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Capt. Timothy Coakley reads from Dr. Seuss to 1st graders from Sharon Elementary School as part of the Read Across America program Mar. 2. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA.

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## "Fort New Jersey" In Support Of Our Guard Families

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

You've often heard me refer to the "National Guard Family" . . . and never before in the history of our organization has family been more important. Family now goes beyond the membership of our Army and Air National Guard. . . it goes beyond our spouses, children and parents. . today it includes so many friends and neighbors throughout our local communities who have demonstrated their generous support for New Jersey's citizen soldiers/airman and the other members of America's Armed Forces.

Deployments have a great impact on not only our soldiers and airmen; they have an even greater impact on their families and loved-ones. They're the ones who feel the impact here at home. They must carry out their traditional role, as well as the role of the soldier or airmen during a deployment. This will play a major part in whether or not soldiers and airmen decide to remain in the National Guard upon their return. I truly believe that soldiers enlist, but the family re-enlists.

In response to the increasing number and duration of deployments in recent months. . . and in anticipation of yet additional mobilization activity, we have established Family Assistance Centers (FAC) and Family Readiness Centers throughout the state. These centers are located in our armories and on our air bases in Cape May Courthouse, Egg Harbor Township, Fort Dix, Lawrenceville, McGuire AFB, Morristown, Teaneck and Toms River. We will be opening additional centers in Somerset and Woodbury in the near future. In response to the needs of the family, Family Readiness Groups (FRG) will operate out of each of armory to provide an extensive network of Family Assistance/Family Support throughout every part of the state. Our goal is to make separation during deployment as stress-free as possible.

In order to simply life, we have established a toll-free number that will link families and loved-ones to the FAC nearest to them.

The support from the local communities and private organizations has been heart-warming. The mayors throughout the Garden State have taken a sincere interest in helping the families in their communities whose loved-ones have been deployed. We have briefed them on the impact deployment has on families of deployed soldiers and airmen. The League of Municipalities, which represents the 566 municipalities across the state, is actively involved in events at our armories. Members and leaders from many of the veterans' organizations have come forward to support our centers and families. They are actively seeking donations and are volunteering at our centers. Local businesses continue to provide donations. These same individuals and groups have come together to form a council to work with the FRGs and assist families. I look forward to the tremendous support they are committed to providing.

As we continue to prepare our soldiers and airmen for new missions, I also look forward to the safe return of those who have served over the past year. They've done their part and have earned the collective thanks, appreciation and gratitude of a grateful nation. I will pray for the safe return of each and every National Guardsmen we deploy in support of the global war on terrorism.



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## B Company, 50 MSB, Deploys to Desert

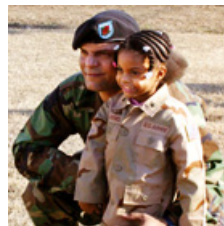
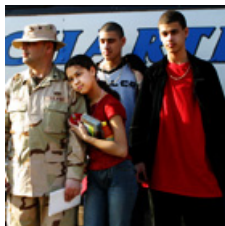
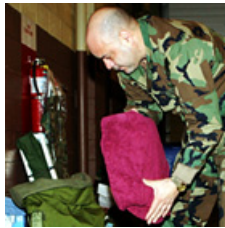
Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Barbara Harbison, NJDMAVA/PAO

Wives, mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, sisters, grandmothers, granddaughters and cousins all showed up at the Dover armory at o-dark-thirty Feb. 28 to board a bus ride for Fort Eustis, Va.

The mood was excited with a somber overtone – this trip was for one last visit with a soldier of B Company, Main Support Battalion who would be leaving in less than 48 hours for Iraq. After the long trip, soldiers and family members greeted each other with lots of smiles, hugs and kisses. Cameras flashed to capture the memories of those last moments together.

In the evening, everyone gathered in the post gym for a ceremony that united the members of B Company with National Guard units from Winston-Salem, N.C., Bell, Calif., and Lock Haven, Pa., forming the 1452nd Heavy Equipment Transportation Company. A few more hours and the bus was idling at the barracks waiting for everyone to climb back on board.

Maria Rosa sat in her seat after saying good-bye to her husband, Sgt. George Rosa. She was wearing a desert BDU cap that her husband had made for her with his rank and name embroidered on the cap. Around her neck she clutched a set of dog tags that he also had made with lettering about his love for her. "After 19 years of marriage this romance surprises me," she said wistfully. "I'm never taking them off."



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## "The Volunteer" Departs 108th

Story and photo by Master Sgt. Dave Pearl, 108ARW

Another page of history was written for the 108th Air Refueling Wing on Nov. 10, 2003. On this day "The Volunteer" left the 108th flightline for the last time.

In the crisp, clear air of the morning, Master Sgt. David Pearl and his crew launched Aircraft 57-2606. As the plane took flight, they were all acutely aware that they would not see that aircraft again.



"The Volunteer," as 2606 was known, was on its way to Kansas to undergo the extensive engineering upgrades and re-engine process necessary to convert the airframe from a KC-135E to a KC-135R. After the "E" to "R" conversion, 2606 will go to Kansas for Depot-level maintenance, then it's on to Washington state to become part of their R model Air Wing.

During the 26 years 2606 spent at McGuire, more than 9,000 flight hours were logged on the airframe. It was in 1998 Master Sgt. Pearl gave 2606 the name "The Volunteer." The airplane was involved in a variety of conflicts including Vietnam, Desert Shield/Storm, Noble Eagle and Iraqi Freedom. "The Volunteer will undoubtedly continue to serve the Air Force proudly and will be a great asset to any unit in which it serves," stated Master Sgt. Dave Pearl.



## 108th Deploys To Turkey

Senior Airman Robert Atkisson (left) and Master Sgt. Edwin Quinones (right), 108th Air Refueling Wing (ARW) Maintenance Group, work on a KC-135R Stratotanker engine while deployed to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey. Approximately 30 members of the 108th deployed in late December to support aerial refueling of U.S. and coalition aircraft over Iraq. Photo courtesy Chief Master Sgt. Joe Ortu, 108ARW.



## AMC Vice Visits 108th

Senior Master Sgt. Richard Bouffard (left), 108th Logistics Readiness Squadron, discusses the mobility bag process to Lt. Gen. John Baker (right), Vice Commander, Air Mobility Command during the general's visit to the wing on Feb. 26. Photo by Senior Airman Elizabeth Sheetz, 108 ARW/PA.

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## CST Supports Anti-Terrorism Operations

By Maj. Jesse Armstein, Executive Officer, 21st Civil Support Team

The final countdown to 2004 began in New York City's Times Square. In the Capital of the World, 75,000 people packed onto the streets of Gotham reveling with streamers, horns, and merriment. The ball descended as midnight passed into the New Year and 2004 with ushered in to the sounds of Auld Lang Syne. Celebration abounded.

But across the Hudson River, alongside the major arteries that link New Jersey and Manhattan, and in a nondescript North Jersey park, the unsung heroes of the 3rd and 21st Civil Support Teams (CST) played a critical in role in protecting against a New Year's Eve catastrophe. A 28-member

National Guard Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) anti-terrorism force monitored the environment at strategic locations and was poised to respond to any emergency.

The CST concept first was developed in the late 1990s and nearly every state in the nation has a team equipped to respond to attacks or incidents involving chemical, biological, or radiological weapons. Thirty-two states have CST's consisting of 22 full-time guardsmen; the remaining teams are manned by 22 "part-time", traditional guardsmen.

The teams' primary mission is to identify the hazardous substance(s) used in a terrorist attack or WOMD (weapons of mass destruction) incident and work in cooperation with other emergency operations personnel to neutralize the threat. Each CST has personnel who specialize in substance monitoring, communications, decontamination, and field laboratory identification.

CST's employ two large, expensive pieces of equipment: a Mobile Analytical Laboratory System for field analysis of chemical or biological agents, and a Unified Command Suite used to communicate with local emergency responders as well as federal agencies such as the Defense Threat Reduction Agency and the Army's Soldier Biological Chemical Command.

During most of the year, CST personnel hone their skills by extremely realistic and demanding training to ensure that when the "balloon goes up" they are fully prepared and equipped to respond effectively.

About a week prior to New Year's Eve, the "balloon" was rising in the New York Metropolitan area. United States intelligence sources had received credible information of a possible terrorist attack using chemical and/or biological weapons in the New York City and Northern New Jersey area. Several days earlier, the National Security Threat Warning System rose from level yellow (elevated) to level orange (high). Specific targets in New York City area had been identified by intelligence sources.

## New Jersey Receives CST

On Mar. 9, the Department of Defense announced its plans to place one of 12 new Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Teams (WMD CST) in New Jersey.

The 22-member team will be trained to detect and respond to chemical, biological and nuclear weapons. The team will provide analysis, medical and technical advice, and prepare for larger-scale state and federal response. The CST's equipment will include a mobile lab to assess chemical and biological agents, and a specialized communications system to enable first responders, health experts and scientists analyze and react to the threat.



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## 150th Trains with SAWs

Photos and story by Spc. James Pernol, Det. 1, 444th MPAD

With the war of the future upon the world today, it is not just infantry units fighting the ground war. That is why Capt. Michael Bobinis, commander of the 150th AG Detachment of the New Jersey National Guard, mobilized at Fort Dix in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, believes it is necessary for his troops to qualify on the M-249 Squad Automatic Weapon (SAW).

"There is nothing saying that we can't be deployed forward," stated Capt. Bobinis. "That's why we're doing this training now. If we need to use this weapon in the future we will be able to." With this type of training, units like the 150th, and other support units going overseas now or in the future, will be better able to defend themselves.

Some might see crew-served weapons such as the M-249 as an infantry squad weapon, but in the broad scheme, any unit today can find itself in battle, and may need the added firepower to suppress the enemy.

"In our unit we have four SAWs and they're used for basic unit defense," explained Capt. Bobinis. The SAWs' primary function is a hand-held combat machine gun. It can be fired from the kneeling, prone or the hip position at a target up to 1000 meters away.

Although it is unlikely that the 150th will deploy overseas, Bobinis is taking no chances. "This is the most important weapon we have in the unit," said Capt. Bobinis. "It's good training for us, and it's a good change of pace."



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## 253rd Soldier Receives Purple Heart

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PAO

Spc. Nicola Harvey, a truck driver with the 253rd Transportation Company received the Purple Heart for wounds received while serving in Iraq when an improvised explosive device detonated on Aug. 5, 2003.

That's the Army version. Here's her story.

Spc. Harvey is a 28-year old Atlantic City resident who joined the 253rd in August 2002. Her Iraq experiences were pretty much the same as every other soldier serving in the region; extreme heat, insects, dirt, and sandstorms; all diminished by the fact that everyone was in the same boat.

On Aug. 5 all that changed. The day started with a scheduled supply mission. The trip from Camp Anaconda to Mosul normally took six hours. "There are two drivers per truck during the mission," said Spc. Harvey. "Sgt. John Jones my co-driver was driving at the time. We were in Baugi - a hostile city - and there had been previous attacks in that area. We had to pass through a part of the city that looks like a flea market - very crowded. Normally, when we go through that area, we close-up the convoy and are on alert for sniper fire."

"We were just coming out of the area when a pickup truck cut in front of us. I don't know if he threw the bomb, set off the device, or just ran over it; but the truck blew up and we went right through the explosion. Glass from the exploded truck's windshield and windows showered inside the cab of our vehicle; with all the smoke it looked like a twister. Sgt. Jones yelled for me to get down but it was too late. We both got cut up."

When the medics got to us, I just said, 'I can't see.' I guess it was the shock of it all. The medic flushed my eyes and we continued on. When we got back to Camp Anaconda, an optometrist looked at my eyes. There were still pieces of glass in my eyes and my cornea was cut." Some of the debris couldn't be removed and will be with her for the rest of her life. Now, fast-forward to Jan. 28th. Spc. Harvey is preparing to go home for R&R.

"The unit had a formation. When I heard my name I was totally stunned. After the pinning, there were hugs and stuff like that from the (members of my) company and the next day I was home."



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### 3-112th Field Artillery Deploys

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PAO

On January 5th, approximately 180 members of the 3rd Battalion 112th Field Artillery, New Jersey Army National Guard, headquartered in Morristown, with armories in Lawrenceville, Toms River, and Cherry Hill combined with members of the 5th Squadron 117th Cavalry headquartered in Vineland, were called up for federal mobilization at the National Guard Armory in Lawrenceville.

The 3rd Battalion, 112th Field Artillery, joins the 253rd Transportation Company and the 50th Finance Battalion in the largest mobilization of Army National Guard soldiers since the Persian Gulf War 11 years ago.

After the briefings and paperwork, the unit departed for Fort Dix for the Soldier Readiness Processing (SRP) activity, which prepares the troops for the realities of extended active-duty deployment. Prior to their departure, there was one wedding (the groom wore BDUs) at the armory.

Upon their arrival at Fort Dix, the unit was immediately put through its paces in the SRP activity. Thaking a page from the Lawrenceville wedding, two more members of the unit got married (see: [Short Rounds](#)) at the For Dix Chapel on Feb. 15th.

Two days later, the troops marched over to the Joint Force Headquarters - New Jersey where they met with family members and their Commander-in-Chief, Governor James E. McGreevey.

Just shortly after midnight, Feb. 21, the aircraft carrying the Jersey Guardsmen departed McGuire Air Force Base for Kuwait. After landing and the in-country briefings, the unit left Kuwait for a one-year deployment to Iraq.



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## Mobilization Page

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### Lawrenceville FAC Opened

The Lawrenceville Family Assistance Center (FAC) opening ceremony was held Dec. 7th 2003. Pictured are (l-r) Col. Stephen J Hines, Brig. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth, the Adjutant General; Linda Rieth, Christine Caruso, Pam Mount, Lawrenceville Town Council and Jane Hackbarth, Lawrenceville FAC Coordinator. Photo by Staff Sgt. Michael Druz, JFHQ-NJ/PA.

### FRG Leader Training

Training for Family Readiness Group volunteers was held at the Training and Training Technology Battle Lab Jan 31. The volunteers received training on everything from managing Family Assistance Centers, using various available and improvised resources, to the public affairs training and dealing with the media.

### Deployments

Operation Noble Eagle  
 444 Mobile Public Affairs Detachment  
 150 Adjutant General Detachment  
 254 RTI  
 50th Main Support Battalion  
 5-117th Cavalry Squadron  
 Company D, 112th Field Artillery

Operation Enduring Freedom  
 253 Transportation Company  
 Joint Force Headquarter-New Jersey  
 Company E, 50th Main Support Battalion

Operation Iraqi Freedom  
 Company B, 50th Main Support Battalion  
 50th Finance Battalion  
 50th Main Support Battalion  
 3-112th Field Artillery  
 Joint Force Headquarter-New Jersey

Kosovo Forces  
 50th Main Support Battalion

Stabilization Forces  
 OSA Detachment 19  
 Operation Noble Eagle  
 108th Maintenance Squadron  
 108th Civil Engineer Squadron  
 108th Civil Engineer Squadron  
 108TH Supply Squadron  
 177th Civil Engineer Squadron  
 177TH Logistics Readiness Squadron



Joint Forge  
 108th Civil Engineer Squadron  
 108th Transportation Squadron  
 177TH Logistics Readiness Squadron  
 177th Maintenance Squadron

Operation Iraqi Freedom  
 108th Civil Engineer Squadron  
 108th Transportation Squadron

Operation Enduring Freedom  
 108th Security Forces  
 108th Medical Squadron  
 108th Maintenance Squadron  
 177th Security Forces

SOCEUR  
 177th Civil Engineer Squadron

Red Flag  
 119th Fighter Squadron

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## News Guard Families Can Use

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### Dealing With The Media: A Guide for Family Members

Sometime during your guardsman's mobilization and deployment, reporters may want to talk to you and other members of your family.

Here are some tips to help you make the experience of being interviewed a success.

#### *It's up to you!*

When a reporter asks to talk to you or your children, the choice is completely up to you. If you'd like to talk about being a military spouse, the hardships of separation, the Family Support Program, etc., you're free to do so. If you are comfortable with the idea your viewpoint can help present a more complete picture of today's military. If you think being interviewed would be too stressful for you or your children, just say so. You are under no obligation to talk to reporters, ever.

#### *Keep security in mind*

It's fine to talk generally about mobilization and deployment and what your spouse does. Avoid details such as the exact number of unit members, what type of weapons they carry and their exact destination. If you aren't sure whether or not to answer a question, don't. Call the Public Affairs Office at (609) 530-6939 for guidance at any time. A good reporter won't mind waiting a few minutes for an answer.

#### *Avoid rumors and speculation*

They won't add anything to your viewpoint and will subtract from your credibility.

#### *What about complaints?*

Everyone has at least one or two - but if you want to complain about your spouse's unit or mission, be sure to tell the reporter you're only speaking for yourself.

#### *What about "off the record."*

Talking to a reporter "off the record" is almost always a bad idea. It's too easy to lose track of what you said when, and find something that you didn't mean to make public in the media. The best general rule is, if you wouldn't want to see it in the media, don't say it.

#### *We'd like to know*

If you do talk to a reporter, and can take a minute to let us know, we'd appreciate it. We look for news stories about our units and families, both for our historical files and to forward to others in the organization. If you have any question, need information or just want to tell us about your experience, call the NJNG Public Affairs Office at (609) 530-6939.

### Youth Group Available for Guard Teens

The New Jersey National Guard Youth Group is comprised of children of both Army and Air Guard members ages 12-17.

This group was formed to provide support and friendship to "Guard" teens throughout "Fort NJ" - the extended National Guard military community that spans the entire Garden State. Every teen is welcomed and encouraged to attend. The youth group has hosted youth symposiums, helped with family readiness and assistance center activities, socialized at different recreational events, and held activities at the officer's conference in their own "teen" room.



These opportunities enabled these young people to come together and share their experiences, voice their concerns, and relate to other guard teens who may also be experiencing deployment and separation issues. For further information, check out the website at [www.njguardteen.com](http://www.njguardteen.com)

### Has Your Status Changed?

New Jersey recently extended eligibility for State Veterans' benefits to those who served in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Assembly Bill 3564, which was approved on Dec. 16, 2003, provides veterans who served at least 14 days in country in support of either Operation, benefits that include civil service preference, annual property tax deductions as well as other benefits.

If you have any questions, contact the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs at 1-800-624-0508 for more information.

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## 50th Finance Arrives in Iraq

By Maj. Angelo M. Capolupo, Commander, 50th Finance Battalion, LSA Anaconda

Maj. Capolupo writes from an undisclosed location, "We are north at LSA Anaconda. 20 soldiers arrived via air on 24 Feb. The rest of us convoyed our vehicles up on 1 March. Had a controlled explosion of an improvised explosive device by Explosive Ordnance Disposal on our way up but no other incidents. LSA Anaconda is our home base. Currently establishing our Central Funding mission here. They are not set up for it so half my job is finding suitable, secure office space near the airfield (for ease of money movement from the flight line). Modifications to build a large vault need to be made...we are talking pallets of money here.

While the planning cell and myself develop our long-term mission, we are working with the 126th finance Battalion out of (Fort) Bragg to get our folks some cross training. The 126th is conducting the standard finance soldier support mission as well as contract support to LSA Anaconda. We (the 50th) are also temporarily providing support to the soldiers based about 20 miles south of here in Taji until another finance unit comes online (approximately until mid-April). So our soldiers will be on the road about 3 days per week doing this mission.

The 253rd has been a tremendous help in transferring some of their stuff to us for use during our rotation. We will do the same for any incoming N.J. units for Operation Iraqi Freedom-3. 253rd unit members were happy to see our N.J. cashiers when they visited finance (we try to make them feel at home)."



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## 177th Deploys To Red Flag

Story by 2nd Lt. Luz Aponte, 177FW/PAO

Photos by Master Sgt. Don Taggart, 177FW MultiMedia Center

From Feb. 28 to Mar. 13, the 177th Fighter Wing deployed 114 wing members to the peacetime battlefield known as the 414th Combat Training Squadron, located at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., to participate in Red Flag.

Red Flag, a combat training exercise, is conducted on Nellis' vast bombing and gunnery ranges. Pilots, intelligence and maintenance personnel along with weapons load teams were among the wing members who deployed for the two-week exercise. Senior Airman Jamie D'Amico, a 177th Intelligence Evaluator and first time Red Flag deployer stated, "It was a very valuable intel training experience to be able to employ precision guided munitions alongside other airframes and our coalition partners."

Red Flag exercises are aimed at maximizing combat readiness, capability and survivability of pilots, crews, and aircraft through simulated combat missions including dropping live munitions. This training plays an important role in preparing pilots for possible wartime situations.

The 177th gained invaluable experience in many areas while operating around the clock to support the exercise. The exercise is part of the wing's preparation for it's deployment later this year.



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## Short Rounds - Army and Air Graduates

Compiled by the Guardlife Staff

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### Eight Graduate from CAS3

Eight New Jersey Army National Guard officers recently completed Combined Arms Services Staff School (CAS3) at Fort Dix. CAS3 is part of the required officer education system and prepares officers for field grade assignments. Pictured are (front row, l-r): Capt. Bryant Albert, 3-112th Field Artillery, Capt. David Melendez, 2-102 Armor and Capt. Millie Morales, 50th Main Support Battalion. Back row (l-r): Maj. John Tumino, Joint Forces Headquarters-New Jersey, Capt. Todd Martin, 1-114th Infantry, Capt. Michael LaPoint, 1-150th General Support Aviation Battalion and Capt. Andrew Lazarchick, 250th Forward Support Battalion. Not pictured: Capt. Jan Burgess, 2-113th Infantry. Photo courtesy of Capt. Michael LaPoint, 1-150th General Support Aviation Battalion.



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### 13 Complete NCO Academy

Thirteen 177th Fighter Wing NCOs graduated from the Satellite Non-Commissioned Officer Academy Dec. 21 after completing four months of study at home and two-weeks at McGhee-Tyson Air National Guard Base in Tennessee. Front row (l-r): Technical Sergeants; Mark Olsen, Jeffrey Stevenson, Daniel Mitchell (Distinguished Graduate), Jose Gonzalez and Edgar Newell. Back row (l-r): Tech. Sgt. Dennis Siciliano, Staff Sgt. Michael Jones, Technical Sergeants; Frederick Kisby, Richard Burkhart (Class Leader), Michael Chaney, Joseph Zane, William Ericksen (Distinguished Graduate) and Frank Beck. Photo by Master Sgt. Mike Francis, 177FW Security Forces

### 15 Graduate From NCOA

Fifteen members of the 108th Refueling Wing graduated from the Satellite Non-Commissioned Officer Academy at McGhee-Tyson Air National Guard Base in Tennessee Dec. 21. Front row, bottom to top: Technical Sergeants; Richard Saccone, James Massano, Rosemary Huntbey, Thomas O'Rourke, James Beihl, Mark Ramos, Steven Johnson, and William Barnes. Back row, bottom to top: Technical Sergeants: Felix Zamot, Elizabeth Nixon, Barbara White, Keith Sentak, George McDowell, Francis Unterkoefler, and Joseph Hammell. Photo by Master Sgt. Ray Knox, 108ARW Visual Information Center.



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Private 1st Class Vinod K. Rao  
Private 1st Class Laxmisha Ayush  
Private 1st Class Mark A. Salmorin  
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Private 1st Class Evan M. Siemers  
Private 1st Class Santokh Singh  
Private 1st Class Brandon C. Traister  
Private 1st Class Ruben D. Vargas  
Private 1st Class Billy R. Wade

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Airman Jose I. Rodriguez  
Airman Stephanie S. Sharp  
Airman Robert W. Spiegel  
Airman Brian R. Weiss

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Airman Basic Bryan J. Berthold

**To Airman Basic**

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Deesha J. Patel

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Private 1st Class Simone A. Whyte  
Private 1st Class Eric S. Zinader  
Private 1st Class Alex V. Bauza  
Private 1st Class Joseph P. Defelice  
Private 1st Class Eric J. Easter  
Private 1st Class Brad E. Farmer  
Private 1st Class Jonathan Gonzalez  
Private 1st Class William D. Harpe  
Private 1st Class Derrick Harris  
Private 1st Class William A. Hawkins  
Private 1st Class Hamdan Jaludi  
Private 1st Class Sherley Joseph  
Private 1st Class Gregory R. Mellas  
Private 1st Class Elvin Quirindongo, Jr.  
Private 1st Class David S. Rivera  
Private 1st Class Jacob R. Rodriguez  
Private 1st Class Darell F. Szezypta  
Private 1st Class Daniel V. Welch  
Private 1st Class Sheila M. Williams  
Private 1st Class Andrew F. Wirth

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Pvt. 2 Kamilah N. Austin  
Pvt. 2 Mario C. Boyd  
Pvt. 2 Jennifer C. Briggs  
Pvt. 2 Jack B. Junior  
Pvt. 2 Ruell C. Brown  
Pvt. 2 Glenn A. Cabusora  
Pvt. 2 Daniel G. Carrion  
Pvt. 2 Orlando C. Alexis  
Pvt. 2 Hipolito A. Falcon  
Pvt. 2 Yanira Febres  
Pvt. 2 Vincent C. Giles, Jr.  
Pvt. 2 Nicholas Guadagnino  
Pvt. 2 Julian R. Harrison  
Pvt. 2 Kristofer C. Harrison  
Pvt. 2 Matthew R. Jenkins  
Pvt. 2 Robin A. Johnson  
Pvt. 2 Jeffrey J. Konopada  
Pvt. 2 Anthony J. Larobina  
Pvt. 2 John C. Lecreux  
Pvt. 2 Amaury Lopez  
Pvt. 2 Ingrid A. Maciasburgos  
Pvt. 2 Naji Aree Mitchell  
Pvt. 2 Houdine L. Moore  
Pvt. 2 Keith T. Muller  
Pvt. 2 Oluwat O. Olatunji  
Pvt. 2 Jonathan Z. Palmapere  
Pvt. 2 Roxie Perez  
Pvt. 2 Robert M. Piotrowski  
Pvt. 2 Daryl R. Reed  
Pvt. 2 Enoc Rivera  
Pvt. 2 Ezekiel Rivera  
Pvt. 2 Vincent R. Roettger  
Pvt. 2 Carlton I. Sargent II  
Pvt. 2 Ryan T. Schreiber  
Pvt. 2 Andrew E. Scott  
Pvt. 2 Noah P. Selling  
Pvt. 2 Ryan A. Sova  
Pvt. 2 Capri R. Spearman  
Pvt. 2 Heidi A. Strain  
Pvt. 2 Leopaldo A. Tiankee, Jr.  
Pvt. 2 Maria J. Tola  
Pvt. 2 Wendy C. Varner  
Pvt. 2 Veronica I. Villegas  
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**Family Appreciation Weekend**

National Guard Family Appreciation Day at Sea Girt NGTC, FREE!

**August 21, 2004**

Youth Camp Closing Ceremony, plenty of Family activities including BBQ, carnival rides and amusements, beach activities, entertainment and fireworks. Rain Date: Aug 22.

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