, Jr.
Sgt. Richard L. Raghna
Sgt. Saul Ramirez
Sgt. Salvador E. Reyes
Sgt. Andre Rivera
Sgt. Sgt. Cheryl Y. Robinson

Sgt. Steven C. Roy
Sgt. Luisa Y. Sanchez
Sgt. David C. Sanders
Sgt. Darius Smaw
Sgt. Clifford W. Snedeker, Jr.
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Sgt. Jason L. Solomon
Sgt. Reynaldo Tapia
Sgt. Craig R. Tillotson
Sgt. Humberto F. Timoteo
Sgt. Larry J. Vancleef
Sgt. Gregory Williams

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Spc. Anthony E. Baran, Jr.
Spc. Alin C. Barboiu
Spc. Joseph H. Bethea
Spc. John A. Capes, III
Spc. Glenn A. Carambacker
Spc. Yashica R. Carver
Spc. David T. Cluney
Spc. Frederick J. Coughlan
Spc. Daniel E. Cunningham
Spc. Beverley F. Curl
Spc. William E. Daisey
Spc. Antoine Desormes, Jr.
Spc. Louis C. Devitis
Spc. Alexander Dial
Spc. Joseph L. Donnelly
Spc. Lisa R. Easley
Spc. Jorge C. Estrella
Spc. Shannon A. Feuster
Spc. Donju T. Frazier
Spc. Michael Giglio III
Spc. Bernardo Godengaud
Spc. Christopher Gracia
Spc. Levi D. Hall
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Spc. Antonio M. Macanas
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Spc. Pedro C. Mariandejesus
Spc. Derek M. McCall
Spc. Michael S. McCormack
Spc. Dale E. McTighe
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Spc. Zbigniew Mroczkowski
Spc. Daniel M. Murillo
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Pfc. Samuel A. Gonzalez, III
Pfc. Joshua J. Hammill
Pfc. Kenneth W. Harris
Pfc. Justin M. Jackson, III
Pfc. Theodore R. Jackson, III
Pfc. Matthew R. Jenkins
Pfc. Christopher T. John
Pfc. Jeffrey J. Konopada
Pfc. Scott W. Kowalski
Pfc. Philip Wing Sing Lam
Pfc. Celiann Lowman
Pfc. Wanda Lugardo
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Pfc. Clarence E. Allen, Jr.
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Pfc. Roland N. Awah

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Pvt. Cannon M. Anthony
Pvt. Roberto A. Chavez
Pvt. Eric J. Easter
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Pvt. Jonathan Gonzalez
Pvt. William D. Harpe
Pvt. William A. Hawkins
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Pvt. Daniela C. Jara
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Pvt. Steven B. Michalski
Pvt. Gregory J. Ramirez
Pvt. Erick G.y Recinos
Pvt. David S. Rivera
Pvt. Miguel A. Rivera
Pvt. Jacob R. Rodriguez
To Private Second Class (E2):
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Pvt. Darell F. Szezypta
Pvt. Daniel V. Welch

New Jersey Air National Guard

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Senior Master Sgt. Robert J. Mccarty

To Senior Master Sergeant (E-8):

Master Sgt. Atanya K. Lindholm
Master Sgt. Richard E. Reiken

To Master Sergeant (E-7):

Tech. Sgt. Frank W. Beck
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Airman 1st Class Shana Y. Graham

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Airman Erin E. Steen
Airman David Figueroa

To Airman (E-2):

Airman Basic Anna Krotova
Airman Basic William R. Bounds

Congratulations

In Memoriam

The Department of Defense announced the death of the following New Jersey Army National Guard soldiers supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom:

Sgt. Frank T. Carvill, 51, of Carlstadt
and
Spc. Christopher M. Duffy, 26, of Brick

Sgt. Carvill and Spc. Duffy died in Baghdad, Iraq, on June 4, 2004, when individuals using improvised explosive devices and rocket-propelled grenades attacked their convoy.

Sgt. Humberto F. Timoteo, 25, of Newark
and
Spc. Ryan E. Doltz, 26, of Mine Hill

Sgt. Timoteo and Spc. Doltz died on June 5, 2004 in Baghdad, Iraq, when their vehicle hit an improvised explosive device.

All four of these soldiers were assigned to the New Jersey Army National Guard's 3rd Battalion, 112th Field Artillery, in Lawrenceville.

These American soldiers answered our nation's call to secure freedom for the oppressed people of Iraq. In doing so, they paid the ultimate price so that others may have what we so proudly enjoy.

Please remember these New Jersey Army National Guard soldiers and their families in your thoughts and in your prayers.

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