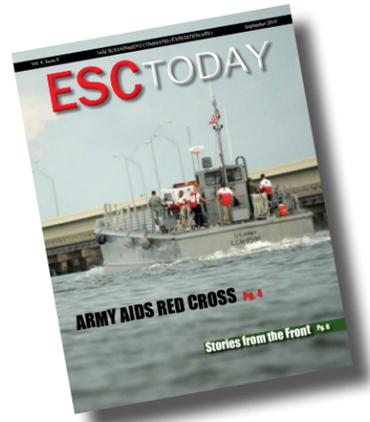


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Soldiers of the 824th Transportation Company ferry Red Cross emergency vehicles across Tampa Bay Aug. 8 on an LCM-8, or "Mike Boat," during an exercise to test the feasibility of transporting disaster relief aid from Hillsborough County to Pinellas County should a natural disaster occur, closing the bridges. The 824th TC falls under the 641st Regional Support Group, 143d Sustainment Command (Expeditionary).

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The Command Post

After three and a half years commanding the 143d ESC it's time to say farewell. Thanks to you the Soldiers that make up the 143d, it was very rewarding and the highlight of my career! I greatly appreciate your support and effort as we worked together improving readiness, preparing units to deploy, welcoming units home and taking care of Soldiers. Your experience and professionalism is at an all time high and it shows in everything you do, which brings great credit upon you, your unit, the 143d and the Army Reserves.

From the perspective of the headquarters a lot happened in the past three and a half years. As the first 143d ESC Commander my tenure began with the headquarters transitioning from the 143d Transportation Command to the ESC and growing about 10 fold in the number of Units and Soldiers within the command.

Then soon followed by preparations for and deployment to Afghanistan as the first ESC deployed to that Theater. It was a very rewarding tenure for me not just because of the transition and deployment, but also very much so from the opportunity to meet and visit with the Soldiers that make up this large command and witness all the great things you accomplish.

My next assignment is Deputy Commander for Mobilization and Training at the Combined Arms Support Command (CASCOM) & Sustainment Center of Excellence (SCOE). It is a great opportunity for me to continue to working with the ESCs and Sustainment Brigades to provide a link to resources at CASCOM and the SCOE



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at Fort Lee and to help influence what CASCOM and the SCOE can do for Army Reserve Sustainment units. Thank you for making the 143d an outstanding Sustainment Command! I look forward to seeing you either at Fort Lee or as I travel about in my new assignment. Take care and God-speed!
Sustaining Victory!

DID YOU KNOW?

The Carriage House and Museum in Weirsdale, Florida is sponsoring a six-day celebration for veterans and families from Nov. 5 to Nov. 10, including color guards, displays, presentations and exhibits. This is the only site in Florida recognized by the Department of Veterans Affairs as an official Veterans' Day Celebration site. For more information, visit http://www.fcmr.org/wordpress/?page_id=1971 Find out more exciting news for veterans at <http://www.facebook.com/143dESC>

824th TC, Red Cross team up, ferry vehicles

■ BY SPC. JON H. ARGUELLO
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ORLANDO, Fla. — The Red Cross recently has taken a play right out of the United States Army playbook. What was the play? “Train how you fight.”

Two Red Cross emergency vehicles were loaded onto an Army vessel with their crews and transported across Tampa Bay August 8 to test the feasibility of the arrangement in case of a natural disaster affecting the community in Pinellas County.

“Today, we’re proving it can be done,” said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Gerry Mitchell, of the 824th Transportation Company.

Although there were many steps left to have a finalized plan in case of severe weather problems, Mitchell explained, the mission would be repeated next year with the added element of offloading more supplies.

“If we can’t get over those bridges—if we can’t get down US 19—we need to be able to take it across the water if we have to,” said Janet McGuire of the American Red Cross.

“During (Hurricane) Katrina we used LCACs, Landing Crafts, Air Cushioned,” said Tampa Mass Care Lead Karen Bird. “We were checking various other options of getting our vehicles to Pinellas County by sea.”

In the case of a real disaster LCM-8586, as the vessel is designated, would have been transporting food and supplies as well. However, affected communities should be prepared to cope for up to five days on their own as those supplies are prepared, McGuire said.

Severe weather such as hurri-



Photo by Spc. Elisebet Freeburg | 204th PAD

Soldiers from the 824th Transportation Company prepare to offload Red Cross emergency vehicles Aug. 8 after successfully ferrying the vehicles across Tampa Bay during a joint exercise. The exercise tested the feasibility of transporting supplies and vehicles across the bay in the case of a natural disaster resulting in bridge closures.

canes affect the community and the aid and response to those disasters are handle as a community as well said McGuire.

“Weareallinitttogether,” she said. “The Army is always available to do those missions,” said Mitchell. “We just wait for the word from our elected officials to tell the Army to go, and we’re ready to go.”

The 824th Trans. Co. used its LCM-8, or “Mike Boat,” to transport the two vehicles, one of them a Hummer H3, the smaller civilian adaptation of the High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle, often called a Humvee and used by the Army.

The two Red Cross vehicles did not come close to testing the limits of the Mike boat’s capacity though, as the utility craft’s payload is 60 tons of troops

or equipment and has a range of approximately 500 miles. Recently Mitchell, skipper of the 824th TC’s other utility craft, the much larger LCU-2031 “New Orleans,” used the same

methods to provide support to the people of Haiti after that nation’s disastrous earthquake. As far as working with the Army Reserve, Bird said, “It has been fantastic.”



Photo by Spc. Jon H. Arguello | 204th PAD

The 824th Transportation Company ferries Red Cross emergency vehicles across Tampa Bay Aug. 8 on an LCM-8, or “Mike Boat,” during an exercise to test the feasibility of transporting equipment and aid to Pinellas County should a natural disaster occur, closing the bridges.

2nd Recruiting Bde. hosts Synergy 2010 in Orlando

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ORLANDO, Fla. — The City Beautiful played host to more than 300 recruiters and recruiter support personnel this August as the 2010 Recruiting Partnership Council kicked off. The event brought representatives from through-



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Maj. Gen. Steven Abt, Senior Reserve Component Representative to Army Accessions Command, addresses more than 300 Army recruiters and other personnel at Synergy 2010, this year’s 2010 Recruiting Partnership Council.

out the 2nd Recruiting Brigade down to Central Florida for briefings and seminars.

Synergy 2010, as the RPC was called, presented recruiters with the latest information on their performance, the recruiting environment and other useful information, as well as an arena to ask questions and put forth their suggestions. Recruiters from Louisiana to North Carolina were present at the event.

Maj. Gen. Steven Abt, Senior Reserve Component Representative to Army Accessions Command, delivered a motivational speech that highlighted many differences between Soldiers of today and days past.

Abt opened his speech by suggesting every person who has worn or wears the uniform can relate to the phrase, “Wow—what a ride.” Most of his speech, humorous and insightful, described the challenges facing recruiters today and those entering the ser-

vice as smart with bad eating habits. Abt also mentioned the continued integration of the Army Reserve and Active Duty components.

Preceding Abt was Brig. Gen. Leslie Purer, Army Reserve Deputy Chief. Purer described the “Army Way Forward” which includes precision recruiting, shaping the force in a productive manner and other broad scope human resource issues, such as Reserve Soldiers’ civilian employment and how that employments impacts their ability as a Soldier.

An important aspect of the conference was how recent recruiting numbers are at their best since 1992.

Brig. Gen. Bryan Roberts, deputy commander of U.S. Army Recruiting Command, delivered the phenomenal recruiting numbers and said that even though the times are good, it was important to “not forget the lessons learned in the lean years.”

641st RSG changes command



Lt. Col. Barry Bort relinquished command of the 641st Regional Support Group to Col. Eddie Davis Aug. 14 at the 1st Lt. Max R. Stover Reserve Center in St. Petersburg, FL.

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From the Front

Striving and thriving on the roads of Afghanistan

■ BY 1ST LT. TIMOTHY WASHBURN
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FORWARD OPERATING BASE LEATHER-NECK, Afghanistan – The heat has reached its pinnacle in the desert of Afghanistan, and the operational pace of the U.S. Army Reserve’s 849th Quartermaster Company is not far behind. Soldiers from the Rocky Mount, N.C. unit continue to provide logistical support throughout the South, West and Southwest Regional Command areas of operation in Afghanistan and continue to be commended for their efforts.

While the 849th has seen Soldiers return from outposts in the Western region, new missions have resulted in some of the same Soldiers keeping their bags packed and heading to new locations in the South. In addition to the new challenges on Forward Operating Bases, the 849th has been called upon to assist in the delivery of equipment vital to the success of President Obama’s surge, which in turn has resulted in increased participation in convoy operations.

“There’s really a three-pronged logistical effort going on right now in Afghanistan,” said Capt. Jeffrey Miller, 849th Commander. “We are sustaining the original 60,000 Soldiers here, we are at the height of a surge that brought an additional 30,000 troops, and the Afghanistan Theater is maturing. All of that going on at

once puts us in the center of a large effort to receive, process, load and ship supplies of all types to bases all throughout the Southern and Southwestern parts of the country. As a multifunctional logistical unit, we are being asked to use every available asset to get the job done, and our transportation section is one



Photo by 1st Lt. Timothy Washburn | 849th QM Co.
Staff Sgt. Terri Savage of Oak City, N.C., processes Class IX repair parts at the Kandahar Airfield Supply Support Activity, Afghanistan. Savage is one of several members of the 849th Quartermaster Company currently working with other Army units, Navy personnel and civilian contractors at the KAF SSA to ensure units receive needed supplies as quickly as possible.

such asset we have.” The call to provide more trucks out on the road was one that was answered with much enthusiasm and excitement. Up until this point most of the driving had taken place within the friendly confines of FOB Leatherneck.

Now Soldiers are getting a chance to see more of the country and to see how their efforts affect Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen from the United States and its allies.

“The general consensus among drivers is we’re glad to finally be out doing our job,” said Martin Montelongo of Farmville, N.C. “I’ve seen a lot of the local population and seen a lot of their culture. Most of it has been pretty good. The little kids give us thumbs up as we pass by, but I have been hit by a squash from some teenagers.”

Dodging flying vegetables from mischievous teenagers has been just one challenge faced by truck crews.

The road conditions and long hours have resulted in not only tired drivers but also tired equipment. To keep up with the missions, personnel from other sections have been given the opportunity to drive.

Troops from the maintenance section have jumped at the chance to drive the same vehicles they fix and maintain.

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Supplying the surge

■ BY 1ST LT. TIMOTHY WASHBURN
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KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan – Soldiers of the Army Reserve’s 849th Quartermaster Company have found themselves working directly in the middle of the surge of personnel and equipment flooding into Afghanistan, as the military prepares for the offensive into the nearby city of Kandahar.

The troops were called upon in April to provide assistance at the supply support activity, also referred to as the multi-class yard, which provides a multitude of different supply items to customers of every type in the country. They have been working alongside other Army units, Navy personnel and even civilian contractors that all share the responsibility of keeping the fighting forces equipped.

“It’s a lot of hard work,” said 1st Lt. Timothy Washburn of Statesboro, Ga., officer in charge of the group. “Although we’ve been working 12 hour shifts in order to get the product out to the customers, most everyone’s putting in more than 14 or 15 hours a day when you add in the time they spend performing other tasks we can’t let slip like physical training and maintaining our own equip-

ment.” The Soldiers were tasked to provide assistance at the yard to help receive and distribute the tons of supplies currently in route from the United States to Afghanistan. The group is mostly comprised of automated logistics specialists with material handling operators, packaging and crating specialists, mechanics and even ammunition handlers included. This is exactly what they train for and they are ready.

“I’ve been able to come right in and do my job without any problem,” said Spc. Joy Locker of Jacksonville, N.C. “I didn’t need anyone to show me how to do anything. I was able to come in and help get the customers the parts they need. It has been a learning experience working with the contractors though. We have people here from the Philippines, Europe and even Africa, but we’re all just trying to get customers what they need as fast as we can.”

There are several hundred different customers supported by the yard. They come here to pick up everything from toilet paper and garbage cans, plywood and nails, and repair parts for vehicles. Orders arrive 24 hours a day, seven days a week by ground and air. The bulk supplies are funneled into the yard



Photo by 1st Lt. Timothy Washburn | 849th QM Co.
Spc. Demetrius Kirtz of Rocky Mount, N.C. opens a container to verify its contents at the Kandahar Airfield Supply Support Activity, Afghanistan. Since April, members of the 849th have received and processed over 3,000 containers.

and that’s when the 849th goes to work. Their first job is to identify the product and who it belongs to. “We have to make sure who the equipment is going to and that the order is accurate first,” said Spc. Latasha Evans of Rocky Mt., N.C. “We determine if it needs to be downloaded or stay in the container to go to another base. Once we know that we take the stuff out or we label it to be sent to another location.”

If the customer is at Kandahar, the product goes in to a holding area designated for that unit. Some units receive so much they can’t pick it all up. When that happens, the supply support activity makes house calls to deliver. They also deliver containers full of equipment to customers who reside at other smaller bases in Afghanistan via local national trucks.

“We have customers all over and we just try to get the stuff in and out as quickly as we can,” said

Washburn. “We have guys and girls working 24 hours a day through the 100 degree heat, through the jet noise and through the threat of enemy attacks. We are just glad that we can use our skills to help out.”

Even though the Soldiers have been putting in long hours in harsh conditions, they have still found time to wind down and enjoy some recreational activities.

Members of the night shift routinely meet after work on the basketball court for games of 2-on-2.

“We get together to have some fun and put a end on the day,” said Sgt. Spencer Pittman of Battleboro, N.C. “We get off work when a lot of other people are just going in, so the court is open and we take advantage of it. It just helps to wind down.”

When stateside, the 849th Quartermaster Company falls under the 207th Regional Support Group, 143d Sustainment Command (Expeditionary). ☒

Around the ESC



Photo by Pfc. Aaron Ellerman | 282nd QM BN

Pfc. Tanks and Spc. Lindsey, both from 1st Platoon, 282nd Quartermaster Battalion out of Jasper, Ala., practice taking the M249 Semi-Automatic Weapon apart and familiarize themselves with it during the 282nd QM BN's August battle assembly.



Courtesy Photo

Army Reserve children, ages eight to 16, from seven different states, including Alabama, Florida, and Kentucky, attended Camp Cosby Army Reserve Enrichment Camp at Alpine, Ala., July 25 to 31. Youth participated in numerous activities, such as horseback riding, water sliding, arts and crafts, and more. Military Day gave children the opportunity to try on military gear, ride in military vehicles and eat field chow, called Meals-Ready-To-Eat.

UNIT PHOTOS WANTED

Seeking photos of Soldiers from your unit performing operational duties and/or basic soldiering skills. Include a basic caption with names, ranks, place, date and a short description of what is happening in the photo. Send photos and/or any questions you may have to john.adams16@usar.army.mil



Photo by Pfc. Aaron Ellerman | 282nd QM BN

Spc. Dingler writes key points to an Improvised Explosive Device presentation that Spc. Standridge, Spc. Mosley and Spc. Patrick are about to deliver during their unit's monthly battle assembly. All three Soldiers are from 1st Platoon, 282nd Quartermaster Battalion, out of Jasper, Ala.



Photo by Ms. Marmie Edwards | VP, Communications, Operation Lifesaver

Sgt. 1st Class Brian Hakey, 145th Transportation Theater Opening Element, 596th Transportation Terminal Brigade, receives the highest volunteer award Aug. 30 from Operation Lifesaver, a nonprofit providing a rail safety message, after carrying the message to 12 military bases, eight Reserve units, six Guard units and more.

Roads, cont. >>

Their ability to drive is somewhat secondary though to the expert advice and troubleshooting tips they can give out on the road to not only 849th trucks, but to convoy leaders as well. With the extreme heat and harsh road conditions that convoys consistently battle, having a mechanic in the truck behind you can be the difference in making a run in six or 16 hours.

"There was a convoy to Kandahar recently and one of our trucks had some issues with air being released out of the central tire inflation system," said Sgt. Matthew Burgard of Rocky Mount, N.C.

"The mechanics were able to troubleshoot the problem and disconnect the system so the convoy could continue. Even though we're there to help fix problems it is nice to be able to get out and see the countryside."

While Soldiers from other sections have volunteered to help ease the burden of the transportation section, the true drivers of the unit are the ones racking up most of the miles and hours on the road. Under the supervision of Sgt. 1st Class Curtis Jones and Sgt. Lacinda Fuller, the "Mikes" as they are referred to from their official Army job title, are ensuring the needed supplies and equipment are entering and exiting the battlefield as quickly as possible.

"We make sure all of our teams have everything they need for the road," said Fuller, of Fayetteville, N.C. "The biggest part is getting the vehicles prepared and making sure they're serviced and any maintenance issues are fixed. We also perform weapons checks,

make sure they wear the proper protective gear and even ensure they have plenty of food and water for the road. Since they've been out driving more we can tell their morale has been boosted and they feel they have a direct hand in the mission and get to do what they trained for."

The increased morale has not gone unnoticed. The commander of the 135th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, Brig. Gen. Reynold Hoover, expressed his satisfaction and gratitude for not only the excellent work being accomplished, but also the amount of enthusiasm and zeal the Soldiers displayed in the midst of the heat and high operational tempo being endured. Hoover, who is the senior logistician in Afghanistan, went on to remind the Soldiers that the missions they are performing are helping to make history as the largest logistical battle in the history of the United States.

"It's great to be making a difference and seeing the equipment being delivered to all of the smaller upcoming posts," said Montelongo. "Some of the places we've been to are primitive, but the smaller FOBs are more relaxed and, it's not like being in a garrison."

The 849th Quartermaster Company is the primary Army Quartermaster unit based at Forward Operating Base Leatherneck and throughout Regional Command Southwest. Their year-long mission focus is to provide logistical support to war fighters on ground; to include food, fuel, and equipment needed to sustain the Military Forces fight against the Taliban. ☐



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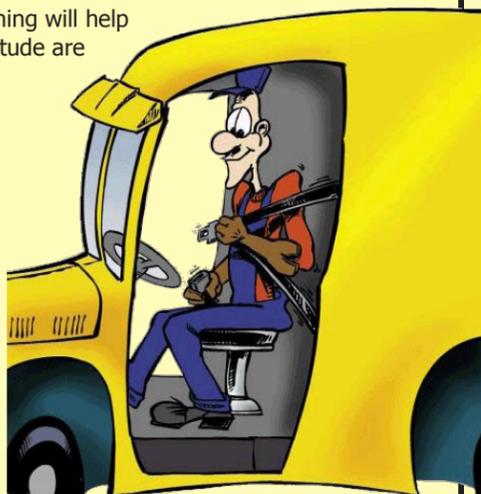
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Are You A Good Driver?

What does it take to be a good driver? Skill, natural ability, and good training will help get you there. Caution, careful observance of traffic laws, and a good attitude are also vital aspects of good driving.

Try this checklist to see if you can call yourself a good driver:

- You don't have any accidents.
- You don't commit any traffic violations. You drive within the speed limit and observe other rules of the road in the city and on the highway.
- You adjust your driving speed to match road conditions. Poor visibility, traffic congestion, and slippery road surfaces are your cues to slow down.
- You wear your seat belt at all times when the vehicle is in motion. Even if you are traveling at low speeds and making frequent stops, you take the time to buckle your seat belt each time you start again.
- You take good care of vehicles, making sure they are in good condition before operating them, and they are maintained regularly. You use correct driving techniques to reduce the wear and tear on the vehicle.
- Before you begin your driving you make sure you are well-rested and ready to give all of your attention to driving safely. You get enough sleep and you look after your health.
- You don't use alcohol or drugs before you drive or while driving. You are aware of the deadly consequences of driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and you always abstain when you have to drive.
- You never use your cell phone while driving.
- You turn off your vehicle and lock it when it is unattended. In doing so, you reduce the chances of the vehicle slipping into gear and rolling, or being stolen.
- You set the parking brake when stopping on a hill.
- You do not get angry at the driving mistakes of others.
- You make sure you stay focused on driving safely. You don't let yourself get distracted by others or by the things going on around you.
- You do not need to be in front of all the other vehicles at the expense of safety.
- You continue to take advantage of driver training and upgrading, no matter how experienced you are. You realize you can always learn something new.



How did you do on the checklist? If this list describes you, then you can call yourself a good driver!

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DEOMI Releases 2010 Women's Equality Day Poster

PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – In observance of Women's Equality Day, celebrated each year on August 26; the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI) proudly announces the availability of original artwork available for download from our public Web site at <http://www.deomi.org/SpecialObservance/posters.cfm?CatID=9>.

Please note that you may download this hi-resolution image file by clicking the "download" link below the thumbnail image for this poster and take it to your preferred printing facility for display in your organization or use during your special observance programs. All DEOMI special observance poster images are hi resolution and may be used to print posters up to 30 X 40 inches. DEOMI does not have the capability to print posters and mail them out to customers upon request.

THE ARTIST'S INSPIRATION FOR THIS YEAR'S POSTER

"The theme for this observance remains the same each year, "Celebrating passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution giving women the right to vote. In researching this theme, I felt that honoring the 90th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment would be most appropriate," said DEOMI Illustrator, Mr. Peter Hemmer, in describing this year's Women's Equality Day poster.

"There cannot be true democracy unless women's voices are heard. There cannot be true democracy unless women are given the opportunity to take responsibility for their own lives. There cannot be true democracy unless all citizens are able to participate fully in the lives of their country. – Hillary R. Clinton

"What greater way do we all have to participate fully in the lives of our country than to vote?" asked Mr. Hemmer. In describing the design elements of this year's Women's Equality Day Poster, Mr. Hemmer said, "I've included a glimpse of the Joint Resolution of the Sixty-Sixth Congress proposing the 19th Amendment; the Constitution; female service members; and a Suffragette march photo from the National Archives representing the long, difficult struggle to accomplish the 19th Amendment to the Constitution. I also used an

'Impact' modern typeface adorned with Victorian scrollwork representing a reference to past and present times," said Mr. Hemmer.

WHAT IS WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY?

At the request of Rep. Bella Abzug (D-NY), in 1971 the U.S. Congress designated August 26 as "Women's Equality Day." The date was selected to commemorate the 1920 passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, granting women the right to vote. This was the culmination of a massive, peaceful civil rights movement by women that had its formal beginnings in 1848 at the

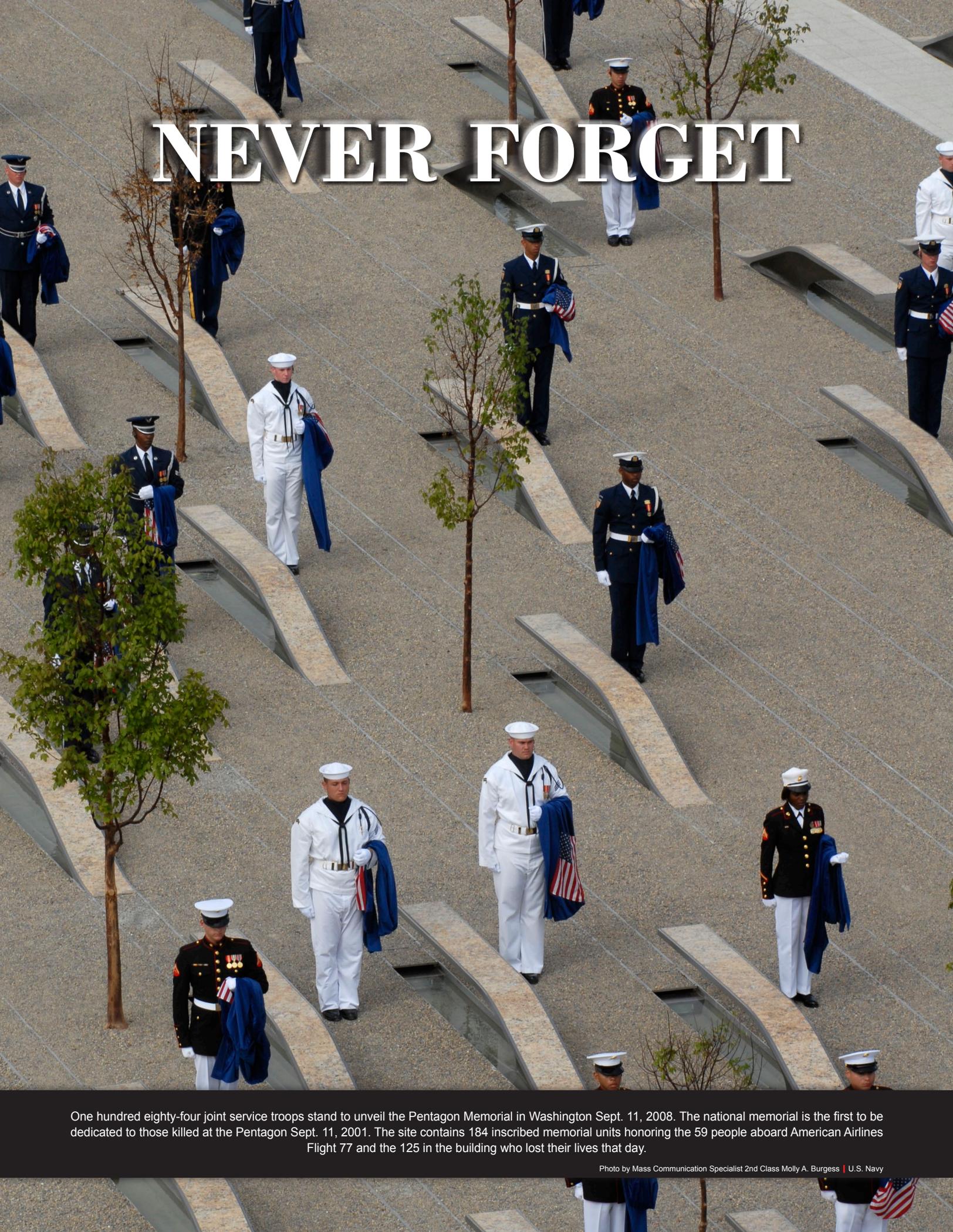
world's first women's rights convention, in Seneca Falls, New York.

The observance of Women's Equality Day not only commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment, but also calls attention to women's continuing efforts toward full equality. Workplaces, libraries, organizations, and public facilities now participate with Women's Equality Day programs, displays, video showings, or other activities.

For more information, visit the National Women's History Project at: <http://www.nwhp.org/resourcecenter/equalityday.php>

Women's Equality Day



An aerial photograph captures a solemn ceremony at the Pentagon Memorial. The memorial's design is a large, curved, stepped structure made of light-colored stone or concrete, set against a background of gravel. Numerous military personnel in various uniforms, including dark blue and white, are positioned across the structure. Many are holding folded American flags. The scene is interspersed with young trees. The overall atmosphere is one of respect and remembrance.

NEVER FORGET

One hundred eighty-four joint service troops stand to unveil the Pentagon Memorial in Washington Sept. 11, 2008. The national memorial is the first to be dedicated to those killed at the Pentagon Sept. 11, 2001. The site contains 184 inscribed memorial units honoring the 59 people aboard American Airlines Flight 77 and the 125 in the building who lost their lives that day.

Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Molly A. Burgess | U.S. Navy