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The Governor and Lt. Governor have asked me to thank everyone in the Maryland Military Department for their support in response to Hurricane Irene. They were pleased with our ability to assist with the preparation, response and recovery. The recovery effort continues, and we must be vigilant to complete this operation and take these lessons learned to be better prepared to for the next emergency.

As we prepared for the storm, we also deployed 40 Soldiers from the 1204th Aviation Support Battalion, demonstrating how we can respond to both our federal and state mission simultaneously. They join more than 1,000 Soldiers and Airmen deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan, Africa and the Sinai defending our freedom.

During the storm, the National Guard and the MDDF provided more than 500 members, responding to 35 separate missions in support of MEMA and local first responders. Our aviators flew two damage assessment flights coordinated by MEMA for the Governor.

The Air Guard continues to work with FEMA to help distribute food and water. Our Soldiers supported local fire and law enforcement officials throughout the impacted areas. The Joint Operations Center for the Maryland National Guard was able to monitor requests for assistance from 12 local Emergency Operations Centers with our County Liaison Teams (COLT). The COLT teams consist of four members who are trained to work with the local emergency managers. This was the first time that the COLT teams were extensively used in Maryland.

I am always concerned when we go into harm's way if our loved ones left behind will be okay. Every time you put on your uniform your Family is making a sacrifice so you can serve. Recently, some of you returned to find that your own home was damaged while you were out keeping your community safe. Your sacrifice has not gone unnoticed.

On behalf of the Governor and Lt. Governor, I would like to thank you and your Family for your dedication, professionalism and commitment to serving others.



Respectfully,

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The Adjutant General

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On the cover:

A member of the swift water rescue team gives the 'go ahead' to be lowered by the hoist of a Maryland National Guard UH-60 Blackhawk during Operation Underdog. Operation Underdog was a joint operation between National Guard and local law enforcement, including the Baltimore County Police and Fire Departments, conducting a series of rescue scenarios during floods and high water.

135th Airlift Group embarks on new era

THE MARYLAND AIR NATIONAL GUARD IS ANSWERING THE CALL ONCE AGAIN TO LEAD THE WAY ON NEW AIRCRAFT

Story by Tech. Sgt. David Speicher, 175th Wing Public Affairs.

Photos by Staff Sgt. Benjamin Hughes



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Christopher Schepers

Members of the 175th Wing, distinguished visitors and community supporters celebrate the arrival of the C-27J Spartan Aug. 13 at Warfield Air National Guard base, Baltimore, MD. The arrival of the C-27J Spartan marks the transition from the C-130J Hercules which had been with the Maryland Air Guard since 1999.

Maj. Gen. James Adkins, the adjutant general for Maryland, Lt. Gen. Harry Wyatt III, Air National Guard director, and Col. Thomas Hans, 135th Airlift Group commander, broke a bottle of Champagne to christen the "Pride of Baltimore II", the 175th Wing's first C-27J Spartan during an arrival ceremony Aug. 13.

The C-27Js are replacing the C-130Js assigned to the unit. The Maryland Air National Guard's C-130Js were reassigned due to the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure process. The 135th Airlift Group are slated to receive four

C-27Js.

"It has a niche that the C-27J fits all its own," Wyatt said in describing the new airlifter. "For the Air National Guard, it's a great airplane. It fits the domestic niche where larger airplanes would be inefficient."

The general compared the new aircraft similar to how larger airlines operate. He compared it to how civilian companies use different size airplanes to meet the needs of their mission's to maximize efficiencies with a smaller airplane.

Wyatt also remarked that

Maryland had already established themselves as a premiere C-130 unit in the Air National Guard. "I expect you will take this airplane and apply it like the other platforms flown before."

"It's a new chapter in the 135th," said Senior Airman J. B. Jennings, a loadmaster. "I think it is an honor to get this airplane. It's going to serve its purpose well. It is a new aircraft serving a new mission. Here in Maryland our domestic mission (covers a wide ranging geography) - we have the eastern shore, the mountains. Whether we need to get supplies

in or evacuate people this airplane gets into pretty much any runway in the state."

Brig. Gen. Allyson Solomon, Maryland Air National Guard commander, talked about continuing the airlift mission. "It is fabulous because we have a future. I am glad to be here to witness the transition and recognize the past and look to the future."

She added, "We are able to support domestic operations, which is one of the key principles of being in the National Guard. It's an opportunity that doesn't come without its challenges. It is a cultural change for us. It is like going from a Cadillac to a Maserati. We will see how the aircrews handle a sports car."

"We are making a transition. There were units that did not transition," said Solomon about some units not receiving a follow-on flying mission due to BRAC law.

Solomon added, "We have something here that will continue. I feel good today. People seem so excited."

The C-27J has already proven itself in combat. It flew its first combat mission in Afghanistan Aug. 4 with another Air National Guard unit.

Capt. Chris Meyer, a C-27J pilot and project officer for the ceremony, said, "The airplane has amazing capabilities. I am looking forward to employing them wherever we are needed."

Col. Scott Kelly, 175th Wing commander, said after the ceremony, "It is turning a page and looking to a new chapter. Our people, with their expertise, will take this to a new level."



Maj. Gen. James Adkins christens the new C-27J Spartan during an arrival ceremony Aug. 13 at Warfield Air National Guard Base, Baltimore, MD while Col. Thomas E. Hans and Lt. Gen. Harry M. Wyatt III watch. The 135th Airlift Group transitions from the C-130J Hercules to the C-27J Spartan, which was designed to meet Air Force requirements for a rugged, medium-sized air-land transport.



Maj. Gen. James Adkins, Col. Thomas E. Hans, Brig. Gen. Allyson R. Solomon, Lt. Gen. Harry M. Wyatt III and Col. Scott L. Kelly stand together after the christening of the C-27J Spartan.



Mr. Jim Meltsner from Alenia North America and Mr. Kenneth McAlpin from L-3 Communications present Col. Scott L. Kelly a model of the new C-27J Spartan.

MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE CHANGES COMMAND



1. Maj. Gen. James Adkins, the adjutant general of Maryland, passes the guidon to Brig. Gen. (MDDF) Kelm, and with it the command of the Maryland Defense Force. 2. The honor guard presents arms during the Maryland Defense Force change-of-command. 3. Maj. Gen. (MDDF) Wilson prepares to pass on the guidon, and the command of the Maryland Defense Force. 4. The Maryland Defense Force stands in formation during the change-of-command ceremony Aug. 2.



MD National Guard mobilized for Hurricane Irene support

Story and photos by
Maj. Rick Breitenfeldt

While the citizens of Maryland braced for Hurricane Irene and were warned to seek shelter or stay in their homes, more than 500 Citizen-Soldiers, Airmen and Maryland Defense Force volunteers from units across the state sprang into action to do what they do best—help their neighbors.

"The Maryland National Guard provides essential, life saving services quickly and comprehensively when local and state response capabilities are overwhelmed," said Maj. Gen. James Adkins, adjutant general of Maryland.

About 25 Maryland Soldiers from units in Greenbelt, Laurel and Salisbury assigned to support the police and fire department in the Eastern Shore community of Salisbury completed more than 20 missions during the height of the storm. Guard members were paired up with police officers to patrol the streets during the storm and provided medical support to firefighters who continued responding to calls during the dangerous storm.

Salisbury Mayor James Ireton said the Maryland National Guard made it possible to successfully patrol the city and protect the citizens during the emergency.

"The reassurance to city leaders that the Guard offered may have come at a monetary price," said Ireton, "but the sense of safety the Guard afforded cannot be calculated."

1st Lt. Terri Davis, the officer in charge of the team assigned to support the Salisbury fire and police departments, said she couldn't be more proud of her fellow Citizen Soldiers.

"We are here to support the community of Salisbury and the citizen of Maryland," said Davis, a physician's assistant with the 224th Area Support Medical Company. "This is what being in the Guard is all about."

Fire Chief Jeff Simpson, who leads a highly trained department of 64 full-time and 120 volunteer firefighters, emergency medical technicians and paramedics, said his department appreciated the skills and equipment the Guard offered during the emergency.

"Supporting the citizens requires flawless support and execution by the numerous agencies represented and the National Guard gives us a capability to fulfill that mission," said Simpson.

The Joint Operations Center for the Maryland National Guard was able to monitor requests for assistance from 12 local emergency operations centers with County Liaison Teams. Each liai-

son team consists of four Guard members who are trained to work in and with the local emergency managers. This was the first time that the COLT teams were extensively used in Maryland.

Adkins said the Maryland Guard performed more than 35 missions around the state during the storm and they continue to work with FEMA to help distribute food and water.

"The Maryland National Guard has a proven track record for success in providing

military support to civilian authorities; reacting to flooding, snow storms and hurricanes," added Adkins.



Maryland National Guard Soldiers from units across the state worked around the clock to provide critical support to civilian law enforcement and firefighting agencies in Salisbury, Md. during Hurricane Irene.



Maryland National Guard Soldiers from the 115th Military Police Battalion in Salisbury on the move to support local first responders in Ocean City, Md., and surrounding communities during Hurricane Irene.



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Maryland Hurricane Support



1. Army Pvt. 1st Class Lucas Ternell, a volunteer firefighter, and a member of the 200th Military Police Company, Maryland National Guard, puts out a small debris fire in the yard of a house fire in Salisbury, Md., Aug. 27, 2011. Ternell was aboard Rescue 16, which was one of several fire and rescue engines that reported to the fire inside a residential neighborhood. Guard members and civilian first responders are providing area support during the Hurricane Irene response. (Photo by Sgt. Darron Salzer). 2. Maryland National Guard Soldiers report to the task force headquarters in Adelphi, Maryland to support local civilian agencies and the citizens of Maryland during Hurricane Irene. (Photo by Maj. Rick Breitenfeldt). 3. Maryland National Guard Soldiers from the 115th Military Police Battalion in Salisbury on the move to support local first responders in Ocean City, Md., and surrounding communities during Hurricane Irene. (Photo by Maj. Rick Breitenfeldt) 4. Master Sgt. Miguel Laboy, 175th Maryland Air National Guard, Logistics Readiness Squadron, loads a pallet of water onto a semi-truck for distribution to three Maryland counties, Calvert County, Howard County, St. Mary's County and Baltimore City in response to Hurricane Irene. The team helped distribute more than 100,000 liters/bottles of water and 30,000 MRE's. (Photo by Master Sgt. Ed Bard). 5. More than 600 evacuees from Ocean City, Md. were housed in the Maryland National Guard's Fifth Regiment Armory in Baltimore Md., Aug. 26, 2011. The evacuees are mostly young adults on work and student visas. The students were evacuated as part of the governor's declared state of emergency in anticipation of extreme weather conditions brought on by Hurricane Irene threatening the East Coast. (Photo by Sgt. Thaddeus Harrington)



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Maryland National Guard teams up with law enforcement agencies for Operation Underdog

Story and Photos by Officer Candidate Jessica Donnelly



Members of the Maryland National Guard bring a 'casualty' onto the UH-60 Blackhawk as part of a rescue scenario during Operation Underdog.

Members of the Maryland National Guard teamed up with local Maryland police and fire departments to conduct Operation Underdog Aug. 3 in Essex, Md. Operation Underdog is a joint operation between the National Guard, the Baltimore County Police and Fire Departments and other volunteer departments, to conduct simulated rescue missions during flood and high water scenarios.

Imagine, a boat capsizes and leaves the occupants stranded in the water, rising flood waters trap civilians in the back of a truck, or someone is trapped on a rock in the middle of the water. What happens next?

Any one of these scenarios could occur and without proper training, rescue responders may not know how to handle the situation. For this reason, local law enforcement, along with members of the Maryland National Guard, conduct training specifically designed to train responders on

what to do if they are called upon during a flood or other water rescue mission.

"What we really care about is good training," said Capt. Robert Murray Sr., Baltimore County Fire Department. "It all fits into a bigger picture of maybe needing to use it in a real

scenario, so they train to have those skills."

Operation Underdog consisted of helicopters, either Maryland National Guard or Baltimore County Police Department, flying to a predetermined location where a flood or high water scenario was taking place. Once at the location, members of the swift water rescue team were lowered via a hoist mechanism attached to the helicopter. They would then administer aid to the simulated victims before the 'casualties' would be hoisted up to the helicopter and transported to safety. Each mission required different skills and quick reactions to be able to assess what support was needed and to ensure each situation did not escalate and cause more casualties.

"[The training] is used so that we don't hurt anyone, or end up hurting ourselves, during a real emergency because we hadn't practiced before," said Army National Guard Col. Charles Schulze, State Army Aviation officer.

This joint training between the Maryland National Guard, the Baltimore County Police and Fire Departments and other volunteer departments, was first implemented after the National Guard responded to requests for help after Hurricane Katrina and weaknesses in reacting to natural disasters were identified, explained Schulze. It is now used to further prepare the agencies in responding to similar emergencies.

Not only do the joint training



A member of the swift water rescue team rescues a 'victim' of high water who was stranded on a rock and hoists them into a Maryland National Guard UH-60 Blackhawk.

operations help prepare the participating agencies on how to react to natural disasters and hone the skills needed to complete the missions, but it also creates familiarization and strong relationships between the agencies.

Operation Underdog, and other operations where the agencies work together, are critical because they allow for familiarization of each other's procedures and equipment, said Schulze. The law enforcement agencies can now recognize the Maryland National Guard's aircraft and understand their capabilities, while the Guard members have an idea how the law enforcement members run their operations. Understanding each other and developing these relationships is essential for the members to be able to seamlessly work together when it counts.

"We've built a relationship with the first responders," said Maj. David Paolucci, Commander, Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 169th Aviation Regiment. "The first time you meet shouldn't be the day of an emergency."

Overall, the joint training is vital because it allows the Maryland National Guard members to use equipment they may not be very familiar with, such as the hoist, and builds a sense of confidence that they will know how to respond if they are called to help during a flood.

"This training takes a scenario that is complex and impossible and makes it possible," said Schulze. "[The training] is essential because it not only relates to what we are doing at home, but it also trains the Soldiers for what they are doing in Afghanistan."



MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD LEADERSHIP VISITS OFFICER CANDIDATES AT CAMP BAKER



Story and photos by Officer Candidate Jessica Donnelly



1. Brig. Gen. Peter Hinz talks with Officer Candidate Henry Geer. 2. Lt. Col. Phillip Selleh briefs Brig. Gen. Hinz about the officer candidate school. 3. Brig. Gen. Hinz talks to officer candidates about staying motivated throughout the program.

Maryland National Guard leadership visited the officer candidates going through phase 1 of the Maryland National Guard Officer Candidate School Aug. 7 at Camp Baker in Hancock, Md.

Lt. Col. Phillip Selleh, OCS battalion commander, briefed Brig. Gen. Peter Hinz, Army National Guard commander, about the OCS program, how many candidates are currently in attendance and what states they are from, the support the program has received. Selleh also gave Hinz a tour of the facility and a chance to talk one-on-one with some of the candidates.

Selleh explained phase 1 began with about 200 officer candidates from 19 states, plus the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Each candidate must pass multiple written exams, a 5-mile ruck march and day and night land navigation practical exams in order to pass the phase. He added that most of the OCS programs, including Maryland, give the candidates time to prepare for phase 1 with a pre-OCS phase 0, which teaches land navigation skills and puts the candidates in the OCS mindset.

“Phase 0 prepares the candidates to be more successful in OCS. ...especially for [non-prior service candidates],” said Selleh.

Selleh also informed Hinz about the importance of the Teach, Assess and Counsel staff who instruct and shape the candidates throughout the program, as well as the help from the additional units, such as medical staff and the land navigation instructors.

“The TAC staff is crucial in building the candidates into leaders,” said Selleh. “Support for the state is also essential. The [Regimental Training Institute] can’t do it alone.”

After the brief, Hinz met with some of the phase 1 officer candidates. He asked about what state the candidates came from, what they are planning to branch after completing the program, and gave advice for a successful career. He informed the candidates to learn from each other during training and always maintaining accountability of your Soldiers.

Hinz also toured the medical facility on Camp Baker and learned of its capabilities to keep the officer candidates healthy and return them to training as soon as possible. With the equipment, such as the portable x-ray, the medical staff is able to treat the candidates on ground instead of sending them to another facility.

Hinz also gave the officer candidates advice for when the program seems like it is too much to endure and they start to think about quitting. He told them to buy a second lieutenant rank insignia and place it somewhere they would have it with them at all times.

“Look at it when you get discouraged and know why you’re here,” added Hinz.

Maryland National Guard Environmental Message



The Maryland National Guard is a community-based organization with more than 7,000 Soldiers, Airmen and civilians who live and work in and around Maryland. We have 40 Armories spread across the state and more than 300 buildings sitting on 5,100 acres of land.

We must uphold our commitment to be good stewards of the environment of the resources provided to us by the federal government and the State of Maryland. Whenever possible, we will look to both the public and private sectors to apply best practices for the benefit of all our stakeholders.

We all have a responsibility to make the state of Maryland a safer and cleaner place. Commanders at every level are accountable for ensuring their unit has an assigned environmental officer on orders.

We must consider the impact to the environment when developing our training plans. Planning ahead will enhance our training and improve readiness without taking a toll on our land.

In the past few years, we, as a team, have reduced our energy cost by installing more efficient light bulbs, motion lights, and energy star windows and appliances. Within your workspace, you can help save more energy by turning off lights and appliances when not in use.

Together we can improve the environment, enhance readiness, as well as save money and lives.

-Maj. Gen. James A. Adkins, the adjutant general of Maryland.



Maryland Air National Guard conducts Hazardous Material exercise



On previous page: Senior Airman Paul Rea decontaminates Staff Sgt. Edmund Schwartz during a Hazardous Material exercise. Maryland Air National Guard members, along with members of the Coast Guard Baltimore Sector, and local emergency service-members, conducted a civil/military disaster drill at Warfield Air National Guard Base in Middle River, Md. Aug. 12. Rea and Schwartz are both firefighters with the Maryland Air National Guard.

Left: Staff Sgt. Angela Belanger, 175th Civil Engineering Squadron, dons personal protective equipment during a Hazardous Material exercise Aug. 12.

Below: Members of entry team one enter a decontaminated zone during a Hazardous Material exercise Aug. 12.

Photos by Tech. Sgt. Chris Schepers



Top: Tech. Sgt. Anthony Smith and Senior Airman Jason Nahorney decontaminate Staff Sgt. Angela Belanger during a Hazardous Material exercise Aug. 12. Smith, Nahorney and Belanger are all members of the 175th Civil Engineering Squadron.

Right: Staff Sgt. Brenton Deal, 175th Civil Engineering Squadron, photographs hazardous materials during a Hazardous Material exercise Aug. 12.



Chaplain views Bosnia in a much different light after 15 years

Story and photo by Lt. Col. Clark D. Carr, deputy Joint Force Headquarters chaplain

Mid-January 1996, after months and months of preparations in Grafenwoehr and Hohenfels training centers in Germany, and additional weeks of packing and loading, our task force, the 4th Battalion of the 12th Infantry, 2nd Brigade, 1st Armored Division received word to board the buses from Baumholder to Tazar, Hungary where we would receive our vehicles and equipment and prepared to head south crossing the floating bridge at the Sava River into Bosnia-Herzegovina (BiH). We would leave our home station and families in Germany bound for the unknown and equipped for the worst.

What we found among the forests and fields riddled with mines and hasty mass-burials of innocents were largely the vacant faces of those tired and weary of the brutality of war. Evil, in full force, had struck a mighty blow deep into the soul of the Bosnian people, whether Croat (Catholic), Serb (Orthodox) or Bosniac (Muslim). The blood drenched soil cried out in despair as the NATO

forces implemented a semblance of peace to a traumatized land. When we left 11 months later, there was no more fighting, but it would take another dozen years before our military presence was no longer required.

Some 15 years later, I returned to BiH on a different mission. This time no 72-ton tanks or 35-ton Infantry Fighting Vehicles; no cots or tents, sleeping bags, or heaters were needed either. This time I flew into Sarajevo Airport and was taken to a pleasant hotel downtown (just around the corner from where Archduke Ferdinand was assassinated, prompting WWI). The Maryland National Guard has a Partnership for Peace relationship with the Armed Forces of BiH. We work with the Ministry of Defense cultivating our best practices in their forces. Our mission on this visit was to share with them how we reintegrate our Soldiers back into their families and communities upon their return from combat. We

worked with the staff from their Training and Doctrine Command and MOD, which included a psychologist, lawyer, and many officers and noncommissioned officers who had once served in their respective armies during the war. Five years ago, they wore three different uniforms (Croat, Serb, Bosniac), now they all wear the same uniform. Recently, because of their vast experience in clearing mines from their own countries, they have deployed experts to places like Iraq, where they become a part of the great demolition effort there. They have adequate procedures for deploying their troops, but nothing in place for their return home.

They were eager to hear from our Maryland team, composed of the Joint Force Headquarters Chaplain, myself and a flight surgeon (who is also head of Maryland's reintegration program), what we are doing to effectively resource our returning soldiers. After three days of training, they were coming up with their own strategies to implement a similar program for their Soldiers and families.

What was remarkable for me is the difference



peace makes. 15 years ago, I had no problem relating and working with the religious leaders or the people of any of the factions, but the difficulty was getting the factions to come together at the same table. Today, those who once fought each other as enemies now gather around the same table in a cooperative spirit working together for the common good.

The vacant empty faces in the street now have expression, life and animation once more. I expressed my thanksgiving to God to them as we finished our training, telling how seeing them together warmed my heart and gave me great joy.

I'll close from an email message from one of their senior Brigadiers to me, "I'm now richer man, I met good people and learned new values. May God keep and greet Maryland."

We may not get everything right as a nation or military, but there are some things, by God's grace,

The Lectern

One of the most powerful resources for spiritual resilience is the art of remembering. Events happen at a particular time and in a particular fashion and are therefore by nature factual. Some would argue that memories are thus scientific in nature. However, it could also be argued memories are only revisited through the context of those who experienced the events. If this is true, then sharing memories is more of an art than a science.

As we acknowledge the tenth anniversary of the September 11th, 2001 terrorist attacks it would serve us well to move beyond the facts and share the stories of how we remember that fateful day, and how our lives have been changed since. Those killed that day, comrades lost in the persistent military conflict since then, the impact on our understanding of what it means to be a free people while combating the threat of terrorism, and reflections upon the importance of faith and family are all worthy topics for our consideration as we mark the anniversary of 9/11/2001.

Reflection however is not enough to complete the art of remembering. Art must be expressed in some form to be true art. Memories kept are memories that will die with us. We must remember and tell the stories; remember and offer service to others; remember and express our love for faith, family, and country; remember and defend the for all the freedoms of religion, speech, assembly, and from fear and want; and remember that we are forever changed by the individual and collective experience of September 11th, 2001.

When we understand that spirituality is about that which animates life, then we can share the stories and the art of remembering together about the attacks and aftermath of 9/11/2001 with thanksgiving. Since the beginning we have and remain, 'one Nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.' On the canvas of history the amazing free and resilient people that we are is truly a work of art! Events like the terrorist attack can create within us a renewed sense of the blessing that is to be part of such a wonderful State and Nation as ours.

Chaplain (Col.) William Sean Lee

Maryland Army National Guard Sgt. Eric Ellinger and Australian Defence Force Pvt. James Adams work together to dig out a hide site during a training exercise administered by Charlie Troop, 1st Battalion, 158th Cavalry Squadron, during Exercise Talisman Sabre activities at the Shoalwater Bay Training Area, Australia, July 17. (Photo by Spc. JP Lawrence, New York Army Nation-



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