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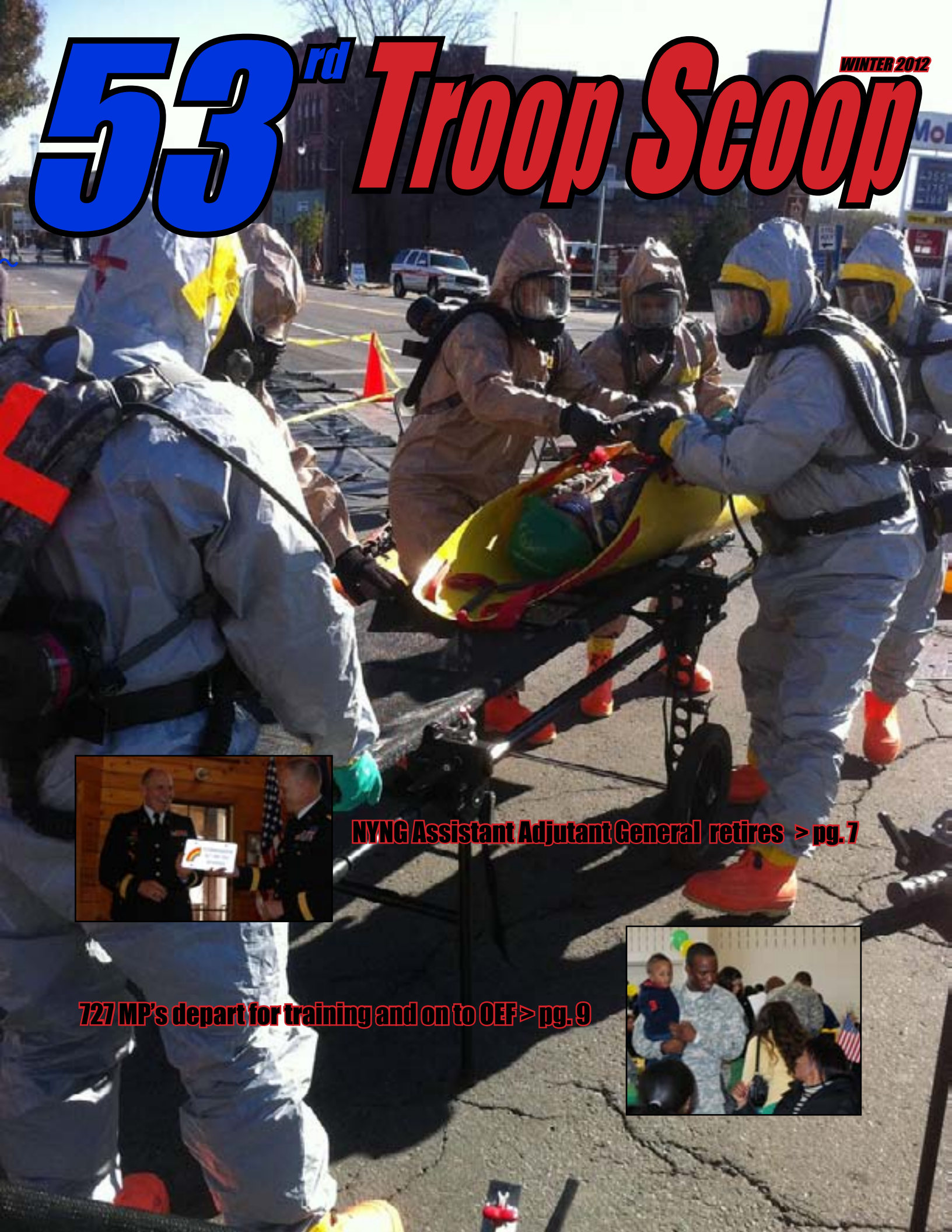

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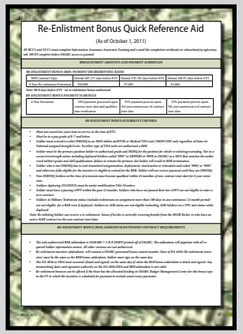
(BACK COVER) This quick reference bonus information cheat sheet outlines bonus eligibility guidelines, contract requirements and payment schedules for the New York Army National Guard as of October 1, 2011. For more information see your unit administrator or battalion career counselor. (Photo and caption courtesy JFHQ, NYNG)



Re-Enlistment Bonus Quick Reference Aid

(As of October 1, 2011)

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REENLISTMENT ARMY/ETS AND PRIORITY SCHEDULE			
AR ENLISTMENT BONUS MIN. PAYMENT DECREMENTING RATES			
1 year Contract	Bonus: $10,000	Bonus: $10,000	Bonus: 1 Yr. or Max Bonus $10,000
2 Year Re-enlistment/Extension	$10,000	$7,500	$5,000
3 Year Re-enlistment/Extension	$10,000	$7,500	$5,000
AR ENLISTMENT BONUS PAYMENT SCHEDULE			
1 Year Extension	50% payment processed upon receipt of new date and qualifying base certification	25% payment processed upon receipt of new date	25% payment processed upon 1st year anniversary of contract start date
AR ENLISTMENT BONUS ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA			

- Must not exceed six years from inception or at the time of ETS.
- Must be in good grade of E-3 and below.
- Soldier must accrued a total 1000 PMC or an MOS whose ASVAB or Medical TDD cost 1000 PMC only regardless of bonus or enlistment bonus payment. Soldier must have 1000 PMC at the time of the bonus payment.
- Soldier must be the primary service member in authorized grade and MOS(s) in the position for which re-enlisting/extending. Not to a course/training/job status including deployed Soldiers called "MOB" to 1000PMC or 1000 to 2000PC or 2000 to 3000PC that matches the earlier mobilization and deployed Soldiers who have completed their mobilization and are back in their MOS.
- Soldier must have 1000PMC/2000PMC/3000PMC in their current MOS at the time of the re-enlistment/extension "MOB" or "MOB" and otherwise fully eligible for the incentive is eligible to extend for the MOB. Soldier will not receive payment until they are 1000PMC/ 2000PMC/3000PMC Soldiers of the time of extension must be more qualified within 24 months of ETS, extension must also be 2 year extension.
- Soldier deploying 1000PMC must be under mobilization Title 10 status.
- Soldier must have a passing APFT within the past 12 months. Soldiers who have not passed their last APFT are not eligible to enter a re-enlistment.
- Soldier in Military Technician status (includes technicians on assignment more than 180 days in one continuous 12 month period) are not eligible. As a MOB over if deployed. Soldiers in AR status are not eligible including AGR Soldiers or ETP, and status while deployed.
- Non-qualifying Soldier can receive a re-enlistment bonus if he/she is currently receiving bonuses from the MOB Roster or who have an active MOB contract or the new contract start date.

AR ENLISTMENT BONUS IMMEDIATE AND/OR SUSTAINED CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

- The only authorized AR enlistment is NGB-600-7 / 5-8-1 ESOPP period of all 1000PC. No addendum will populate with or of general soldier enlistment system. All other contracts are not authorized.
- Re-enlistment incentive addendum will contain a 1000PC generated bonus control number. Date of ETS AND the enlistment extension date must be the same date. Soldier must be in the same MOS at the time of the re-enlistment.
- The AR 600-8-19H must successfully finish and signed, on the same day as the MOB bonus addendum is dated and signed. Any mismatching dates and signature authority on the AR 600-8-19H and MOB addendum is not valid.
- Soldier must have a passing APFT within the past 12 months. Soldiers who have not passed their last APFT are not eligible to enter a re-enlistment. Soldiers who have not passed a current APFT are not eligible to participate.

Command Corner

Brig. Gen. Mike Swezey
53rd Troop Command
"For The Soldier"

To All the Members of the 53rd Troop Command,

As I sit here drafting these comments in early February I look out my window and see ... what? No snow. So far it has been an unbelievably warm winter.

I will take it, thank you. However, I can't help but wonder what kind of unusual weather this dry winter will bring us next Spring and Summer. Also, I would not be surprised if we get slammed with a winter storm before this season is over.

One thing for certain - our National Guard training season is just around the corner. The 104th MP Battalion, and the rest of the CERF-P team, has a major HRF exercise coming up in the Spring. The 101 Signal Battalion continues its task of getting ready for their late summer mobilization to Afghanistan. The 102nd MP's also continue to train-up the 222 MP Company for its deployment.

The 727 MP Detachment is in Afghanistan, and the 107th MP's is conducting it Gitmo mission in Cuba. Lots on the plate.

Leaders - I want to thank you for the job you did in January on getting our Soldiers their flu shots. One of the imperatives for success in our Army is to accomplish any assigned task. More precisely, our job is to WIN. Your Soldiers need you, and I need you, to focus on improving MOS qualification.

This requires daily UMR management and attention to detail to ensure our Soldiers get the schooling they need. Secondly, I want you to focus on comprehensive Soldier fitness. We need everyone to be resilient and strong.

We have the tools to conduct this training - we need to execute it to standard.

We currently have a very interesting training exercise going on right now in the African country Mali with the 369 Sustainment Brigade providing leadership and logistical support. As a way ahead, we should all focus on the African continent. Our Army will be engaged there much more over time.

New York State also has a partnership arrangement with South Africa that many of you have participated with in the past.

To our Soldiers and your families - thank you for all you do and continue to do for our great Nation.

When I see a Soldier wearing their ACU with that patch over their heart that says, "U.S. ARMY" I automatically feel very comfortable giving that individual a "bye" in the area of Trust. I have learned over my career to trust Soldiers and it is a wonderful feeling. I would hope you all feel that sense of trust with your fellow Soldiers (and Marines, and Airmen, and Sailors) and with your organization. Trust is one of the building blocks for our Army. Another one is fitness. The Spring APFT season is coming - get ready. It's a pleasure to serve with you.

AT EASE…..Another Summer and Fall has passed as we are maintaining our OPTEMPO training and deploying Soldiers. As I continue to visit 53rd units I continue to see Soldiers doing their jobs and doing them well honing those skills necessary to be that competent Soldier if called upon for war. I continue to see high morale and during events like Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee I continue to see my Soldiers going above and beyond answering the call to assist their fellow neighbors when they most need it. As I've said many times, "We are the National Guard."

Soldiers continue to sacrificed greatly leaving their families, homes, jobs, schools, and vacations to deploy throughout New York as well as the world answering the call to help their communities and their nation when they are most needed. Again, "We are the National Guard."

We are a resilient force. We are learning the basic skills to help us bounce back from adversity - life's little and big challenges - to help promote post-traumatic growth versus post-traumatic stress. The effects are there as we are a nation at war on terrorism. It is not just the challenges of going to war, it is also the challenges we face at home.

I would like to identify six core competencies that are listed in the September 2011 issue of The NCO Journal:

1. Self-Awareness: Identify thoughts, emotions, behavior and patterns.
2. Self-Regulation: Regulate impulses, emotions and behaviors to achieve goals.
3. Optimism: Hunt for what is good, remain realistic, maintain hope and have confidence in self and team.
4. Mental Agility: Think flexibly and accurately take other perspectives.
5. Strengths of Character: Knowledge of top strengths and how to use them to overcome challenges and meet goals.
6. Connections: Strong relationships, effective communication, empathy, a willingness to ask for help.

In conclusion, we must keep in mind that resilience is a process. It is ongoing. It never stops. We as Citizen-Soldiers are always in transition - Family and mission. "We are the National Guard." CARRY-ON!

Cmd. Sgt. Maj. Louis Wilson
53rd Troop Command
"For The Soldier"

501st EOD returns from OND

Story and Photos by Spc. Trisha Pinczes, 138th PAD

GLENVILLE--Although they're a small unit, the 30 members of the 501st Ordnance Battalion received a massive welcome when they returned home after 10 months in Iraq and Saturday, Oct. 15.

As the steady hum of anticipation crept across the room, small heads slowly settled above the shoulders of parents, grandparents and friends, all trying to give children the first glimpse as Soldiers of the unit got off the bus from Joint Base McGuire-Dix, where they had been out processing.

The reception is the first thing the Soldiers come home to and has a major impact on keeping moral high for Soldiers to know they have the support of everyone, said Major General Patrick Murphy, the Adjutant General of New York.

"This was probably the best reception I have seen yet," Murphy said, as he watched the Soldiers reunite with their families.

The battalion, which deployed to Iraq in December 2010, was responsible for overseeing the operations of three Explosive Ordnance Disposal companies operating in nine provinces southern Iraq, from headquarters in Basra.

They were the battalion so everything goes through them," Sgt. 1st Class Frank White, the rear detachment Non-Commissioned Officer- In -Charge of the rear detachment, said. "Supply functions, administrative duties and any missions executed they coordinated so they were extremely busy."

For the Soldiers, leaving family home is often considered one of the hardest parts of any given deployment and when they have such extensive duties for their mission, they cannot be distracted, Soldiers said.

"Being away from my family and knowing that they could need me home is really difficult to think about," said Lt. Col. Robert Mitchell, the battalion commander. "I could see the relief on all of their faces as soon as I walked in."

Family members of the 501st Soldiers joined together throughout the deployment to form the Family Readiness Group (FRG) that would support each other as their loved ones where overseas. This FRG organized the homecoming for their Soldiers as well as contacted other family members throughout the deployment to ensure that families were looked after and Soldiers would know that everything was ok back home.

New York Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Patrick Murphy, (right) and Command Sgt. Major Frank Wicks welcome Soldiers assigned to the 501st Ordnance Battalion (EOD) to the Armed Forces Reserve Center in Glenville, NY, October 15, 2011. The 501st EOD returned to Glenville after a year long deployment in support of Operation New Dawn.

"I could say every week I received emails from the higher Family Readiness Groups letting us know what was going on over there," Denise Church, wife of the 501st Command Sergeant Major Ken Church said. "They kept us very well informed."

Being separated from part of your family is an adjustment not easily made.

"I'm getting my life back is what I call it," Church said. "Part of my life was gone and today I'm getting that part back."

The reception Soldiers receive is important in knowing that they were not forgotten.

Lt. Col. Robert Mitchell, commander, 501st Ordnance Battalion (EOD) greets family Glenville Armed Forces Center october 15, 2011 after returning from almost a year in support of Operation New Dawn.

NYARNG take over downtown Kingston for exercise

Story and Photos by Spc. Trisha Pinczes and Spc. Brian Godette

KINGSTON, NY -- Sirens on emergency vehicles flashed through the air as more than 600 New York Army and Air National Guard and civilian first responders reacted to a terrorism response drill in the downtown Kingston area November 5, 2011.

The 24th Civil Support Team and the New York National Guard CERFP (CBRN [Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear] Enhanced Response Force Package) are specially trained to detect the presence of hazardous materials and relieve civilian first responders and sustain emergency rescue operations after an attack.

With the exercise taking place in downtown Kingston, local residents observed as military and civilian forces reacted, in stages, to a simulated dirty bomb detonation.

KINGSTON, NY -- New York National Guard Soldiers from the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear or High Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package send out a fully suited search and extraction team to the site of the simulated explosion as part of a emergency disaster training exercise in downtown Kingston on Nov. 5, 2011.

When sent in, the search and extraction team suit up and begin examining the site and the casualties.

"The search and extraction team breaches the area and assesses the number and injuries of the casualties," Capt. Jennifer Sheringham a WMD (weapons of mass destruction) plans and operations officer said. "They are the first ones notified of a chemical presence from the civilian first responders."

As the search and extraction team brings simulated casualties to the decontamination site, the next stage begins.

Fully suited during the decontamination phase, the teams send casualties through a series of tents where they are rinsed and retested for signs of chemical or radioactive activity.

Working together in an urban environment for the first time, the CERFP and the civil support team practiced a real world situation to better prepare for an unexpected disaster.

"Our goal today is to look at our response time, see how we are working as a group and pinpoint our deficiencies," Sheringham said. "We try to make it as realistic as possible so that if something does happen we know we'll be ready."

Operating in a high stress environment does not come without difficulty.

Personnel are a struggle because we have some people that really know what they are doing, and then some that are doing this type of training for the first time and that makes it hard," Sgt. Ruffy Galsim, the non-commissioned officer in charge for non-ambulatory decontamination said. "Our unit does this training at least every two month in order to keep up with new Soldiers coming into the unit."

Working in an urban environment, space is not negotiable.

"Every scenario is different," Galsim said. "In a small area like this we have to be able to coordinate ourselves with the space that we are given.

Cooperation between civil and military forces is essential for training but does not come without certain challenges.

"There are always obstacles but the hardest part is getting together and getting it right," said Major Fred McCoy, executive officer, 104th Military Police Battalion. "The Soldier's, airmen, and civilian forces really came together and integrated well."

Closing down a major part of downtown Kingston for a training exercise and the amount of coordination in working with so many different support teams in no way outweighs the importance of the exercise itself.

"In a natural disaster this is what would happen," McCoy said. "We would in such a case integrate with civilian forces so this integration is reality."

KINGSTON,N.Y.- Soldiers from the 222nd Chemical Company in full Hazardous Material gear assist civilian participants during the decontamination phase of a joint force first responders exercise in reaction to a radioactive attack.

AROUND THE 53RD

(Above Right) A Soldier assigned to the 107th Military Police Company, inspects a vehicle at Roosevelt Gate entering Joint Task Force Guantanamo. The 107th MP Company provides external security to JTF Guantanamo and fall under the leadership of the 525th Military Police Battalion. JTF Guantanamo provides safe, humane, legal and transparent care and custody of detainees, including those convicted by military commission and those ordered released by a court. The JTF conducts intelligence collection, analysis and dissemination for the protection of detainees and personnel working in JTF Guantanamo facilities and in support of the War on Terror. JTF Guantanamo provides support to the Office of Military Commissions, to law enforcement and to war crimes investigations. The JTF conducts planning for and, on order, responds to Caribbean mass migration operations. (Photo by JTF-GTMO Public Affairs)

(Above Left) Command Sgt. Maj. Justin Lenz, a Rhonde Island, N.Y., native with the 369th Sustainment Brigade New York National Guard, acting as the mission command sergeant major, and Malian army Lt. Abdrahamane Kone, a native from Mopti, Mali, acting as Security Operations for Malian defense force, have a discussion after the opening ceremony of Atlas Accord '12 taking place Feb. 9 at Mopti airfield. Coordinating operations and exchanging ideas for Atlas Accord '12, a humanitarian and partnership mission focusing on aerial resupply to remote areas, is a joint effort with many nations including the U.S. and Malian militaries. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt Shana R. Hutchins)

(Above Center) New York Army National Guard Soldiers from the 466th Area Support Medical Company and 1427th Transportation Company lead the 2011 Christmas Eve road march in Glens Falls, N.Y. More than 500 Soldiers, family members, area veterans and community members participated in the eight annual event. (U.S. Army photo by Lt. Col. Richard Goldenberg, New York Army National Guard Joint Force Headquarters)

NYNG Assistant Adjutant General Retires

Story by: JFHQ PAO, NYARNG

Brig Gen. Paul Genereux ended nearly four decades of uniformed service on Saturday, Jan. 14 with a retirement ceremony at West Point surrounded by friends, family and fellow Soldiers. He has led New York Army National Guard Soldiers through the Army's transition from the Cold War, through the Gulf War and into the new millennium's overseas contingency operations after 9/11.

Genereux has led Army National Guard Soldiers at the company, battalion, brigade and division command positions with the New York Army National Guard during his nearly 40 years of military service, including 34 years as a commissioned officer.

He was joined by the four past commanders of the 42nd Infantry Division which he led from 2006 to 2009 for the ceremony, including Maj. Gen. Steven Wickstrom and retired Maj. Gens. Joseph Taluto and Thomas Garrett. Their leadership of the "Rainbow Division," as it is known, stretches back more than a decade.

"When I think of words that best define Paul Genereux's service, loyalty comes first," Maj. Gen. Taluto, Genereux's commander while deployed in Iraq with the 42nd Infantry Division and former Adjutant General of New York said.

"There is no one more loyal to his seniors, subordinates, Soldiers and unit than Brig. Gen. Genereux. I know that first hand."

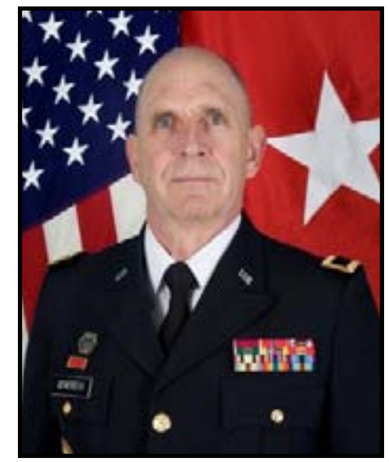
His career has led to his most recent assignment from May 2009 until the present as the Assistant Adjutant General -- Army for the New York National Guard. He was responsible for ensuring that New York Army National Guard units were prepared to mobilize in support of federal or state missions.

"I may have to finally stop wearing the uniform," Genereux said in his remarks at the retirement ceremony,"but I don't have to stop being a Soldier. I still live the Army values, think like a Soldier, still keep the memories of being a Soldier and still keep my friends who are Soldiers."

"I have seen the best and the worst of the Army and the Army Guard," Genereux said.

"I've had a great career, from a young private drafted in 1972 to commanding general of the 42nd Infantry Division. I worked with great Soldiers, NCOs and officers," he said, "and I've travelled to some of the garden spots of the world, Iraq, Afghanistan, Egypt, but also to Iceland, Greenland, South Africa and Europe."

In his role as Assistant Adjutant General, Genereux placed a special emphasis on reintegrating returning veterans to ensure a safe transition to civilian life and



caring for families before, during and after mobilization.

"Leadership matters," Genereux said, "and those who've served with me have heard it more than once."

Genereux graduated from Manhattan College in 1972 with a degree in Civil Engineering, and entered military service in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard in October of that year. After five years enlisted service, he was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Army Reserve in February 1978. Genereux was first assigned as the Operations Officer for the 300th Civil Affairs Group in Riverdale, Maryland.

He served in numerous command and staff positions as an armor officer with the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 101st Cavalry from 1983 until 1995. He commanded the battalion from 1996 until 2000.

Genereux later served as deputy commander for the 53rd Troop Command in 2001 and deputy commander of Joint Task Force-42 during the National Guard's response to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in New York City. He then commanded the 3rd Armored Brigade, 42nd Infantry Division in 2002 before assuming duties as the division's deputy commander in 2003.

Genereux mobilized for federal service in May 2004 with the 42nd Infantry Division Headquarters for Operation Iraqi Freedom as the deputy commander for maneuver with the Multinational Division North Central Iraq and Task Force Liberty. During his deployment to Iraq, Genereux was responsible for the tactical operations of more than 22,000 Army, Army Reserve and Army National Guard Soldiers.

He took command of the division in April, 2006, leading the division headquarters during its redeployment to Cairo, Egypt in 2007 for the joint multinational training Bright Star exercise.

Genereux is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic Course, the Infantry Officer Advanced Course, the Armor Officer Basic Course, and the Command and General Staff College. He is a graduate of the Army War College in 2001 and awarded a Master of Strategic Studies degree.

His awards include the Distinguished Service Cross, presented at his retirement ceremony on Jan. 14, Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal with seven oak leaf clusters, the National Defense Service Medal with two stars, and National Defense Service Ribbon.

Genereux, a Project Director for Torcon Incorporated, Redbank, N.J., resides in Bloomsburg, Penn. with his wife Rosalie, an employee of Geisinger Health Plan.

"Paul, you did good," Taluto said. "Roe, you can have him back now full time. It is time for you two to enjoy the fruits of your labor."

Hellfighters' provide mission support in Africa

Story by: Staff Sgt. Shana R. Hutchins, - 128th MPAD, UTARNG

SEVARE, MALI -- U.S. Army Capt. Timothy Piddington, from Stamford Conn. with the 369th Sustainment Brigade New York Army National Guard, acting as one of the operations battle captains for Atlas Accord '12., and Aly Koundou Coulibaly, task force commander and chief of operations with the Malian Defense Force, and staff coordinate training for Atlas Accord '12, a U.S. Army Africa-sponsored bilateral humanitarian and partnership exercise focusing on aerial resupply to remote areas. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Shana R. Hutchins)

MOPTI, Mali -- The 369th Sustainment Brigade "Harlem Hellfighters," a National Guard unit from Harlem, N.Y., provided operational support for Atlas Accord 2012, a bilateral humanitarian and partnership exercise sponsored by U.S. Army Africa.

The brigade is working with the Malian Defense Forces (MDF) in a partnership exercise in Severe, Mali, to assist in training several nations on different techniques to deliver humanitarian aid.

"Harlem Hellfighters" were given their nickname during World War I by the German soldiers fighting against them.

"Maybe that's the greatest honor a Soldier can get on the battlefield is to be named by your enemy," said U.S. Army Col. Reginald D. Sanders, 369th SB, deputy commanding officer for Atlas Accord '12 from Henderson Harbor, N.Y. "The 'Hellfighters' never gave ground and always advanced no matter the obstacles. The Germans could not scare them away."

During the opening ceremony, Sanders said the planning of this exercise was in the works for some time and both the host nation staff and the U.S. military did a great job getting everyone to the point of execution through mutual planning and organizing.

The preparation that went into this exercise includes: aquiring country clearances; inoculations and initial training for the Soldiers involved; and interfacing with different units, the Malians and doing a few on-the-ground visits to find the best way to help the Malians execute the exercise.

"We are here for two reasons; one, to exchange ideas with the Malians and help them extend their capabilities and to learn from them. We have Army National Guard, active and reserve units here with a lot of different skill sets. We are trying to learn from each other. The second piece is to be ambassadors to Mali from the U.S.," said 369th SB Capt. Tim Piddington, from Stamford, Conn.

Rockland County, N.Y. native and Army Warrant Officer Douglas Haydak, 369th "Hellfighters" supply systems technician, is working at Atlas Accord '12 as the contractor's officer representative with the Malian people.

"The exercise we are doing here is to assist the Mali Defense Forces in teaching them methods for providing assistance in remote areas that may be experiencing famine and may not be readily accessible by road," said Haydak. [Soldiers] can exchange ideas about aerial delivery with them that may help the Malian people provide water, food or medical aid."

The "Harlem Hellfighters" and MDF worked closely and shared many experiences in preparing for Atlas Accord '12.

"The experience with the Malians has been great, they have been very kind and generous, eager to interact with the U.S. and the partner nations on the ground," Haydak said. "They seem very responsive to be active with the cultural exchange."

"I have had no difficulties with this exercise and have learned the Soldiers from the 369th and Malian soldiers have different viewpoints and we are learning from them," said MDF Security Operations Liaison Lt. Abdrahamane Kon, a native of Mopti, Mali. "We are hoping for good training from this activity," he said. U.S. Soldiers are expected to perform anywhere around the world and need to be familiar with other cultures.

"The end state of this exercise is allowing the Malians to successfully project to all regions of their country to provide them with much needed water, food and medical supplies," Piddington said. "We can always keep in mind, despite the fact they may have less than what we do, they have high morale and I hope to learn more about the Malians and their military," he said.

727 MPs depart for training an on to OEF

Story by: Master Sgt. Corine Lombardo - Joint Force Headquarters-- New York

CAMP SMITH, Peekskill -- Sgt. Joseph Calleja, 727th Military Police (Law and Order) Detachment presents his 2 year old son Joseph Jr. and his wife Yahaira, with a "Soldier" Build-A-Bear during a departure ceremony, Nov 27. The bears were donated to the unit and each Soldier was able to record a personalized message to their loved ones. "This was a wonderful gift, my son will know that if he misses daddy, all he has to do is hug his bear and he will hear me say I love you," said Calleja. The Queens New York family traveled to Peekskill to join hundreds of family members as they said farewell to 45 members of the unit. The Soldiers departed for overseas deployment training and police certification at Ft. Bliss, Texas and will provide safety and security for operations bases in northern Afghanistan later this year. The unit is expected to depart for Afghanistan in late December, returning back to New York in the fall of 2012.

CAMP SMITH, Cortlandt Manor, NY -- Just because Sgt. Joseph Calleja, a member of the 727th Military Police (Law and Order) Detachment, left home on Sunday, Nov. 27, it doesn't mean his 2 year-old son Joseph Jr. won't hear from him on a nightly basis.

Thanks to hundreds of community members, dozens of "Soldier" Build-A-Bears were donated to the unit and each of the 45 Soldiers who departed for post-mobilizationa training on Nov. 27 was able to record a personalized message to their loved ones.

"This was a wonderful gift. My son will know that if he misses daddy, all he has to do is hug his bear and he will hear me say I love you," Calleja said .

Calleja and the other 727th Sodliers left for Ft. Bliss, Texas where they will spend roughly a month conducting overseas deployment training and receive their final police certification before leaving for Afghanistan. Once in northern Afghanistan, the unit will provide safety and security for operations bases there.

"From our chain of command to our family readiness group to our community volunteers, we have a terrific support group," said Capt. Richard Powell, Commander of the 727th MP Detachment. "They have been with us throughout our training and will remain with us throughout the deployment, so we know they will take care of things here while we take care of business over there."

The unit is expected to depart for Afghanistan in late December, returning back to New York in the fall of 2012.

Re-Enlistment Bonus Quick Reference Aid

(As of October 1, 2011)

All BCC's and UCC's must complete Information Assurance Awareness Training and e-mail the completion certificate to: education@ny.ngb.army.mil. MUST complete before IMARC access is granted.

REENLISTMENT AMOUNTS AND PAYMENT SCHEDULES

RE-ENLISTMENT BONUS (REB) PAYMENT DECREMENTING RATES

REB Contract Type	Extend 365-271 days before ETS	Extend 270-181 days before ETS	Extend 180-91 days before ETS
6 Year Re-enlistment Extension	$10,000	$7,000	$5,000

Note: 90-0 days before ETS - no re-enlistment bonus authorized

RE-ENLISTMENT BONUS PAYMENT SCHEDULE

6 Year Extension	50% payment processed upon contract start date and qualification verification	25% payment process upon 3rd year anniversary of contract start date	25% payment process upon 5th year anniversary of contract start date

RE-ENLISTMENT BONUS ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- ***Must not exceed ten years time in service at the time of ETS.***
- ***Must be in a pay grade of E-7 and below.***
- ***Soldier must extend/re-enlist DMOSQ in an MOS whitin anMTOE or Medical TDA unit (MEDCOM) only regardless of State otr National assigned strength levels. No other type of TDA units are authorized a REB***
- ***Soldier must be the primary position holder in authorized grade and MOSQ for the position for which re-enlisting/extending. Not in a excess/overstrength status including deployed Soldiers coded '9993' in SIDPERS or 999K in IMARC in a MOS that matches the authorized militart grade and skill qualification. failure to remain the primary slot holder will result in REB termination.***
- ***Soldier who is not DMOSQ due to unit transition/reorganization, deployment, inactivation or relocation and coded '9994' or '9995' and otherwise fully eligible for the incentive is eligible to extend for the REB. Soldier will not recieve payment until they are DMOSQ.***
- ***Non-DMOSQ Soldiers at the time of extension must become qualified within 24 monthes of new contract start date for 6 year extension..***
- ***Soldiers deploying (OCONUS) must be under mobilization Title 10 orders.***
- ***Soldier must have a passing APFT within the past 12 months. Soldiers who have not passed their last APFT are not eligible to enter a new contract.***
- ***Soldiers in Military Technician status (includes technicians on assignment more than 180 days in any continuous 12 month period) are not eligible for a REB even if deployed. Soldiers in AGR status are not eligible inclucding AGR Soldiers in a TPU unit status while deployed.***

Note: Re-enlisting Soldier can recieve a re-enlistment bonus if he/she is currently reciveing benefis from the MGIB Kicker or who have an active SLRP contract on the new contract start date.

RE-ENLISTMENT BONUS (REB) ADDENDUM/EXTENSION CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

- ***The only authorizied REB addendum is NGB 600-7-3-R-E DSIPP printed off of IMARC. The addendum will populate with all required Soldier information entries. All other versions are not authorized.***
- ***Re-enlistment incentive addendums will contain a IMARC generated bonus control number. Date of DA 4836 (Re-enlistment extension) must be the same as the REB bonus addendum. Soldier must sign on the same day.***
- ***The DA 4836 or DD4 must executed (dated and signed) on the same day of when the REB bonus addendum is dated and signed. Any mismatching dates and signature authority on the DA 4836/DD4 and REB addendum is not valid.***
- ***Re-enlistment bonuses can be offered if the State has the allocated funding in IMARC Budget Management Center for this bonus type in the FY in which the incentive is scheduled for payment to include anniversary payments.***