



Above: Weapons loaders, left to right, Senior Airmen Jerilyn Co and Andy Nguyen and Staff Sgt. Chris Miller with the 177th Fighter Wing, load a GBU-12 laser guided bomb on an F-16C Fighting Falcon during Operation Snowbird at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., March 3, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Andrew J. Moseley/Released)

Cover: Tech. Sgt. Shareef O. Lewis leads a 108th Wing Security Forces Squadron team in an assault on opposing forces at a military operations in urban terrain facility at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., Sept. 14, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)

24 OCs train on IEDs

**Graduation marks** 

milestone

### Making history (again)

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

General Motors makes cars. Apple makes iPhones. The New Jersey National Guard makes history.

Whether it's the unprecedented response to Superstorm Sandy in 2013 or returning control of Baghdad's Green Zone to the Iraqi authorities in 2009, the New Jersey National Guard often finds itself in position to make history.

But making history takes more than being in the right place at the right time. It requires determination, expertise and cohesion to seize the opportunity and execute the mission.

That simple formula worked for the National Guard again this year with the graduation of Albanian Officer Candidate Class 001. The cadre at the 254th (Combat Arms) Regiment and the candidates themselves saw the historic opportunity and ran with it.

From the moment those 24 men and women began their training, it was clear they were an officer candidate class unlike any the New Jersey Army National Guard had ever produced.

And that's not just because they were the first foreign officer candidates ever trained on American soil by the National Guard.

One simple statistic bears that out: 24 candidates began training on May 6th and 24 candidates graduated on July 29th.

No class has ever had a 100 percent graduation rate. In fact, one in three candidates in most New Jersey Army National Guard Candidate School classes do not complete the course.

That's because the course is beyond challenging. It is designed to ensure that only the fittest, brightest and toughest Soldiers make it to the end.

To graduate from the New Jersey Officer Candidate School, a candidate must prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that he or she is a leader.

That means the Albanian Armed Forces have 24 men and women who have proven their mettle in one of the toughest leader proving grounds the American military can create.

Class 001 demonstrated superior technical and tactical proficiency and excelled in the academic portions of the course. Every member of the class passed the Army Physical Fitness Test and land navigation course on their first try.

The graduates also demonstrated a mastery of English. In fact, they demonstrated a mastery of many languages. One graduate was fluent in five. That's not a skill set possessed by most officer candidates in our other classes.

The class went beyond making history. They broke barriers.



Republic of Albania ambassador Gilbert Galanxhi, in suit right, and Brig. Gen. Michael L. Cunniff, left, The Adjutant General of New Jersey, left, pose with Albanian Officer Candidate Class 001 at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., May 29, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)

Eight of the graduates are women. All talked about the importance of developing female leaders in the Albanian Armed Forces. They noted that historically, women did not often serve in leadership roles in the Albanian Armed Forces. These women will help their military empower and develop outstanding female leaders in the future.

The graduates of Class 001 will have an important role to play in the future development of the officer commissioning process within the Albanian Armed Forces. They will be an invaluable resource as their armed services continue to hone the process for developing future leaders. The 24 graduates of Class 001 now know exactly what it takes to develop an officer program that takes quality candidates and turns them into outstanding leaders.

The graduates also joined the growing ranks of Albanian Armed Forces members who have trained with the New Jersey National Guard.

The personal connections our Soldiers and Airmen have made over many years of training side-by-side with the Albanian Armed Forces have paid big dividends in the places where it matters most – like the battlefields of Afghanistan. Each of the five joint Military Advisor Teams accomplished every mission and greatly enhanced the security of the Afghan people.

The graduation of such an outstanding class was yet another leap forward for the State Partnership Program and the ties that bind Albania and New Jersey. Together, they made history.

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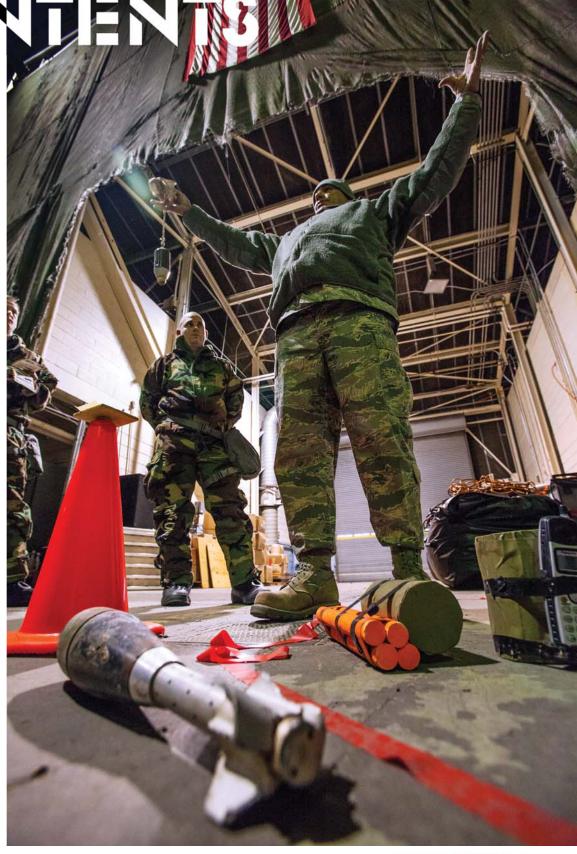
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**Enlisted Promotions** 



Above: Tech. Sgt. Carlos L. Morales trains 108th Wing Airmen on the post attack reconnaissance process during the Wing's Ability to Survive and Operate Rodeo at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey, Feb. 9, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)







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ith long hours, grueling duties and limited communication with the outside world, the Warrant Officer Career College can be considered one of the most challenging schools to complete in the Army.

But its halls were brightened a little the past few weeks as three brothers battled the courses, tests and restraints of the confined environment.

Alvin, Daniel and Tu Bui, members of the New Jersey National Guard, all enlisted within a year of each other, and all of them had Aviation military occupational specialties.

While two brothers, Alvin and Daniel, were deployed to Afghanistan last year, the youngest, Tu, learned that their state needed Black Hawk pilots.

"I was a UH-60 crew chief and began talking to my superiors about how New Jersey needed warrant officer pilots. I told my brothers that it would be great if we all put in packets to become pilots together, and they were on board," said Tu, 22. "So, when they came

complete the packet requirements."

Although they all had different reasons for wanting to change jobs to become pilots, they all agreed that it is the coolest and most unique job in the Army.

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"Having my brothers here has helped me more than hindered me because we know each other's strengths and weaknesses, and they can bring me up more than one of the other candiretell when we are old men."

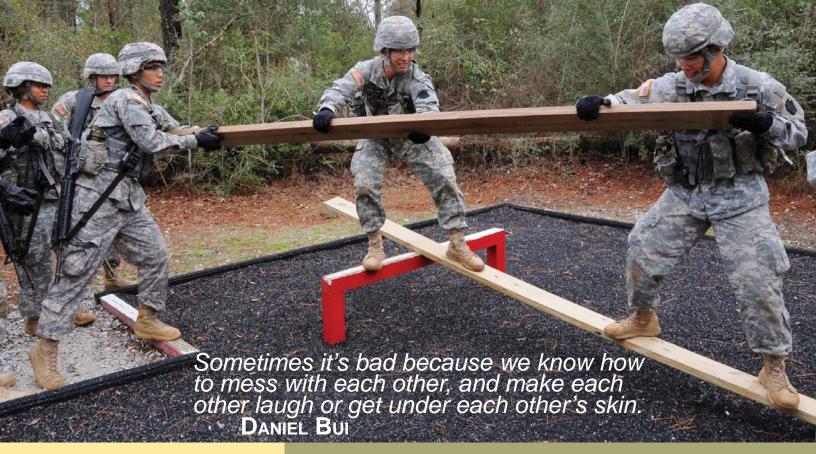
Chief Warrant Officer 2 Kimberly Johnson, the primary training, advising and counseling officer for the brothers, said they are always upbeat, and motivate each other and the platoons.

"All of the candidates love the Buis because they are friendly and they are always looking on the bright side of things," she said. "A few weeks ago we had a Bui-Off where they had to march their platoon around a drill field and whichever brother did the best their platoon got dessert. It really motivated everyone, and it was fun."

She added that having family here didn't give them an unfair advantage because they were immediately separated into different platoons and different rooms.

"We have tried to keep them as isolated from each other as possible. We haven't had to alter their training in anyway, but I think it has helped them, in a way, because they are able to experience WOCC separately, but still together," she said.

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The brothers said they usually get in trouble when they are seen together, but that when they are together it's usually by accident, such as when they first arrived at school.

"We were doing the bag drag, where we have to move everyone's bags into the barracks. It was a little chaotic, and even though we were split up, somehow we all happened to go for the last three bags. So, when we got to the building they thought we were trying to talk to each other and of course we got yelled at," Daniel said as his brothers laughed while remembering the story.

"No matter how we try to stay away from each other, somehow we always end up near each other, like at chow," he added. "And sometimes it's bad because we know how to mess with each other, and make each other laugh or get under each other's skin."

Alvin Bui, 25, said during the Leaders Reaction Course that each of them wants to show everyone, and themselves, that they can do it on their own.

"We all try to help each other out because we all want to graduate together, so that motivates us to keep up all of our grades and performances," he said. "But, it never hurts to say you did a little better on one test or another. Sibling rivalry in this case is a good thing to make us better."

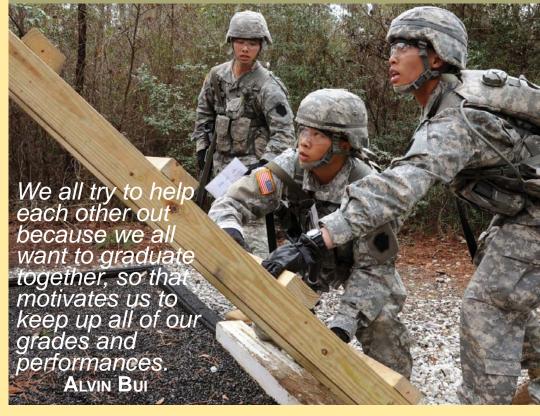
Their family immigrated to America in

1994 from Vietnam, and the brothers said since they didn't have much in Asia they wanted to take as much of the financial burden off their parents as they could because they have five other siblings. They also hope to set the standard for younger family members.

Three brothers have never come through the school before, said Johnson, which is why the cadre got excited when they heard about the brothers arrival.

"They are sometimes the joke of the company, but I think they like that because they help the stress levels of the platoons," she said. "They are a good group of brothers."

All three brothers graduated together April 2.





### Spc. Frank Reyes and Pvt. Christopher Illescas didn't meet in

basic training and never drilled together. In fact, the New Jersey Army National Guard Soldiers had never met. Yet when a stranger's life was on the line, Reyes and Illescas sprang into action and worked together like they'd been battle buddies on a combat deployment.

It all unfolded on Dec. 8, 2013 as the Soldiers were making their way to their unit's holiday party in separate cars when they saw a horrific crash on the Garden State Parkway.

"The car was ahead of me doing about 55-60 mph and all the sudden it just started swerving left and right. Then it flipped over four times and finally stopped facing the wrong direction on the right shoulder," Reyes recalled.

Both he and Illescas pulled over. Dressed in their blue dress uniforms, the Soldiers assumed control of the scene by ensuring all vehicles were off the roadway, instructing a civilian to call 911 and assessing the mangled vehicle for an entry point to extract the driver and move her to a safer location until more help arrived.

"National Guard training is exactly what helped me do what I needed to do in this situation. It helped me give commands to other people without hesitating; helped me keep my cool and think about what I needed to do before I did it," Illescas recalled.

With the car crushed on all sides, Illescas broke through the shattered glass on the driver's side window to turn off the engine while Reyes found the only door still working and pried it open. The two worked in seamless concert; Illescas helped from the front to dislodge the driver who was pinned under the steering wheel so Reyes could maneuver her to the rear seat and escape through the back door.

Reyes and a civilian at the scene moved the driver a safe distance from the vehicle, which was now smoking even more, and laid her down perfectly straight near the guard rail. "I remembered my Combat Life Saver training and how to position her to avoid further injuries," said Reyes. "My training is what helped me react to the situation."

The police commended the Soldiers for their prompt response and actions. Their unit, the 154th Quartermaster (Water Purification) Company, awarded them an Army Commendation medal. Illescas was going to his first drill that happened to be the holiday party, but they both had no idea that before the party even started they'd be hailed as heroes.

However, both of them will tell you that they don't think they deserve any of the extra attention or praise. "Having the training and being in uniform gives us the confidence and extra push to do more. We always want to help wherever and whenever we can" Reyes said.

Spc. Frank Reyes, left and Pvt. Christopher Illescas stand in front of the 154th Quartermaster Company (Water Purification) after receiving Army Commendation Medals March 9, 2014. (DMAVA photo by Kryn P. Westhoven/Released)

# Training saves life

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

My TRAINING is what helped me react to the SITUATION.

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Story by Staff Sgt. Wayne Woolley, 444th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment Photos by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen, 108th Wing Public Affairs

When an explosive ordnance disposal team rolls out for a combat patrol, their objective is to defuse bombs and gather intelligence about the bomb-makers. It's not to engage the enemy.

**B**ut as New Jersey Air National Guard Master Sgt. Mike Sears put it, sometimes, there's no choice. Sept. 29, 2012 was one of those days.

A three-man Air Force EOD team led by Sears found itself in the middle of a complex ambush on a dusty road in Ghazni Province, Afghanistan. Over the course of a two-hour firefight, Sears provided lifesaving aid to a fallen coalition soldier from Poland; ran five times through a 150-yard open area riddled with enemy machine gun fire to direct his team in returning fire; and continued on with the fight even after being knocked temporarily unconscious by a rocket-propelled grenade blast.

On April 17, Brig. Gen. Michael L. Cunniff, The Adjutant General, awarded Sears the Bronze Star and Purple Heart at a ceremony at the State House in Trenton.

In an interview, Sears, 36, credited his Afghan team, Staff Sgt. John Hurley, a fellow member of the 177th Fighter Wing, and Staff Sgt. Josh Jerden, an active duty Airman, with fighting hard to allow them all to survive the ambush.

On the day of the attack, Sears's team had been on patrol with a team of 90 Polish infantrymen and sappers, also known as combat engineers or soldiers who perform various military engineering duties. They had come across a massive improvised explosive device packed with 80 pounds of explosives. After Sears had investigated, Hurley used a robot to detonate the device. Sears went back to ensure the bomb had been defeated and instead found two more devices triggered by "pressure plates. He was able to diffuse them on his own and collect evidence to be used to try to identify their manufacturer.

Evidence collected, Sears's team and the Polish unit were preparing to return to their base when they came under machine gun and rifle fire. After a short lull, a rocket propelled grenade round whistled past their vehicle, missing Hurley by two feet and hitting a Polish vehicle, clearly badly injuring one of the Polish soldiers, a sapper Sears had grown close to during the deployment.

"I saw that RPG coming, but there was nothing we could do but hold on and pray," Sears said.

When he realized the RPG had badly injured his friend, Sears took off through the machine gun fire to provide aid. It was clear that no one from the Polish team knew one of their men had been hit. As he pulled the 250-pound Polish soldier from the truck, Sears felt something in his

Tech. Sgt. Michael Sears, left, is awarded the Bronze Star by Brig. Gen. Michael L. Cunniff, The Adjutant General, at a **State House** ceremony April 17, 2013, Trenton, N.J. He was also awarded the Purple Heart.



People have asked me how long I was on the ground with him and I tell them it felt like an hour with all those rounds coming in. It probably was only a few minutes.

shoulder tear. What Sears saw next helped him push through his pain. The explosion had severed the Polish soldier's leg.

Sears propped up the Polish Soldier with one arm, returned fire with his M4 all the while trying to drag him out of the enemy fire. Sears helped the soldier to the ground and applied a tourniquet. Bullets were still landing all around them. Sears shielded his buddy with his body.

"People have asked me how long I was on the ground with him and I tell them it felt like an hour with all those rounds coming in," Sears said. "It probably was only a few minutes."

During those minutes, another RPG landed within a few feet of Sears and the Polish soldier. The concussion knocked Sears out. When he came to, Sears knew his buddy needed more help than he could provide. He made another trip through open terrain and under fire to get a Polish medic's attention and get him to the loca-tion of the wounded soldier.

Sears made several more trips through that gauntlet of fire to get more Polish soldiers and their litter team to the wounded man and another trip to assist his EOD team as they returned of fire at an enemy that continued to attack from two directions.

Ultimately, two Polish attack helicopters arrived with enough firepower to drive the insurgents away.

The EOD team and Polish convoy drove four miles for a secure location for a medevac helicopter to land. Sears had strongly recommended they not try the medevac at the scene of the ambush.

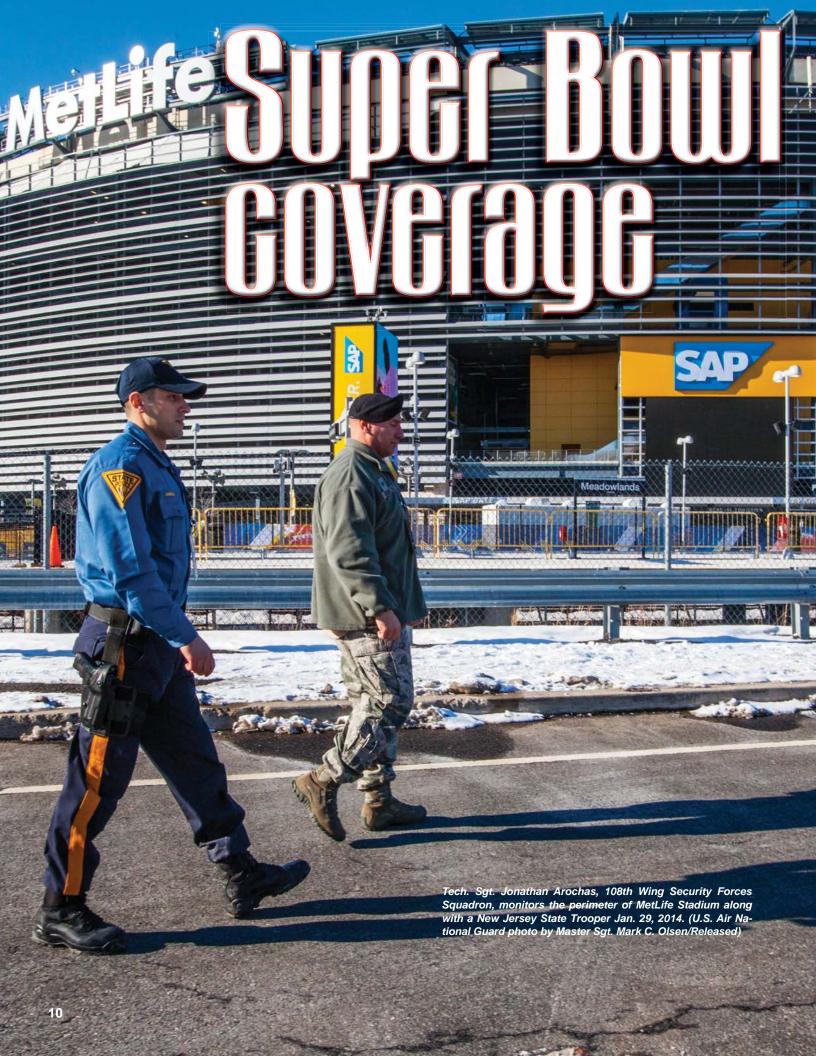
"My previous experiences had been the sound of a helicopter gets the attention of every bad guy in the area and they're going to try to light it up," he said. "They'd rather take down a helicopter than shoot at us and on that day; we'd already had one casualty. A downed helicopter would have been a mass casualty we really didn't need."

Sears, the father of three, served as a Marine infantryman on active duty before joining the National Guard.

In civilian life, he works as an explosive ordnance technician for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

On the day of the ambush, Sears expended 190 rounds. The two other members of his team expended even more.

"Our main objective is not to engage the enemy," he said. "But when they come after us, we have the training to respond."





Story by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen, 108th Wing Public Affairs with 1st Sgt. Kryn P. Westhoven and Sgt. Landis Andrews, 444th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

he New Jersey National Guard went to Super Bowl XLVIII.

Unlike the 82,529 fans in the stadium, the Citizen-Soldiers and Citizen-Airmen were there for one purpose: to ensure that nothing would disrupt the event.

"Some of our men have been on three or four deployments, and they all will tell you that there is nothing better than being activated in support of the State of New Jersey," said Sgt. 1st Class Mauricio Vega, 102nd Cavalry Regiment.

Prior to the event, Security Forces Airmen from the 108th Contingency Response Group, 108th Wing Security Forces and 177th Fighter Wing Security Forces worked in concert with the New Jersey State Police to make sure the site was secure and that everything entering the site was properly inspected.

Additionally, the 21st Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team worked with both state and federal authorities inspecting the stadium, as well as the pre-game various venues.

The 21st was the only NJNG unit that remained in place from the start of the security detail to the end. On game day, the CST Soldiers and Airmen were on standby to support civil authorities in case there was a chemical, biological or radiological event.

On Feb. 2, while 177th Fighter Wing F-16

Fighting Falcons patrolled the skies, Soldiers of the 102nd Cavalry Squadron replaced the Air Guard Security Forces' Airmen.

There is nothing better than being activated in support of the State of New Jersey.

SGT. 1ST CLASS MAURICIO VEGA 102ND CAVALRY SQUADRON

The Cav Soldiers turned the mission into a training opportunity.

They accomplished this by using the security detail along the roadsides and in the Meadowlands marsh grass as a chance for younger Soldiers to get more experience.

"It gives us an opportunity to do our jobs

within our community," said Staff Sgt. John Cosel, readiness noncommissioned officer for Alpha Troop. "This is a chance to be flexible and apply what they know as reconnaissance professionals and help out local law enforcement."

Using Long Range Advanced Scout Surveillance System mounted on Humvees, the Citizen-Soldiers were able to use the advance imaging allowed for views of potential trouble makers several miles away.

Besides the 102nd, Quick Reaction Force Soldiers were on standby at the West Orange Armory in case anything went wrong.

Vega was on this same field for a 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team Welcome Home event but says he didn't want to see the field during the game.

"I told my guys, 'We were on the 50 yard line of this field before'," said Vega. "'But, if we find ourselves in that same spot tonight, something went horribly wrong and we are going to have to help fix it."

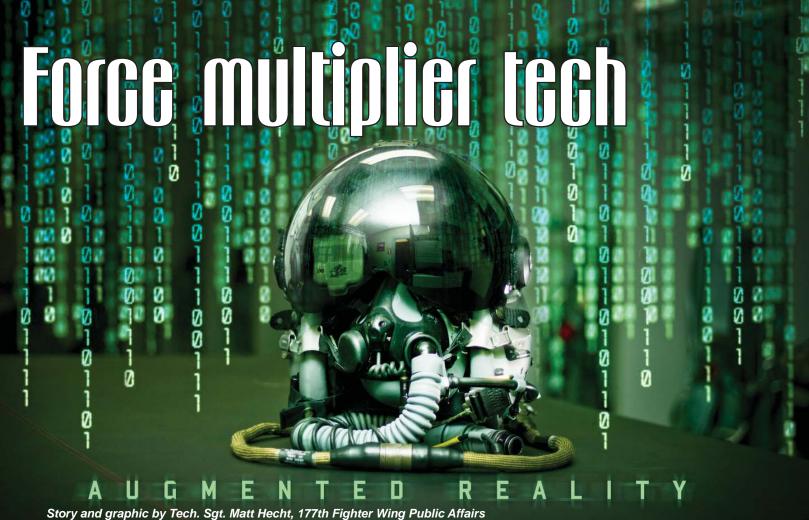
Pfc. Jasen Bellusci watches the area around the rail line in Secaucus as a New Jersey Transit trains passes overhead carrying fans to the Super Bowl, Feb. 2, 2014. Citizen-Soldiers with Long Range Advanced Scout Surveillance System mounted on Humvees were positioned along the train routes as part of the massive security for the big game at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by 1st Sgt. Kryn P. Westhoven/Released)











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CHIEF MASTER SGT. JASON GIOCONDA

of the airspace.

177TH AIRCREW FLIGHT EQUIPMENT

Pilots from the 177th Fighter Wing received a new tool for their arsenal.

Pilots will use the Helmet Mounted Integrated Targeting (HMIT) system, a modular add-on for the existing Gentex HGU-55/P Light Weight Helmet.

The HMIT is a high resolution glass eyepiece that is mounted onto the front of the helmet, and displays information and symbols in what is essentially an augmented reality experience. The display technology allows pilots to quickly build a 3D picture of the battle space, with the ability to place data-linked symbols over enemy targets as well as friendly positions.

"Air to ground targeting, slewing the targeting pod to wherever you are looking on the ground, that's a pretty big enhancer," said Chief Master Sgt. Jason Gioconda, the non-commissioned officer in charge of the 177th Aircrew Flight Equipment shop.

Gioconda also said the system is lightweight and completely customizable to each individual pilot.

"The pilots can choose color palettes and layouts prior to the mission," said Gioconda. "Once we find out who's flying, we install the modular HMIT to each

pilot's physical specifications. Sensors in the cockpit, as well as in the helmet, work together to give the pilots an interactive view of the airspace."

Several Air National Guard A-10 Thunderbolt II and F-16 Fighting Falcon squadrons have been tapped for the HMIT upgrade. The 177th Fighter Wing received their initial HMIT shipment and maintenance training in June 2013, and received a second shipment and conducted pilot upgrade training with the system.

"The advantage of HMIT over other systems in use is that we can see a full color display and retain the use of our NVG's for nighttime operations," said Maj. Tom Still, an F-16 pilot with the 177th Fighter Wing. "Other squadrons are limited to monochrome displays, or a separate helmet and NVG system

for night ops. With this system, we are saving money by having only one helmet and swapping out the HMIT based on mission requirements."

"The HMIT is a true force multiplier," said Still. "This technology can help with both our missions; overseas supporting ground forces, as well as our homeland security operations."

### Municipal police officers helped their brothers

and sisters in military law enforcement hone their life-saving skills during a day of training at the Middletown Fire Department Training Academy on Jan. 11.

The training with the Middletown Police Officers and Soldiers from the 328th Military Police Company was developed to foster relationships between civilian and military first responders.

During a state of emergency, the National Guard works in support of civil authorities and often alongside law enforcement officers.

The civilian and military ties already exist in Middletown.

Two of the military police Soldiers, Staff Sgts. Ian May, 328th Military Police Company, and David Crenshaw, 2nd Modular Training Battalion, 254th Regiment (Combat Arms), also work as Middletown police officers and helped set up the training.

Crenshaw said the training reinforced basic and advanced first aid and CPR.

Certified as a CPR and first aid instructor, Crenshaw also trains other law enforcement officers. They're skills he put to use in combat during a tour in Iraq, when he helped save the life of a fellow Soldier.

May said that in addition to the training, another key mission was ac-

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complished: "Everybody learns what the National Guard and what the local municipalities do...In the event of a natural disaster we have to work together...without that partnership it would never come to fruition."

During Superstorm Sandy, the Middletown Township police training officer, Sgt. 1st Class William Colangelo, saw the benefits of having he National Guard ready to assist local law enforcement. The training at the township's facilities was a way to further develop the relationship.

Staff Sgt. Ian May (right), 328th Military Police Company demonstrate proper resuscitative breathing technique to Pfc. Jimmy Le (left), also of the 328th MPs, during advanced first aid training Jan. 11 at the Middletown Township Fire Academy. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Bill Addison/Released)



# FUTURE LEADERS

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

Think you have what it takes to be a leader? Do you possess the courage to start something challenging and the dedication to see it through?

The nearly 100 enlisted National Guard Soldiers from

across New Jersey who filled the seats for the Officer Candidate School (OCS) briefing at the New Jersey National Guard Training Center in Sea Girt think they do.

The state of New Jersey OCS program training is an intense leadtraining ership ground that is both physically mentally challenging. It consists of four phases spanning 16 months of weekend and summer drilling, a combination of field and classroom

environments and the completion of a final, graded exercise. Upon completion of the

program, cadets earn their commission as a second lieutenant.

Brig. Gen. James J. Grant, Director of the Joint Staff, delivered a speech during the briefing and asked the Soldiers to think about leader-

ship and their long-term military goals. He stressed that they should not just think about today and tomorrow, but that they should give serious thought to starting on a path that will elevate them to success.

"Leaders have a vision,"

said Grant. "Where do you want to be in five years?"

That journey begins with the first phase of OCS, Phase 0. Cadets complete their administrative requirements while receiving training that is specific to each graded task they're be know about. The OCS program and cadre help you to identify them and motivate you to grow stronger as an individual and become a successful leader," Wain said.

The remaining three phases are a blend of both physical



Pfc. Biancia Francis, center, 250th Brigade Support Battalion, learns about Officer Candidate School program entry requirements.

asked to perform during the next phase. Cadre are especially critical of the cadets during this and academic leadership tasks that help develop Soldiers into future officers. While every al Guard Soldiers entering the state OCS program is the training schedule. Soldiers continue to train on weekends and for two weeks over the summer. This removes the barrier to Soldiers with civilian jobs or with full-time academic programs.

Spc. Israel Perez, a member of the 50th Chemical Company, is in his third year of a five-year degree. "I prefer to do the New Jersey State OCS program so I won't miss class time and delay graduation date. This schedule allows me to continue taking classes and I can focus on education at the same time," said Perez.

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

the Soldiers by letting them know that every graduate will have a position upon gradua-

We all have weaknesses that we don't know about. The OCS program and cadre help you to identify them and motivate you to grow stronger as an individual and become a successful leader

OFFICER CANDIDATE JENNIFER WAIN

phase to ensure each person has the proper skills and knowledge to succeed in the program.

Officer Candidate Jennifer Wain, currently in Phase 2 of the OCS program, is already beginning to see the benefits of OCS in her own life. "We all have weaknesses that we don't

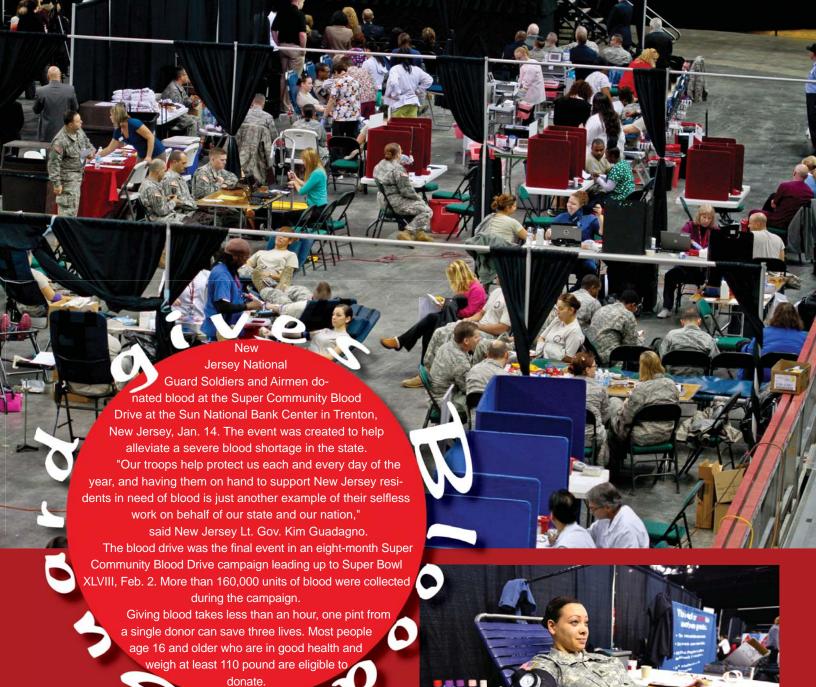
candidate is responsible for bringing themselves across the finish line, that never happens without the help and guidance from fellow cadets. "We're in this together; no one does this alone. This is the ultimate team sport," said Grant.

A major benefit to Nation-

tion. Even with budgetary concerns and the current military draw down, every Soldier will have a chance.

"My job is making sure that these cutbacks are as minimal as possible," said Cunniff.

"Opportunity will be there for everyone."





Top: New Jersey National Guard Soldiers and Airmen donate blood at the Super Community Blood Drive at the Sun National Bank Center in Trenton, N.J., Jan. 14, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Matt Hecht/Released) Above: Staff Sgt. Shannon Schoudt, New Jersey National Guard Counter Drug Task Force, looks away from the needle drawing blood from her arm at the Super Community Blood Drive. (DMAVA photo by Tech. Sgt. Armando Vasquez/Released) Left: Airman Lucas Derflinger (left) and Airman 1st Class Emanuel Cobar, both with the 108th Wing, do their part in helping alleviate New Jersey's severe blood shortage. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Matt Hecht/Released)



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

Airmen from the 108th Wing, don their M50 Joint Service General Purpose Masks during the Wing's Ability to Survive and Operate Rodeo at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey Feb. 9, 2014.

odeos are a test of skills: You know, barrel racing, cattle wrestling, bronc riding - you get the picture.

ATSO (Ability to Survive and Operate) Rodeos are different: Here Airmen brush up on

skills we don't use on a day-to-day basis.

"The importance of ATSO training is to teach our Airmen the skills needed to recover from and operate in a CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear) environment," said Master Sgt. Amanda L. Marotta, emergency management superintendent, 108th Civil Engineering Readiness and Emergency Management Flight. "The training teaches them to employ contamination



The buddy system helps each Airman function with a second set of eyes during training and real world events.

MASTER SGT. AMANDA L. MAROTTA

108th Civil Engineering

READINESS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FLIGHT

avoidance measures, survivability tactics and mission continuation through a chemical wartime environment."

So during the February unit training assembly, 195 Airmen from the 108th Wing were given the opportunity to get reacquainted with those critical skills.

"I am hoping that this event will get me familiarized again with things I have forgotten over the years," said ATSO Rodeo participant Capt. Mike Yung. "You don't realize what you have forgotten

until you come and relive it again."

"It's always difficult in the beginning because you are trying to get everybody back on the same page, because some people remember and some people don't; but it's expected," said Senior Airman Melissa C. Isidro, emergency management journeyman.

ATSO training is imperative for Airmen who are preparing for deployment. The training curriculums are written, tested

and evaluated through exercises and inspections. These skills make up the foundation necessary for all Airmen to function effectively in non-conventional hostile environments.

"My portion of the instruction on today's exercise is to review everybody on the M50 (gas) mask, their JSLIST (Joint Service Lightweight Integrated Suit Technology) suits; make sure that they are ready for any type of CBRN wartime event," said Isidro.

The 108th Emergency Management team's block of instruction covered CBRN pre-attack and post-attack actions to include: M50 gas mask inspection, post attack reconnaissance team procedures, contamination avoidance, IPE (individual protective equipment), decontamination procedures and unexploded ordnance identification. Security Force Squadron members covered weapon's safety, disassembly, reassembly, nomenclature



Master Sgt. James J. Vanwickle, left, and Maj. Annasue P. Barrows train Airmen on self-aid and buddy care. ATSO skills make up the foundation necessary for all Airmen to function effectively in hostile environments.

and weapon's turn-in procedures, while medical personnel taught Self-Aid and Buddy Care.

Apart from the C-Bag filled with their CBRN gear, the 195 Airmen had to bring a positive attitude and be a good Wingman for their buddies.

"The importance of the buddy system has, and always will be apparent. In a chemically contaminated environment, your vision, hearing and judgment can be impaired due to the stress of the situation and protective equipment being worn," said Marotta. "Using the buddy system helps each Airman function with a second set of eyes during training and real world events."

It's really simple, when you are in your IPE gear, you can't do everything by yourself. You must rely on your buddy to make sure you are all zipped up and the same applies to you helping your buddy, after all, your lives rely on each other.

It is also important for those who have done this before to guide the younger Airmen.

"The role each mentor/instructor played was to ensure safety throughout the training and guided learning for each student using demonstration performance," said Marotta.

In the end, everyone's skills were polished, making the next ATSO Rodeo a little easier

Yung summed it up this way: "A crash course of all the essential elements for survival after attack."



Master Sgt. John N. Charyk, left, instructs Airmen on how to disassemble an M16 rifle during the Wing's Ability to Survive and Operate Rodeo. The Wing-level evaluation shows what training areas need more focus.



Pamily and friends saluted the Soldiers of A Company, 2nd Battalion, 113th Infantry Aug. 2, 2014, in Jersey City as the unit prepares to deploy in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The company will conduct security support in Southwest Asia. The unit has deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and Iraq since the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Capt. Patrick Moore, the company commander, said he felt good about the team he's about to lead overseas.

"If there is one thing that I can say about this unit, this is exactly who I wanted to work with," said Moore.

In addition to having a proud history and veteran leadership, Alpha Company will also be taking 19 new soldiers who just graduated from basic training.

One of the new troops, Pvt. Brian Chacon said he's eager for the experience.

"This hit me by surprise, but I have a lot of good people and leadership around me," said Chacon. "My family is proud and I am proud that I am doing something important with my life."

Brig. Gen. James Grant, Director of the Joint Staff, and Acting Governor Kim Guadagno were also there to pay tribute to the departing Soldiers.

"It is a humbling experience to stand here before you," Grant said. "All of you make me proud because all of you have chosen to be here today."

"You are the faces of freedom," said Guadagno. "You are our heroes. As a mother, as the Acting Governor, I commend you. Godspeed and God bless."

Above: Acting New Jersey Governor Kim Guadagno presents the New Jersey flag to Capt. Patrick Moore, A Company, 2-113th Infantry Battalion commander during the unit's departure ceremony in Jersey City, Aug. 2, 2014. Below: Pvt. Brian Chacon, the youngest member of A Company, 2-113 Infantry Battalion poses for a "selfie" with New Jersey Acting Governor Kim Guadagno.





By Master Sqt. Mark C. Olsen 108th Wing Public Affairs

### It's so easy a caveman (if there are any still around) can do it.

First, take an inappropriate picture of yourself in uniform and post it on Facebook or Twitter.

Next, sit back and reap the consequences.

Two recent cases are proof of the effectiveness of this approach.

The first photograph shows an active-duty Airman sticking her tongue in the mouth of the silhouetted figure on the POW-MIA sign. The photo was posted on Facebook. Result: Pending disciplinary action.

In the second example, a group of Army Guardsmen pose next to a flag-draped coffin; the photo caption reads: "We put the FUN in funerals." The photo was posted on Instagram.

Realizing that they were on a roll, a second photo was posted with the caption: "It's so damn cold out....WHY have a funeral outside!? Somebody's getting a jacked up flag."

This incident has resulted in death threats and disciplinary action.

Remember, you represent the New Jersey National Guard. What you post, especially in uniform, carries great meaning. It gives you the opportunity to share your military story with your friends, family and the general public. You can have a significant positive impact on public opinion when you post appropriately.

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These Soldiers and Airman are facing disciplinary action for their poor judgment; don't be like them: Think before you post and while you're at it, check out the guidelines we posted.



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 Don't post classified or sensitive information (for example, troop movement, force size, weapons details, etc.). If in doubt, talk to your supervisor or security manager. "Think OPSEC!

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hen you're the first person to accomplish a goal, most folks remember it. Twenty-four officers and enlisted members of the Republic of Albania Armed Forces stepped forward May 9 to be the first from their country to participate in a National Guard Officer Candidate School.

The OCS program was conducted by the New Jersey Army National Guard at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst for 12 weeks. It was the first time a state's National Guard will train foreign military officer candidates as part of the State Partnership Program.

"This is class number one for the United States of America," said Brig. Gen. James J. Grant, Chief of the Joint Staff, New Jersey National Guard. "New Jersey has the opportunity to make history and you all are part of history."

Grant talked about how five Military Advisor Teams of the New Jersey Army National Guard have deployed to Afghanistan with members of the Albanian Armed Forces. Since Albania joined NATO in 2009, the Teams train the Afghan Army as part of NATO's International Security Assistance Force. This is an outgrowth of New Jersey's mentorship of the Albanian military that began in 2001. The relationship actually goes back two decades when New Jersey Guard legal personnel helped the fledging Albanian government draft its constitution.

"Each and every one of you has shown and displayed determination and desire to come to our nation to learn how we train officer candidates. So you can go back to your nation and make a more proficient military," Grant said. "For that, I salute each and every one of you."

Speaking to the Guard soldiers who conducted the training, Lt. Gov.

Above: Drill instructor Capt. Matthew J. Zilinski, 254th Regiment (Combat Arms), corrects Albanian officer candidates as Soldiers from Albanian Officer Candidate Class 1 at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., May 9, 2014. Below: Albanian Officer Candidate Ardi Bello counts cadence during training May 9, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photos by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)



Kim Guadagno spoke as a mother of an Air Force Academy cadet.

"I rely on you to make them the state-of-the-art Soldiers they expect in Albania. So you are the ones that uphold the reputation of the United State in every service," said Guadagno. "You are the ones that truly have the burden of the country on your shoulders."

Just like the active OCS program at Fort Benning, Ga., the cadets had their mental and physical abilities tested.

# Hibanian military future, Jersey-made By Staff Sgt. Wayne Woolley, 444th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Lo an observer, the camouflage-clad soldiers in the small classroom looked like typical officer candidates: young, fit and eager to learn.

But to Albanian Ambassador Gilbert Galanxhi, the 24 men and women being trained as part of an historic partnership with the New Jersey Army National Guard are nothing short of his country's future.

"With the passing of time, the passing of years, you will be the leading officers of the Albanian Army," said Galanxhi, who received his diplomatic training in America before rising to a top diplomatic post.

The 12-week officer candidate program marked the first time National Guard troops trained officer candidates from an allied nation. The program, which marks a milestone in the relationship between the two military forces, is the culmination of two years of planning and coordination between the New Jersey National Guard and the Republic of Albania Armed Forces.

Galanxhi visited the Albanian officer candidates to commemorate their successful completion of the first - and perhaps the most challenging – phase of officer candidate school. During that phase, the Albanian candidates successfully demonstrated land navigation skills,

survived harsh physical training and employed leadership skills during exercises designed to induce mental stress.

Galanxhi said the candidates would someday be able to establish an American-style officer candidate program in that country. He said the partnership between the New Jersey National Guard and Albania depends upon that nation maintaining a skilled, professional defense force.



Brig. Gen. Michael L. Cunniff, left, The Adjutant General of New Jersey, watches as Republic of Albania Ambassador Gilbert Galanxhi adjusts Albanian Officer Candidate and platoon leader Besiana Dermyshi's ascot during the ceremony where members of the Albanian Officer Candidate Class 001 transition from Phase One to Phase Two of the New Jersey Army National Guard OCS program at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., May 29, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)

"We can contribute, we can be a real partner even for big and great nations such as the United States of America," he said. "I am very proud you are training in America, the champion of democracy, one of the most powerful and most democratic nations and one of the best friends of Albania."

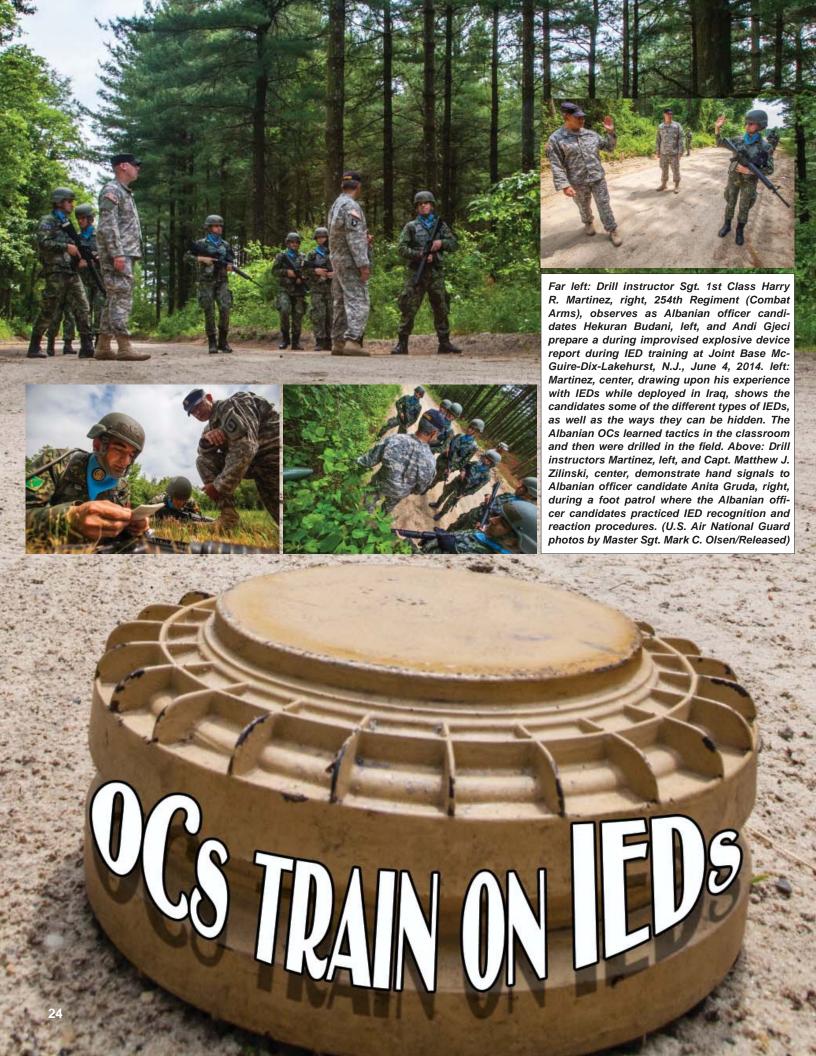
He noted that Albania's history has been intertwined with the

United States. It began when President Woodrow Wilson insisted that Albania maintain its sovereignty following World War I and continued as other presidents supported its adoption of a democratic government and entry into NATO.

He told the candidates the future of the Albanian military is in their hands.

"The only constant thing in this world is change, which very much depends on how you shape it, for better or for worse," he said. "I'm fully confident that with the knowledge and skills you get with this training, you will be able to shape the future of the Albanian Army for good."

Left: Albanian Officer Candidate Class 001 squad leaders adjust the ascots of fellow OCS candidates during the transition ceremony at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., May 29, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)



## GRADUATION MARKS MILESTONE

By Staff Sgt. Wayne Woolley, 444th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

welve weeks of torturous ruck marches, harsh physical training and mind-bending problem-solving drills ended on July 29, 2014 for Albanian Officer Candidate Class 001.

But for the first foreign officer candidates to ever graduate from an American officer candidate school run by the National Guard, their new challenge will be to return to their homeland and reshape their nation's military.

"It is your turn to bring change to the Albanian Armed Forces," said Maj. Gen. Jeronim Bazo, Chief of General Staff for the Albanian Armed Forces. "History is being written right now, and we are all a part of it."

Bazo told the 24 candidates to apply everything they learned at the New Jersey Army National Guard Officer Candidate School, especially the values that guide American Army leaders: loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage.

"A perfect leader is not one who makes no mistakes," Bazo said. "A perfect leader is one who learns from his mistakes."

The Albanian officer candidates arrived in the United States in May as part of a long-standing partnership under which the New Jersey National Guard has served as mentors for the Albanian Armed forces. The relationship developed through the State Partnership Program, which pairs National Guard forces with the militaries of 74 developing nations around the world.

The partnership between Albania and New Jersey has been especially fruitful. Under New Jersey's guidance, Albania, a former communist dictatorship, joined NATO in 2009. Since then, five Military Advisor Teams comprised of New Jersey National Guard Soldiers and Airmen and members of the Albanian Defense Forces have deployed to Afghanistan.

Brig. Gen. James J. Grant, Director of the Joint Staff of the New Jersey National Guard, said the Albanian officer candidates' graduation was a milestone in the partnership.

He said the Albanian officer



Brig. Gen. James J. Grant, left, Chief of the Joint Staff, and Maj. Gen. Jeronim Bazo, center, Chief of General Staff of Albanian Armed Forces, presents Albanian officer candidate Ardi Bello his graduation certificate at a ceremony at the National Guard Armory, Lawrenceville, N.J., July 29, 2014. The candidates were selected from the Albanian Army, Navy and Air Force. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)

candidate class was remarkable in that every member of the class passed the physical fitness test and land navigation course on the first try. The class began with 24 candidates and all graduated.

"I have never seen a class graduate 100 percent," Grant said. "You are truly the best and brightest your nation has to officer."

To emphasize, Grant noted some statis-

tics. All of the officer candidates are fluent in at least three languages and one member of the class speaks and writes five languages. All have undergraduate degrees and one third have masters' degrees in either engineering or information technology. Seventeen of the candidates were already commissioned officers and the rest were non-commissioned officers. Eight of the candidates are women.

Grant said the most defining characteristic of Albanian Officer Candidate Class 001 was its tenacity.

"One cannot teach heart and desire. You proved you have it," Grant said. "You have made lifelong friends here. Don't forget us. Use us as a resource."

One of the candidates, 2nd Lieutenant Anita Gruda, said the graduation was the highlight of her military career so for.

"It was a challenge, a tough challenge," she said. "But what I learned here will make me a better leader at home."



Albanian officer candidate Besiana Dermyshi, right, takes a photo of fellow candidate Anita Gruda with her aunt after the ceremony. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)





### 177th Snowbirds

Story by Airman 1st Class Shane Karp, 177th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

sing an array of technological equipment that most only experience in video games, a tactical air control party (TACP) Airman calculate grid coordinates for a circling fighter aircraft. Seconds later, a 500-pound bomb hits a target miles

Airmen utilize to ensure accuracy is a laser marker system. The laser guides the bombs to targets from up to 12 miles away.

"The bombs can do some pretty amazing stuff," said Tech. Sgt. Wayne White, a TACP Airman with the 227th ASOS. "The pilots will be far out there and just toss the bomb in the air and it will pick up the laser energy and find its way right in."

tually very realistic in the sense that you don't know what you're getting until they show up."

Along with their work on the ground, the ASOS members were also able to familiarize themselves with what the mission looks like from the sky by participating in familiarization flights.

"As a joint terminal attack controller, we only get one perspective 90 percent of the





Photo left: Airman 1st Class Kris Gleason, an aircraft armament systems specialist, tightens the nose cap of a GBU-38 joint direct attack munition at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Tucson, Ariz. Feb. 22, 2014. Photo center: Air liaison officer 2nd Lt. Keith A. Giamberardino, 227th Air Support Operations Squadron, 177th Fighter Wing, coordinates an air strike at the Barry M. Goldwater Air Force Range, Gila Bend, Ariz., Feb. 25, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photos by Airman 1st Class Shane Karp/Released) Photo right: Weapons loaders Tech. Sgt. Jason Wagner, left, and Airman 1st Class John Bybee, load Hydra-70 rockets on an F-16C Fighting Falcon March 3, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Andrew J. Moseley/Released)

away with the accuracy and precision that rivals even the best surgeons.

Members of the 227th Air Support Operations Squadron, 177th Fighter Wing, took to the 1.9 million acre Barry M. Goldwater Air Force Bombing Range in Gila Bend, Ariz., during Operation Snowbird on Feb. 25.

The TACP equipment saw heavy use at the range, as various Air Force and Air National aircraft used the training range.

The 227th Airmem have been able to train with a variety of units and aircraft including A-10 Thunderbolt IIs and F-16C Fighting Falcons.

time, and that perspective is on the flat level ground," said 2nd Lt. Keith A. Giamberardino, an air liaison officer with the 227th ASOS. "Having an understanding of what it is that a pilot sees, versus what we actually see, is crucial in order to effectively get bombs where you want them to be."







Photo left: F-16C Fighting Falcon pilot 1st Lt. Janelle Baron, 177th Fighter Wing, does a final check prior to a flying mission at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., March 6, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Shane Karp/Released) Photo center: A 177th Fighter Wing F-16C Fighting Falcon banks away from a KC-135 Stratotanker after refueling on March 8, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Stephen Hillmann) Photo right: F-16 Fighting Falcons with the 177th Fighter Wing drop live ordnance at the Barry M. Goldwater Air Force Range, Gila Bend, Ariz., March 6, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Col. Kerry Gentry/Released)

The Range, considered one of the largest in the country, give TACP Airmen the opportunity to train in scenarios that they could encounter while deployed.

One vital piece of equipment the TACP

"The great thing about out here is that you could be scheduled to have four units come to the range, and by the end of the day you've had 10 units," said Maj. Scott Michalowski, an air liaison officer with the 227th ASOS. "It's ac-

The practical employment of equipment in the mountains of Arizona, as well as the experiences in the sky above the simulated battlefield made for a well-rounded training experience for the TACP squadron.

# JERSEY

It was her excellence in basic Soldier Skills that earned Sgt. Samantha Kirk the opportunity to represent the New Jersey Army National Guard at the Region 1 Best Warrior Competition in May.

But it was her skills as a medic that kept Kirk in the competition.

Kirk badly twisted an ankle on the night land navigation course at Camp Ethan Allen, Vt., leaving her only a few hours to prepare for the competition's two final events - a marksmanship event that included a quartermile sprint followed by a six-mile ruck march over mountainous terrain.

She became her own patient,

treating her injury with ice, elevation and lots of ibuprofen. She wrapped gauze around her ankle and made it through the shooting event, hitting all 20 targets. Then came the ruck march.

"The terrain was not Fort Dix terrain, there were parts where it felt like walking up a wall," Kirk said. "It was pretty intense."

And painful.

"I kept telling myself that no matter what, I was going to make it," she said. "I just dug in and kept going."

Kirk finished the march 20 minutes under the two-hour time limit and with state Command Sgt. Major Edwin Santiago running alongside her, cheering her on.

Although Kirk, the 2014 New Jersey Army National Guard Soldier of the Year, did not finish well enough in the competi-



New Jersey State Command Sgt. Maj. Edward Santiago, right, keeps pace with Sgt. Samantha Kirk, who represented the New Jersey Army National Guard at the Region 1 Best Warrior Competition at Camp Ethan Allen, Vt., May 15, 2014. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Nathan Rivard/Released)

tion to advance to the Army-wide best Warrior Competition at Fort Benning, Georgia, she was proud to be able to make a strong

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showing for New Jersey even after suffering an injury that could have knocked her out of the competition entirely.

"I'm just glad I did as well as I did," Kirk said. "It was an amazing experience." Preparing for the Best Warrior competition also gave Kirk confidence as she embarks on the next step of her five-year career in the National Guard – a deployment with the 1-114th Infantry in support of Enduring Freedom. The unit departed this week.

"I'm looking forward to deploying," she said. "The Soldiers in the unit have been great."

When Kirk, 24, returns, she'll continue with her studies at Montclair State University, where she is majoring in physical education. She hopes to continue with her studies and earn a doctorate in physical therapy.

She also plans to continue serving in the Army National Guard.

"I'm a lifer," she said. "I love it."



he New Jersey National Guard Training Center at Sea Girt has long been considered one of the a top training sites in the northeastern United States for both Soldiers and civilian first responders.

The quality of the facilities is about to match its reputation for excellence.

Ground was broken on Aug. 27 on an 86,000 square-foot training center that will house officer candidates, non-commissioned officer leadership schools and advanced training for

medics. In addition, law enforcement agencies including the State Police will be able to conduct training at the \$30 million Regional Training Institute.

"There's an adage in the military. How one trains is how one is going to perform," said Brig. Gen. James Grant, the Director of the Joint Staff for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. "I can't think of a project that is more important than this right here."

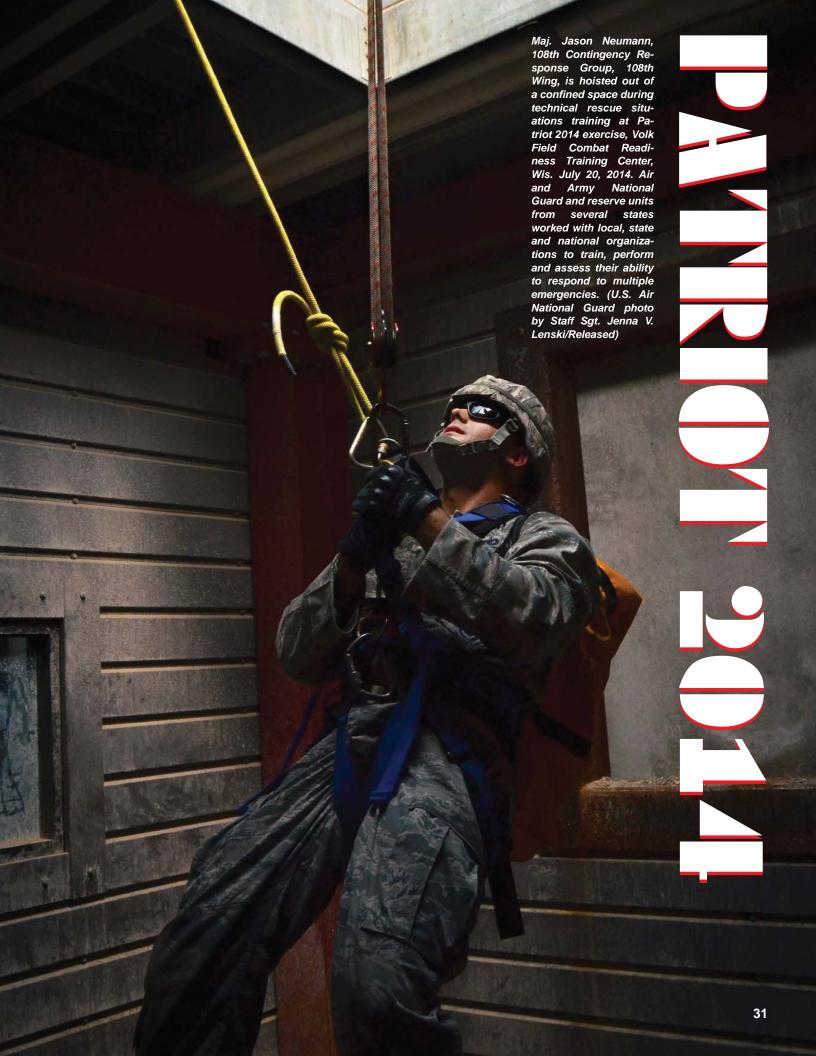
Grant noted that the training center will replace World War II housing and classrooms that had no Internet.

The training center will also be replacing buildings that were badly damaged by Hurricane Sandy, although the funding for the training center was approved separately from Sandy relief efforts. Grant said the training center was made possible thanks to the support of U.S. Rep. Chris Smith (R-4th Dist.), who championed the project.

Smith said the National Guard had made a strong case for the need for the facility.

"This groundbreaking is a huge accomplishment in this time of budget cutbacks," Smith said. "I want to thank the Guard, without your tenacious support of this training center, it would not have been possible."









ore than 400 Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 114th Infantry, New Jersey Army National Guard, assembled on Doughboy field June 18, during a farewell ceremony at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.

The Soldiers departed for Fort Bliss, Texas for pre-mobilization training in preparation for a nine-month deployment to Southwest Asia.

"These brave Soldiers stand ready to leave the comforts of their homes to defend the nation and its interests abroad," said Brig. Gen. Michael L. Cunniff, the Adjutant General of the New Jersey National Guard.

"I know you're all very well prepared, you're very well trained, and this is an experienced group of Soldiers who will do well," he added.

Rutgers football's head coach Kyle Flood thanked the crowd of Soldiers and family members in attendance.

"I want you to know that the Rutgers football family will be thinking about you, will be praying for you while you're out there defending the greatest nation on god's earth," he said. Our Soldiers are like sponges, they're young, they're focused, and they're going over those fundamentals. This battalion is ready for any mission.

Lt. Col. Frederick Pasquale Commander 1st Battalion, 114th Infantry

Flood also announced the team will host a family appreciation day during training camp.

"I don't want that 'thank you' to be from just today," he said. "We're going to host your family members and try to give them an experience to try and make they're day brighter."

The mission represents the largest deployment of New Jersey Army National Guard Soldiers since 2008 and the battalion will be operating in an extremely culturally sensitive area, according to Lt. Col. Frederick Pasquale, commander.

In order to meet their mission requirements, the traditionally all-infantry battalion has integrated other non-combat military occupational specialties into the battalion, to include more than 40 females into the fold he said.

"Most infantry battalions are all male," he said. "We have great young ladies in the formation, who are doing infantry tasks, and it's just awesome, it's historic."

Pasquale said it was important that all the new Soldiers were fully integrated into the battalion at the fire team level, and that meant training them to conduct infantry tasks, such as squad live fire training.

"Being able to synchronize the fire, for the team

leaders to be able to manage the teams, cross talk to their squad leaders... this is the level where everything happens in the infantry," he said.

To that end, Pasquale said the unit's annual training period proved to be extremely successful.

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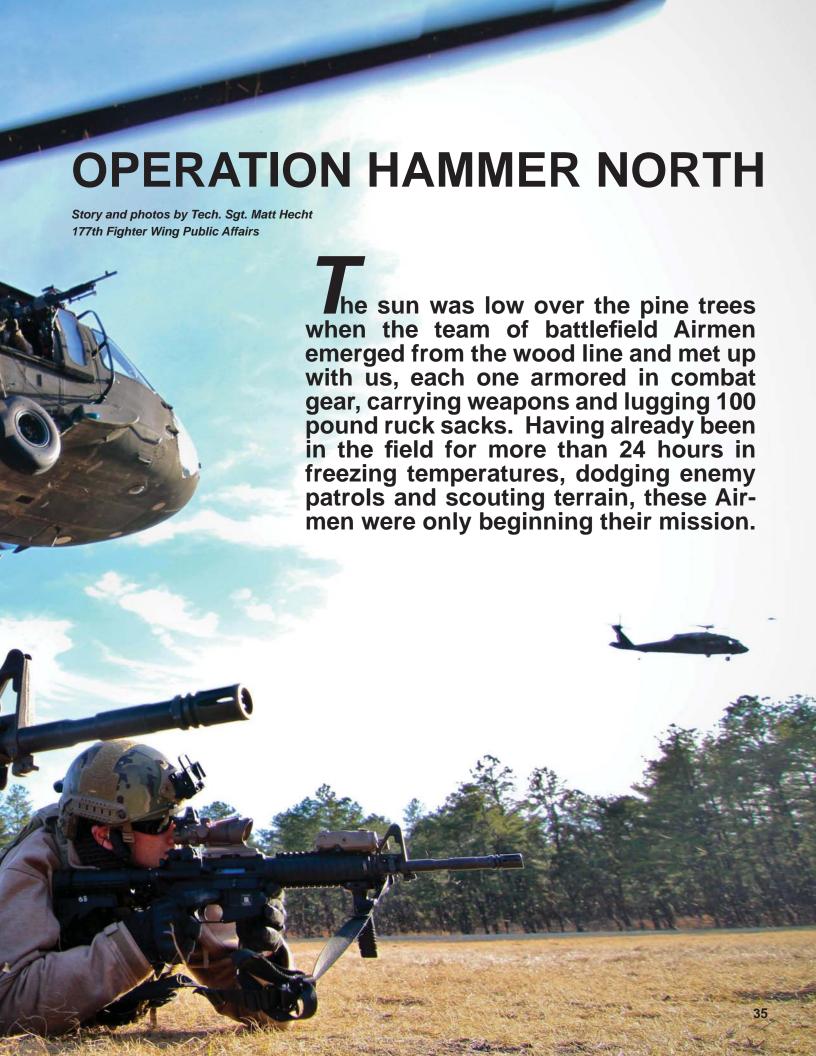
The training served to do more than just build upon fundamental infantry skills, it also helped build camaraderie and teamwork amongst the infantrymen and the new augmentees.

"It's great, it's team building exercises, you really get to know the Soldiers you're going to be working with," said Staff Sgt. Sean Hodge of Bravo Company. "You can weed out who is strong and weak in different areas and you can see where you need to work on things."

This is the second deployment for the 27-year old from Gloucester City. He said that building upon those infantry skills here will help them conduct their mission overseas.

"Having this training here, along with some of the other training we're getting out here, you never know when you'll need it," he said. "You never want to be a soft target."





### The shadow of our Black Hawk could be seen flickering against the trees that seemed only feet below us, as the sun was getting even lower in the sky and golden light spilled into the helicopter cabin.

The group gathered and fell into intervals as they hiked though the scrub pines, eyes searching for threats. The trees became thinner and suddenly we were in a clearing, which can be dangerous in a tactical environment. The team leaders picked out two spots, and gear was dropped as security positions were taken. As the Airmen lay prone, only the slight rustling of the tall grass could be heard as the reeds danced in the lazy breeze.

What sounds like a combat zone mission was a typical training day for the 227th Air Support Operations Squadron's tactical air

control party specialists. These New Jersey Air National Guardsmen, as well as aviators from the 1-150 Assault Helicopter Battalion combined

for joint training that took them from Warren Grove Gunnery Range, N.J. to the sprawling ranges of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.

Radios crackled, breaking the silence, and in the distance, a low thumping could be heard. Within seconds, the source of the noise could be seen - a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter, travelling nimbly at low level.

With a slight flair, the helicopter landed, casting

dirt and debris in all directions. This was the "C2 Bird," short for command and control. A command crew would be providing over watch for the team on their mission.

Two more Black Hawks popped up over the horizon, and landed, one after the other in the clearing.

Shielding their faces, the Airmen headed toward the helicopters, splitting into two four-man teams, with each team boarding a Black Hawk.

Before long, we were flying at treetop level for a tactical air insertion to the front lines to coordinate and direct close air support from Marine Corps AH-1W Super Cobras.

The shadow of our Black Hawk could be seen flickering against the trees below us, as the



Airman 1st Class David Denesha, 227th Air Support Operations Squadron, enters coordinates into a Defense Advanced GPS Receiver.

sun's golden light spilled into the helicopter cabin. "Two minutes," called out the flight engineer. Pitching up on their tails, the helicopters



Staff Sgt. Kane Lawlor, left, and Senior Airman Sean Meehan fly in a 1-150 Assault Helicopter Battalion UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter over the New Jersey Pine Barrens.

dropped quickly into a clearing; within seconds the Airmen were out the door and on the ground taking up security positions and scanning the area for threats. As quickly as they landed, the Black Hawks were airborne again, in a wagon wheel overhead, providing coverage for the Airmen with their M240 machine guns.

The Airmen gathered their gear and jumped into a waiting truck. The vehicle roads as the C2 Black Hawk glided sideways above us, keeping an eye on the way ahead.

Lower than the Black Hawks, two Super Cobras, from Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 773, roared around as a pair, providing armed reconnaissance as the team moved from their insertion point to their destination.

As the red sunset faded into night, the Airmen took up an observation position overlooking targets, and broke out an array of devices to aid them in their mission. Night vision goggles clicked into place, attaching to their helmets, and low level green and red lights cast an eerie glow as several of the Airmen looked over maps.

In the world of night vision, infrared strobes pulsed on top of their helmets, alerting the circling crews to the position of the friendly forces.

One of the team leaders used an infrared pointer to paint an enemy vehicle as the helicopters roared overhead. The Super Cobras lined up for the shot, but the night remained calm except for the sound of their rotor blades. Not a shot was fired.

The mission ended as it had begun, in silence, as the TACP Airmen gazed out of the Black Hawk taking them home to the 177th Fighter Wing. Atlantic City glowed brightly in green hues through night vision goggles. The Airmen returned to their squadron, putting away weapons and radio equipment, making sure it was ready - because tomorrow they are doing it all over again.



A 227th Air Support Operations Squadron tactical air control party mark targets for a AH-1W Super Cobra from Marine Light took off, bouncing on dirt Attack Helicopter Squadron 773 from Fort Dix, N.J.



They may not be riding horseback anymore, but the 120 Soldiers of the 1st of the 102nd Calvary tested their grit and mettle to enter the Order of the Spurs.

With a past more entrenched than the mud they waded through, the troops earned their spurs through a three-day rite of passage known as the Spur Ride.

"You can earn the gold spurs through combat or the silver spurs through the Spur Ride held by a Calvary unit," said Sgt. Maj. Ronald Ambrose.

Each day, the inductees faced new and different challenges. The ride started on foot with a road march to the area where the Soldiers would be tested through a series of stations demonstrating how each contributes to the success of the mission.

"The goal of the Spur Ride in general is to build camaraderie, team work and unity," said Capt. John Craddock "This gives everyone the opportunity to see how each of the different units operate and under-stands their importance and role in the bigger picture."

At each station, the Soldiers faced not only mental tasks, but also physical stress.

At station three of the trail, inductees had to perform vehicle maintenance and recovery with unique challenges.

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Capt. John Craddock 1-102nd Calvary Squadron

In one scenario, Soldiers were required to low crawl to a vehicle to obtain new parts for their HUMVEE, while the rest of their squad members were stressed by rolling in mud.

Pulling from years of tradition, there was

great emphasis on the culture and history of the Calvary and fo-cus on the mantra of learning from the past.

When the Soldiers arrived at Staff Sgt. John Cosel's station, they learned about the Battle of Little Bighorn. The troops discussed how the battle could have had a different outcome had Gen. George A. Custer em-ployed modern warfare tactics.

"Those who forget history are doomed to repeat it," said Cosel. "This shows them the particulars of the battle and how different it could have went."

Throughout the Spur Ride, each squad had to also carry a toy pony. The Soldiers had to feed the pony throughout the day and take care of it at every station or it would die. The lesson: Soldiers need to take care of each other or face a similar fate.

By overcoming hardships and upholding military tradition and history, the Soldiers will don their silvers spurs and ride with the Order of the Spurs.

"It aides the Calvary Soldier," said Ambrose. "It distinguished them, because there is no one further in front. We are the ones that go out."



Gov. Chris Christie saluted the New Jersey National Guard and paid tribute to families, veterans and fallen service members at the annual Military Review Sept. 28, 2014 at the National Guard Training Center at Sea Girt.

"This is an occasion as governor that I look forward to every year," Christie said. "I think of all you do to safeguard us and make us feel protected. We will never forget your sacrifice and commitment to the great state of New Jersey and our nation."

The review kicked-off with a 19-gun salute to Christie and the governor signed a proclamation, marking Sept. 28 a day of tribute to the New Jersey Parents of Fallen Military Sons and Daughters Day.

"Together we all make one team. All of you here today, help protect our friends and neighbors," said Brig. Gen Michael Cunniff, The Adjutant General of New Jersey.

Christie, along with Cunniff and commnder of the troops, Brig. Gen. Steven Ferrari, mounted a Humvee for a trip around the parade field to inspect the ranks.

This day also marked the state's Run for the Fallen, in which New Jersey Guardsmen ran for more than 180 miles representing the fallen service members of the New Jersey National Guard who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Photo above: Gov. Chris Christie reviews New Jersey National Guard troops during the annual Military Review at the National Guard Training Center in Sea Girt, N.J., Sept. 28, 2014. Photo below: A New Jersey Army National Guard Soldier assists a veteran to the viewing area prior to the Military Review. The Military Review is a 122-year-old tradition that allows governors – the commander-in-chief of the state militia – the opportunity to review the Soldiers and Airmen of the New Jersey National Guard. Prior to the ceremony, Gov. Chris Christie signed a proclamation naming Sept. 28, 2014, as Parents of Fallen Military Sons and Daughter Day. (U.S. Air National Guard photos by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)



### "WONDER TWINS" DEPLOY

By Sgt. Bill Addison, 444th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

As children, Dave and Davis Valentine grew up doing most things together.

As adults, the two Ridgefield Park, New Jersey siblings still do. Both attend classes at Bergen County College, both enlisted in the New Jersey Army National Guard in November 2013.

Now, private first class's Valentine will deploy to Southwest Asia along with 70 other members of the 2nd-113th Security Forces (SECFOR) Platoon.

"I think it's good that we get to deploy together," said Davis, the younger of the pair. "It definitely makes it easier to have somebody you know, somebody you grew up with deploying with you."

Affectionately known amongst their platoon as the "wonder twins" for their similarities in both looks and mannerisms, the brothers spent







Oct. 11, 2014, saying their goodbyes to family and friends during a departure ceremony at the Jersey City armory.

The two weren't the only pair of siblings in the formation that day.

Capt. Charles Kratochvil and his younger brother 1st Lt. Christian Kratochvil will also deploy to Southwest Asia with the unit, as part of the Base Defense Operations Center platoon.

Twenty-eight year old Charles received his commission in 2008, the same year his younger brother enlisted in the Army National guard. Christian wouldn't accept his commission until 2011.

"I always knew I was going to joining the military, but I had no idea he'd actually come with me," said Charles.

Being four year's older than his brother, Charles said that the two weren't always the closest growing up. He said he's looking forward to the months deployed together.

"I don't have to like him, but I have to love him," he joked. "It's cool deploying with him. It's nice to go with someone I've known my whole life."

For Christian, 25, the mission represents the only opportunity he may have to deploy for his country.

"This is the last chance a lot of the fresh new lieutenants and new Soldiers have to deploy for the state of New Jersey," he said. "It's their chance to make their mark and to do as much as they can for their country. That's why I'm proud and excited to go."

# 10-YEAR MISSION ENDS

After 10 years of providing a refueling bridge for contingency aircraft flying over the North Atlantic Ocean en route to support Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, aircrew and maintenance personnel from the 108th Wing's Bravo Alert Mission flew their last air refueling mission July 28 in support of the North East Tanker Task Force.

Ethyl 55, the call sign for one of the alert aircraft, provided more than 60,000 pounds of fuel to a deploying RC-135 on that final refueling mission.

The Bravo Alert Mission crew had been flying alert missions as part of the NETTF since July 2004, said Lt. Col. Timothy Burke, operations officer. The 108th Wing was one of four Air Guard units from four states that made up NETTF. The other units were the 101st Air Refueling Wing, Maine; 157th Air Refueling Wing, New Hampshire; and 171st Air Refueling Wing, Pennsylvania.

The alert mission involved having an aircrew and maintenance personnel in an "on call" status, ready to show and fly 24 hours a day. Furthermore, the crews rotated every two to three days and took turns sitting alert over the holidays.

"It was very challenging to juggle schedules and cover the mission as people came on and off orders," said Burke. "Being a part of the mission meant having to plan everything around when I wouldn't be on alert. This applied to everyone. We all fulfilled our responsibility to the unit by participating in unit deployments and TDY's, so often a break from the alert mission meant you were on the road away from your family."

Although the mission required stringent commitments from the crew, such as completing unit missions qualifications and training requirements during their days off, the alert mission had its rewarding moments. "One special mission required a short-notice refueling that was evacuating a burnt patient from Germany to Brooks in San Antonio," said Burke. "The 108th had the only tanker available so we launched, got them their fuel and they were able to continue on without stopping for fuel."

The 108th Wing's Bravo alert supported primarily OEF and OIF but also was utilized for Operations Noble Eagle, New Dawn and Unified Protector. The Alert team refueled almost every AR-capable aircraft in the U.S Air Forces' inventory, from AC-130's at 10,000 feet over the middle of the Atlantic, to the USAF Thunderbirds.

Over the 10 years of supporting NETTF, the 108th Wing's Bravo Alert team's accomplishments were: 3,681 days of alert, flying 3,538 hours and offloading more than 63 million pounds of fuel. They were assigned with 1,818 missions and flew on 1,040 of them, compiling 580 days of temporary duty assignments.

Unfortunately, a combination of decreased funding and operations tempo forced the 108th Wing's Bravo alert to stand down after more than 3,600 days of continuous support.

"I have been privileged, and I think I can say that for all involved, to have been part of this mission," said Burke. "This mission was the perfect model for the Air National Guard to demonstrate to Air Mobility Command that separate units working in close cooperation, can give AMC the equivalent of an active duty KC-135 wing for just a fraction of the active duty cost."





## SIDE BY SIDE

By Spc. Oscar Baldriche 444th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

When Soldiers go overseas, saying goodbye to family and friends is a hard thing to do. But two Soldiers from Headquarters Company, 1-150th Assault Helicopter Battalion, won't have to say goodbye to everyone. They will be taking family with them.

Chief Warrant Officer 5 James J. Denhartog and his son, Pfc. Eric J. Denhartog are deploying to Kosovo as part of a United Nations security and support mission. The senior Denhartog, one of the New Jersey Army National Guard's most experienced pilots, will be advising the commander on aviation and supply missions, while his son will be supporting his team from the ground.

For the younger Denhartog, the deployment fits in well with why he enlisted in the first place.

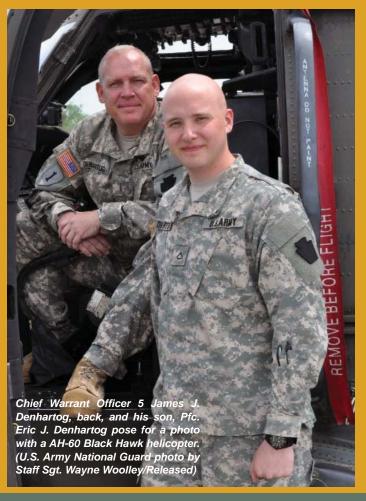
"I wanted to be a part of something important. Knowing that I am deploying with my father makes this really special. I am happy that I will be by his side and I am looking forward to working with him and making him proud."

Although both will be stationed together, there will be little time for family reunions.

"Both of us will be very busy but, knowing that we are involved in something that is bigger than ourselves, makes this unforgettable," said James Denhartog.

This will be James Denhartog's fifth deployment and the first for his son.

"Deploying with my son adds an interesting dynamic to things," said James Denhartog. "This is will be a very special time for us. The things we will do and the things we will experience will be memories that my son and I will always share."



## Over the Boardwalk

Austin Daniel, an Airman with the New Jersey Air National Guard's 177th Fighter Wing, flies with the Raiders Demonstration Team in his Yak-52 demonstration aircraft over the beaches of Atlantic City, N.J. for the "Thunder Over the Boardwalk Air Show" Aug. 13, 2014. Daniel is a F-16C Fighting Falcon crew chief. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Matt Hecht/Released)



## KEEP FIGHTING

By Tech. Sgt. Matt Hecht, 177th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

# Lt. Col. John Fogarty felt unwell for nearly a year.

"I told my wife, 'There's something wrong, but I don't know what it is,'" the senior New Jersey Air National Guard officer said recently.

A bout with the flu and pressure from his wife finally got Fogarty to the doctor in February of 2012.

The first tests revealed no problems, but the doctor recommended Fogarty get a colonoscopy as a precaution, since he was nearing 50. The technicians told him that test had gone well too, but then added, almost as an afterthought, that they'd found a "tiny little bump," which they biopsied.

That was on a Wednesday. Two days later, Fogarty was on the phone in his office at the 177th Fighter Wing when he heard the words that changed his life.

""Well sir ... you have cancer," a nurse told Fogarty.

"That's not exactly the way you would want to hear that, the middle of the day, with a stranger on the phone," Fogarty said. "It's probably the worst thing you ever want to hear. It has so much negative connotation to it. What does it mean? Is it the end of life? What's going to happen?"

Fogarty, currently the 177th Logistics Readiness Squadron commander, cancelled a meeting he was preparing for when he got the news.

"At that point I couldn't even remember my name," Fogarty recalled.

He went straight to the doctor's office, where he was told that while the tumor had been small, it was cancerous, but treatable.

It was already Stage 3, meaning the cancer had spread into adjoining tissues and possibly the lymph nodes.

"The doctor asked if I knew a colorectal surgeon," Fogarty recalled. "Out of dumb luck I happen to know one of the best surgeons in Philadelphia."

Fogarty was scheduled for surgery on June 23, 2012 at Drexel University's Hahnemann University Hospital.

He had hoped the tumor could simply be removed and he could move on with his life.

It wouldn't be that simple.

The doctors needed to remove six inches of intestines

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along with the tumor. The surgery also confirmed the spread of cancer into nearby lymph nodes.

The spread of cancer to the lymph nodes meant seven months of chemotherapy and radiation – and required Fogarty to have a port surgically implanted in his chest to enable those treatments. He also needed a colostomy for the duration of his treatments.

Fogarty went back to work. But battling cancer had become his second job.

"My protocol required a five to six hours of an infusion at the doctor's office, and a 48 hour drip at home. I got chemo on Mondays, took Tuesday off, and came into work Wednesday," he said.

With each treatment, he felt himself growing weaker.

He drove on, reasoning: "I have to endure this because I have a lack of options."

Sleep was elusive because of the side effects of the treatments, including nausea and restless leg syndrome.

He chose to shield his children from learning about the extent of his illness and developed empathy toward older people who battle cancer.

"I can't imagine how hard it is for older folks, I had enough trouble as a younger person," Fogarty said.

He was grateful that he didn't lose his hair.

But surviving chemotherapy was only half of Fogarty's battle. Radiation was an even tougher opponent.

"Every day I had to leave work for 15 or 20 minutes to get blasted," Fogarty said. "They gave me small tattoos for alignment purposes. They fire this machine up, and it rotates around hitting you with radiation. I was there for 45 treatments."

The combination of chemo and radiation were brutal. Even the simplest parts of the daily routine, like a two block walk, became unbearable.

"I was at the staff meeting, feeling several shades of gray, and had to get back to my office. Two blocks seemed like so far away, every step was like stepping on shards of glass. I had become toxic." Fogarty said. "The pain was so unbearable, and I was rushed to the

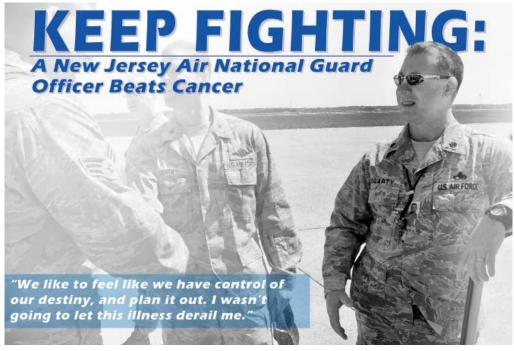


Photo by Master Sgt. Andrew Moseley, photo illustration by Tech. Sgt. Matt Hecht

doctor's to have the chemo stopped, and had to rest for a week."

The desire to tackle things head on and to be strong had served Fogarty well throughout his military career. But the cancer and the treatments made this approach a challenge.

There are some nights, you have to be honest, you cry. It hurts. It's painful. But you get through it, because there's always a better day. And you always figure tomorrow is going to be a better day. It was good when tomorrow was a better day.

LT. COL. JOHN FOGARTY

"I did the best I could, but I wasn't focused. I was angry, I was short tempered and irritable," Fogarty said. "Family motivates you. All they knew was daddy is sick."

As the treatments went on, Fogarty dug in.

"There are some nights, you have to be honest, you cry. It hurts. It's painful. But you get through it, because there's always a better day," he said. "And you always figure tomorrow is going to be a better day. It was good when tomorrow was a better day."

In March 2013, the cancer treatments ended. Two months later, the colostomy was reversed.

Fogarty said keeping a sense of humor was his best weapon in his fight against cancer.

"All you have to do is laugh," said Fogarty. "There's a time and place to be serious, but having humor in your life will get you through it. If you didn't, it would eat you up. Everyone needs a release and mine was humor."

Two years and five months later, Fogarty is feeling good, with a great outlook on the future.

"I find myself paying more attention to the little things, little moments. Colors are a little brighter, days are a little better," said Fogarty.

"We like to feel like we have control of our destiny, and plan it out. I wasn't going to let this illness derail me," said Fogarty. "Everybody who has had cancer has their own battle, and you need to know up front that the battle can be successful."

### Lakotas arrive



The 1-150th Assault Helicopter Battalion, received its first UH-72A Lakota helicopter at the Army Aviation Support Facility in West Trenton, N.J. Dec. 12, 2013. The Lakota performs counter-drug and medical evacua-

tion missions as well as conducting humanitarian and disaster relief efforts. The UH-72A is replacing aging UH-1 and OH-58A/C aircraft. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)

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PEZE HELMES, REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA-There have been many firsts in the 21-year State Partnership Program relationship between New Jersey and the Republic of Albania.

The New Jersey National Guard assisted the Albanian military in preparing themselves for NATO membership.

The first Albanian officer candidate class trained by the NJNG was also the first State Partnership Program country to ever have its officer candidates trained in the United States.

The New Jersey Army National Guard and Albania conducted five successful deploy ments to Afghanistan to train that nation's army.

And now training an Albanian explosive ordnance disposal class to become trainers for a future Albanian EOD school.

From Sept. 6 through Sept. 26, 2014, members of the 177th Fighter Wing EOD team led by Master Sgt. David Niedzwiadek, Tech. Sgt. John Hurley and Staff Sgt. Joe Coates have been training a core group of Albanian Army EOD experts to become level 1 EOD trainers.

According to Hurley the purpose of this training is two-fold: "Albania has munitions that date back from 1950s through the 1980s that they have been disposing of for the past several years – they need more EOD technicians to help in this process. Additionally, Albania wants to create their own EOD curriculum, this class is the first step toward that goal."

"This course is helpful because it builds our future instructors," said Capt. Vladimir Pica, commander, 1st EOD Group, Albanian Army.

This class is an extension of the Humanitarian Mine Action program, which assists European Command partner nations by conducting training and other events that enable these countries in developing an HMA infrastructure capable of eliminating landmine hazards, returning land to economic use, educating people on the hazards of landmines and unexploded ordnance, as well as assisting landmine victims. Prior to the 177th's arrival, in July, Airmen from the 108th Wing Medical Group instructed the Albanian EOD medical center soldiers on advanced lifesaving techniques. Both groups will return next year to evaluate the progress of their Albanian counterparts in developing their own curriculums.

"These Airmen have shared their experiences in Afghanistan," said Pica. "They know what to stress, what to focus on for our students."

"This benefits both EOD teams," said Niedzwiadek. "It reinforces our ability to train, especially working with a foreign class of trained EOD technicians."

After the students have demonstrated their ability to safely dispose of munitions, the next step is to teach them to become trainers.

This is the big leap for the future trainers. Again a munition is placed somewhere in the training area, but this time the person being tested is not the technician, but the trainer. A student is chosen to disarm the unexploded ordnance. The trainer must observe them going through the disposal process, which includes interviewing the person who found the UXO, talking with the incident commander, finding the UXO, measuring it, identifying the device, determining the proper disposal method and executing that procedure.

During the last week of the class, Hurley and Niedzwiadek train the future trainers using a drill called practical problems – an EOD term where a replica of an unexploded ordnance device is placed in the field.

This time the students who are responding to the UXO are prepped by Hurley or Niedzwiadek to make specific mistakes; the key is for the trainer to identify those mistakes, write them down and then at the end of the session when they "grade" the student on their performance, explain whether they passed or not. If the student failed, the trainer will explain what additional training the student must do before they can retest and advance to the next level.

This process is used in the field with trainer Sgt. Servet Lika recording "student" Sgt. Marjan Alhysa's description of what safety procedures he is going to take while measuring the UXO.

As Alhysa clears debris from the UXO, he slightly moves the UXO; Lika catches this mistake and records it. At the end of the test, during the feedback session, Lika explains to Alhysa, Hurley and Pica what Alhysa did right and where he made mistakes.

Hurley reviews Lika's presentation and sums up his performance as a trainer. "Perfect job," said Hurley.





### Fires in action

Story and photos by Sgt. Bill Addison, 444th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Patricia Marcoux was apprehensive when her son joined the New Jersey Army National Guard more than a year ago.

That apprehension swelled to pride and confidence Sunday, after seeing her son, Pfc. Jake Marcoux, and his team fire a 105mm howitzer cannon directly at a tank at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.

"It gives me a great sense of pride and a great sense of comfort," she said. "I couldn't be prouder of my boy that he's doing something so incredible."

It was all part of the 112th Fires Battalion's family day, a chance for families to come out to the ranges and see what their Soldier does while away at drill, annual training or even possibly while deployed.

"I think it is extremely important for us to share with our loved ones what we do on drill," said Lt. Col Robert Hughes, 112th Fires Battalion commander. "Until you actually hear and see artillery live fire, it really is indescribable."

More than 100 family members converged on the range complex of JBMDL to witness their Soldiers in action. They saw more than just the unit's guns in action. They had a chance to learn the history of the field



artillery and see how many moving parts come together to put steel on target said Hughes.

Patricia Marcoux also saw the teamwork and professionalism of our citizen Soldiers in action.

"We come from a big sports family and Jake never played sports," she said. "It's amazing to see here he's very secure and part of a team."

For her son, 21-year-old Jake, it also served as a reminder of just how interesting his part-time job as an artilleryman is.

"I reminds us that the mundane things we do to get ready to fire is actually really cool," he said. "People want to see this, people watch movies for this."





## IN THE COMMUNITY



Senior Airman Tiara Williamson, 108th Wing Medical Group, takes the blood pressure of a homeless veteran during the North Jersey Stand Down at the John F. Kennedy Pool & Recreation Center in Newark on Oct. 11, 2014. Nearly 400 homeless veterans took advantage of access to healthcare, mental health screening, substance abuse counseling, social services (food stamps and unemployment), legal services, religious counseling, a hot meal, a haircut and winter clothing. The New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Stand Down of North Jersey Committee, Inc., along with state, federal and private agencies co-hosted the event. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Spc. Patrick Nogan/Released)



## Kriegshaumer hardens Airmen

Story and photo by Tech. Sqt. Matt Hecht, 177th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

GRAFENWOEHR, Germany -- In the hills of the Grafenwoehr Training Area, Bavaria, Germany, 177th Security Forces Squadron Airmen trained on emergency close air support July 16, 2014.

The ECAS scenarios were developed by the tactical air control party Airmen from the 227th Air Support Operations Squadron as part of Operation Kriegshammer.

Using maps and compasses, the security forces Airmen plotted their locations as well as potential target areas.

"This stuff is awesome," said Master Sgt. Walter Kienzle, a security forces combat arms, training, and maintenance specialist.

"We don't get to use maps like this out in the field very often, and it's a perishable skill so this has been a great refresher," said Kienzle.

Airman 1st Class David Denesha, a tactical air control party airman from the 227th ASOS, observed and assisted with the map and compass training.

"It's important to know basic map reading skills in case our global positioning system devices have batteries that give out," said Denesha.

"No one in security forces expects to have to jump on the radio to talk with aircraft, but it has happened," said Senior Master Sgt. John Sacchetti, 177th SFS operations superintendent. "Being able to communicate with aircraft is an incredibly valuable training opportunity."

The Grafenwoehr Training Area, with over 83 square miles of ranges, provided an ideal location for ECAS training.

U.S. Air Force F-16C Fighting Falcons, German air force Tornadoes, and French air force Mirage 2000s came



Chief Master Sgt. Robert Zaniewski, right, points out a direct hit to Tech. Sgt. Jack Baum after coordinating emergency close air support from a German air force Tornado July 16, 2014, at Grafenwoehr Training Area, Bavaria, Germany.

on station to provide close air support.

"It was a rush talking to the German pilots," said Master Sgt. Stan Carroll, from the 177th SFS. "The key was being calm on the radio, and enunciating for the foreign pilots."

"Grafenwoehr has been a great experience for us," said Sacchetti. "The TACP have shown us what they do with ECAS, and we will be showing them how we handle active shooter situations and preform small unit tactics. As far as joint training goes, it does not get any better than this."



### **CST** revalidated

Sgt. William J. Camp Jr. tests a sample as the 21st Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team, New Jersey National Guard, is revalidated by U.S. Army North at the Arm and Hammer Park, Trenton, N.J., Nov. 18, 2014. Every 18 months, the CST must be validated on common tasks, which include identifying threats, the decontamination process and working with civilian authorities in a real world environment to ensure that the unit is ready in event of a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear threat. CST units, of which the 21st is one of more than 50 CST Guard units nationwide, are unique to the National Guard. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/ Released)



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