

Redlegs train for new mission

On Jan. 5, 2004, B Battery, 3rd Battalion, 112th Field Artillery mobilized for deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

From Jan. 7 to Feb. 21, the Battery underwent military police training at Fort Dix, which included military police weapons systems and tasks. The unit then deployed to Kuwait for theater specific training and certification. By March 7, it had moved to Camp Cuervo in Baghdad, Iraq, where it was attached to the 89th Military Police Brigade and operationally re-designated as C Company. The company received additional training from the unit it was replacing. C Company Soldiers learned important real-world lessons during

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Capt. (Chaplain) Kevin Williams (far right), 3rd Battalion, 112th Field Artillery, presides over a triple wedding at Chapel 5, Fort Dix on Feb. 15. Married were (l-r): Spc. Glenn Erlenmeyer, 3-112th,

and Christina Lyness; Spc. Kaleb Hazen, 1st Battalion, 172nd Field Artillery, and Megan Finnegan; and Spc. William Donahue, 3-112th and Kerry Chin. Photo by Tech Sgt. Mark Olsen. NJDMAVA/PA

this “right seat ride” transition period.

In April, C Company began conducting patrols and providing site security at Iraqi police stations in eastern Baghdad, including Sadr City. The unit later began training and equipping Iraqi police at several stations in their area of operations.

From April 15 to May 15, one platoon was tasked to support the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force in Fallujah. Their mission was to patrol the main supply route between Fallujah and Baghdad, escort supply convoys, and provide security for explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) teams searching for and disarming improvised explosive devices (IEDs). The remainder of the company remained in eastern Baghdad to con-

tinue patrolling and site security operations.

From mid-May to early June, C Company engaged in fierce combat operations against the Mahdi army of Muqtada al-Sadr in Sadr City. When U.S. Soldiers arrived at Iraqi police stations, insurgents frequently attacked within 10 or 15 minutes. On Mother’s Day, six C Company soldiers defended an Iraqi police station for approximately two hours against more than 100 Mahdi army insurgents, killing 19.

On June 4 and 5, four C Company Soldiers were killed in two IED ambushes on the outskirts of Sadr City. The deaths of Staff Sgts. Frank Carvill and Humberto Timoteo, Sgt. Ryan Doltz, and Spc. Christopher Duffy dealt a devas-

tating blow to the unit and the New Jersey National Guard family as well as the Soldiers' hometown communities.

C Company continued to support and train the Iraqi police force and the local civilian population by providing food and care packages, as well as medics to treat sick or injured men, women, and children at the police stations. The company redeployed from Baghdad on the eve of the first free democratic election following the fall of the Saddam Hussein regime and arrived back at Fort Dix on Feb. 2, 2005. C Company was awarded the Meritorious Unit Citation for its meritorious service while conducting combat actions.

50th Brigade and 113th Infantry troops mobilized

In late 2003, more than 400 Soldiers of the New Jersey Army National Guard received notification that they were to be called to extended active duty service under Title 10 United States Code in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The troops were drawn primarily from 50th Brigade units to include Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 50th Brigade headquartered in Lawrenceville and the 2nd Battalion, 113th Infantry headquartered in Riverdale. Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 102nd Armor from Port Murray and the 3rd Battalion, 112th Field Artillery in Morristown rounded out the personnel requirements. A team from the 350th Finance Detachment headquartered in Flemington deployed to pro-



Spec. Matthew Eblen-Pesa, 2nd Battalion, 102nd Armor and family during the unit's mobilization to deploy to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA.

vide support and services. The Citizen-Soldiers deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to provide security at the Detention Facility housing suspected Taliban and other terrorists from Afghanistan and the Southwest Asia theater of operations.

The nearly 18-month deployment was part of the second round of rotations of Guard and Reserve units called up in support of Operations' Noble Eagle/Enduring Freedom.

On March 24, 2005, the 50th Brigade Soldiers returned to Lawrenceville following the successful completion of the nine-month deployment to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The 2nd Battalion, 113th Infantry returned home on April 21 after completing their yearlong tour at Guantanamo Bay.

Both units provided perimeter security at the Military Detention facility and served as an integral element as part of Joint Task Force-Guantanamo.

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Master Sgt. Joseph C. Kunkle, 177th Fighter Wing, became the first New Jersey Air Guardsmen to be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Operation Iraqi Freedom. He received it while serving as Explosive Ordnance Disposal NCOIC at Baghdad International Airport. Photo courtesy Master Sgt. (retired) Joseph C. Kunkle.



In 2004, Col. Maria Falca-Dodson became the first woman in the New Jersey National Guard to attain the rank of Brigadier General. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA.



Photos clockwise: Maj. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth , Representative Rush Holt, 12th District of New Jersey and Senator Jon. S. Corzine visited the NJARNG Soldiers at Guantanamo Bay prior to Christmas bringing gifts: NJDMAVA/PA photo. Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 114th Infantry pose with schoolchildren's letters while deployed in support of the Multinational Forces and Observers forces. NJDMAVA/PA photo. Below members of the 2nd Battalion, 102nd Armor pose with NJNG leadership at Guantanamo Bay. NJDMAVA/PA photo.





Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 114th Infantry deploy to the Arabian Peninsula as part of the Multinational Forces and Observer's force. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA.

114th Infantry mobilized

More than 300 New Jersey Army National Guard Soldiers were called to active duty on Title 10 orders.

The mobilized troops were drawn primarily from 1st Battalion, 114th Infantry to include Headquarters and Headquarters Company, located in Woodbury; A Company headquartered in Mount Holly; B Company located in Freehold; and C Company headquartered in Burlington.

The Jersey Guard troops were deployed to the Arabian Peninsula as part of the Multinational Forces and Observer (MFO). During that deployment, the Battalion became the first Army National Guard unit to win the Multinational Forces and Observer's Force Skills Competition. The Competition is similar to the Olympics but focuses on Soldier's skills. The New Jersey Guardsmen competed against soldiers from Columbia, Fiji Islands, Australia, Britain, France, Hungary, Italy and New Zealand in events including an obstacle course, five-kilometer run, land navigation and first aid knowledge.

The 1st Battalion, 114th Infantry was welcomed home in February 2005 after completing the six-month deployment to the Sinai Peninsula.

42nd Infantry Division troops make history

Beginning in May 2004, more than 1,400 members of the New Jersey Army National Guard participated in the largest reserve component division mobilization since World War II when they were called to extended active duty service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Soldiers were drawn from Detachment 2, 42nd Di-

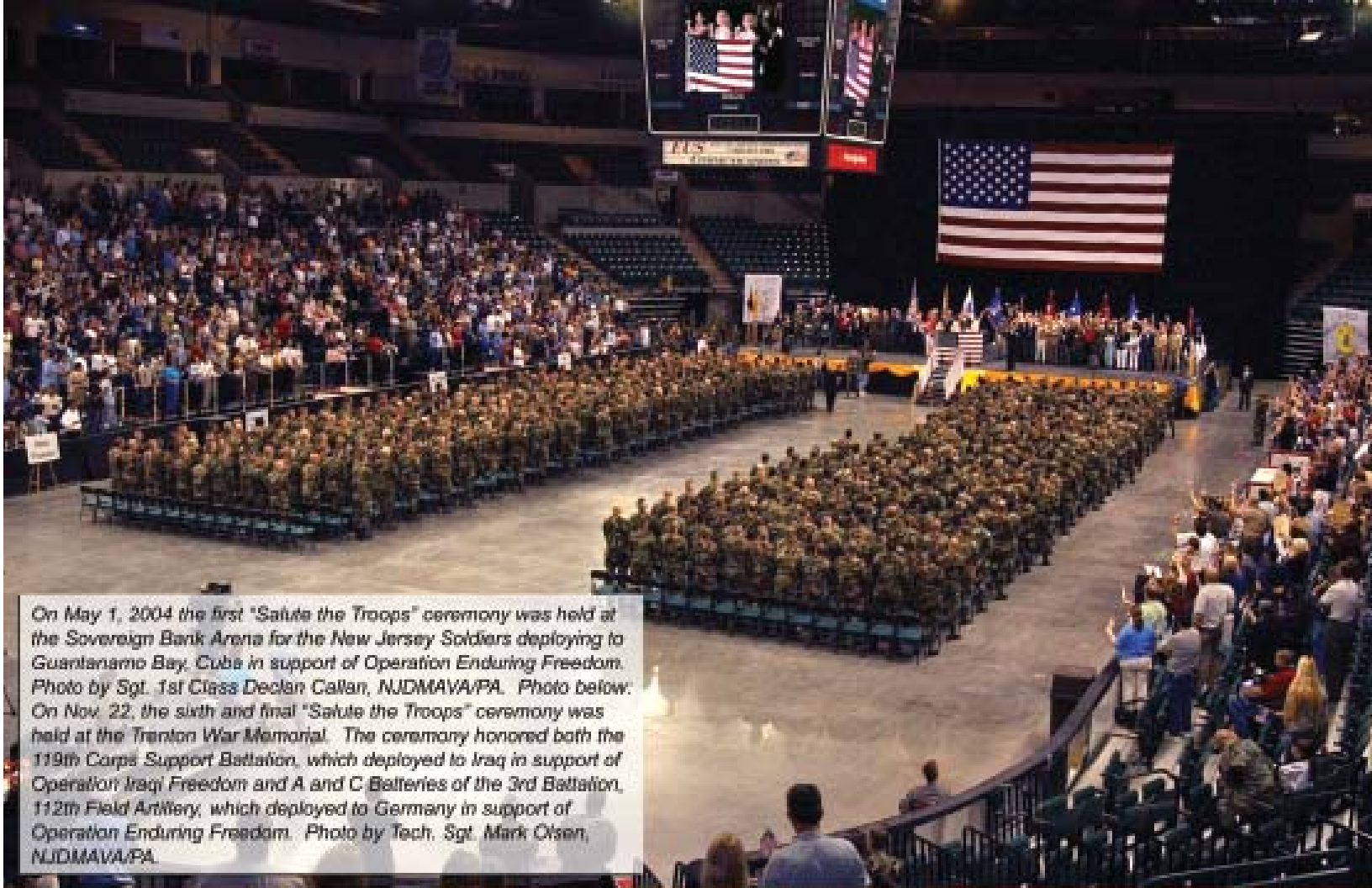
vision, headquartered in Lawrenceville; Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 42nd Division Support Command headquartered in Somerset; Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, A Company and C Company, 50th Main Support Battalion (MSB), headquartered in Teaneck; E Company, 50th MSB headquartered in Jersey City; Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 250th Signal Battalion, headquartered in Westfield; A Company, 250th Signal headquartered in Cherry Hill; C Company, 250th Signal Battalion headquartered in Somerset; Headquarters and Headquarters Company, A Company and C Company, 150th General Support Aviation Battalion, headquartered in West Trenton; Detachment 1, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment and B Company, 642nd Division Aviation Support Battalion, headquartered in West Trenton; and Detachment 2, 42nd Military Police, headquartered in Lawrenceville.

In October 2004, the Jersey Guard troops deployed to Iraq to provide command and control, logistical and aviation support to three separate Infantry Brigade Combat Teams.

The more than 18-month deployment that included National Guard, Army Reserve and active-duty Army Soldiers from 13 states was part of the third round of rotations of Guard and Reserve units called up in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. 🇺🇸

Below: the 150th General Aviation Support Battalion and 642nd Division Aviation Support Battalion deploy to Iraq on Veterans Day - Nov. 11, 2004. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA.





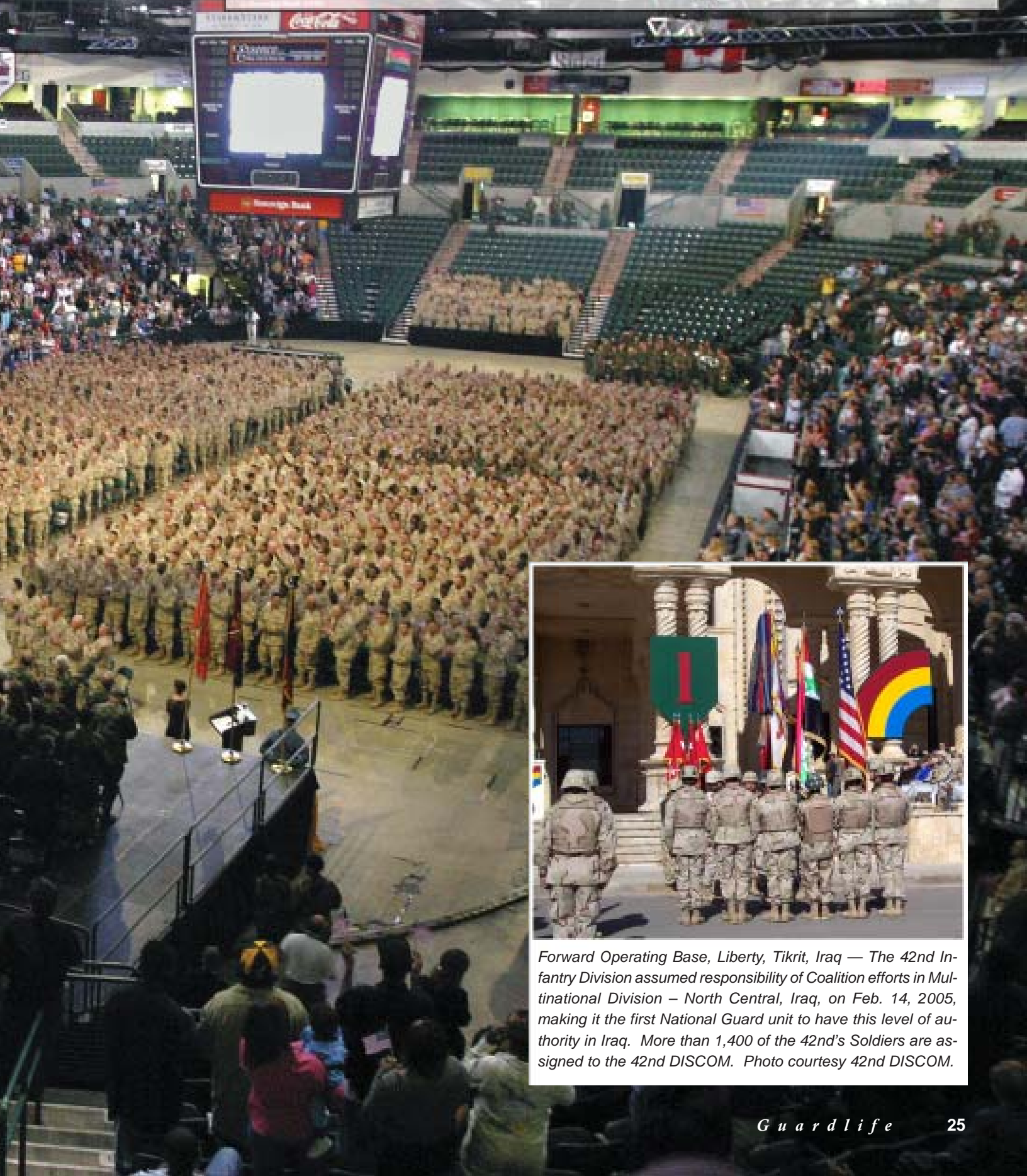
On May 1, 2004 the first "Salute the Troops" ceremony was held at the Sovereign Bank Arena for the New Jersey Soldiers deploying to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Declan Callan, NJDMAVA/PA. Photo below: On Nov. 22, the sixth and final "Salute the Troops" ceremony was held at the Trenton War Memorial. The ceremony honored both the 119th Corps Support Battalion, which deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and A and C Batteries of the 3rd Battalion, 112th Field Artillery, which deployed to Germany in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA.





The largest "Salute the Troops" ceremony was held at the Sovereign Bank Arena in Trenton on Oct. 9, 2004. Approximately 4,000 family members filled the Arena to honor the more than 2,100 Soldiers of the 42nd Infantry Division. Maj. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth, The Adjutant General; hosted the event for Maj. Gen. Joseph Taluto, Commander, 42nd Infantry Division. The event included performances by country western singer Jeffrey Wade Clark and the New York USO troupe. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA.

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Forward Operating Base, Liberty, Tikrit, Iraq — The 42nd Infantry Division assumed responsibility of Coalition efforts in Multinational Division – North Central, Iraq, on Feb. 14, 2005, making it the first National Guard unit to have this level of authority in Iraq. More than 1,400 of the 42nd's Soldiers are assigned to the 42nd DISCOM. Photo courtesy 42nd DISCOM.



Photos clockwise above: 42nd DISCOM deploys to Iraq - the largest single New Jersey deployment since World War II. Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Kryn P. Westhoven, 444MPAD. 177th Civil Engineers at Baghdad International Airport. Photo courtesy Master Sgt. Edwin Reyes, 177/CES. 250th Signal Battalion Soldiers clockwise: 1st Lt. Waysel Danysh, Sgt. Steven Felmev, Cpl. Jeffrey Hiles and Sgt. 1st Class James Martino. 250SB Photo: Spc. Lisa Hatcher. 119th Corps Support Battalion, talks with an Iraqi child. Photo by Chaplain (Maj.) Jan Koczera, 119CSB.



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The 50th Finance Battalion Soldiers modified an existing building into a state-of-the-art 750 square foot bank vault. Photo by Maj. Angelo Capolupo, 50FB.

Finance Battalion returns to Flemington

On Jan. 27, 2005, 25 50th Finance Battalion Soldiers returned to their home station armory after successfully completing a yearlong deployment to Iraq.

The Battalion was instrumental in creating and maintaining the first Central Funding Facility in Iraq. The facility, which held more than \$400 million in U.S. currency at any one time, was responsible for distributing both military and civilian pay to other finance battalions throughout Iraq.

Farewell Salute held for Finance Detachment

On Aug. 27, 2005, 250th Finance Detachment Soldiers completed preparations for federal mobilization and were honored in a Farewell Salute ceremony at their Headquarters at the National Guard Armory in Flemington.

The 250th troops deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

N.J. Guard supports Katrina relief operations

A KC-135E Stratotanker departed the 108th Air Refueling Wing in September, transporting critically needed pallets of bottled water and personnel to the areas affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Nearly three dozen members of the 305th Security Forces joined the on-going relief efforts in the affected ar-

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Master Sergeants' Jeff Redrup (left), 108th Air Refueling Wing and Pedro Rodriguez (right), 177th Fighter Wing, prepare donated water for airlift by the 108th at McGuire Air Force Base to BelleChasse Naval Air Station, New Orleans, on Sept. 7, 2005. New Jersey citizens, corporations and private organizations donated 3.5 million 16-ounce bottles of water in five days for their neighbors in New Orleans. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA.

reas following the hurricane. In addition to these Airmen, the 108th flew multiple flights carrying humanitarian relief supplies, primarily water, to support the disaster response and recovery.

As the situation developed, the people of New Jersey began to donate needed items, principally bottled water. To better manage the outpouring of support, local armories were designated collection sites and aircraft and Airmen from the 108th and Soldiers from the 250th Forward Support Battalion headquartered at Sea Girt collected, packaged and delivered bottled water in response to the initial urgent request for potable drinking water.

The states impacted by this catastrophe assessed their



Task Force Garden State Soldiers on patrol somewhere in New Orleans. Photo by Sgt. 1st Class David Moore, JFHQ-NJ/PA.



Task Force Garden State Oct. 14, 2005. Photo by Sgt. 1st Class David Moore, JFHQ/PA.

circumstances, identified specific needs and requested additional support in the form of equipment and personnel under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact. Both New Jersey Army and Air National Guard assets were mobilized to provide requested assistance.

In a joint operation, approximately 3rd Battalion, 112th Field Artillery Soldiers were mobilized to transport and assemble 65 military tents and hundreds of cots in support of Life Support Operations in the affected areas. The 108th transported the troops and equipment to Naval Air Station New Orleans where the New Jersey Citizen-Soldiers erected tents and cots within the multi-agency response staging area.

As the relief efforts continued and the effects of the disaster became overwhelming, the NJARNG was tasked to deploy a task force to support the recovery in the Gulf State Region.

The Joint Training and Training Development Center, headquartered at Fort Dix provided the command and control structure for the 120-member Task Force comprised of

volunteers from across the New Jersey Guard. The Task Force drove south in a three day, 50 vehicle convoy and joined the relief effort immediately upon arrival in New Orleans. Guard Soldiers engaged in traffic control, supply distribution, transportation of medical support personnel and assisted law enforcement with anti-looting patrols. Task Force members were awarded the Humanitarian Service Medal and the Louisiana State Service Medal at the end of their near month long deployment.

N.J. mobilizes troops to support the Minnesota Army National Guard

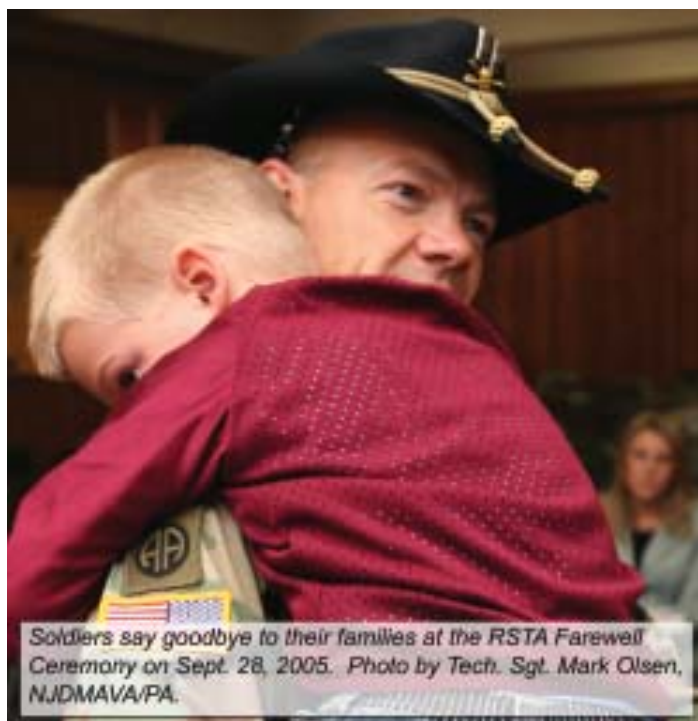
The 148 Soldiers of Troop C, 117th Reconnaissance, Surveillance, Target Acquisition (RSTA) and Company D, 250th Brigade Support Battalion (BSB) were mobilized in September and October 2005 to deploy as part of the 1-34th Brigade Combat Team, Minnesota Army National Guard along with Company D, 250th BSB.

Families of the 117th and the 250th Soldiers listened intently when President Bush addressed the nation about the war in Iraq on Jan. 11. Shortly after the President stated "I've committed more than 20,000 additional American troops to Iraq."

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First Lieutenant Vincent Caliguire (front), one of the 26 Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 114th Infantry; who volunteered to serve with a Pennsylvania Army National Guard unit, is seen here during a lull in a battle with insurgents. Photo courtesy 1-114Infantry.



Soldiers say goodbye to their families at the RSTA Farewell Ceremony on Sept. 28, 2005. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA.



Staff Sgt. Shawn Better helps Ryan Duffy get closer to the Global War on Terrorism Memorial after the dedication ceremony May 28, 2005. Ryan's father, Spc. Christopher Duffy, was killed in action in Iraq on June 4, 2004. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA.



Photos clockwise: A 108th Airmen returned to a warm welcome from supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. 108ARW/PA photo. Soldiers from the Heavy Equipment Transportation Platoon were treated to a heroes' welcome at their Armory in Dover on March 13. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA. Tech. Sgt. Samuel Ciriaco (right), 177th Medical Group, bandages a victim of Hurricane Katrina. 177FW/PA photo. Soldiers from the 50th Brigade listen during their Welcome Home Ceremony at the Lawrenceville Armory. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA.





Staff Sgt. Clinton Valentine of Company D, 250th Brigade Support Battalion gets a warm welcome on June 19 as 148 New Jersey Army

National Guard Soldiers returned from their extended deployment in Iraq. Photo by Kryn P. Westhoven, NJDMAVA/PA.

It was learned that the New Jersey Soldiers who had left Camp Shelby, Miss., in March 2006 would be extended in Iraq for up to 125 days. The Soldiers would be part of the troop surge that would help quell the sectarian violence that was threatening to rip apart Iraq's fragile democracy.

C Troop and D Company were the only New Jersey Army National Guard units extended as part of the 20,000 troop surge. Originally scheduled to return in March 2007, the Soldiers were reunited with their families on June 19 at

National Guard Joint Training and Training Development Center, Fort Dix.

Finance Detachments return home

On Nov. 14, 37 Soldiers of the 150th Finance Detachment and the 350th Finance Detachment, 50th Finance Battalion, New Jersey Army National returned to their home station armory in Flemington after successfully completing their yearlong deployment to Iraq.

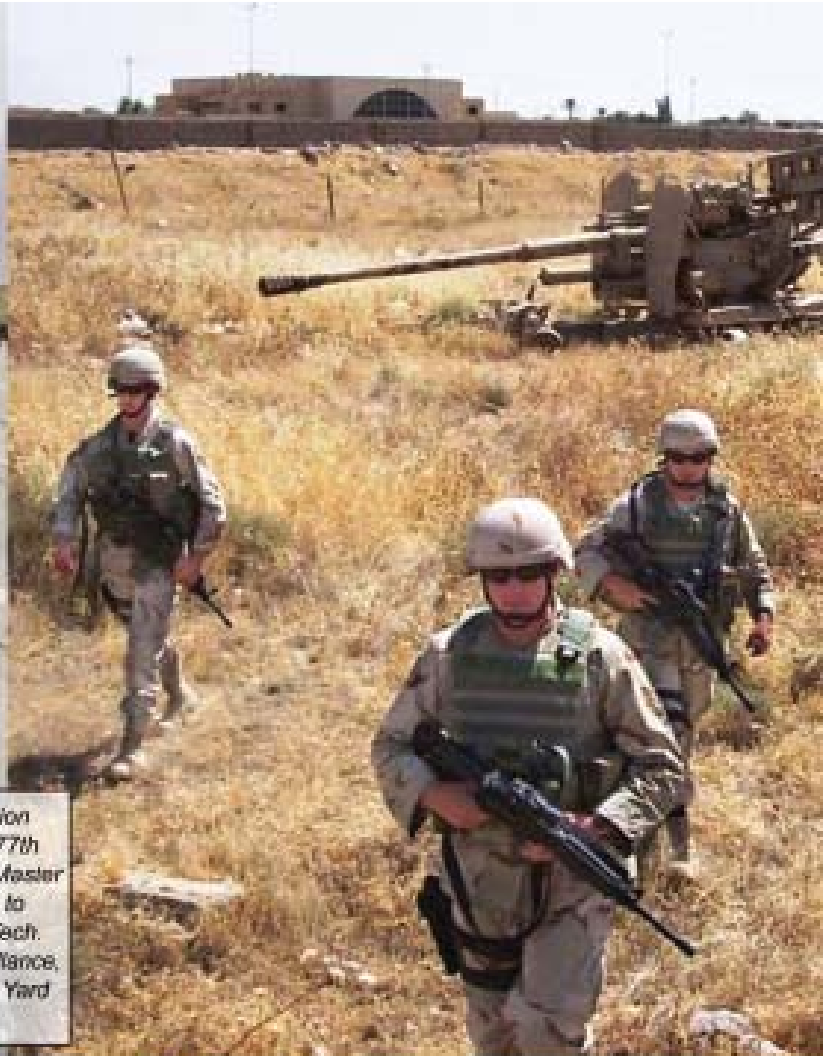


Finance Soldiers are welcomed home after their deployment to Iraq. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA.

Welcome Home Ceremony for 119th Corps Support Battalion

On Nov. 21, 50 Soldiers of the 119th Corps Support Battalion, headquartered at the National Guard Armory in Hammonton, were welcomed home after successfully completing a 12-month deployment to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

While on deployment, the Battalion was responsible for providing logistical support to units in its area of operation. During the 12-month period, 17 subordinate units were assigned to the battalion, including Active Duty, National Guard and Army Reserve units. 🇺🇸



Photos clockwise, above: Soldiers from the 50th Personnel Services Battalion arrive at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. 50PSB photo. Armen from the 177th Fighter Wing Security Forces at Kirkuk Regional Air Base, Iraq. Photo by Master Sgt. Joseph Iacovane Jr., 177FW/SF. Finance Detachment Soldiers return to their Army in Flemington after a yearlong deployment in Iraq. Photo by Tech Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA. Bottom left: RSTA (Reconnaissance, Surveillance, Target Acquisition) Soldiers pose for an informal group photo at the Gravel Yard in Iraq. 117RSTA photo.

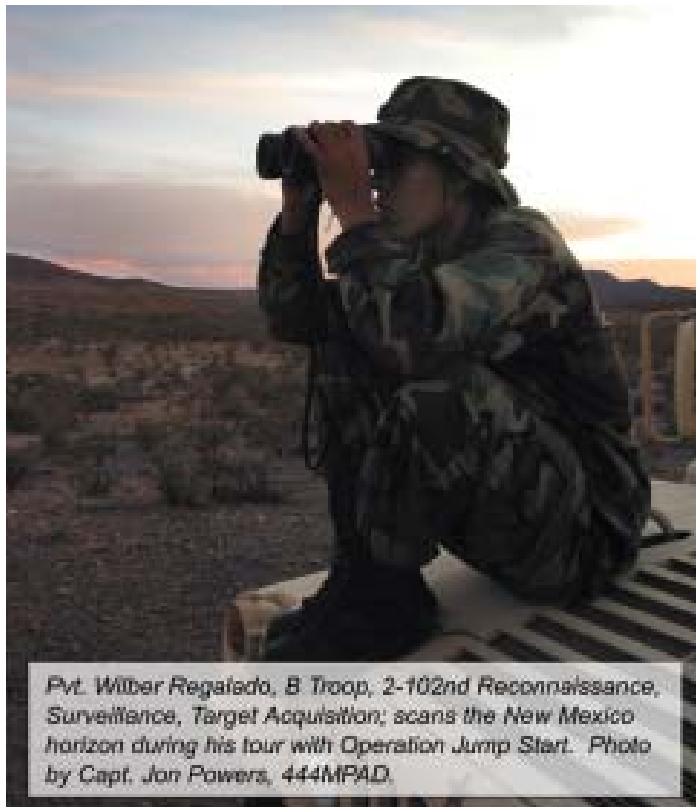


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Chief Warrant Officer 2 Mickey McGuire (left), 50th Main Support Battalion and Lt. Col. John Nunn, 42nd Division Support Command, pose with Iraqi children. Nunn went on to become the first Operation Iraqi Freedom New Jersey Guardsman to make Brigadier General. Photo courtesy Chief Warrant Officer 2 Mickey McGuire, 50MSB.



Pvt. Wilber Regalado, B Troop, 2-102nd Reconnaissance, Surveillance, Target Acquisition; scans the New Mexico horizon during his tour with Operation Jump Start. Photo by Capt. Jon Powers, 444MPAD.

Jersey troops support border security operations

Nearly 250 New Jersey National Guard Soldiers and Airmen deployed to New Mexico as part of Operation Jump Start in a three-week Annual Training rotation from July 21 to Aug. 10, 2006.

More than 200 New Jersey Guard Soldiers directly supported the border protection effort.

The rotation began with two days of mission specific training at the New Mexico National Guard Regional Training Institute in Santa Fe designed to set the baseline of knowledge on equipment and radio procedures used in the interagency border protection mission. The program of instruction also included refresher training in combatives, weapon retention, ground fighting and hand-to-hand combat.

The 2nd Squadron, 102nd Cavalry were tasked to aug-

ment the durational force from the Arkansas National Guard near Las Playas, N.M., and elements of the 3rd Battalion, 112th Field Artillery; G Company, 250th Brigade Support Battalion and 1st Battalion, 114th Infantry supported the Georgia Army Guard in Deming, N.M. The New Jersey Air National Guard supported both locations with medical services teams that provided on site emergency medical capabilities.

Jersey Devils protect the force

In 2006, the 177th Fighter Wing (Jersey Devils) Security Forces Squadron deployed a 13-member detachment to serve as the Quick Reaction Force (QRF) at Kirkuk Regional Air Base, Iraq.

The QRF was the only mobile security team available to respond to intrusion attempts and other incidents on the base and outside the wire when needed. The Jersey Devils responsibilities included conducting unexploded ordnance sweeps after rocket and mortar attacks, security patrols and casualty evacuations and served as a blocking force in the event of attacks and elevated force protection conditions.

The team routinely provided protection for civil engineering and other missions outside of the base's perimeter. On several occasions, the detachment provided personal protection details for visiting U.S. and Iraqi dignitaries.



Afghan National Army trainer Maj. Bill Heineman with Hazara children. The Hazara were one of the several ethnic minorities oppressed by the Taliban. Photo courtesy Lt. Col. Bill Heineman.



50th Personnel Services Battalion Soldiers with part of the 13 millions pounds of mail delivered during their Afghanistan tour. Photo by Maj. Michael Bobius, 50PSB.

ETT trains fledgling Afghan National Army

The New Jersey Army National Guard fielded and mobilized a 16-member Embedded Training Team in support of Operation Enduring Freedom as part of Task Force Phoenix.

Following an intense pre-mobilization training program at Fort Bliss, Texas, the ETT deployed to Hirat, Afghanistan where it worked against Anti Coalition Insurgency Forces.

The team principally advised, supported and operated with the Afghan Army's 207th CORPS from February 2006 through June 2007. The ETT played a significant leadership role in developing a tactical and strategic vision that unified the multi-national, multi-service command and fostered strong supportive relationships between the Afghan National Security Forces, International Security Assistance Forces, Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan, United States Department of State, National Defense Directorate, Italian Operational and Mentoring Liaison Teams, DynCorp, MPRI, and United Nations agencies.

The ETT contributions assisted the 207th CORPS to be the first region in the Afghanistan to successfully transition all national security operations to Afghan National Security Forces control. The team, which participated in more than 120 combat missions, was highly praised for its actions and contributions and received multiple unit and individual awards from Coalition partners as well as the U.S. Army.

Battalion provides Personnel and Postal Services in Afghanistan

The 50th Personnel Services Battalion (PSB), along with soldiers of the 250th Personnel Services Detachment (PSD) deployed to Afghanistan in late February 2006. Upon arrival at Bagram Airfield, the PSB completed relief in place operations and deployed teams of Soldiers throughout the Combined Joint Operations Area to service the Warfighters and area support elements.

The 50th's mission was to provide postal support and personnel services to include strength accounting, casualty

reporting, soldier records management, promotions, personnel evaluations, human resources information systems management, ID cards, passports, and R5 (Reception, Replacement, Return-to-Duty, R&R, and Redeployment) in the Afghanistan Combined Joint Operating Area.

The 50th's most significant impact was the innovative

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The leadership of the 108th ARW says farewell to Master Sgt. Valentino Lopez as he prepares to leave McGuire Air Force Base for a deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Lopez is part of the more than 70 108th Air Refueling Wing Security Forces Squadron Airmen who deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom on Sept. 15, 2007. The unit made history as the first National Guard unit in charge of security at Baghdad Airport in command of Air National Guard, active duty Air Force and Army and a foreign contractor security team. The deployed Airmen returned to New Jersey on March 24, 2008. Photo by Staff Sgt. Barb Harbison, 108ARW/PA.

restructure of the existing postal service operations. The changes developed and implemented were massive and had an immediate positive impact. A Mail Movement Team (MMT) was established with the sole purpose of maximizing the use of space available on aircraft and ground vehicles. The Team was responsible for coordinating with the movement control battalion and Air Force and coordinating and synchronizing all mail deliveries to Forward Operating Bases (FOB) theater-wide. An extensive customer service plan was also developed and implemented. Commanders at remote sites were constantly kept in the loop on the status of mail deliveries to their FOB and were immediately advised of delays and were told when the next delivery attempt would be made. The 50th's re-written postal doctrine resulted in a drastic reduction in delivery delays, and Soldier complaints.

During the yearlong deployment, more than 13 million pounds of mail were processed and delivered.

In March 2007, the 50th PSB transferred authority to the 147th PSB from the Minnesota National Guard and returned to New Jersey to conduct mobilization out-processing and reconstitution, completing its highly successful 14-month deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The final word

“When you call up the Guard, you call up America.”

That statement unlike any other describes the men and women – the Citizen-Soldiers and Citizen-Airmen that com-

prise the New Jersey Army and Air National Guard.

Yet no single word or statement can best describe your service and sacrifice and, more importantly, your willingness to serve your community, state and country.

You come from nearly every city and town in New Jersey. You are students, business owners, lawyers, doctors – the list of occupations is endless. Some of you can trace your family roots to the beginning of this country, while some of you have just come to the United States.

You all have one thing in common.

Whenever there is a crisis – a flood, a hurricane, a snow-storm or some other natural disaster, you are there. When the terrorists used aircraft as weapons; you came, unbidden, in uniform to the armories and to the air bases ready to do whatever you could. When the mobilization call-up came, you were there, ready to be trained, ready to leave everyone that you love and ready to lay your life on the line.

No one knows how long the Global War on Terror will last. Some have said it will last years; others say it will last generations. The next few years will not be easy. The path has been set before us and the consequences of failure or inaction will be nothing short of catastrophic. For everyone and everything that we hold dear, we must continue to shoulder the burden, for if we don't do it, who will?

In the end, regardless of the duration, the New Jersey National Guard will prevail.

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In Memoriam



Staff Sgt. Frank T. Carvill

On June 4 and 5, 2004, four Soldiers assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 112th Field Artillery, New Jersey Army National Guard made the ultimate sacrifice supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. Staff Sgt. Frank T. Carvill and Spc. Christopher M. Duffy were killed in action in Baghdad, Iraq, on June 4, 2004, when insurgents attacked their convoy.

The next day, Staff Sgt. Humberto F. Timoteo and Sgt. Ryan E. Doltz, were killed when their vehicle hit an improvised explosive device. These Soldiers answered our nation's call to secure freedom for the people of Iraq. In doing so, they paid the ultimate price so that others may have what we so proudly enjoy.



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