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Above: Lt. Col. Thomas Hallowell, battalion commander, 1-114 Infantry, 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, communicates with his Soldiers before an assault during a field training exercise at Fort Pickett, Va., on Aug. 18, 2013. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Matt Hecht/Released)

Cover: Soldiers from Charlie Company, 2-113th Infantry, 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team participate in an exercise that combines New Jersey's Air and Army assets as a unified combat force at Fort Pickett, Va. on Aug. 12, 2013. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Matt Hecht/Released)

8,200 reasons

By Brig. Gen. Michael L. Cunniff, The Adjutant General of New Jersey

It's a great time to be an Airman or Soldier in the New Jersey National Guard.

Your skills and dedication have never been in more demand and your service to this state and nation has made a tremendous impact for good.

We don't have to look very far into history to see the truth in this statement.

Each and every one of you should be proud of the way you came to the aid of your friends, neighbors and families when Superstorm Sandy struck.

In the words of Gov. Christie, you stepped up in one of the darkest hours of our state's history. You saved lives. You provided comfort to people who needed it the most. And your dedication and expertise allowed people in devastated communities to rebuild. Here's the most amazing thing: More than 150 decided to stay on duty even after learning that the storm had damaged your own homes.

That's selfless service. No other way to put it.

The months that followed the Superstorm brought many challenges to the National Guard.

As you all experienced, we are not immune from the budget constraints imposed across the federal government under what's known as sequestration. Although Defense Secretary Hagel helped reduce the number of furlough days imposed on our Technician workforce, our Soldiers and Airmen and their families were forced to sacrifice some of their pay. Mandatory cuts to operation and maintenance funds created other challenges.

The government shutdown in October disrupted training by forcing the rescheduling of drills.

I wish I could say that the budget challenges are behind us, but they are not.

But I have about 8,200 reasons to be optimistic about the future. And they are all of you, the Airmen and Soldiers of the New Jersey National Guard.

There has not been a challenge that you haven't met head on and overcome with your skills, dedication and hard work. In fact, the steeper the hill, the harder you climb. You've proved it over and over and you will again, I'm sure.

It's worth noting that the New Jersey National Guard leads the nation in two very important categories – recruiting and retention.

Great recruiting numbers come from the hard work of the Re-



Brig. Gen. Michael L. Cunniff, left, the Adjutant General, shakes Spc. Brian William Vanbuskirk's hand after awarding him the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal during the annual Military Review at the National Guard Training Center in Sea Girt, Sept. 29, 2013. Also receiving awards are Staff Sgt. Carl Hilpl and State Command Chief Master Sgt. Vincent Morton. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)

BRIG. GEN. MICHAEL L. CUNIFF
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL - NEW JERSEY

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cruting and Retention Command. But every Soldier and Airmen also deserves some of the credit. Your example of service gives others the desire to follow in your footsteps.

The retention rate speaks for itself.

It is a reflection of the pride you take in being ready to serve, no matter how dark the day or steep the climb.

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Aviators from the 1-150th Assault Helicopter Battalion, assisted 120 West Point cadets in rappelling from UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters at the U. S. Military Academy, N.Y., June 25, 2013. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)



SUICIDE

“...Military suicides eclipse combat deaths report states”

New Jersey's programs are the model DoD is using to combat this new enemy

Story by Staff Sgt. Wayne Woolley

It had been an unimaginably tumultuous time for the young New Jersey Army National Guard Soldier. In a span of 24 hours, his car broke down, his civilian employer laid him off and he was forced from his apartment after discovering his live-in girlfriend there with another man.

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The Soldier soon found himself sitting in the car that now held all his belongings, clutching a bottle of pills and contemplating suicide. He made a phone call instead.

Fortunately, the voice at the other end of the line belonged to Dr. Cynthia Lischick, the full-time director of psychological health for New Jersey National Guard Family Programs, who convinced the Soldier that ending his life was not the answer. In the days that followed, the Soldier was connected with more professionals who ultimately helped him find a new job and a place to live.

The safety net that caught this Soldier here in New Jersey is one of the most comprehensive systems to be created anywhere in America to assist service members, Veterans and their families with mental health issues including suicide prevention, post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury and substance abuse. In the past eight years, New Jersey has created a unique umbrella of organizations and partnerships using a blend of state and federal funding to create a system that is saving lives. It's a system that has helped the state maintain one of the lowest suicide rates in the Army National Guard.

"Suicide prevention is our number-one priority," said Brig. Gen. Michael Cunniff, The Adjutant General. "And it starts with every Soldier and every Airman. We need to look out for each other."

The New Jersey National Guard has made resiliency training a cornerstone of its suicide-prevention efforts to break the negative stigma associated with mental-health issues. In addition to training unit-level suicide prevention specialists, the National Guard has established the Joint Military and Family Assistance Center (JMFAC) located at the Bordentown armory.

Even these measures are no guarantee of success.

In most of the country, our military – particularly the active Army and the Army National Guard -- is grappling with what could only be described as a suicide epidemic. Although the suicide rate for the active Army and Army National Guard leveled off in 2009 after five years of increases, the rates increased over the first seven months of 2013 and eclipsed more than one a day in July.

Public awareness of this issue was

heightened by a Time Magazine cover story in July that not only laid out the grim numbers but put human faces on the tragedy. Two of the most heartbreaking stories were those of Ian Morrison, 26, a West Pointer and attack helicopter pilot, and Dr. Michael McClendon, 37, an obstetrician who had once been an enlisted Soldier on a bomb squad. Both men were captains. Both took their own lives 4,000 miles apart on March 21, 2012 after each had repeatedly tried to get help for the deep depression that had overwhelmed them.

The effort to keep our service members

health. The work done in Bordentown complements the work done by the staff at eight Family Assistance Centers co-located with Army Guard armories and Air Guard families.

Family Programs takes the lead on all issues involving the reintegration of Soldiers back into their civilian lives following a deployment, with a particular focus on mental health.

The mental health resources at Family Programs were bolstered three years ago with the hiring of Dr. Cynthia Lischick as Director of Psychological Health.

In those years, Lischick has successfully

They want to hear from someone who knows that PTSD is real, traumatic brain injury is real, that feeling like you're in a dark place and can't get out is real.

Melissa Tippett
Vets4Warriors counselor

from falling through the cracks begins practically the first day they put on the uniform.

After the Soldiers and Airmen of the New Jersey National Guard complete their training and join their units, some of the first people they hear from are chaplains assistants and people like Staff Sgt. Jamie Gayner, who serves as the Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training non-commissioned officer with the 119th Combat Service Support Battalion in Cherry Hill. It's her job to train other leaders about the ways to identify at-risk Soldiers. She also takes it upon herself to be a walking rolodex of resources both inside and outside the military where a Soldier can turn to for anything from help finding a new job to a trained mental health specialist.

"Getting people help when they need it is my passion," says Gayner, who is majoring in social work at Rutgers University.

Giving service members the tools they need to tackle their challenges before they become a crisis is at the heart of New Jersey National Guard Family Programs. From an office in Bordentown, more than a dozen full-time professionals assist National Guard members and their families with issues ranging from civilian employment, to relationships with spouses and children, to all aspects of mental

intervened in more than 50 cases where a Soldier was contemplating suicide. Although her main objective is to link Soldiers suffering from mental health issues with other professionals who can provide long-term counseling if needed, she often fills that gap in cases where other treatment is not available. But she's a fierce advocate for Soldiers in helping them immediately access mental health services, often accompanying them to facilities run by the U.S. Veterans Administration – and not leaving until they are screened, prescribed medication if needed, and a follow-up treatment plan established.

"I'm 24/7, 365," Lischick says. "And that's fine because I love my job. I was told when I was hired it would be the best job I'd ever had and it is. This is one of the best National Guard organizations to work with. I have none of the problems I've heard from my counterparts in other places. We remain one of the lowest suicide rates among the states and there's a reason for that. A lot of it is that we have military commanders who understand and have seen to it that we are resource rich."

New Jersey is one of only seven states that provide additional mental health services for Veterans and the only state to extend this assistance to their families.

A WAR WHERE NO ONE SEES AN END

The state of New Jersey became a pioneer for mental health services for its service members and Veterans nearly a decade ago with the launch of Vet2Vet, a toll free, 24-hour Veterans Helpline – 1-866-838-7654 (1-866-VETS-NJ4).

More than 3,500 Veterans and nearly 1,500 family members have called this number and been connected with one of the dozen Veteran peer counselors who man the phones. The hotline, which is run in partnership with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey has been widely emulated by other state and federal agencies.

Perhaps the ultimate recognition of the potency of Vet2Vet came

in December when the National Guard Bureau selected UMDNJ's University Behavioral Health Care to launch a federally-funded companion service called Vets4Warriors. And it is exactly what its name describes, Veterans helping those still in uniform. The helpline is available to current and former National Guard Soldiers and Airmen from across the country. Since its launch, Vets4Warriors has fielded calls from more than 13,000 Veterans.

The mission of Vets4Warriors is to connect Veterans with the help they need for any mental health issue, and to do it with fellow vets who speak their language. The top issues facing these Veterans – more than one third of whom served in Iraq or Afghanistan – are anxiety, depression, sleeplessness, medical issues, post-traumatic stress disorder.

Many of the callers



Melissa Tippett, a Vets4Warriors counselor works the Vet2Vet hotline, a toll free, 24-hour Veterans Helpline, which is run in partnership with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. The helpline has been widely emulated by other state and federal agencies. Tippett was injured by a roadside bomb during a tour in Iraq as an Army military policeman. (Photo by Mark C. Olsen, New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs)

are just looking to talk to someone who has walked in their shoes.

“They want to hear from someone who knows that PTSD is real, traumatic brain injury is real, that feeling like you’re in a dark place and can’t get out is real,” says Melissa Tippett, a Vets4Warriors counselor who was injured by a roadside bomb during a tour in Iraq as an Army military policeman.

Tippett came home from Iraq with pieces of shrapnel still lodged in her body from the blast

and a numbness in half her body. Her most vivid memory of coming home was dropping to her belly and low-crawling through a Walmart parking lot near Fort Polk, La., when a car backfired.

“Someone was walking past me and said something like ‘It’s OK, you’re home now’ and I felt a little better,” she said. “That’s why I love this job. If a service like Vets4Warriors would have been around when I came home, it might have made a big difference in how I dealt with things.”

In those years, Lischick has successfully intervened in more than 50 cases where a Soldier was contemplating suicide. “I’m 24/7, 365. And that’s fine because I love my job. I was told when I was hired it would be the best job I’d ever had and it is.”

Dr. Cynthia Lischick

Director of Psychological Health, New Jersey National Guard Family Programs

Definition of service



In some of our state's darkest hours, you were there. On behalf of every New Jersey resident, I want to thank you.

Chris Christie
Governor



**Story by Staff Sgt. Wayne Woolley
Photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen**

Carrying on a 121-year-old tradition, the New Jersey National Guard held its military review at the National Guard Training Center in Sea Girt on Sept. 29 and Gov. Chris Christie thanked the force for its selfless service to state and nation.

Christie said National Guard overseas missions enhance the security of every American – and the performance of its Soldiers and Airmen during Superstorm Sandy earned a debt of gratitude from every New Jerseyan.

“In some of our state’s darkest hours, you were there,” Christie said. “On behalf of every New Jersey resident, I want to thank you.”

Brig. Gen. Michael L. Cunniff, The Adjutant General, told the Soldiers and Airmen that their response to a storm unrivaled in its destructive power was “awe-inspiring in its scope and effectiveness.”

He said that in addition to helping more than 7,000 people to safety, the variety of other

missions undertaken by the National Guard during the storm demonstrated its versatility, from creating an emergency fuel distribution for first responders to feeding residents of the Shore at mobile kitchens.

But he said the most noteworthy fact about the National Guard performance was the fact that nearly 150 Soldiers and Airmen whose own homes were impacted by the storm elected to remain on duty.

“That’s the true definition of selfless service,” he said.

Both Christie and Cunniff thanked the National Guard members’ families for support that makes their service possible and acknowledged the contributions made by the state’s Veterans’ community.

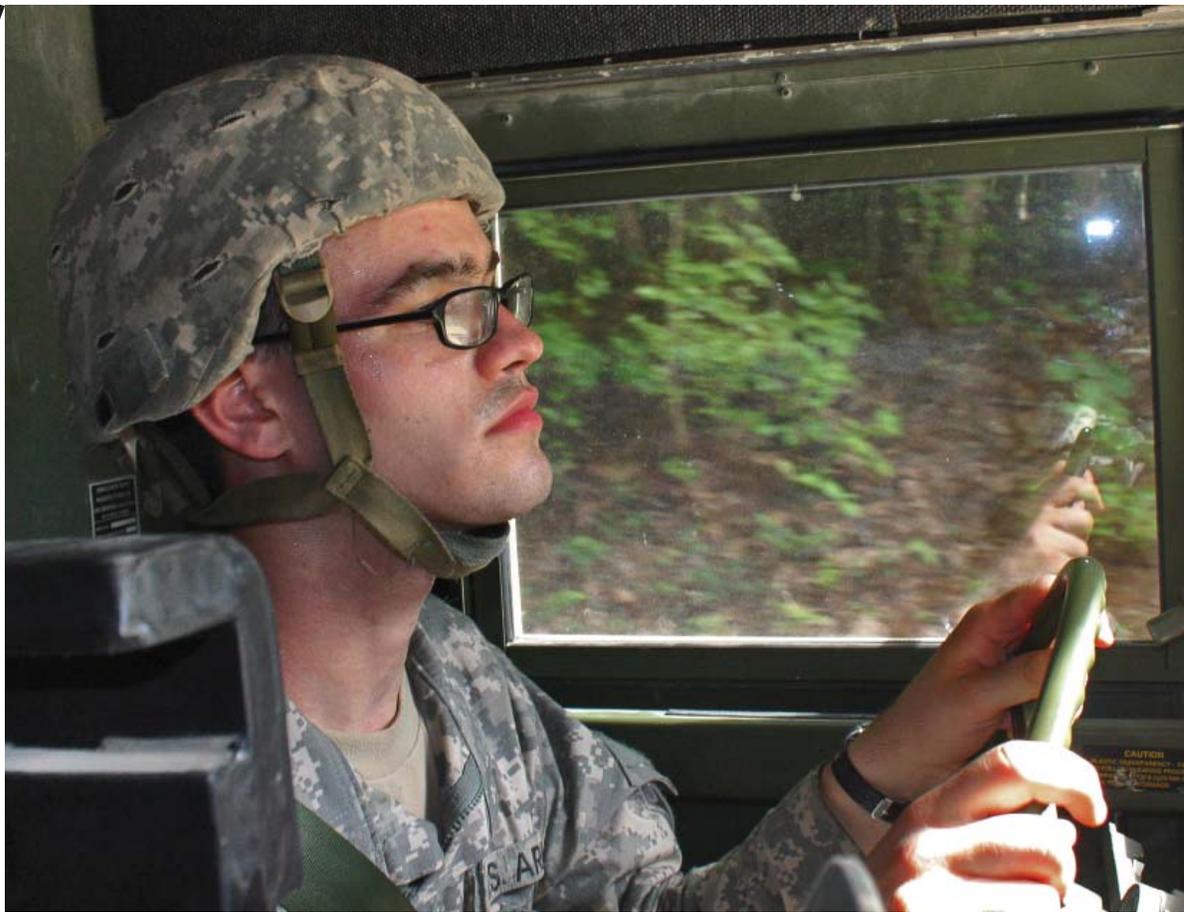
As the ceremony began, Christie signed legislation that allows the state Motor Vehicle Commission to issue driver’s license that recognizes a veteran’s status with a “V.”

This will hopefully make your life a little easier with a more convenient way of proving veteran status,” Christie said.

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Speed of life

Story and photos by
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Spc. Kevin Heaney

FORT PICKETT, Va. -- Spc. Kevin Heaney got out of his Humvee ambulance and yelled for help. The New Jersey Army National Guard medic needed an assistant driver and he needed one now.

This was no drill.

Heaney's sergeant was already in the back of the ambulance treating two 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Soldiers who had been overcome by heat at a field exercise during their unit's Annual Training.

Heaney's heart pounded like a kick drum. His vision tunneled. He barked instructions back and forth with his sergeant, scanned the skinny

Denaro and Richard Carson went to work, loosening his uniform and covering him with cool wet rags as they searched for a vein to administer intravenous fluid.

The patient's blood pressure was weak. Three times the medics attempted to insert the catheter. Twice the vein collapsed. The patient spied the flash of red. Emotion gripped him.

Brown grabbed his patient's hand, met his frenzied gaze and smiled. The IV began to flow. "You did great," Brown said.

Calm returned to the infantryman's eyes.

You don't want to lose it in front of the patient. You want to calm them. If you're crazy and you're acting nervous it's going to freak out the patient.

**Pfc. Sarah Heitzenroeder
Medic, 250th Brigade Support Battalion**

gravel road for other military vehicles, sent an update to the officer on the other end of the walkie-talkie and told the stranger he just met how to serve as an assistant driver in his ambulance.

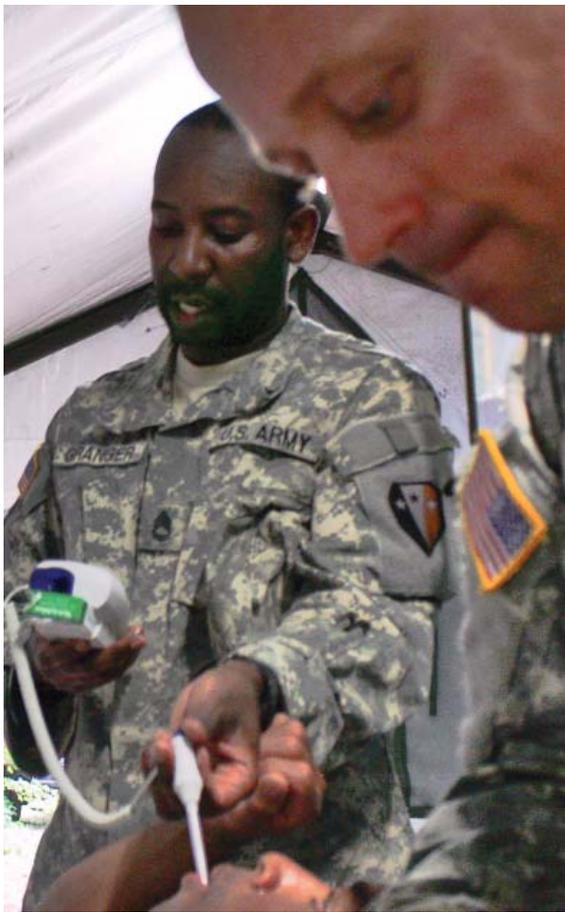
Time was of the essence. The two infantrymen were fading as their lucidity drained away one drop of a sweat at a time.

Arriving at the 50th Brigade Special Troops Battalion Aid Station, the doors of the ambulance swung open and Sgt. 1st Class Sherwin Granger helped the heat-stricken Soldiers toward the treatment tent. One was able to walk. The second needed a stretcher. When he reached the treatment area, the medic team of Sgt. Thomas Brown and Pfc. Tony

To Conserve Fighting Strength

For most of the Soldiers who attended the three-week exercise, their performance was evaluated on their achievements during a vast, realistic, wartime simulation. For the women and men who provide medical support, everything revolves around how well and fast they can aid their fellow Soldiers.

"Everything we do is real. These are real Soldiers," said Lt. Col Stephen McKenzie, an emergency medicine physician's assistant and the brigade surgeon for the 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team. "Army medics can be called in at a moment's notice to re-



Sgt. 1st Class Sherwin Granger



Pfc. Tony Denaro

spond to any life, limb or eyesight issues.”

The nearest hospital is 12 miles away and not the level of facility that is required to support the hyper-athletic demands of Army training. Even in optimal conditions an ambulance would have more than a half an hour drive at full speed to get to the nearest of the far-flung training areas where warfighters hone their craft.

“These Soldiers provide an incredibly high level of care because our training becomes real-world in minutes,” McKenzie said.

The medic’s command structure provided three echelons of health care in the training areas and a Brigade Medical Support Company aid station in the garrison section of the installation.

While there are also four medevac helicopters on standby from the Virginia State Police and Virginia Commonwealth University, constant support by Range EMS and Southside Regional Medical Center nearby, the medics in the field are still the first best chance the Soldiers and support personnel of the 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team have.

“Our job is to send them back to the field,” said Army nurse 1st Lt. Wilbert Villaluna of Company C, 250th Brigade Support Battalion. “Our job is to get them back to the fight.”

Soldiers are always returned to duty with instructions that help them avoid re-injuring themselves.

Healing with calmness

The calm face and even voice of the confident healer is a blessing to the injured and afflicted. To the medic, it’s part of a day’s work.

While the challenge of remediating dehydration, infection, insect bites and exhaustion exact many tolls on the body, there is a particular and less visible fatigue borne on the minds of these medics.

Pfc. Sarah Heitzenroeder works three part-time jobs when not with the Army National Guard, so it makes sense that she weathers the excep-

tionally mentally and emotionally demanding duty of a medic. However, she confesses it doesn’t make it any easier.

“During training we do a lot of drills. We don’t have time to think about this. We just see it and do what needs to be done,” Heitzenroeder said. “While it’s happening there is no emotion. You get tunnel vision. You’re just looking at the mission you’re trying to complete.”

But the medic’s mission involves maintaining calm when the patient, most often a Soldier just like her, is suffering right in front of her.

“You don’t want to lose it in front of the patient,” she said. “You want to calm them. If you’re crazy and you’re acting nervous it’s going to freak out the patient.”

“I want them to focus on me and I want to focus on them,” Heitzenroeder said.

Hero O’clock in the morning

Time is the opposing force that all health-care providers battle, whether fighting infection or shock or dehydration, but in austere environments, staffing to address those challenges adds other obstacles.

On August 7, Pfc. Heitzenroeder began seeing patients at five a.m. during “sick call hours” in the Battalion Aid Station. She saw her last patient 16 hours later.

“It’s the job,” she said.

McKenzie said that providing 24-hour care is critical to conserving combat power and helps avoid interruptions in training.

“An acute illness or injury can happen anytime, especially when Soldiers push themselves to the limit,” he said.

1st Lt. Debra Cho, the evacuation platoon leader explained that is why Charlie Med is a 24-hour operation.

“It may be three in the morning,” Cho said. “If we get a call, we’re there.”

Ready for B

Story and photos by
Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen
108th Wing Public Affairs



No one's yelling at them... Yet.

But when the training instructors at Basic Military Training (BMT) at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas begin molding the new enlistees, the New Jersey recruits will be ready for the experience.

BMT



John J. Adams, above, 108th Wing Student Flight, practices his push-ups April 13, 2013, at the National Guard Training Center in Sea Girt, N.J. Forty-four members of the New Jersey Air National Guard Student Flight spent a weekend in a simulated basic training environment preparing them for military culture.

Ready for BMT

"It's quite a culture shock when they step off the bus at basic training," said Master Sgt. Shane Clark, recruiting office supervisor, 108th Wing. "We reduce the culture shock for them."

For two days in April, 44 members of the New Jersey Air National Guard Student Flight had the opportunity to experience a simulated BMT environment set up by 108th Wing and 177th Fighter Wing recruiters and other unit members at the National Guard Training Center in Sea Girt, N.J.

Normally Student Flight members meet at their Wings, but once a quarter both Wings are brought together at Sea Girt.

"We run them through a simulated basic training for the weekend," said Clark. "Our goal is to have them prepared for what's going to happen when they step off the bus."

Student Flight gives new enlistees a head start on basic training, making the transition from civilians into Airmen easier from the time of enlistment until the time they leave for BMT.

"Historically the self eliminations in basic training happen in the first week," said Clark.

To prevent those recruits from quitting, Student Flight covers topics such as reporting procedures, drill and ceremony, physical training and the Air Force mission, vision and core values. Additionally, they attend

classes that range from resiliency training to financial management.

The preparation is paying off. Since the New Jersey Air National Guard Student Flight started in October 2011, none of the New Jersey enlistees have self eliminated in the first week. More importantly they are succeeding.

"We find that our folks end up being put in leadership positions at BMT," said Clark.

These positions, which range from being element leaders to guidon bearers and dorm chiefs, give the recruits their first position of responsibility in the Air Force.



Tech. Sgt. James Morris, right, a 177th Fighter Wing recruiter, explains the about face movement to Edana A. Kudjordji, 108th Wing Student Flight, April 13, 2013. Student Flight is comprised of 33 enlistees from the 108th Wing and 11 from the 177th Fighter Wing.



Members of the New Jersey Air National Guard Student Flight march to their class April 13, 2013. They drill as trainees - their title throughout BMT - during regular unit training assemblies at the Wings and are paid at whatever grade in which they enlisted.

The program was coordinated with Air Education and Training Command to determine what New Jersey could and could not do to prepare Student Flight members for BMT.

Recruits spend four to eight months in Student Flight and every New Jersey recruit goes through the Sea Girt experience at least once. In cases where the time between enlisting and going to BMT is longer than four months, the enlistees get a second and sometimes a third opportunity at Sea Girt.

"The people that have been here before, we put in charge of the other recruits," said Clark.

The feedback from returning Airmen about the Sea Girt experience is positive with the majority of them saying it helped them get through the first week.

"They understood the point of everything at basic training," said Clark. "They were ready for it."

Sgt. Jeff Turner
motor pool sergeant

A photograph of Sgt. Jeff Turner, a motor pool sergeant, wearing safety glasses and a light-colored t-shirt, leaning over the open engine compartment of a vehicle. He is focused on adjusting or inspecting a component of the engine. The background shows the interior of the vehicle and other parts of the engine bay.

Fine tuning AT

Story and photos by Sgt. Michael J. Davis, 444th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

FORT INDIANTOWN GAP, Pa. — Scorching rays from the unyielding early morning sun illuminate the scores of steel Soldiers in the maintenance yard standing motionless in formation - a proud military display. The way they are positioned seems as if they are waiting for their next set of orders to come. In the distance, the metal facade of the half raised 30-foot bay doors and a faint, rag-tag symphony of clanging metal tools, humming hydraulic instruments and colorful mechanic language fills the air.

“We keep the vehicles moving,” said Sgt. Jeff Turner, acting motor pool sergeant and light wheel mechanic with the 119th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, while standing in an open bay near a torn-down high mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicle, or more commonly known as Humvee.

Turner, a 16-year veteran and mechanic with the Army National Guard, has been with this unit for more than six years and is currently on his sixth Annual Training (AT) period with them. For Turner, this two-week training period presents an opportunity to continue honing his technical skills as well as develop his team by responding to both actual and simulated scenarios.

“On AT we get to do our MOS (Military Occupational Specialty) most of the time,” said Turner. “We maintain all the vehicles for the unit.”

Pfc. John Bayers, a generator mechanic with the 119th CSSB, has been in the New Jersey Army National Guard for a little more than a year and is in the throes of his first AT period.

“This is what I’ve been waiting for,” said Bayers.

Bayers felt confident and prepared for his first AT as a result of the intense preparation they completed in the

preceding months. He said they focused heavily on familiarization and learning the technical specifications for all the vehicles in use during AT.

Bayers said, “we’re only on day three and we already have two vehicles that need to be up and running as a priority for AT.”

All the mechanics in the 119th CSSB understand that having operational vehicles is critical and that it takes more than just training to complete a successful mission. It’s the culmination of classroom knowledge and real-world application that has grown the level of experience and talent in the 119th CSSB.

“We do what we do to get the job done; we always find a way,” said Turner.

A photograph of Pfc. John Bayers, a generator mechanic, wearing safety glasses and a light-colored t-shirt, working on the front of a vehicle. He is holding a large, round headlight lens in his hands, examining it. The vehicle's front grille and another headlight are visible in the background.

Pfc. John Bayers
generator mechanic



FROM PATROL TO PAGEANT

By Spc. Devon Bistarkey
444th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

My experience in the National Guard boosts my confidence. I do it to show girls that you can do anything.

To walk a mile in the shoes of Spc. Francesca Vollaro requires a wardrobe change.

Swapping out her combat boots for a pair of pageant heels, Vollaro took the title of first runner-up at the Miss American Coed Pageant Nov. 25, in Orlando, Fla.

Vollaro, a military police Soldier with the New Jersey National Guard's 508th Military Police Company, earned her spot at the national competition after being named Miss New Jersey Coed on July 21, 2013 – three weeks after returning home from a deployment to Afghanistan.

While overseas, the Bloomingdale resident planned for her first pageant as motivation during the 9-month deployment.

With limited opportunities to prepare for the pageant, Vollaro purchased her formal dress online and took the stage during the interview segment of the competition wearing a handmade suit from Afghanistan.

"In my interview, I share that I am in the National Guard, and I say it with pride," said Vollaro.

While other contestants trained with coaches and honed their presentation and communication skills, Vollaro relied on her military training and support from her battle buddies.

Transitioning from her active duty role to a poised pageant contestant, Vollaro had the support of her MP unit. In a live video stream, Vollaro's fellow Soldiers were able to watch as she took her most current title.

"My experience in the National Guard boosts my confidence," said Vollaro, 21, who is majoring in

justice studies at Montclair State University.

"I do it to show girls that you can do anything," said Vollaro.

Furthermore, Vollaro said she joined the National Guard as a way to follow in the footsteps of her great-grandfather, who served in World War II.

She hopes to make a career in the National Guard and would not hesitate to serve another tour of duty in Afghanistan.

She says that one of the most satisfying opportunities during her deployment to Afghanistan was the opportunity to work with children in orphanages.

According to the Miss American Coed Pageant website, the pageant has awarded more than \$12 million in scholarships and prizes since its inception in 1983. The purpose of the pageant is to help develop tomorrow's leaders. As the contestants go through the competition process, they gain poise and self-confidence and hone their communication skills.

Vollaro will use her time in the spotlight to solicit support for those serving in the armed forces.

"I want the community to remember them and to support them," said Vollaro.

In my interview, I share that I am in the National Guard, and I say it with pride.

Final Check

Senior Airman Vaughn Price, left, makes a final adjustment on Senior Airman Guss Tyshawn Jenkins' uniform prior to the 108th Contingency Response Group's Assumption of Command ceremony at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., Dec. 8, 2013. Both Airmen are members of the 108th Wing Honor Guard. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen)



Popcorn Scout

New Jersey National Guard Soldiers and Airmen divvy up \$2,001 worth of popcorn that Boy Scout Donovan Fisher, second from left, also known as "the Popcorn Scout", donated to the NJNG at the Joint Military and Family Assistance Center in Bordentown, N.J., Nov. 7, 2013. The popcorn will be distributed among NJNG units in the state, as well as to deployed NJNG units in Afghanistan. Fisher was ranked fourth in the nation in 2012 for fund-raising among the Boy Scout troops raising \$16,167. In 2011, he was 14th in the nation. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)



WATER TRAINING



U.S. Coast Guard rescue swimmer Jason Foyne instructs 1st Lt. Michael Gallinoto on rescue procedures as an HH-65C Dolphin rescue helicopter from Coast Guard Air Station Atlantic City approaches during a joint training exercise in Port Republic, N.J., Aug. 9, 2013. Gallinoto is an F-16C Fighting Falcon pilot assigned to the 177th Fighter Wing. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Matt Hecht/Released)



I tried to imagine I was actually being hoisted in a non-training rescue scenario and how glad I would be to be safe in the hands of friendly forces.

Dragon Soldiers

Story and photo by
Tech. Sgt. Armando Vasquez

Their jobs are not the most glamorous in the military but very critical for survival. They have to perform their duties in any type of weather element, and if in a serious situation, most likely they will be suited up in a uniform that can be very uncomfortable in the hot weather.

“It takes a special kind of person to be a Dragon Soldier,” said Capt. Leo Magee, company commander 50th Chemical Company. “These Soldiers love this stuff and they have to in order to perform their duties.”

What Magee refers to is the job duties of a chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) operations specialist. The Dragon Soldiers are primarily responsible for defending the country against the threat of CBRN weapons and weapons of mass destruction (WMD).

They accomplish this task by planning, employing and coordinating CBRN defense systems in support of joint and combined arms operations, which include CBRN reconnaissance, biological agent detection, obscurant systems, decontamination and other CBRN hazard detection and warning.

But what makes this job a little more difficult is the possibility of having to don into MOPP level 4. MOPP, which stands for mission oriented protective posture, are broken into five levels, with level zero being the most passive in which the Soldier only carries their protective gear. At level 4, the Soldier has don his full protective gear, which include over garment, mask and hood, field gear, footwear covers and gloves. And at this level the Soldier is in a very uncomfortable position, not only because of the heat and obstructed view from the mask, but because at this level, most likely they are in the presence of some CBRN agent.

“We are the first to go in to a possible chemical environment,” said Sgt. Curtis Baptiste, a CBRN specialist with the 50th Chemical Co. “Our job is to detect any type of chemical. We search and survey the area and then report to higher command our findings.”

Utilizing hand-held detection kits or biological integrated detection system (BIDS) vehicles, the Soldiers from the 50th Company perform their jobs that keep other Soldiers safe on the battlefield.

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**Sgt. Curtis Baptiste
CBRN specialist
50th Chemical Company**



Spc. John Barandica, a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear operations specialist, power washes a Humvee as part of the decontamination process during a CBRN defense exercise July 23, 2013. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Armando Vasquez/Released)

Consequently, Staff Sgt. Peter Taburas, also a CBRN specialist with the 50th Chemical Co., Baptiste and more than 60 Soldiers from the Somerset Armory-based unit were practiced their skills July 23 at the Armory. In hot weather, they simulated the detection and decontamination of troops and vehicles as part of their annual training, which ran from July 15-29. Although the scenario was simulated, the process was real as the Soldiers with their gas mask on, sprayed, scrubbed and washed vehicles to ensure that any chemical agent was removed and equipment and Soldiers were ready to get back to their mission.

“This is some excellent training,” said 1st Lt. Elizabeth Donofrio, executive officer of the 50th Chemical Co. “In our traditional Guard schedule; it is very difficult to train on all the tasks, so we train harder during our annual training.”

They know their jobs are very important if a disaster or an attack with WMDs happens in New Jersey, as they would be most likely called up to assist civil authorities and first responders, as well as the 21st Civil Support Team. The 21st CST’s mission is to assess a suspected WMD attack, advise civilian responders on appropriate actions, and facilitate the arrival of additional state and federal military forces.

So critical is the job of these CBRN specialists that Lt. Col. Timothy Metcalf, the 21st CST commander, paid a visit to the Somerset Armory to assess the training of the Dragon Soldiers.

As the only chemical company in the New Jersey National Guard, training to stay mission ready is taken very serious by these Soldiers, noted Magee.

“We want to put the Company on the map,” said Magee.

PROFESSIONAL BAD GUYS

Story and photos by
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MAYS LANDING, N.J. – Airmen from the 177th Fighter Wing were once again asked to evaluate and participate in the annual Atlantic County crisis response exercise, which was held at Atlantic Cape Community College on July 12.

In a statement released by the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office said, "This year we sought out a "Team" with "Overseas Experience".

We received tremendous support via the combat forces and technical support supplied by the 177th Fighter Wing. Training can never replace real life experiences, but their experiences can be passed on to others in the form of a training exercise. The personnel from the 177th Fighter Wing who were assigned to this exercise were well prepared, providing the Atlantic County Hostage Team as well as the Atlantic County Emergency Response Team (ACERT) with a very challenging exercise and training opportunity."

Two Airmen from the 177th Fighter Wing, Staff Sgt. Kevin Allman and Staff Sgt. David Pabon, both veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom, were brought in to act as hostage takers.

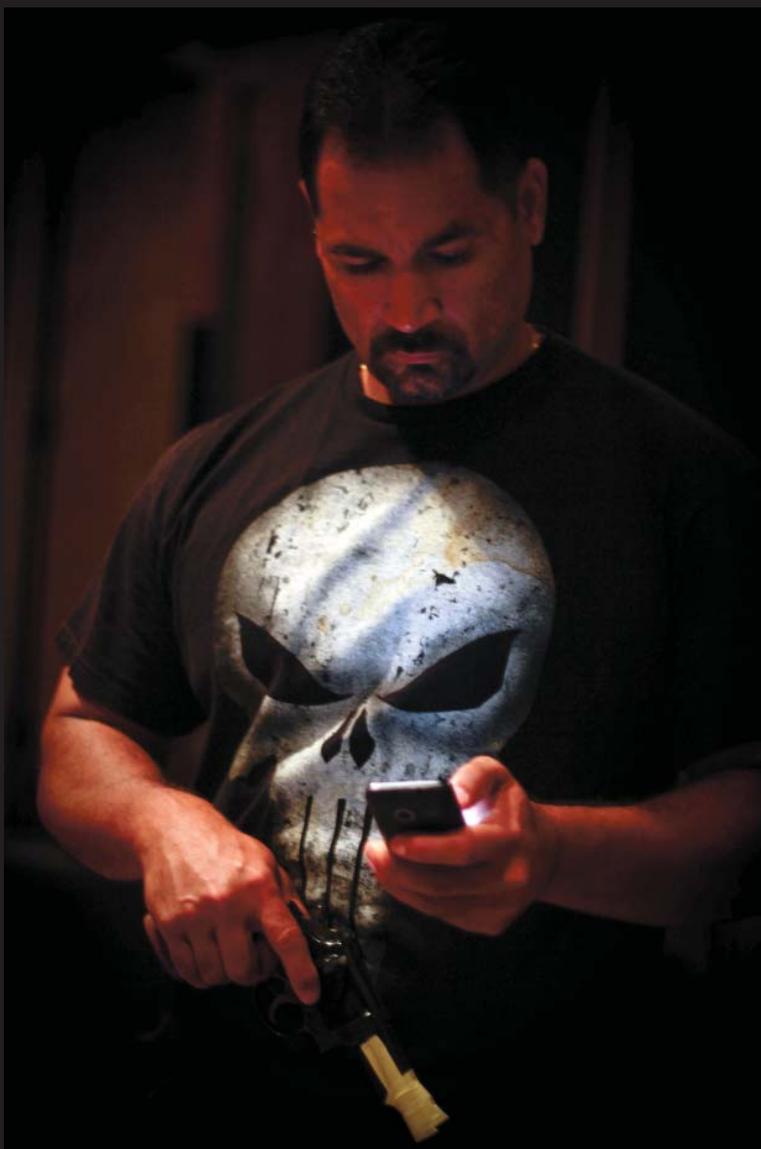
Allman, a member of the 177th Security Forces Squadron, and also a member of the Ocean County Sheriff's Office, likened the role to being a

"professional bad guy."

"This exercise is all about professionals helping professionals," said Allman. "I'm happy to help out today as an Air National Guardsman, using my military and civilian experience to help the local law enforcement community."

Master Sgt. Joe Iacovone, also from the 177th Security Forces Squadron, helped with the coordination of the exercise as well as the evaluation.

"These exercises not only develop the training for local officers, but they also help to strengthen the bonds between the Air National Guard and our civilian counterparts in the community," said Iacovone, who is also an Atlantic City Police Officer. "Our experiences as civilian police officers, as well as combat experiences overseas and what we faced can benefit the county SWAT teams and how they react to different situations. Even as we're evaluating this year's exercise, we're already planning and looking forward to next year's event."



Staff. Sgt. David Pabon communicates with fellow opposing forces members at Atlantic Cape Community College in Hamilton Township, N.J. on July 12, 2013.



Photo left: Spc. Anthony Bann with A Troop, 102nd Cavalry Regiment, 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, prepares a RQ-11B Raven unmanned aerial vehicle for preflight instructions at Castles Drop Zone, Fort Pickett, Va., August 16, 2013. Photo top right: Staff Sgt. Robert Phoebus with C Troop, 102nd Cavalry Regiment, launches a RQ-11B Raven while Staff Sgt. James Nirenberg, a Raven master instructor from the Florida Army National Guard observes. Photo below right: Spc. Bann launches a Raven, which is ideal for tactical-level intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions.

RAVEN TRAINING SOARS

*Story and photos by
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177th Fighter Wing
Public Affairs*



“It’s all in the follow through,” said Staff Sgt. James Nirenberg, as Staff. Sgt. Robert Phoebus was getting ready to propel a small unmanned aerial vehicle into flight at Castles Drop Zone, Fort Pickett, Va., on August 16, 2013.

New Jersey Army National Guardsmen spent three days with Nirenberg and Sgt. First Class Jorge Ramos, both certified RQ-11B Raven master trainers.

The RQ-11B can be remotely controlled from the ground or fly programmed missions using GPS waypoint navigation. The UAV weighs 4.2 lbs. and it has a modular design so it can be carried in ruck sacks by a two-man team.

“In wartime, the Raven is a force multiplier and a fantastic force protection piece of equipment,” said Ramos, from the Massachusetts Army National Guard’s 101st Regiment Regional Training Institute. “In the past, if you needed to see what was beyond that ridge, you could potentially put Soldiers, Airmen or Marines in harm’s way. Now we can send a Raven out there, recon the area and send live feeds to commanders in the field, as well as commanders in the rear.

Phoebus, from C Troop, 102nd Cavalry Regiment, 50th Infantry Brigade Combat team, was the first to launch a Raven B during training.

“The Raven could be a great tool for homeland defense and security,” said Phoebus. “We used to do security for a site with a company

of Soldiers, but with the Raven, you could have four or five Soldiers do the job and do more with less.”

Nirenberg and Ramos observed the Guardsmen as they monitored live video feeds, tracked flight hours and successfully recovered aircraft.

“With the training we’ve done, the New Jersey Army National Guard will be mission qualified to operate this system,” said Ramos. “By having an asset like this, they can scan the perimeter, conduct convoy security or check routes for safety. It’s a true force multiplier for the New Jersey Army National Guard.”



EYES ON TARGET

A photograph of two snipers in a forest. The sniper on the left is wearing a brown ghillie suit and a helmet, looking through a spotting scope mounted on a tripod. The sniper on the right is wearing a tan cap and a ghillie suit, looking through a rifle. The background is a dense forest of tall trees.

A sniper team from 1-114th Infantry, 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, participates in a field training exercise at Fort Pickett, Va., on August 14, 2013. This exercise was the first of its kind for the National Guard, as New Jersey's Air and Army assets combine as a unified combat force. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Matt Hecht/Released)





Training for disaster

Story and photos by
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Clouds gathered in the distance, painting the sky an inky black.

Thunder rumbled while lightning flashed on the scene of inhabitants fleeing the coastal towns of New Jersey. Fear mounted, as Superstorm Sandy decimated New Jersey's shores. The evacuees, forced from their beloved homes, felt helpless; wondering where to go, where to find a meal, fresh clothing, a hot shower. Their lives were in an upheaval, but the state banded together to provide for its people.

In Sandy's aftermath, many members of the New Jersey Air National Guard volunteered to assist with clean-up, security details and many other tasks to help victims. These Guard members were part of the Quick Reaction Force (QRF).

During September's 2013 Unit Training Assembly, members of the 108th Wing and 177th Fighter Wing sacrificed their time and joined forces to undertake QRF training. More than 150 members attended the training, which involved an array of skills taught by Sgts. 1st Class Todd Friedman Tim Hoke, Barry Douglass, and Staff

Sgt. David Crenshaw, all members of the New Jersey Army National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 254th Regiment, Sea Girt, N.J.

For those unfamiliar with the QRF, the U.S. Army Combined Arms Center defines it as any force that is poised to respond on very short notice, typically less than fifteen minutes. One of the instructors, Hoke, explained further, stating that QRF teams are trained to deal with civil disturbances, site security, roadblocks/checkpoints, and vehicle and personnel searches. Hoke also said that every state is mandated to have a QRF consisting of 200 personnel.

The course is normally a week long course, but this shortened two-day version is intended to familiarize Guard personnel with tasks involved with a National Guard reaction force. Hoke said, "This class gives basic knowledge, which will serve as a foundation for those attending the full course."

During the training, members were initially briefed and prepared in a classroom setting, then their skills were tested in hands-on situations. The instructors had four training areas, focusing on each

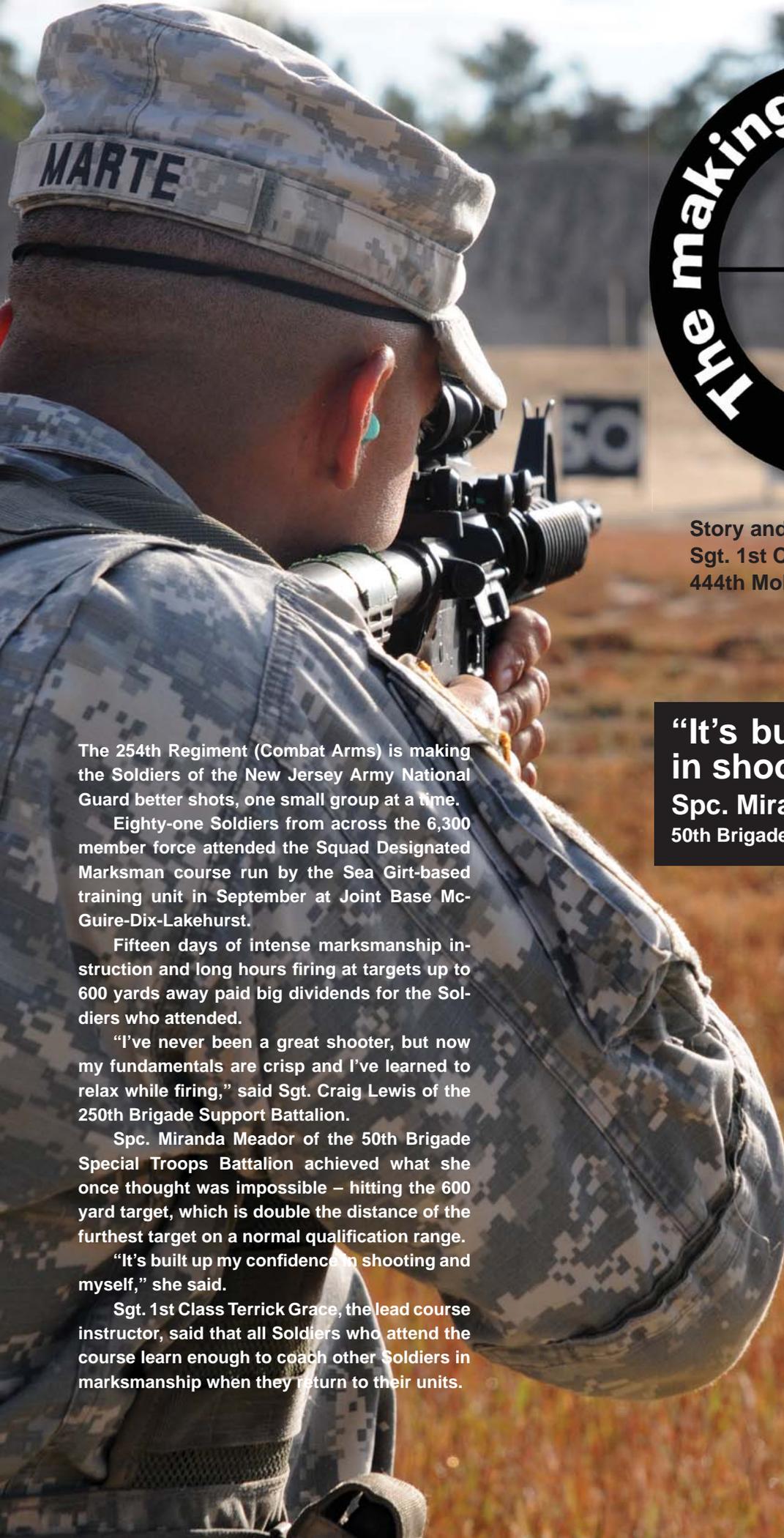
Members of the 108th Wing and 177th Fighter Wing participate in the annual Quick Response Force (QRF) training Sept. 29, 2013, at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. QRF training teaches Guard members how to deal with disturbances when called to duty for civil support.

component of the QRF. Members alternated through each scenario throughout the day, learning about each aspect.

Senior Airman Seth Schoenfeld, Emergency Management, 108th Civil Engineers, volunteered for this training. Schoenfeld, who was activated for a month during the Superstorm, said he feels the training would have been beneficial for those members tasked with Sandy support and that he hopes to learn more advanced skills to deal with civil disturbances.

QRF has enabled our forces to be more resilient and able to adapt to more situations. It has taught our members skills necessary to handle devastating events, such as Sandy and that's what some of these Guard members did almost a year ago.





Story and photo by
Sgt. 1st Class Joe Donnelly
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The 254th Regiment (Combat Arms) is making the Soldiers of the New Jersey Army National Guard better shots, one small group at a time.

Eighty-one Soldiers from across the 6,300 member force attended the Squad Designated Marksman course run by the Sea Girt-based training unit in September at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.

Fifteen days of intense marksmanship instruction and long hours firing at targets up to 600 yards away paid big dividends for the Soldiers who attended.

"I've never been a great shooter, but now my fundamentals are crisp and I've learned to relax while firing," said Sgt. Craig Lewis of the 250th Brigade Support Battalion.

Spc. Miranda Meador of the 50th Brigade Special Troops Battalion achieved what she once thought was impossible – hitting the 600 yard target, which is double the distance of the furthest target on a normal qualification range.

"It's built up my confidence in shooting and myself," she said.

Sgt. 1st Class Terrick Grace, the lead course instructor, said that all Soldiers who attend the course learn enough to coach other Soldiers in marksmanship when they return to their units.

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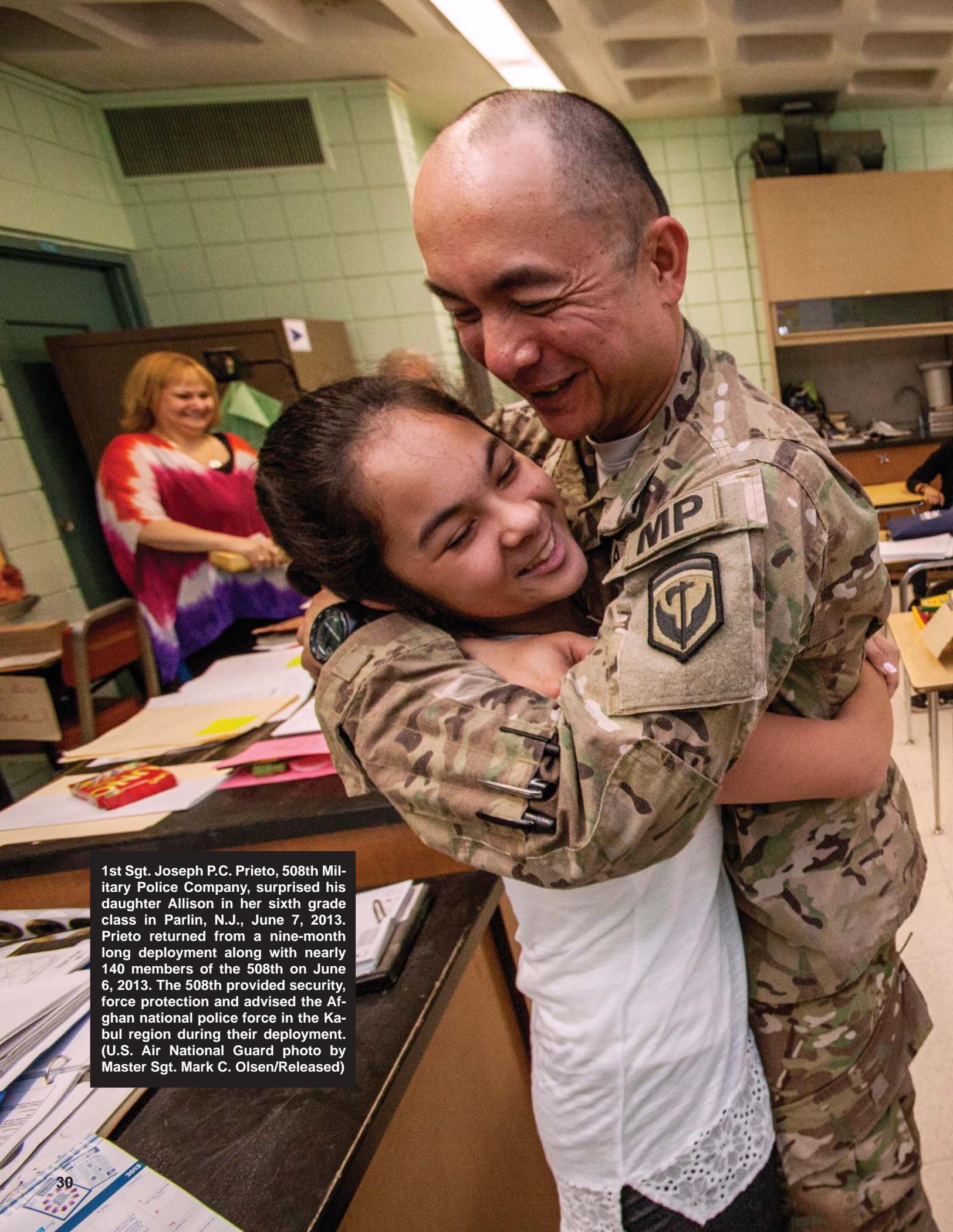
508TH returns

Photos by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen

Above: Sgt. Ana Karen Cordoba is welcomed home by her mother as the nearly 140 members of the 508th Military Police Company were reunited with their families at the Lawrenceville Armory on June 6, 2013 to conclude a nine-month deployment to Afghanistan. Photos right from top to bottom: The New Jersey National Guard leadership welcome home the returning Soldiers. Guidon bearer Spc. Denis D. Antunes, left, company commander Capt. Kevin M.



Ryan, center, and 1st Sgt. Joseph P. C. Prieto salute during the playing of the national anthem. Brig. Gen. Michael C. Cunniff, center, the Adjutant General of New Jersey, presents a Soldier with the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal. A family member looks for his uncle in the sea of Soldiers. Pvt. Thomas C. Ables, left, and Staff Sgt. Frederick C. Abline are welcomed home by their children. The 508th provided security, force protection and advised the Afghan national police force in the Kabul region during their deployment.



1st Sgt. Joseph P.C. Prieto, 508th Military Police Company, surprised his daughter Allison in her sixth grade class in Parlin, N.J., June 7, 2013. Prieto returned from a nine-month long deployment along with nearly 140 members of the 508th on June 6, 2013. The 508th provided security, force protection and advised the Afghan national police force in the Kabul region during their deployment. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)

SURPRISE



Protect each other!

By Staff Sgt. Armando Vasquez
108th Wing Public Affairs Office

Photo and graphic by
Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen
108th Wing Public Affairs Office



Col. Kevin J. Keehn, commander, 108th Wing, speaks to Wing members during the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Stand Down at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., Aug. 11, 2013.

In Fiscal Year 2012, there were 3,374 reports of sexual assaults involving service members according to the Department of Defense's Annual Report on Sexual Assault in the Military. Furthermore, the number of service members anonymously reporting a sexual assault grew by more than 30 percent in the past two years according to the report.

The Air Force finds these statistics troubling and contrary to the Air Force core values. Consequently, DoD is pushing for new sexual assault and prevention measures to eliminate what is being called a stain on the honor of service men and women who honorably serve the Nation.

On Aug. 11, more than 1,000 Airmen from the 108th Wing attended a commander's call at one of the hangars at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, which was the precursor for the Wing's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response stand down training.

Led by Col. Kevin J. Keehn, wing commander, the Airmen heard the implications of committing these types of crimes, as well as new resources available to victims. In addition, Keehn reinforced his stance on this epidemic and how he depends on Airmen to prevent it.

"We all have a role to play in sexual assault prevention," said Keehn. "We might

not have created this problem but we are all charged with preventing it."

During the training event, Keehn discussed the Air Force core values as well as the Wingman concept, telling his Airmen to look out for one another. Furthermore, the Airmen watched several videos, which included the

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**Col. Kevin J. Keehn
Commander
108th Wing**

Air Force Chief of Staff's message on sexual assault, and instructional videos on potential sexual assault scenarios and how to spot and prevent it.

"This is the military's effort to take another important step to fight this epidemic," said Lt. Col. Toni Waters, sexual assault response coordinator at the 108th Wing. Waters

has been the SARC for the past eight years and will be handing off those duties to Capt. April Doolittle, public affairs officer.

For victims of sexual assault or witnesses to this crime, there is a support network available to each Airman led by trained sexual assault coordinators, victims' advocates and chaplains. Individuals may also notify the chain of command or law enforcement. Additionally, a live, one-on-one confidential help line is available at www.safehelpline.org or by calling 877-995-5247.

As Keehn concluded the training he charged his Airmen with helping to eradicate this problem. "Hopefully, this training will bring this issue front and center," said Keehn. "And we can do something to help prevent it."



INCOMING

Story and photos by 2nd Lt. David Murphy Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Public Affairs

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, N.J. -- Soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 113th Infantry, out of Riverdale, N.J., conducted training March 22-24, at ranges here.

The Soldiers took part in mortar firing training, M16 and M4 rifle qualification and squad live-fire exercises.

"At any given time there is a unit ready to deploy, so this training ensures our readiness for future deployments," said 1st Lt. Roque Rodriguez, the training officer for the 113th Infantry.

Distance plays a major factor in determining why the unit trains here as the ranges are located less than 100 miles from Riverdale.

"Traveling to upstate New York or Virginia would cut into the time we have to train because we only have these Soldiers for 48 hours," Rodriguez said. "This is the best place for us and it's the best resource we have."

The 113th's executive officer, 1st Lt. Patrick Moore, is in charge of certifying Soldiers on the squad live-fire range and echoed Rodriguez's remarks.

"We appreciate everything the base does to accommodate us," said Moore. "The range control guys who come out here in the field do their best for us. It's a very professional environment."

The joint base ranges also allow units to tackle multiple aspects of training during a single weekend.

"The ranges here provide us with a wide variety of uses," Rodriguez said. "We're able to execute our individual training, such as weapons qualification, and conduct collective training, such as the squad live-fire certification."

The weekend's training was designed to get the greatest results with the least impact on those involved.

"These Soldiers all have full-time jobs, so we want to maximize their time," Rodriguez said. "If we had to leave the area to train we would need these Soldiers for longer, costing the government more and potentially inconveniencing employers. By using these ranges we are saving time and money and using that time to actually train."

The unit is also aware of the noise generated by deployment training, specifically from mortar round firing, noise which can impact surrounding areas.

"The noise is an inconvenience, but is necessary to maintain the readiness of the force," Rodriguez said.



Above, Pfc. Leoneo Perez, 2nd Battalion, 113th Infantry, Mortar Platoon ammo bearer, prepares a 120 mm mortar round for use during training on Mortar Firing Point 4 March 23, 2013, at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. Below, Pvt. Frank Barber, left, gunner, observes Pvt. Dillon Card, assistant gunner, as he hangs the mortar round during mortar training.



DISTINCTIVE AIRMAN

During his first “All-Call” at Joint Base Andrews, Md., Aug. 14, Director of the Air National Guard, Lt. Gen. Stanley E. Clarke III, formally recognized the six 2013 Air National Guard Outstanding Airmen of the Year. Among these distinct Airmen, was 108th Wing’s Tech. Sgt. Jamie Jones, who was awarded Outstanding Honor Guard Program Manager.

**Story by
Airman 1st Class
Kellyann Novak
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Tech. Sgt. Jamie Jones, center, holds her award for Air National Guard’s 2013 Outstanding Airman of the Year, which was presented to her by the Director of the Air National Guard, Lt. Gen. Stanley E. Clarke, III, left, and Command Chief Master Sergeant of the Air National Guard, Chief Master Sgt. James Hotaling, right. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Marvin R. Preston/Released)

While in Washington, D.C., Jones and the other five Airmen met and had dinner with Clarke and Chief Master Sgt. James Hotaling, Command Chief Master Sergeant of the ANG. “They just kind of paraded us around; we went to the Pentagon, we toured Capitol Hill,” said Jones. “Then they took us to a Nationals game. They treated us like rock stars!”

On his official Facebook page, Hotaling congratulated the Airmen by saying, “This is a significant accomplishment for these Airmen that have been selected for this honor. Their personal characters, devotion to duty, and execution of excellence have led them to be highlighted as the Air National Guard’s best of the best! This accomplishment speaks to the recognized excellence and distinction of our great Airmen from the 54 States, Territories and the District.”

As the 108th Wing’s Honor Guard Program Manager, Jones’s responsibilities entailed coordinating details and events for ribbon cutting ceremonies, funerals, change of command ceremonies, commander’s calls, parades, etc. Jones also handled the budgeting

and supplies for the honor guard team. In addition, during the previous fiscal year, the honor guard participated in eleven 76er’s games, partnering up with the Army National Guard. They also supported a variety of other events.

When asked about the benefits of being the Honor Guard Program Manager, Jones replied, “It was cool to see our members walk up and post the colors for the colonel and seeing everything that you put in behind the scenes to get this four person team that impresses the whole wing when they’re up there. We always get told what a good job they do. The feedback from the people in the Wing is great.”

The McGuire Elite Honor Guard is the busiest honor guard in the Air Force, providing military funeral honors to veterans residing in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts. The 108th Wing’s Honor Guard coordinates with active duty and has some members on orders to support McGuire’s honor guard. Jones said, “We are getting ready to have five people go support their team; we’ve been supporting McGuire for about two years. Then they come back here

on drill weekends and use their knowledge to teach honor guard training classes - because they get more experience with funerals - for any volunteers throughout the Wing that want to be a part of the honor guard team.”

Asked why should an Airman consider joining the 108th Honor Guard? Jones says, “It puts you out there in the Wing when you perform ceremonies. People often ask, ‘Who was that Airman and where are they out of?’ I think it gives squadrons a sense of pride having an active honor guard member. It’s great on military and civilian resumes, promotion boards and bullet statements. Too often in the Guard, people stay within their squadron but if you have a bunch of different Airmen out of different squadrons that meet for training it helps give a sense of camaraderie with the other squadrons.”

Clarke echoed the above sentiments during the ceremony honoring the Airmen of the Year. “One of the things I challenged everyone with is to serve with distinction,” said Clarke. “Here are some Airmen who fully capture that ideal and take it to heart.”

Engineers to deconstruct

Story and photos by
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When you mention Army engineers, most people think of them as building roads or constructing buildings. For the New Jersey Army National Guard's 150th Engineer Company, their mission in Afghanistan will be the opposite. They will be deconstructing.

The 113 Citizen-Soldiers received a sendoff at the Joint Military and Family Assistance Center in Bordentown, N.J., August 10. Among the well-wishers was New Jersey Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno.

She addressed the capacity crowd,

be easy. "But I know the 150th will take it all in stride," added Hager.

"The important work of the 150th in Afghanistan... will allow all of our troops to come home faster and our entire nation wants to thank you for that," said Guadagno.

She expressed her mixed emotions as a parent whose son is at the Air Force Academy when Guadagno told the parents: "I can't imagine how hard it also is to let them go."

"They are heroes, they want to go," said Guadagno.



Nearly one hundred motorcycle riders escorted the more than 100 150th Engineer Company Soldiers to the Wrightstown gate of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., to start their deployment to Afghanistan.



Spc. James D'Amico shakes hands with New Jersey Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno as the Citizen-Soldiers of the 150th Engineers enter the Joint Military and Family Assistance Center in Bordentown, N.J., Aug. 10, 2013.



Capt. Jeffrey Hager, 150th commander and 1st Sgt. Paulo Amado clutch U.S. and state flags presented to them during the ceremony.

You are the generation that gives us hope that tomorrow will be truly better than today.

Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno

recalling how these engineers were on the frontlines during Hurricane Sandy replenishing protective berms. Now they were headed to different frontline.

"You are the generation that gives us hope that tomorrow will be truly better than today," said Guadagno.

The unit's mission this time is not restoring dunes, but returning areas in Afghanistan back to how they looked to the military buildup.

"It is important, not only important in the respect that we are closing down FOBs (Forward Operating Bases) and reducing our nation's footprint in Afghanistan, but also has the implied mission that we are helping to bring our brother Soldiers home," said Capt. Jeffrey Hager, commander of the horizontal engineer company

Hager, of Pemberton Township, has been an officer at the unit since it was a detachment. He sees the mission ahead will not

The final farewell ended as a pair of buses rolled out of Hammonton with a police and motorcycle escort. Nearly one hundred riders brought the Soldiers to the gate of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst where the motorcyclists dismounted and saluted the engineers as they entered the installation.

"Missing your loved one gets easier every day because even though it is one day further from the last time you saw them, it is one closer to next time you will," said Hager.

The 150th Engineer Company includes Citizen-Soldiers from 19 of the state's 21 counties. Four-dozen Soldiers from Delaware deployed with the New Jersey Guardsmen as they left for mobilization training at Camp Shelby, Miss.

ON TARGET – EVERY TIME

By Master Sgt. Andrew Moseley
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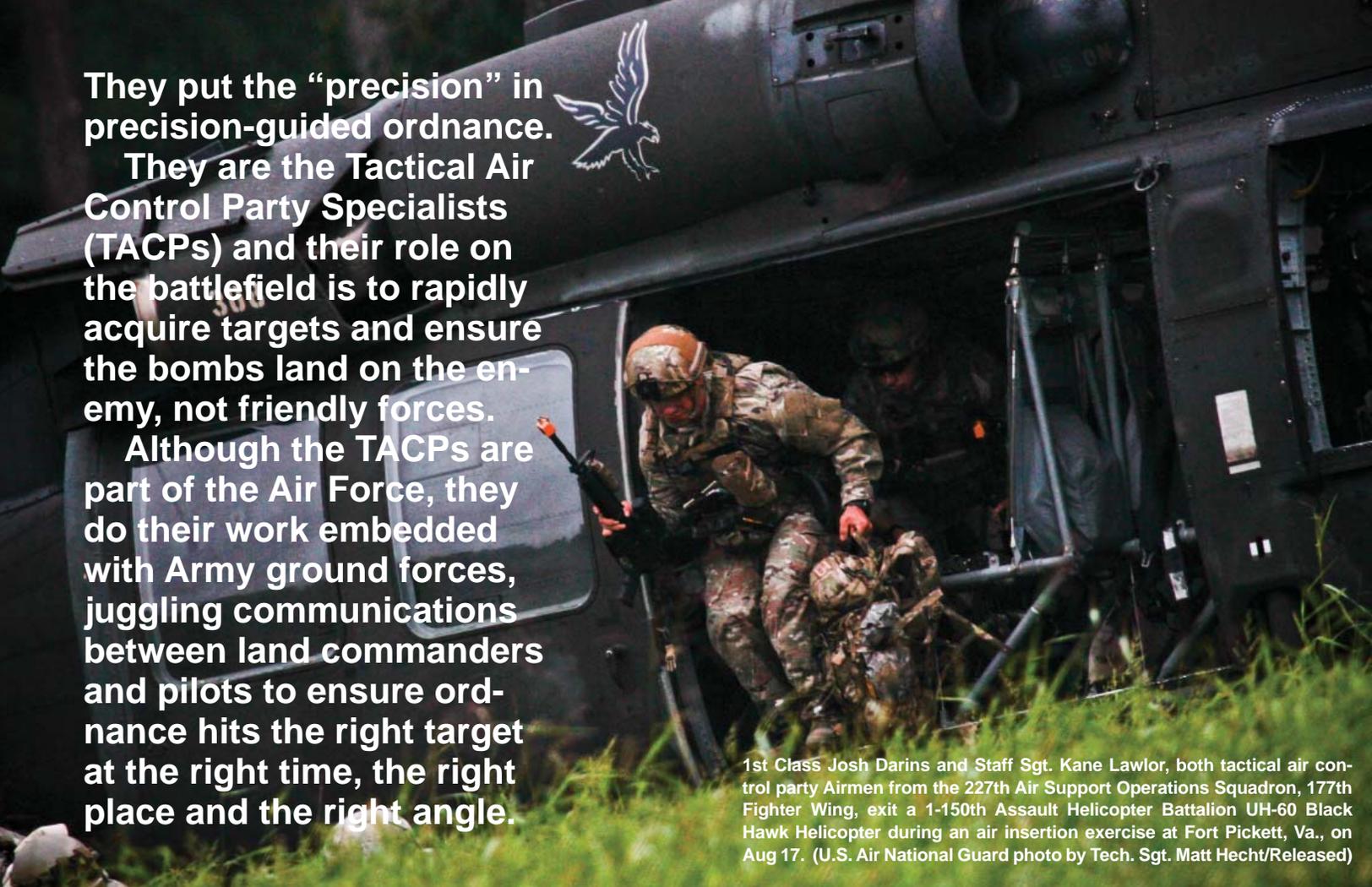


Staff Sgt. Kane Lawlor, a tactical air control party Airman assigned to the 227th Air Support Operations Squadron, 177th Fighter Wing, radios a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter from the 1-150 Assault Helicopter Battalion during training at Warren Grove Gunnery Range in Ocean County, N.J. on Aug. 29. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Andrew Moseley/Released)

They put the “precision” in precision-guided ordnance.

They are the Tactical Air Control Party Specialists (TACPs) and their role on the battlefield is to rapidly acquire targets and ensure the bombs land on the enemy, not friendly forces.

Although the TACPs are part of the Air Force, they do their work embedded with Army ground forces, juggling communications between land commanders and pilots to ensure ordnance hits the right target at the right time, the right place and the right angle.



1st Class Josh Darins and Staff Sgt. Kane Lawlor, both tactical air control party Airmen from the 227th Air Support Operations Squadron, 177th Fighter Wing, exit a 1-150th Assault Helicopter Battalion UH-60 Black Hawk Helicopter during an air insertion exercise at Fort Pickett, Va., on Aug 17. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Matt Hecht/Released)

And although Army commanders give the TACPs authority to strike specific targets, the approval to release the weapons is given to them by the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

In August, TACPs from the 227th Air Support Operations Squadron (ASOS), a detachment of the 177th Fighter Wing, participated in field training exercises with New Jersey Army National Guard’s 1-150th Assault Helicopter Battalion at Warren Grove Range and the 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team at Fort Pickett.

These exercises were unique for the National Guard, as New Jersey’s Air and Army assets combined as a unified combat force.

While the ten-member Air Force presence was small compared to the nearly 3,000 New Jersey Army National Guardsmen participating, their role in bringing firepower was outsized, as the TACPs were directing ordnance drops from F-16 fighter jets from the 177th Wing.

Although it was the first time the Army and Air assets joined in a training environment, the capabilities of the TACPs was well-known among Army commanders.

“I can tell you that I have used them before, in the real deal, and I have dropped some big bombs with their assistance and they’ve been at my side,” said Lt. Col. Thomas Hallowell, commander of the 1st Battalion, 114th Infantry. “They do a great job and they’re warriors and literally, they’re game changers.”

Hallowell recalled how the morale of troops he was leading in a firefight turned around after

he called in a close-air support to destroy their enemy’s position.

“The swing in 90 seconds was incredible,” he said.

For other Army leaders less familiar with the use of close air support, the hope was that the joint exercise would help increase their awareness and comfort with air power.

Lt. Col. Al Danza, commander of the 227th ASOS, said his troops laid the groundwork by participating in all brigade planning leading up to the exercise.

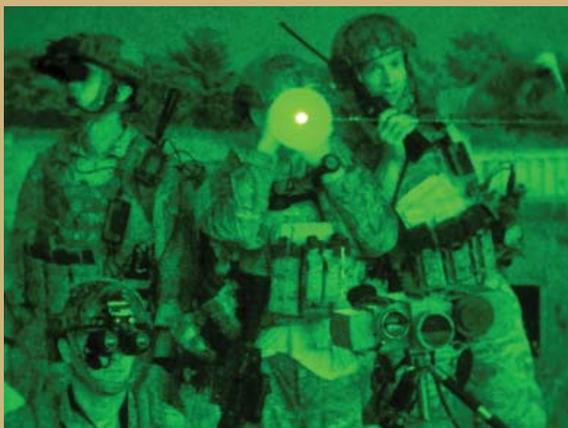
“It is incumbent upon us to tell them how this works,” Danza said.

The Airmen were fully integrated in all of the major troop movements during the exercise, including in an air insertion about UH-60 Black Hawks with scouts from of the 1st Battalion, 102nd Cavalry.

Lt. Col. Bill Morris, the 102nd commander, said the presence of the Airmen and their ability to summon F-16s was a “force multiplier” for his troops.

“One of the great things about the New Jersey Army and Air National Guard is that we have these folks organic to the State,” Morris said. “We work in partnership with them long term. It’s great to be able to bring them here and do the mission that you’re looking forward to someday or that you’re training for.”

U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Andrew Moseley/Released



CST tested

Staff Sgt. Brandon Botley, left, and Spc. Nick Lam inspect vehicles during the 21st Civil Support Team (Weapons of Mass Destruction) external evaluation at the Cape May County Mosquito Control Offices in Cape May Courthouse May 14, 2013. Every 18 to 24 months, the 21 New Jersey Army and Air National Guard members of the CST undergo an evaluation of 500 tasks to make sure the unit is ready to assist civilian authorities in event of a chemical-biological or nuclear threat. NJDMAVA photo by Kryn P. Westhoven



CANTARA PROMOTED TO CSM

Story and photo by Kryn P. Westhoven

It has been about a decade since the New Jersey Army National Guard has had a woman wearing the rank of command sergeant major.

Consequently, Paula Cantara is only the second female to achieve this rank, following Command Sgt. Maj. Cora Byrd.

"Cory was one of the first people I met when I came in," said Cantara.

While she will still be working full-time at the U.S. Property and Fiscal Office on Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, on drill weekends she will be with the 117th Combat Support and Sustainment Battalion.

"It is an honor and privilege and I never thought I'd be here," said Cantara, as she reflected on past sergeant majors that mentored her through the years. "They always said I would make it."

Now her goal is to prepare the future leaders. "We need to leave the Guard a better place than when we came in and these kids need to improve on what we started."



Command Sgt. Maj. Paula Cantara, second from right, at her promotion ceremony.

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Soldiers and Airmen may substitute two years of safe commercial motor vehicle military driving experience for the required driving skills test needed to qualify for a New Jersey Commercial Driver's License Class A or Class B.

Applicants for a commercial driver license to operate school busses or vehicles used to transport hazardous material will not be given a waiver under these bills. The service member needs to provide the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission with satisfactory proof the applicant is a military member in a position requiring the operation of a military motor vehicle equivalent to a commercial motor vehicle.

For more details visit the nearest MVC office.

CHALLENGE ALL SMILES

Story and photo by
Staff Sgt. Nicholas Young

The sound of buzzing drills filled the air at the New Jersey Youth Challenge Academy, but it wasn't for building construction, it was dentists reinforcing the foundation of good oral health amongst New Jersey Youth Challenge Academy cadets.

The 129 New Jersey Youth Challenge cadets received on-site dental care at the New Jersey National Guard Youth Challenge Academy on Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. The dental care was provided for free by a collaboration of seven dentists and 17 dental assistants from the Oral Health Impact Project and Caplin Family Charities, both programs are a part of the Diversity Outreach Comprehensive Science (DOCS) Initiative.

The DOCS Initiative aims to attract students from underrepresented socio-economic backgrounds to the biomedical science field in preparation for careers in medicine, dentistry and allied health professions.

The New Jersey National Guard Youth Challenge Academy had the honor of being the first of all of the Youth Challenge Academies across the country to receive this type of on-site comprehensive dental care.

The staff setup six full treatment rooms in the academy's building and performed comprehensive care for the cadets, from simple cleanings to oral surgery. Cadets were given bitewing x-rays and panorgraphs to diagnose their oral health.

Some cadets come from families that didn't have many opportunities to see a dentist, but walked away



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**Dr. Lawrence Caplin
Caplin Family Charities**

with invaluable treatments, knowledge of their own overall oral health and goodie bags filled with oral hygiene products.

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The Oral Health Impact Project is the only school-based program in the nation that provides comprehensive treatment on location as part of a model that changes the expectations, outcomes and opportunities for underserved children.

Caplin Family Charities has begun to establish Oral Health Academies in underserved communities such as Camden, Philadelphia and Baltimore in order to provide teens and young adults with the opportunity to study dentistry and oral health.

Caplin Family Charities provides funding for scholarships, internships and externships, and furthering education for underprivileged youth and young adults interested in becoming a dentist, oral hygienist or certified dental assistant.



Photos clockwise starting left: Senior Airman Ashley V. King, 108th Wing, lubricates flight control cables on a KC-135R Stratotanker in for maintenance at the 108th's phase dock at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., Jan. 12, 2013. King is an aircraft fuel systems journeyman with the 108th Maintenance Squadron. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen) Airman 1st Class Michael Berenotto, 177th Fighter Wing, sands a piece of metal at Atlantic City International Airport, N.J. on May 16, 2013. Berenotto is an aircraft structural maintenance technician with the 177th Maintenance Squadron. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Matt Hecht/Released) Staff Sgt. Todd M. Little, left, and Staff Sgt. Garion E. Reddick, both with the 108th Wing, perform a fire looping inspection on a KC-135R Stratotanker in for maintenance at the 108th's phase dock at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., Jan. 12, 2013. Little is an aircraft electrical and environmental craftsman and Reddick is an aircraft electrical craftsman with the 108th Maintenance Squadron. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen) Senior Airman Corey Nichols performs

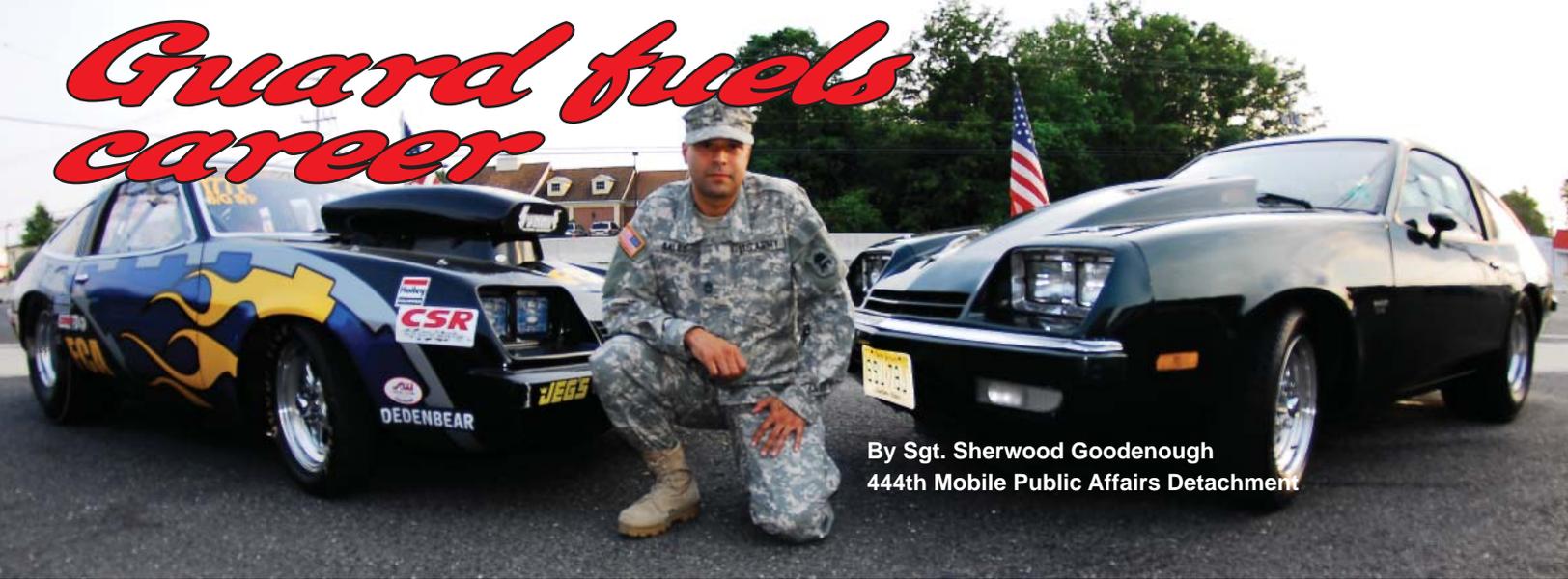




a training exercise of checking aircraft parts under a black light, looking for defects, April 14, 2013, at Atlantic City International Airport. Nichols is assigned to the 177th Fighter Wing Nondestructive Inspection shop. (U.S. Air National Guard Photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew J. Merlock Jr./Released) Tech. Sgt. Ewan G. Seeman, 108th Wing, changes out an ejector pump on a KC-135R Stratotanker in for maintenance at the 108th's phase dock at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., Jan. 13, 2013. Seeman is a jet engine mechanic with the 108th Maintenance Squadron. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen) Master Sgt. Chris Skierski and Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Hemme, both with the 177th Fighter Wing, power up a General Electric F110 engine to afterburner during an engine test on Feb. 7, 2013, at Atlantic City International Airport, N.J. Skierski and Hemme are both F-16C Fighting Falcon engine mechanics assigned to the 177th Maintenance Group. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Matt Hecht/Released)



Guard fuels career



By Sgt. Sherwood Goodenough
444th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

In his own words, here's two things you should know about 1st Sgt. Rene Sales of Headquarters Company, 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

"I've always lived life in the fast lane" and "I've always been a gearhead."

One look at the 26-year career New Jersey Army National Guard veteran's pride and joy demonstrates the veracity of that statement.

It's a methanol-burning, 434-cubic-inch, stroked out Chevy small block, with enormous racing slick tires under a 1975 Chevy Monza shell. His 2,450-pound, 700 horsepower, 147 mile-per-hour Detroit-born beast can eat the quarter mile in 8.9 seconds.

Sales grew up in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn when it was a tough neighborhood, not a hipster haven. Today, he's a first sergeant, successful entrepreneur and semi-pro racecar driver who never forgets that many troops he leads joined the military to rise beyond humble beginnings, just as he did.

"I started off with very little. My family didn't have a lot," he said. "When I came into the military, I needed a place to eat and a roof over my head. The Army is what led me out of that."

Sales said the discipline and structure of the military equipped him with the tools needed to achieve success.

Today, he owns and operates First Choice Auto in Toms River, which sponsors an NHRA dragster worth more than \$200,000. He's still climbing.

"You pay your dues to the end," he said, "I started this off when I was 'PV1 Snuffy'."

I would scrape together what little money I had to be with the big guys.

"When I was a kid, I always dreamed of two things: Being an Army guy and owning a shop. And I've accomplished both. Being in the military taught me to set, work for and achieve objectives. When I retire from the military, I hope to race pro."

Sales said the military taught him to never fear trying something – even if it seems like an impossible challenge.

"You could be a kid from Brooklyn who didn't have much and... hey, I'm not saying I'm wealthy. But I enjoy life and the military helped me."

Sales added that the military also helped him develop resilience in the face of adversity.

In November 2012, at a racetrack in northern New Jersey, Sales had a setback as the "wheelie bars" that help keep the incredible thrust of the vehicle from lifting it off of the ground failed.

Smoke from methanol alcohol exhaust filled the cab, the clutch popped and the front wheels of the car reached skyward.

"I stood it up on its back bumper. When the car came down, it was off line and I ran into the wall," he said.

When the parachute deployed and he stepped out of the roll cage in his Nomex suit, the high-speed dragster was now no more useful than a large paperweight. But his military experience helped him rebuild and the same leadership skills he employs at the front of his formation, he used to reset and rebuild his car and

his team.

"I have a lot of flaws that's why I surround myself with smart people," Sales said. "I can't do the racing on my own. Just as I mold the troops, I do the same thing at the shop."

Through his shop, he has an internship program with Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, where he gives back and helps train the next generation of "gearheads." Sales also said his military experience attracts veterans who come to share their stories with him about cars, combat and life.

"Veterans come to tell war stories and kick the tires," he said.

The bottom line for Sales is that he has found a way to combine a life of service, a life of horsepower, family and a successful career – all because the Army led him to believe anything is possible.

"If I walked away today, I would walk away smiling," he said.

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Three members of the 21st Civil Support Team (Weapons of Mass Destruction), front to back, Capts. Clifford A. Giampietro and Sony Stab and Sgt 1st Class Desmond T. Canty (not pictured) were recognized by Brig. Gen. Michael J. Cunniff, left, the Adjutant General, in a ceremony at the New Jersey National Guard Family Assistance Center in Bordentown, N.J., Oct. 8, 2013.



Christine Bolton, right, and Brig. Gen. Michael L. Cunniff, left, the Adjutant General, pin on commander of the New Jersey Air National Guard Col. Robert C. Bolton's brigadier general stars during a state medals ceremony at the Cherry Hill Mall June 4, 2013.



From left to right, Cols. Edward J. Chrystal, Daniel T. Mahon and Christopher L. Perron pose for a group photo at their promotion ceremony at the Joint Military and Family Center in Bordentown, N.J., Oct. 9, 2013.



Col. Lisa J. Hou, center, is pinned her colonel rank by family members during a promotion ceremony at New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs' Lawrenceville office July 30, 2013. (NJD-MAVA photos by Mark C. Olsen)



MAT scenes

Photo above: Sienna Nichole Siracusa, front right, daughter of Maj. Vincent Siracusa Jr., back and second from right, follows her father's example and salutes during the playing of the national anthem during the welcome home ceremony for the Military Advisor Team (MAT) III, who were welcomed home at the Joint Force Headquarters, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., July 22, 2013, after a year-long deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. MATs are a small team of officers and NCOs whose primary task is to coach, teach and mentor Afghan National Army (ANA) units. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released) Photo below: Brig. Gen. Michael L. Cunniff, left, the Adjutant General, presents the national and state flags to Maj. Kevin J. Murphy, center, and Master Sgt. Eric C. Maney at a Salute to Troops ceremony for the Military Advisor Team IV at the Joint Military and Family Assistance Center in Bordentown, N.J., April 18, 2013. MAT IV will serve as the conduit for liaison and command and control and, when required, support the operational planning and employment of the ANA. (NJDMAVA photo by Staff Sgt. Armando Vasquez)



From enlisted to ace



Story and illustration by Tech. Sgt. Matt Hecht
177th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Donald J. Strait was born on April 28, 1918 in East Orange, N.J., and grew up in the nearby town of Verona.

As a child, he dreamed of being a pilot and built model airplanes.

"I used to spend the weekends... up at the airport talking to crew chiefs, talking to pilots... just watching airplanes fly because I was extremely interested in aviation," said Strait. "It was a pretty extensive bike ride and my mother used to pack me a brown-bag lunch, and I would spend the whole day there watching these airplanes maneuver and be tested."

These experiences laid the foundation of a career in aviation, when, in 1940, frustrated with his job working for Prudential Insurance, he enlisted in the 119th Observation Squadron, which was located at Newark Airport.

"In January of '41, they sent me to aircraft armament school out at Lowry Field in Denver, Co. ... for about four months, where I was training as an aircraft armorer."

Strait worked his way from armorer to aerial gunner in the back-seat of an O-47 observation aircraft. During that time, the pilots he was flying with convinced him to sign up for pilot training. After qualifying as an aviation cadet, Strait was sent to flight school at Maxwell Field, Ala., where he graduated and received his commission in January 1943.

"Fortunately, I was one of the 30 that went to fighters," said Strait. "I don't know what I would have done if they had have called me out for B-17s. I don't think I could have handled it because I wanted to be a fighter pilot so badly and I had done very well in flight school."

After training on a P-47 Thunderbolt at Westover Field in Chicopee, Mass., Strait and his fellow Airmen were made a part of the 356th Fighter Group and sent to England in the summer of 1943.

It was in a P-47 that Strait had his first victory against the Germans when he shot down a Messerschmitt Me 109 fighter aircraft in February 1944. By the end of the war, Strait gained 13.5 aerial victories in

the P-47 and the P-51D Mustang. In a sign of how his command career would progress, by the end of 1944, he had been promoted to commander of the 361st Fighter Squadron – the only captain in the 8th Air Force to command a squadron.

At war's end, Strait returned to New Jersey, where he served as commander of the 108th Tactical Fighter Wing. During the Korean War, he was one of two Air National Guard officers promoted to colonel. He was responsible for setting up the 108th Tactical Fighter Wing at McGuire Air Force

Base and moving the 119th Fighter Group from Newark to Atlantic City. In 1955, he was the first Air Guard officer to graduate from Air War College. A year later he did a 21-month tour at the Pentagon as

the deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force for Air Force ROTC, Air Guard, Air Reserve and Civil Air Patrol Affairs all the while serving as the 108th's commander.

He later became the first Air National Guard officer in New Jersey to be promoted to major general and was selected as the commander of the New Jersey Air National Guard serving from 1958 to 1971.

"I'm a product of the Air National Guard. I can say that with all respect because the Air Guard did everything for me," said Strait. *This article contains quotes from an interview with retired Maj. Gen Donald J. Strait, NJANG by Chief Master Sgt. David P. Anderson from the Air National Guard History Program on May 15, 2008.*

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Wet-down
 Chief Warrant Officer 2 Kristina S. Sofchak, left, soaks Col. Mark A. Preston and crew chief Sgt. Leroy Metz Jr. following their final flight with the 1-150th Assault Helicopter Battalion, at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., Oct. 28, 2013. Preston enlisted in the NJARNG in August 1982 and became a helicopter pilot in January 1988. Metz joined the NJARNG in November 1975 and has served as a crew chief since 1977. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)

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Staying fit at AT, no sweat

By Sgt. Michael J. Davis
444th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Rows of exhausted Soldiers sluggishly jumped, twisted and kicked a few more grueling repetitions on the quiet, otherwise empty field in front of their barracks.

Each labored movement during this early morning PT session during Annual Training only increased the groups' lack of rhythm and uniformity. The bent bodies and glazed eyes said it all: they were spent.

Staff Sgt. Akeel Gaines, senior logistician for the Army National Guard's 119th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, took charge.

Arms bulging, but voice soft, Gaines began to call out: "No stopping... No rest... Not yet... Let's go ... We're gonna get it!"

That was all it took. The Soldiers snapped to the next exercise starting position, determined looks in their eyes.

Annual training is supposed to be tough. The days are long, the training is exhausting and the accommodations can be ... challenging. But for that broad swath of National Guard Soldiers who are devoted to physical fitness or sports-specific training, annual training can derail set workout routines and undo fitness gains with calorie-packed meals.

Gaines – a body builder and endurance athlete – sees AT as a way all Soldiers can improve fitness by breaking from routine.

"When you're on AT, there won't always be a gym available to work out, but there's always going to be a training field or open space. That's all you need to get a quality workout session," Gaines said.

At 30, with military career spanning more than a decade, Gaines is qualified in five Military Occupational Specialties and works full-time for the New Jersey National Guard.

Among Gaines's passions is helping others improve their fitness, in both body and mind.

"I want to develop fitness programs for the Army, for hospitals and even religious groups to help people change their lifestyles and their lives," said Gaines, who holds a master's degree in specialized ministries and is working on a second in health and wellness lifestyle management at Rowan University.

For Gaines, the first step in helping others is to lead by example.

nutritional choices and ultimately the best condition for physical exercise.

These three tenets are the foundation for successfully utilizing the AT period to not only maintain, but even jump-start a training regimen.

"The foundation is the mind," said Gaines. "It's more than just diet and exercise. A strong mind helps you set clear, obtainable goals. It keeps you going, keeps you setting new goals."

Gaines believes dietary survival during AT forces you to be creative; you have to think outside of the box since you won't have a fridge. Snacks are important to keep you filled with the nutrients your body needs while making sure you don't get too hungry, which leads to overeating.

Gaines goes grocery shopping before AT and spend less than \$40 to supplement lunch and snacks during the two-week training. He'll bring things like protein shakes, tuna, cans of fruit and peanut butter and jelly. These are foods that won't spoil right away, don't require refrigeration, are high in protein and good fats, and that are relatively inexpensive.

With the proper motivational mindset and diet for sustaining energy during the long days of AT, Gaines says you're now in the optimal state for a high-intensity workout.

"If you work out too long, you're wasting your time," said Gaines. "Thirty minutes to one hour, tops. Go in, be effective and get out. Any-one working out for two or three hours is wasting their time."

Gaines recommends high-intensity workouts which elevate the heart, burn calories and build endurance.

Perhaps the best feature of high-intensity workouts is the variety. Gaines said that mixing up your workout routine is imperative to reap maximum benefits.

"You're not going to see change by going into the gym and doing the same things over and over again. Spending an hour on the same machine will not impact change.

Change requires adjusting the things you do and the amount you do it."

It's precisely these high-intensity workouts that remove the most common excuse for not working out: Time.

"The number one thing we have to fix is time," said Gaines. "I'm tired of hearing about time. You give me 25 minutes and I'll get you ready."

Next Gen Leaders

By Staff Sgt. Wayne Woolley

The New Jersey National Guard is finding that its long-standing partnership with Albania is proving to be fertile ground for cultivating the next generation of military leaders in both countries.

In July, two New Jersey Army National Guard officers led a dozen American ROTC cadets on a three week mission to interact with Albanian non-commissioned officers who are training to become commissioned officers.

It was the first time New Jersey has participated in the ROTC Cultural Understanding and Language Proficiency program, which allows American officer candidates to become immersed in a foreign culture and train with members of a foreign military.

"For the cadets, it was not only about learning about Albania, it was about learning about themselves," said Maj. William Bono, who lead the mission and was assisted by Capt. Glenn Sudol.

The cadets who participated were from colleges around the nation and during their time in Albania they had an opportunity to train not only with NCOs who are students in that nation's fledgling officer candidate program but also to train with Albanian special forces troops.

"Both groups had a huge impact on each other," Bono said.

Bono and Sudol met the cadets at Fort Knox and spent several days preparing for the trip, building cohesion among the cadets who had never met before.

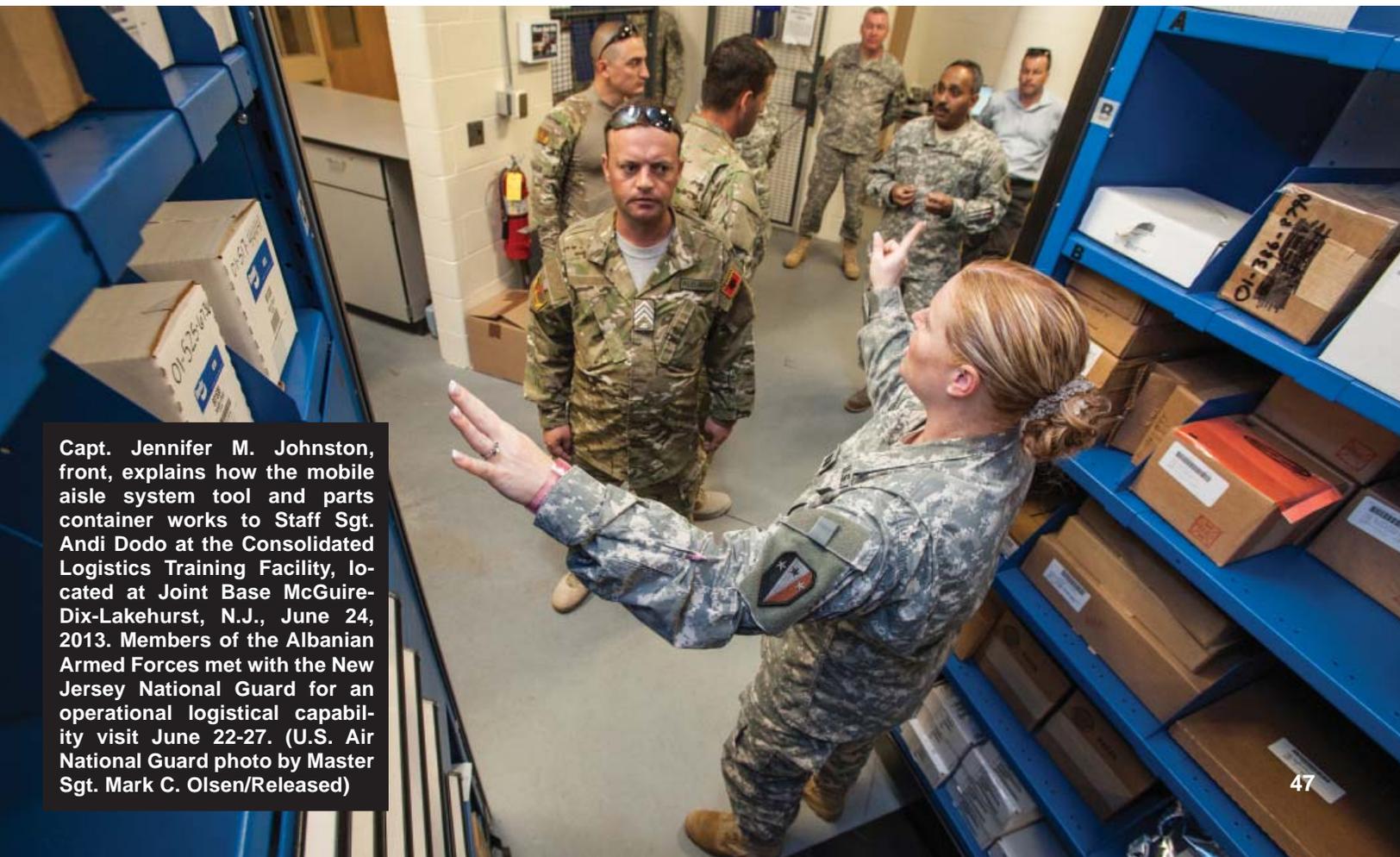
Once in Albania, the cadets were able to interact with Albanian soldiers eager to practice their English. The cadets from both



countries embarked on a service project at a local medical clinic. In addition to a rappelling exercise with the special forces troops, the cadets participated in physical fitness training with the Albanian cadets and NCOs.

Bono said some of the best interactions came when the cadets and their Albanian counterparts shared stories about home and tried to dispel myths about each other's countries. The Albanians, for example, thought all American cowboys were small in stature; figuring large men would be too heavy for the horses.

The program was deemed enough of a success by Army ROTC Command that, next summer, New Jersey will coordinate an expanded program that will run for nine weeks and allow up to 50 cadets to attend. Thirty-five of those cadets will be New Jersey National Guard members who are participant's cadets in the Simultaneous Membership Program.



Capt. Jennifer M. Johnston, front, explains how the mobile aisle system tool and parts container works to Staff Sgt. Andi Dodo at the Consolidated Logistics Training Facility, located at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., June 24, 2013. Members of the Albanian Armed Forces met with the New Jersey National Guard for an operational logistical capability visit June 22-27. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)

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