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NY Guard Conducts Supply Distribution Exercise

SSG DeAngelis directing traffic at Camp Smith

The Commander's Message to the NY Guard

It has been just about a year since I assumed command of the New York Guard and it has been my honor to command and serve with the men and women of the New York Guard. You are an outstanding group of professional soldiers willing to dedicate your free time to protect our homeland.

During the last year the NYG has moved forward, conducting a successful Annual Training with professional development schools and skills schools.

- The 89th NYG Band has continued their terrific work, performing at many venues and events during the year.
- The 12th RTI has undertaken the development of an enhanced development curriculum.

We have commenced a long over due update to our NYG Directives. Our engineers were busy on a number of projects across the state and each of our Brigades conducted mission focused training to better integrate the NYG into each of the Joint Task Forces that we support.

For the third time in four years the NYG was activated by the Governor for a state emergency in support of Operation Lake Effect in November in response to the historic levels of lake effect snowfall that paralyzed the City of Buffalo and area roads, businesses and communities. Our NYG soldiers served with distinction, demonstrating again that we are an important and respected contributor to each of our JTF partners.

Our Annual Training this August (16-22) is planned to continue to build on these mission skills.

However, if we are to be counted on by our JTF partners, we must have the manpower to respond effectively when called. **We need a lot more soldiers!** We must increase our strength. I have set aggressive recruiting goals for the next three years that will require the support and contribution of every member of the New York Guard. **This must be our number one mission and focus! EVERYONE is a Recruiter!**

Show your pride in being a NYG soldier; speak to your friends and about the opportunity to serve your community.

BG Stephen Bucaria
NY Guard Commander

New York Guard Change of Command

(CAMP SMITH) — The New York Guard conducted a traditional Change of Command ceremony on Saturday, July 26 2014, at their Annual Training graduation ceremony. The Assistant Adjutant General, NYANG Brig. Gen. Anthony German, assisted in the transfer of the New York Guard Colors from Outgoing NY Guard Commander Maj. Gen. Fergal Foley to the incoming NYG Commander Brig. General Stephen Bucaria.

(Photograph by COL Carole Ryder)

Notes from the Chief of Staff

As we move into 2015, the NY Guard is faced with changes and challenges. Our 1st priority is increasing our membership (strength). We need to do the best we can to get new members into our ranks. Although, the Recruiting & Retention & PAO Command is doing an outstanding job of recruiting, I ask that each member endeavor to recruit a friend or relative.

We are in the process of updating NY Guard Directives, which is our version of SOPs (Standard Operating Procedures). These Directives drive the day to day operations of the NY Guard. Recently, we published NYG Directives 1304 and 1305. These Directives guide our Appointments and Enlistment policies as well as Promotions for Commissioned Officers, Warrant Officers and Enlisted personnel. New information is included in these 2 Directives and reflect changes in the NY Guard. It is imperative that all Service Members (SMs) have access to and understand these Directives. We will continue to revise old and outdated information in our Directives and address the ever changing role of the NY Guard.

7TH INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION
2014 VETERANS DAY LAYING OF WREATHS

SEVENTH REGIMENT NEW YORK—ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH UNITED STATES INFANTRY
1917 – IN MEMORIUM – 1918

NEW YORK—On Veterans Day, Tuesday November 11, 2014, members of the New York Guard and the 7th Infantry Regiment Association assembled at the Park Avenue Armory at 643 Park Ave., to Honor all Veterans especially those of the of the 7th Infantry Regiment both past and present.

The combined unit led by BG Stephen A. Bucaria (CDR, NYG), BG (ret) Tom Principe (President 7th Regt Veteran's Association), COL (ret) Randall Eng (President 7th Regt Veteran's Association) and COL Trevor Jackson (NYARNG assigned to HQ, NYARNG) and a New York Guard Color/Wreath Honor Guard of 6 soldiers from the NYG 88th BDE marched from the Armory (with NYPD escort) to the 7th Regiment New York Memorial Statute at 66th Street and Central Park Avenue East.

In front of an assembled crowd of over 100 NYC citizens and visitors the National Anthem was sung, a prayer was said and three Memorial Wreaths were laid at the base of the Memorial reminding all of the sacrifice of the veterans represented by the Memorial and the service of all United States Military personnel. The soldiers, veterans and honored guests then marched back to the Park Avenue Armory where additional brief ceremonies were held. All shared in a luncheon and camaraderie.

This statue honors the 58 men of the 7th Regiment who died defending the Union during the Civil War. Created by American sculptor John Quincy Adams Ward, the bronze pieces depicts an American soldier, hands at rest on his rifle. Officers and members of the regiment funded the sculpture, and Frederick Law Olmsted, the designer of the Park, suggested the statue's pose. Ward himself unveiled the piece during its dedication in June 1874, The statue, originally slated to stand at Warrior's Gate at Central Park North and Seventh Avenue, it stands today in its original spot selected by Olmsted.

The 7th The Seventh Infantry Regiment Association was established in 1987. The Association presently has more than 600 members, comprised of veterans of World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Cold War, the Persian Gulf, and members of the National Guard and Active Army.

Constituted 11 January 1812 in the Regular Army as the 8th Infantry it was organized in 1812 in Tennessee, Georgia, and the adjacent territories. It was later consolidated May-October 1815 with the 24th Infantry (constituted 26 June 1812) and the 39th Infantry (constituted 29 January 1813) to form the 7th Infantry. It was further consolidated May-June 1869 with the 36th Infantry and consolidated unit designated as the 7th Infantry.

The regiment was assigned 21 November 1917 to the 3d Division (later redesignated as the 3d Infantry Division). Later relieved 1 July 1957 from assignment to the 3d Infantry Division and reorganized as a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System. They were withdrawn 16 December 1987 from the Combat Arms Regimental System and reorganized under the United States Army Regimental System. Constituted 3 May 1861 in the Regular Army as the 3d Battalion, 18th Infantry. Organized 16 October 1861 at Camp Thomas, Ohio. Reorganized and redesignated 26 December 1866 as the 36th Infantry. Consolidated May-June 1869 with the 7th Infantry and consolidated unit designated as the 7th Infantry

New York Guard Conducts Supply Distribution Exercise at Camp Smith

CAMP SMITH-- New York Guard members set up a Mobile Emergency Response Center or MERC, part of a Point of Distribution, or POD, exercise conducted on Friday, July 25. The drill tested the NYG volunteers skilled at putting up an emergency, water, food and supply distribution site following a natural disaster. The New York Guard is the state's volunteer defense and emergency response force which operates as part of the Division of Military and Naval Affairs. (NYG Col. Carole Ryder)

NY Guard Hosts Prayer Breakfast at Duffy Chapel

Photo by CPT Mark Getman

Unit ministry teams from the 53rd Troop Command and the New York Guard pose together after the joint Prayer Breakfast held at the Chaplain Duffy Chapel and Spiritual Fitness Center on January 10th 2015, which brought together Soldiers and Chaplains of all faiths and denominations to discuss Spiritual Readiness and Soldier resiliency.

The focus of the gathering, led by more than a half-dozen military chaplains and lay leaders, emphasized the important role of Spiritual Readiness as part of Soldier resiliency and overall Comprehensive Soldier Fitness in the New Year.

The program included remarks by the NYARNG 53rd Troop Command Chaplain (MAJ) Tyhovych, and New York Guard Command Chaplain (MAJ) Gardner, and songs by the East Ward Missionary Baptist Church Choir.

NY Guard Band Performs At Honor Flight

STEWART AIRPORT, Newburgh- Members of the New York Guard Band performed for World War II veterans participating in an Honor Flight event on Oct. 18 2014. The Honor Flight program flies World War II veterans to Washington D.C. for a day so they can visit the national World War II memorial there. (Photos by SSG Marianne DeAngelis)

56th Brigade Collects for Toys 4 Tots

(ELMSFORD, NY) - Soldiers from the 56th Brigade participated in collection event on December 17th at Toys for Tots hosted by Westy's Self Storage in Elmsford. Photographed above are Director Garrick Lopez , CPT. Charles Gaito, and SSG Anthony Cosintino.

THE NY STATE RECRUITMENT MEDAL — Got yours?

The Recruiting Medal may be awarded to any member of the New York State Organized Militia who obtains three new members for any unit of the organized militia.

New York Guard Activated For Operation Lake Effect

LTC Dave Greenwood, 10th BDE PAO

(Buffalo, NY) — During Tuesday, November 18 and Wednesday, November 19, 2014 the Buffalo, NY area received record amounts of snowfall. The highest amounts were in areas to the south and east of the city. Some areas received over 6 feet in a single day. There was a significant danger of roof collapse to residential structures if the snow was not removed. Further, temperatures were expected to increase over the next 5 days with the added risk of flooding. The NYARNG deployed to the area assisting residents, but more manpower was needed and the New York Guard was activated to assist.

Seventeen soldiers of the 10th BDE (personnel from 102nd Engineer BN, 21st Engineer BN, 2nd Emergency Response BN, and 10th BDE HQ) and eight soldiers of the 65th Regiment arrived in Buffalo on November 21and began snow removal operations on November 22nd. Over the course of the next two days, a 12 person team was deployed to Absolut Care nursing home in Orchard Park NY to remove snow from the roof. Transportation to/from the site was provided by the 152nd Engineer Support Company. The ARNG also provided snow shovels, wheelbarrows, and snow blowers for snow removal.

By the morning of November 23rd, 12 NYG soldiers along with 11 NYNM where put on standby to deploy to the Alden Stockpile to learn how to set up and use water pumps and generators for future flood missions. The ARNG provided the sand bags, pumps and generators. Additionally, 1 NYG soldier was assigned to the Troop Command S4 team to help unload and manage supplies from 2000 – 0800 each night; while another was assigned to the JOC at Connecticut St. as the NYG LNO.

On November 24th, due to rising temperatures, flooding now became the new concern. At 1100, 10 NYG soldiers and 17 NYNM members moved as one unit responding to requests for flood response. During the day, the combined NYG/NYNM unit moved from Willowdale, to Hamburg to Silver Creek, assisting the ARNG with emergency flood missions. As further support, throughout the deployment to Buffalo, two, 2-person NYG details were assigned to guard the entrance to the Connecticut St Armory each doing a 12 hour shift.

By November 25th with the emergency winding down, the New York Guard mission was stood down. This last day of deployment was highlighted by a visit to the NYG troops by the Commanding General of NYG and he expressed his appreciation for a job well done. The NYG soldiers then traveled safely back to home station.

The JOC leadership team was impressed with the quality of work done by members of the 10th BDE and 65th Regiment. This snow emergency, proved the value of the New York Guard to safety and security of the citizens of New York State – JOB WELL DONE!!!

5th LAD Hosts Yellow Ribbon Event in New Windsor

(NEW WINDSOR, NY) — On January 10, 2015, the 5th Legal Assistance Detachment ("LAD"), 56th Brigade, conducted a Legal Services Operation at a Yellow Ribbon event at the Homewood Suites in New Windsor, New York. The LSO was in support of the 105th Airlift Wing, Stewart Air National Guard Base, elements of which were preparing to deploy out-of-state. The 5th LAD was ably supported by several members of the 7th LAD, 88th Brigade.

LTC Ray Mechmann, 56th Brigade Commander, explained what happens in an LSO. "We draft various legal documents for deploying soldiers, airmen or Marines, depending on the event," said Mechmann. "These include wills, powers of attorney, living wills and health-care proxies. Each document is drafted specifically to the needs of the individual soldier or spouse we are serving," he added. "But it takes more than just attorneys to run an LSO. Our team consists of attorneys in civilian life who draft the legal documents, but we also need non-lawyer officers and enlisted personnel to act as witnesses when documents are executed, at least one notary public, a technical support team to run our printing stations, and runners to bring soldiers from their meetings to the drafting stations. Additionally, we usually have a chaplain from the Brigade available, to provide counseling should it be requested. Preparing for a deployment can be stressful, and we try to ensure that we meet the needs of everyone we see, including family members."

At this Yellow Ribbon, the LSO team saw 25 airmen/spouses, and prepared 92 documents. "The 5th LAD provides invaluable legal support to Stewart AFB," said MAJ Steve Hartov, commander of the NYG's Task Force 105 on base. "We do not have JAGs here full-time, and I know the airmen and Marines really appreciate the work the New York Guard volunteers do here on their behalf." CPT Brian Kanner, commander of the 5th LAD said, "We do 3-4 of these large-scale LSOs every year. I think I can speak for everyone on our team when I say that sitting across the table from a deploying soldier, providing that direct personal support to someone who may be going into harm's way, is the most meaningful work we can be doing to support our men and women in uniform."

LTC Ray Mechmann (left) and LTC Michael Levinson consult with Airman First Class Kyrie Brewer; CPT Bohdan Ozaruk advises another NYANG family. (Photo: MAJ Steve Hartov).

Chaplain (CPT) Rick Marasco notarizes documents for a 105th Air Wing airman as his father looks on. SSG Louis DiGiannantonio updates records in the background. (Photo: MAJ Steve Hartov).

1LT Randall Chiera finalizes a will for Airman 1st Class Zachariah Parker, witnessed by SFC Vincent Lombardo and MAJ Robivar Atienza. (Photo: MAJ Steve Hartov).

CPT Andrew Lane advises Senior Airman Maria Ronda, as Chaplain (CPT) Rick Marasco and SSG Louis DiGiannantonio prepare documentation. (Photo: MAJ Steve Hartov).

NEW YORK GUARD 88TH BRIGADE MARCH IN ANNUAL NYC VETERANS DAY PARADE

NEW YORK –On November 11th 2014, Soldiers from the NY Guard 88th Brigade based out of NYC and Long Island, marched in the annual NYC Veteran's Day Parade. Approximately 60-70 soldiers marched in the parade representing the New York Guard, the 88th Brigade and its battalions and detachment units.

In addition to the NY Guard, Units from the NY Army National Guard 369th Sustainment Brigade, whose headquarters' is based in Harlem also participated in the parade, along with the 42 Infantry Division Band. The 88th's parade route started at 24th Street and Fifth Ave in Manhattan, and ended at 51st and Fifth Ave. The pass and review by City and Government officials was located between 41st and 42nd Street and Fifth Ave, where the soldiers of the NY Guard's 88th Brigade were recognized for their service to the State of New York as a component of New York Division of Military and Naval Affairs.

The New York Guard is a state volunteer force which augments and supports the New York National Guard with manpower and skills. New York Guard members are a volunteer, unpaid force which serves at the direction of the Governor. They assist the National Guard in planning, training for and executing state emergency support and disaster missions, and provide legal and medical pre-deployment assistance to the National Guard units and other reserve components as requested.

Soldiers from the 88th Brigade including LTC Marty Ingram, LTC Bill Demakakos, LTC Paul Soden, CPT Betty Gannon. pose with Melinda Katz , Queens Borough President before the start of the NYC Veteran's Day Parade on November 11 2014.
Photo by CPT Mark Getman

Soldiers from the 88th Brigade march down Fifth Ave in the Annual New York City Veteran's Day Parade on November 11.
Photo by CPT Mark Getman

New York Guard/NY Naval Militia Holiday Party

(West Point, NY) – On December 6th 2014, the New York Guard and the New York Naval Militia held their annual holiday Gala at the West Point Club located at the US Army's West Point Military Academy Photos by Cpt. Mark Getman

NY Guard's WWII 3-Star Commander

COL. Michael Stenzel (Retired)

Did you know that the New York Guard had a former U.S. Army Lieutenant General as it's Commander from 1943 to 1947? He is missing from the previously published list of Commanders and was just recently "found" during our research.

When the US Army Chief of Staff General Malin Craig retired in 1939, He was passed over in favor of General George Marshall. Despite this disappointment, He received a promotion to Lieutenant General in August 1939. With the onset of World War II, He assumed command of the Eastern Defense Command, responsible for domestic defense along the Atlantic seaboard.

Hoping to be the "General Pershing" of the next great war, He was disappointed with an offer from Secretary of War Henry Stimson to go to what he perceived to be a low-profile assignment in China. After being passed over for that mission He was relegated to home duty assignments until his mandatory retirement in 1943.

Retired US Army Lt. Gen. Hugh A. Drum, Cdr NYG 1943-1947, was offered and accepted command of the NY Guard in 1943, and in 1946 and 1947 he oversaw the conversion of the NY Guard into the federally authorized NYARNG units. In this capacity, during the transition, he was commander of both the NY Guard and the "new" NYARNG. He made all the command assignments for the new 27th and 42nd Divisions. He was so "famous" that a US Army fort was named for him, and it is still an active installation.

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