

**New York State Division of Military and Naval Affairs  
National Guard Mission Briefing (Unclassified)**

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- As of 10 February 2005 there are nearly **4,600** members of the New York Air and Army National Guard and state militia on duty in both state and federal status.
- Over **3300** members of the New York National Guard are currently on federal active duty in support of Operation Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. About 2,000 of these are presently in theater while the remainder have either completed their mission and are moving back to home station, or training and awaiting shipment from US bases.
- Over the New Years weekend more than 700 members of “Task Force Hunter” -- the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 108<sup>th</sup> Infantry returned to Fort Drum, NY from Operation Iraqi Freedom, to begin out-processing from active duty.
- Today, 25 members of the Headquarters 56<sup>th</sup> Personnel Services Battalion returned home to Latham ending more than a year of active duty in Operation Iraqi Freedom.
- Two flight crews and a C-5A Galaxy transport aircraft from the 105<sup>th</sup> Air Wing, NY Air National Guard from Newburgh, are presently flying airlift support missions for the Indian Ocean Tsunami relief operation. Since their mission began, the crews have flown hundreds of thousands of pounds of relief supplies, plus support troops, Marine helicopters and other material into theater.

**These state (Governor’s authority) National Guard operations are ongoing:**

- ***TASKFORCE EMPIRE SHIELD*** (27<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, NY Naval Militia):
  - Security support to law enforcement personnel at Grand Central Station and Penn Stations, LaGuardia Airport, three PATH stations, two bridges and four tunnels in New York City.
  - Support to existing security forces at four nuclear power plants (at three sites) across the State: Indian Point in Westchester County, Ginna [pron. Jin’-nay] in Wayne Co., and Nine Mile 1 and 2 in Oswego Co.
- ***CST*** (Scotia):
  - The **2<sup>nd</sup> Civil Support Team**, the NY National Guard’s highly trained weapons of mass destruction detection and response force, continues to be called as needed in response to possible threats and to provide proactive precautionary monitoring at large public events and facilities. The team remains on call 24-hours-a-day, seven days a week.

**These federal (DoD Authority) National Guard missions are ongoing:**

- Denotes units currently in Operation Iraqi Freedom Area of Operation.

- The **2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 108<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment** (HQ in Utica with units across NYS) has recently completed federal active duty in the Operation Iraqi Freedom area of operation. The Soldiers have completed out-processing from federal active duty and are now home on terminal leave. This marks the first deployment of a NY National Guard infantry battalion to a combat theater since WWII.
- Batteries B and C of the **1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 258<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment** (Jamaica Queens) with members of the **1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 127<sup>th</sup> Armor Regiment** (Buffalo) are currently serving on federal active duty in the Operation Iraqi Freedom theater.
- Members of **Company A 204<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion** (Oneonta, Walton, Peekskill) are currently serving on federal active duty in the Operation Iraqi Freedom theater. Members of **Company B** (Elmira, Horseheads, Binghamton) are serving in Afghanistan.
- Members of the **156<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment** (Kingston), **827<sup>th</sup> Engineer Company** (Buffalo) and **427<sup>th</sup> Support Battalion** (Rochester) have completed federal active duty in the Operation Iraqi Freedom theater along with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 108<sup>th</sup> Infantry and have now returned home.
- The Headquarters Detachment of the **369<sup>th</sup> Corps Support Battalion** (Harlem) is currently serving on federal active duty in the Operation Iraqi Freedom Theater and will soon return home.
- Members of the **56<sup>th</sup> Personnel Service Battalion** (Latham) are serving on federal active duty in the Operation Iraqi Freedom Theater.
- Members of the **1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 142<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Regiment** (Rochester) are serving on federal active duty in the Operation Iraqi Freedom Theater. This aviation maintenance unit is expected to return home this week.
- Members of **B and C Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 108<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment** (Buffalo and Syracuse) are currently serving on federal active duty in the Operation Iraqi Freedom Theater.
- Members of the **145<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Company** (Bronx) were recently activated for Operation Iraqi Freedom and will soon begin post mobilization training at Fort Benning, GA.
- Members of the **206<sup>th</sup> Corps Support Battalion** (Brooklyn), the **29<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Personnel Services Detachments** (Buffalo and Albany) and the **53<sup>rd</sup> ARFOR** (Valhalla) were activated in October for Operation Iraqi Freedom and have completing post mobilization training at Fort Dix, NJ and Fort Benning, GA. These units are now serving In Iraq.
- ❑ Members of the New York Air National Guard's **107<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing** (Niagara Falls) are currently federally deployed overseas in support of Operation Joint Forge.
- ❑ Members of the **139<sup>th</sup> Aero medical Squadron** of the **109<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing** (Scotia) are currently federally deployed overseas in Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan).

## **OTHER ONGOING FEDERAL ACTIVE DUTY MISSIONS:**

- The **Headquarters of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division** (Troy) has been mobilized for federal active duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Members of the headquarters have undergone several months of training at Ft. Drum, NY and have now just completed the deployment to the Iraqi Freedom Area of Operation.
- The **1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 69<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment** (NYC, Freeport, Bayshore, Huntington Station), with members of the **1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 101<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Regiment** (Staten Island, Hoosick Falls, Newburgh, Troy) has been mobilized for federal active duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The battalion has completed several months of training at Ft. Hood, TX and has recently deployed into the theater. This marks the famed “Fighting 69<sup>th</sup>’s” first deployment to a combat theater since WWII.
- The **42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division Aviation Brigade** (Patchogue) has been mobilized for federal active duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Members of the aviation brigade have completed several months of training at Ft. Dix, NJ and have deployed to the Iraqi Freedom theater.
- The **642<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Support Battalion** (Brooklyn) has been mobilized for federal active duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Members of the battalion have completed several months of training at Ft. Dix, NJ and have deployed to the Iraqi Freedom theater.
- The **152<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Battalion** (Buffalo) has been mobilized for federal active duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Members of the battalion have completed several months of training at Ft. Drum, NY and have deployed to the Iraqi Freedom theater. Other members of the battalion will be deploying to the Sinai as part of the Army’s Multinational Force of Observers peacekeeping mission.
- **Troop E, 101<sup>st</sup> Cavalry** (Geneva) has been mobilized for federal active duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Members of the motorized cavalry scout unit have completed several months of training in the US and have deployed to the Iraqi Freedom theater.
- The **42<sup>nd</sup> Division Engineer Brigade Headquarters** (Buffalo) has been mobilized for federal active duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Members of the battalion have completed several months of training at Ft. Drum, NY and have deployed to the Iraqi Freedom theater.
- The **42<sup>nd</sup> Division Band (Freeport), with members of the 199<sup>th</sup> Army Band (Cortlandt Manor, Niagara Falls)**, has been mobilized for federal active duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Unit members will have completed several months of training in the US and have deployed to the Iraqi Freedom theater.
- **Detachment 1, 272<sup>nd</sup> Chemical Company (Troy)** has been mobilized for federal active duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Unit members will have completed several months of training in the US and have deployed to the Iraqi Freedom theater.

- Members of the New York Air National Guard's **105<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing** (Newburgh) are currently mobilized in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.
- The **249<sup>th</sup> Air Ambulance Company** (Rochester) is currently on federal active duty providing MEDEVAC support to several Army installations in the southeastern US.
- Since Sept. 11, personnel from the **New York National Guard Counterdrug Detachment** (Scotia) have been supporting security and search operations at airports and seaports in the Greater New York City area and at international border crossings.
- New York Air National Guard personnel **Northeast Air Defense Sector** (Rome) continue to monitor the airspace over the Northeastern United States for unauthorized air traffic.

#### **RECENTLY COMPLETED FEDERAL MISSIONS:**

- More than 1500 members of the New York Army and Air National Guard recently finished federal active duty under state control as part of a Department of Defense **Joint Task Force**, delivering security support to civil authorities in New York City for the Republican National Convention. Hundreds of troops bolstered security at train stations, bridges, tunnels and other locations from the Hudson Valley to the eastern tip of Long Island.
- Members of the **10<sup>th</sup> Transportation Detachment** (Harlem) returned last Spring from one year serving on federal active duty in the Operation Iraqi Freedom theater. The unit was instrumental in getting ammunition and supplies to forward deployed combat troops.
- The **442<sup>nd</sup> Military Police Company** (Orangeburg and Whitestone) returned in April from a year on federal active duty in the Operation Iraqi Freedom theater. The unit played an integral role in the train-up of the new Iraqi security forces.
- The **105<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company** (Buffalo, Rochester) returned last April from a year on federal active duty in the Operation Iraqi Freedom theater. The unit was involved in over 90 combat actions.
- The **719<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company** (Harlem), with members of the 427<sup>th</sup> Support Battalion (Rochester), returned last Spring from a year on federal active duty in the Operation Iraqi Freedom theater. The unit was instrumental in getting ammunition and supplies to forward deployed combat troops.
- The **27<sup>th</sup> Support Center** (NYC) returned last month from a year serving on federal active duty in the Operation Iraqi Freedom theater.
- Members of the **106<sup>th</sup> Air Rescue Wing** (Westhampton, LI) completed a six- month deployment on federal active duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit was credited with two combat saves for their efforts to extricate and evacuate two soldiers from the Chinook that was shot down near Baghdad on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- Members of the **174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing** (Syracuse) completed a tour of federal duty in SW Asia supporting the Air Expeditionary Force's Operation Northern Watch (Iraqi northern no-fly zone).
- Members of the **1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 258<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment** (Jamaica, Bronx, Brooklyn) earlier this year completed a federal mobilization during which they helped safeguard tomorrow's military leaders at West Point.
- As part of a DoD initiative to provide relief to Air Force Security personnel, some of whom had been on duty since 9/11/01, the **1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 108<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment** based in Central NY has been federally deployed to NY's five Air National Guard bases to provide security support. This mission has now been completed.
- Members of the **102<sup>nd</sup> Maintenance Company** (Brooklyn) completed federal active duty providing security support to Ft. Hamilton in Brooklyn.
- Members of the **107<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company** (Utica) completed their mission to provide security support to Ft. Drum and the 10<sup>th</sup> Mt. Division.
- The **37<sup>th</sup> Finance Detachment** (NYC) completed its federal mission and has returned home.