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COVER PHOTO: The 1st Battalion, 24th Marines, Lansing, Mich., work to secure infrastructures at the newly constructed Combined Arms Collective Training Facility in Camp Grayling, Mich., April 25, 2015. The idea of the training exercise is to prepare the troops for a situation where insurgents storm a U.S. city, capture the mayor and try to take over the city. The training is part of Arctic Eagle. Arctic Eagle is a joint service and international exercise, based on the U.S. and Denmark National Strategies for the Arctic, addressing the defense of critical infrastructure within the Arctic Circle. (Photo by Sgt. First Class Helen Miller)

INSET PHOTO: The U.S. Coast Guard Maritime Security Response Team out of the Chesapeake, Va., area conducts a short notice maritime response training exercise in Mackinaw City, Mich., April 19, 2015. During the exercise, unidentified hostile forces seize a merchant ship. The MSRT conducts hostile ship boarding and retake. This event kicks off Arctic Eagle, a Michigan National Guard training exercise that takes place at Camp Grayling, Rockport State Park and Mackinaw City. Arctic Eagle is a joint service and multi-national exercise, based on the U.S. and Denmark National Strategies for the Arctic, addressing the defense of critical infrastructure within the Arctic Circle. The exercise supports the president's and Department of Defense national strategy for the Arctic and is being conducted in the current constrained fiscal environment without the expenditure of additional dollars. (photo by Sgt. First Class Helen Miller)

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# Arctic Eagle 2015



The Danish Army and Bravo Company, 125 Infantry Battalion, Michigan Army National Guard, conduct tactical squad maneuvers while taking back a port from a simulated terrorist group, during Arctic Eagle, in Rockport, Mich., April 22, 2015. PHOTO BY SGT. 1ST CLASS HELEN MILLER

## Story by Staff Sgt. Kimberly Bratic

GRAYLING, Mich. -- Soldiers of the Michigan National Guard, active duty Soldiers from Camp Atterbury, Ind., Army Reserve Soldiers, U.S. Marines, Airmen, and Coast Guard, as well as soldiers of the Danish Home Guard worked with local agencies in Northern Michigan to complete exercise Arctic Eagle in late April.

Local agencies involved in the exercise included the Department of Energy, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Alpena County Sheriff's Department, the Cheboygan County Sheriff's Department, the City of Mackinaw Fire Department and Police Department and the Alpena Fire Department and Police Department.

"This was a great opportunity to break new ground with

the Denmark government and their military forces, as well as some of the other partners that we haven't work with yet, to discover the opportunities and synergies of working together toward a common goal," said Col. Thomas Perison, installation commander for Camp Grayling Joint Maneuver Training Center.

The joint interagency inter-governmental multinational (JIIM) exercise was conducted in Mackinaw City, Rockport State Park, and Camp Grayling Joint Maneuver Training Center. With the Arctic Circle challenge in mind, the locations for the exercise in Michigan were based on similar locations in Prudhoe Bay and Barrow, Alaska.

The objective of the exercise was to control unit training at multiple locations, to collaborate with Department of Defense

and foreign nation partners, to exercise joint communications, and to rehearse respond to threats to critical infrastructure.

The exercise supported the president and Department of Defense's national strategy for the Arctic and was conducted in the current constrained fiscal environment without the expenditure of additional dollars.

Phase one of the exercise began in Mackinaw City where a Coast Guard Maritime Security Response Team, with support from a Washington Air Guard reconnaissance programming team, conducted hostile ship boarding and re-take control of the [distressed] U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Mackinaw. Evidence seized during that mission was turned over to local authorities.

In phase two, the intelligence retrieved from the ship board-

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ing led agencies to Rockport State Park [Prudhoe Bay, Alaska]. Danish Home Guard forces moved against a mock terrorist base, with Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry Regiment, Michigan Army National Guard, lending fire support from the high ground, in order to secure a shipping pier and a pump house containing bomb making materials and other intelligence.

“If we don’t train with our allied partners, we don’t train at all,” said Maj. Bo Hansen, commander of the Danish Home Guard. “We learn new doctrine, new tactics, as well as get to present ours so it sets us up for success with our allied partners when we deploy.”

During the final phase, intelligence gained from the port caused a U.S. Marine battalion to assist local law enforcement in securing key buildings at Camp Grayling’s Combined Arms Collective Training Facility [Barrow, Alaska].

“One valuable lesson learned was how to operate joint communications between the services and up/down the chain of command,” said Perison. “That’s always a stretch – communications - and we successfully managed it over long distances, over a hundred miles in many cases, both ground-to-ground and air-to-ground. With very

few hiccups, the communication network worked from day two. It worked consistently and we did not have a significant degradation or drop of the joint [communication] network. It’s exercising these skills, combined with other core missions, which demonstrate the National Guard’s operational capabilities.

These were great take-aways. It’s something we’ll leverage in 2016 when we do this in real-time between Alaska and Michigan.”

The Michigan National Guard is in planning discussions with the Alaska National Guard, Alaska Command, and other service branches and local agencies for Arctic Eagle 2016.



The U.S. Coast Guard Maritime Security Response Team out of the Chesapeake, Virginia area conducts a short notice maritime response training exercise in Mackinaw City, MI.

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## COMMUNITY



Sgt. Ryan Mauchmar, administrative assistant, and Sgt. Maj. Don Derryberry, operations sergeant major for Camp Grayling Joint Maneuver Training Center, prepare pieces of playground equipment at Collins Elementary School in Houghton Lake, Mich., May 11, 2015. The two Michigan National Guardsmen volunteered to help with the playground build along with volunteers of the Michigan State Police.



Camp Grayling was host to a Military Retiree Appreciation Day on May 16, 2015. The Michigan National Guard Retiree's Association and Joint Forces Headquarters' Retiree Services invited retired or eligible for retirement service members to receive information on benefit issues, employment, identification card issuance and renewal, and several other topics.



Grayling community leaders were invited to attend the Resilient Michigan charrette on CGJMTC, May 4, 2015. Attendees worked together to investigate ways that Camp Grayling and neighboring communities could work together, leverage resources, and develop a common understanding of risks and how they could be addressed. The ideas and plans developed were intended to serve the broader community.



Lt. Col. Thomas Green, director of plans, training, mobilization and security for CGJMTC, speaks with 9&10 News reporter Katie Boomgaard in regards to the elevation in the force protection level. CGJMTC leadership has been actively responding to local media inquiries in regards to the early May wildfire, the prescribed burn on the 40 Complex, and several other issues.

# 177th Regional Training Institute conducts 11B advanced leader course on Camp Grayling Home Station Training Lane

Story by Jeff Welch

The 177<sup>th</sup> Regional Training Institute (RTI) 11B advanced leader course (ALC) conducted simulated training exercise lanes, May 14-17, 2015, at the Camp Grayling, Michigan Home Station Training Lane (HSTL). The Counter Improvised Explosive Device Integration Team (CI2C) coordinated with leadership from the RTI prior to the arrival of students at Camp Grayling. Training was based on situations that are current in the theater of operations (Afghanistan) and regional combat operations. All training was executed in accor-



dance with the unit's standard operating procedure as well as guidance from RTI staff and the CI2C Team. Instructors from the RTI 11B team conducted site visits to coordinate with the CI2C team in order to plan for the upcoming training events. All training was validated by leadership from the RTI during the execution phase by RTI

leadership with assistance from the C12C Team. The training was conducted in three phases. Phase one was the "crawl phase" which consisted of training conducted by the RTI leadership. Additionally, most of the planning and coordination was conducted during this phase.

Phase two, the "walk phase", consisted of field instruction and individual Army warrior tasks (AWT). Phase three was the "run" phase and the culminating event. This phase consisted of battle drills and collective tasks that implemented and executed in a realistic training environment.

## FPCON



On May 8, 2015, USNORTHCOM published a Force Protection (FP) Advisory with specific intent of ensuring increased vigilance and safeguarding of all DoD personnel, installations and facilities. The FPCON level increased from ALPHA to BRAVO.

If Michigan National Guard employees receive suspicious visitors or observe suspicious activity, immediately report to local law enforcement and command channels. The command will ensure the MING JOC (ph# 517-481-8031/8069) and the State Antiterrorism Officer (ph# 517-481-8249) is notified.

**DPTMS**

**BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM INDIVIDUAL REALITY TRAINER (BCT-IRT) Fielding in June 15. The NET course is 27-29JUN15 at the TSC. Seats are available for the NET**

- CHARACTERISTICS/DESCRIPTION**
- BCT: Suite of (10) Unstabilized Gunner Trainer-Individual (UGT-I) stations for an Unstabilized platform
  - 4 MK-19's, 2 M2', and 4 M240B's
  - Trains Individual gunners IAW FM 3-20.21 Heavy Brigade Combat Team (HBCT) standards
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  - Includes M2 basic training with exercises for CSS/CPP and HBCT



M2 HB .50 Cal Max	MK 19 Max	M240B Max
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dummy Ammo Belt</li> <li>• Feed Tray</li> <li>• Stripping Arm</li> <li>• Fixed Sight</li> <li>• Adjustable Leaf Sight</li> <li>• Fire/Safe Switch</li> <li>• HWTS</li> <li>• Near/Far Select Lever</li> <li>• AN/PIQ-15 Button</li> <li>• Recoil</li> <li>• Ammo Ballistics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dummy Ammo Belt</li> <li>• Feed Tray</li> <li>• Feed Pawls</li> <li>• Secondary Drive Lever</li> <li>• Adjustable Leaf Sight</li> <li>• HWTS</li> <li>• Increased Charging Force</li> <li>• AN/PIQ-15 Button</li> <li>• Recoil</li> <li>• Ammo Ballistics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dummy Ammo Belt</li> <li>• Feed Tray Cover with Positioning Accessory Rail</li> <li>• Fire/Safe Switch</li> <li>• Fixed Sight</li> <li>• Adjustable Leaf Sight</li> <li>• HWTS</li> <li>• AN/PIQ-15 Button</li> <li>• Recoil</li> <li>• Ammo Ballistics</li> </ul>

\*Weapons functionality allows correct loading and unloading procedures IAW ST 3-20.19.1.

**Virtual Convoy Operations Trainer-C4 (VCOT-C4) We will be fielded our 2<sup>nd</sup> VCOT in June of 15. The NET Training will take place on 22-26June15. Seats are available for the NET course.**

- CHARACTERISTICS/DESCRIPTION**
- Mobile training suite of 4 crew stations with IO/AAR
  - Trains and Scores Individual, Crew, Section and Platoon IAW FM 3-20.21 (HBCT) standards; Combat Patrol and Convoy Live Fire IAW TC 4-11.46 and TC 63.1
  - Networks up to 12 vehicles across 3 trailers; IA compliant
  - Trains in Kosovo, Afghanistan, and Gowen Field terrain
  - Provides precision scoring for M2, M240B, MK19
  - FBCB2 Digital Capability



To register for a course, contact Staff Sgt. Bush at 517-481-8305.



## Camp Grayling ramping up for busy summer

Story by Staff Sgt. Kimberly Bratic

Camp Grayling Joint Maneuver Training Center will see an increase in activity over the next few months as several military units participate in annual training and large-scale exercises. Although Camp Grayling has military and civilian law enforcement training year-round, the summer months are exceptionally busy.

“Grayling residents will notice an increase in traffic in the community as units maneuver through town to get to the ranges. We will try to route these vehicles to have as little impact to the community as possible,” said Lt. Col. Thomas Green, director of plans, training, mobilization, and security for CGJMTC. “There will also be more aviation assets flying overhead. Additionally, there will be some evenings of night fire exercises; therefore, houses near the impact areas should expect to hear some blasts.”

Camp Grayling will host three large exercises during the June, July, and August training months.

Northern Exposure is a five-day, real-time exercise of operations responding to a variety of threats all occurring in the operational time frame. This live exercise will run from June 23-27, at regional locations in numerous communities in Michigan including CGJMTC’s Combined Arms Collective Training Facility (CACTF). This effort will help ensure the readiness of the Michigan National Guard to provide support of local authorities in times of attack or disaster. An exercise of this type helps responders at all levels to coordinate and communicate together on an all hazards approach.



Photo by Spc. Seth LaCount



Photo by Sgt. Jeremy Miller

Northern Strike is a National Guard Bureau sponsored Joint Combined Arms Live Fire Exercise (CAL-FEX) that will occur from July 13–Aug. 1 at CGJMTC and the Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center. The focus of the three-week event is to provide tailored, cost effective and realistic combat training for our National Guard in a joint and multinational environment. Units from 14 states and five coalition country partners will participate in the exercise. Over 300 Total Force fighter, bomber, mobility, and rotary sorties are planned in support of the exercise in order to meet stated objectives for participating units.

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The eXportable Combat Training Capability (XCTC) program is scheduled for Aug. 8-28. XCTC provides realistic military training using new technology and engagement strategies. The program of record is used by the Army National Guard since 2005 to train more than 11 combat and functional brigades. XCTC is a cost-efficient, time-efficient option for delivering combat readiness training to Soldiers at or near their home stations.

In addition to the Northern Exposure, Northern Strike, and XCTC, Michigan National Guard Soldiers will rotate through the post to complete their required annual training warrior tasks and monthly drill duties. U.S. Army active duty and Reserve Soldiers as well as service members from other branches are also scheduled to utilize Camp Grayling’s facilities.

“It is estimated that Camp Grayling will have more than 24,000 Soldiers on ground at the high point of the training between June 1 and Aug. 30, 2015,” said Sgt. Maj. Don Derryberry, operations sergeant major for CGJMTC. “Measured in man-days, there could be a 44 percent increase from 2014’s 220,000 man-days to 2015’s estimated 395,005 man-days.” A man-day is the unit of measurement equaling one Soldier for one day.

Civilian law enforcement, including the Michigan State Police and several local county sheriffs



**TRAINING cont.**

and police departments, train regularly on Camp Grayling.

The small arms range, shoot house, simulated training center, and counter improvised explosive device training lanes will be as equally busy as the multi-purpose range complex (MPRC)

and CACTF on the 30 Complex and the air-to-ground range and impact area of the 40 Complex.

Camp Grayling is our nation's largest National Guard training facility spanning 147,000 acres across Crawford, Otsego, and Kalkaska counties in Northern Michigan.

**NCO CLUB  
HOURS**

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Thurs	4-10
Fri	4-11
Sat	6-12

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**EXTENDED  
HOURS!**

# OPEN HOUSE DAYS

Camp Grayling Joint Maneuver Training Center leadership is pleased to announce that community members are invited to take a tour of the post this summer during designated open house days.

Post tours will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude by approximately 11 a.m. on the following dates:

- **Saturday, June 27**
- **Saturday, July 11**
- **Saturday, Aug. 1**
- **Saturday, Sept. 12**

Guests will tour the historic Officer's Club, take a bus tour of garrison Camp Grayling, shoot the engagement skills trainer (EST 2000) and experience the virtual convoy operations trainer (VCOT) at the simulation center. Subject to operations tempo, guests may also get to watch live training exercises at the small arms range, the shoot house, the combined arms collective training facility (CACTF), or one of CGJMTC's many other ranges.

Community members must RSVP prior to the day of the event in order to gain entrance to the post. A valid picture ID will be required in order to obtain a visitor's pass. Children are welcome.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Camp Grayling Community Relations at 989-344-6106.

CGJMTC has partnered with the Margrethe Lake Homeowner's Association in regards to usage of the boat launch on the CGJMTC side of Lake Margrethe.

MLHA can get more information by calling Bob Wilson at 248-421-4421

