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craft for civil support, search and rescue, and homeland security missions. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Crystal Hudson. 29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment)

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### Wreath-Laying Ceremony for Maryland's Fallen Warriors

VIDEO BY SGT. REGINA GLOTT

The Maryland National Guard held a wreath— Laying ceremony at Fallen Warrior Memorial in honor of those Maryland Guard Service members who paid the ultimate sacrifice defending freedom since 9/11. The Ceremony took place at Camp Fretterd Military Reservation, near Reisterstown, Md. Sept. 8, 2013.

### LIVE FIRE TRAINING EXERCISE VIDEO BY STAFF SGT. JOHN HIGGINS

Soldiers with 2nd Platoon, Charlie Troop, 1st Squadron, 158th Cavalry Regiment, Maryland Army National Guard participate in a live fire exercise at Fort Drum, N.Y., Aug. 6, 2013.

This training exercise tested the basic skills of an infantry Soldier. They also tested on more advanced skills such as calling in indirect fire and breaking contact with opposing force.





#### INFANTRYMEN IN THE SKY

VIDEO BY STAFF SGT. JOHN HIGGINS

INFANTRY SOLDIERS WITH TEAM 2, 2ND PLATOON, CHARLIE TROOP, 1st Squadron, 158th Cavalry Regiment jumped out of a C-130 Globemaster onto Fort Drum, N.Y., Aug. 3, 2013, the first operation of its kind over Drum in ten years.

### MD-HART COL SWIFT WA

#### Story & Photos by Sgt. Edwin Gray

The Maryland Helicopter Aquatic Rescue Team conducted training for an all-hazard helicopter and swift water rescue operation here Wednesday.

The MD-HART is a joint operation consisting of Maryland Guard members and Baltimore County and police. Their firefighters mission includes swift water rescue, flood zones, and mountain and wilderness extrication delivered through hoist and helicopters hauling. The exercise is conducted quarterly and tests their ability to respond to the various types of rescue scenarios.

The MD-HART was developed after Hurricane Katrina, resulting from the necessity for aviation and flood extraction during that time, and to prevent or subdue future disasters' impacts.

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#### "The National Guard has brought the caliber of training a lot higher than we've had in the past." - George Drees, Baltimore County Fire Department

Many Soldiers and firefighters said they enjoyed working together with the other organizations. Several felt as though the training went as planned and will help them become more efficient at their professions.

"My primary role here is to fly the UH-60 (Black Hawk), and the Guard has been very friendly, so my integration has been smooth," said Capt. Martin Noorsalu, a pilot in the Estonian air force. "The exercise was good for training, and it helps me become a better pilot."

The Guard provides aviation and medical personnel assets from its UH-60 crewmembers to the exercise; however, one of the members of the Baltimore County firefighters is also a Maryland Guard sergeant. His role during the exercise was as a rescue swimmer for the fire department, but he stated that the training is a great benefit to his career in both organizations.

"It's a great feeling to help my local community and the rest of the state in their time of need of emergency response," said Sgt. Christopher Niner, quality control inspector with D Company, 2-224th, and an emergency medical technician with Baltimore County's firefighters. "The training is making us proficient at this job, so when and if we are needed, we'll be successful with helping someone."









# Maryland Guards march agains

#### Story & Photos by Sgt. Breeanna Pierce

Nearly 500 service members, civilian first responders and community members gathered for the first Norwegian Challenge: Maryland Army National Guard's March Against Hunger, in La Plata, Md., today.

The Maryland National Guard partnered with the Norwegian Military Attaché's Office to ensure that the challenge – an 18.6-mile ruck march, carrying 25 pounds across various terrains – met all the challenging criteria for Norwegian standards.

"This march started in 1915; it is a test of a soldier's ability to move quickly across the battlefield with a day's worth of rations," said Col. Roy Abelsen, the assistant defense attaché for Norway.

Initially, the challenge began as a way for Soldiers of the 253rd Engineer Company to improve and test their soldier skills and capabilities.

"I wanted to show the Soldiers that you can accomplish some incredible things on a drill weekend," said Capt. Alexi Franklin, the unit commander.

When Franklin brought the idea of the Norwegian Challenge to his superiors, the event grew into a way for Guardsmen to connect with the community.

"I told him that it was a great idea, but it needed to be tied to the community," said Lt. Col. Joseph Reale, commander of the 581st Troop Command Battalion. "For 10 years, this community and many communities across the country have supported National Guard Soldiers deploying. Now it's time

"We all strive to combat and overtake this terrible [problem] within our country and throughout the world."

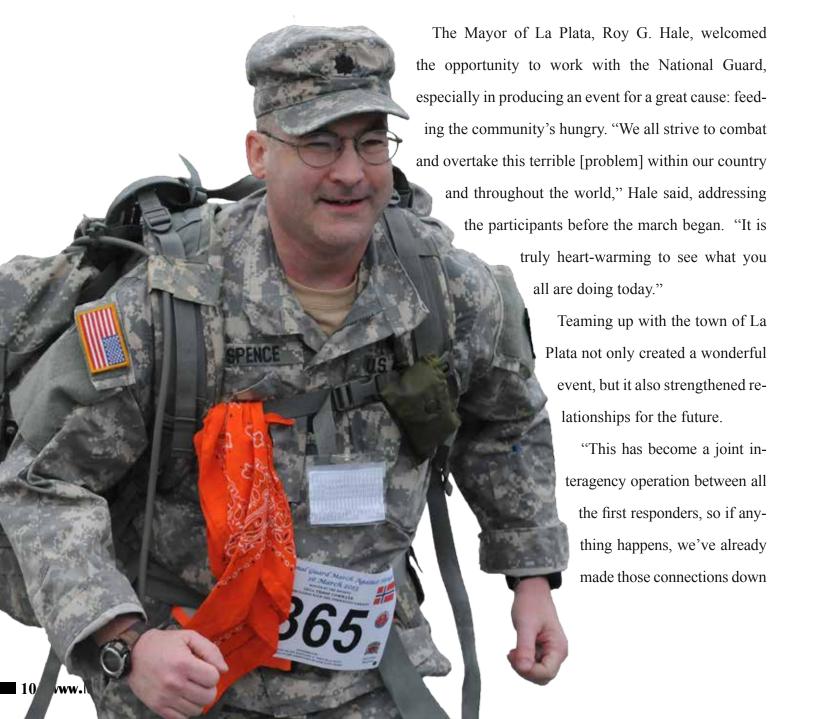
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- Roy G. Hale, Mayor of La Plata



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here because we've worked together," Reale said.

More than just National Guard members registered to participate in the event. Service members from every branch and component registered to challenge themselves.

"It sounded like fun," Capt. Drew Deal, the operations officer for 55th Signal Company (Combat Camera), said as he and his three-man team prepared for the ruck march. "I mean, what better way to pack a ruck than for a good charity."

Although the 18.6-mile march was challenging and exhausting, many service members agreed that they would participate again.

"We don't get many opportunities like this in the National Guard," said Spc. Vincent Melemai, B Company, 29th Infantry Division, "We can't pass up these opportunities to promote fitness while getting involved with the community."



## MARYLAND MILITARY HELP PROTECT AN

#### Story & Photos by 2nd Lt. Jessica C. Donnelly

Due to the need for heightened security, military police with the Maryland National Guard conducted their annual training at Fort George G. Meade, Md., June 2-14 to provide support to their active duty counterparts.

Approximately 45 members of the Maryland National Guard's 29th Military Police Company partnered with the 241st Military Police Detachment and the Department of Emergency Services at Fort Meade to supplement security for the installation during the beginning of the trial of Bradley Manning taking place on post.

"We have been performing law and order operations including entry point security, trial security and patrol duties," said 2nd Lt. Christopher Larkin, 29th MP Co. platoon leader.

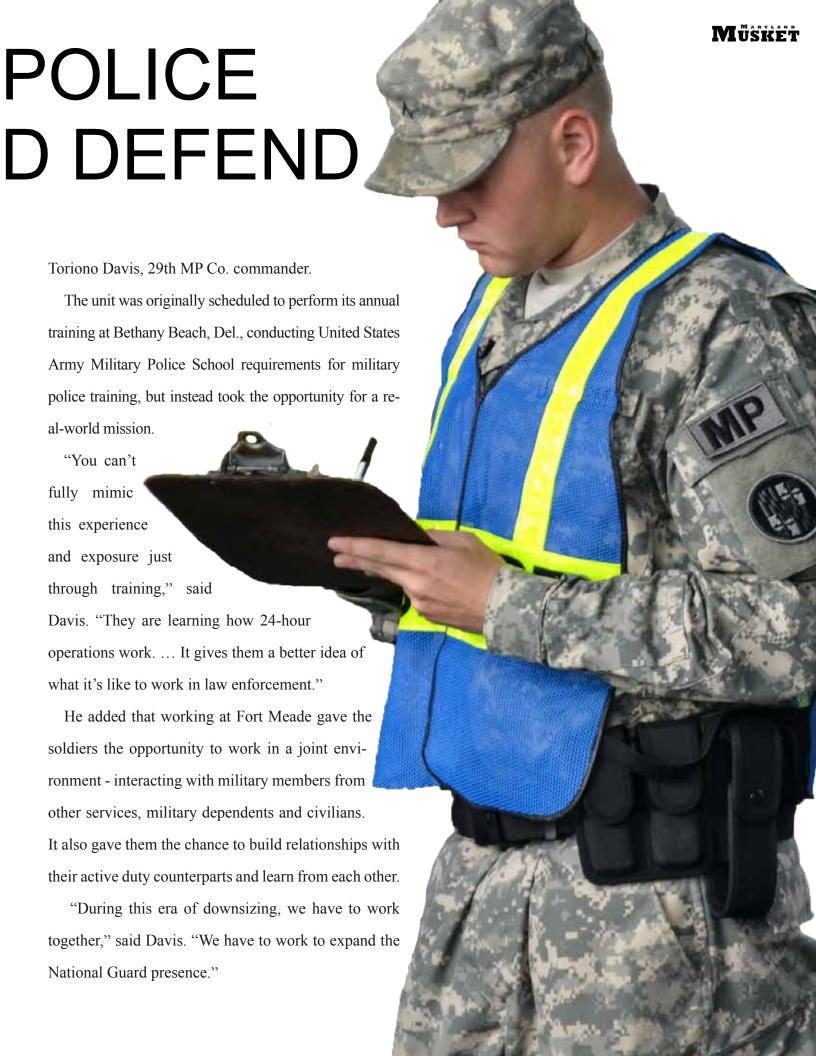
He explained that the unit's responsibilities includ-

ed crowd control during protests that took place at the gates, ensuring that demonstrators did not attempt to access unauthorized areas and conducting security inspections of randomly selected vehicles. Due to the trial, there was a large increase of personnel traveling on and off post and while individuals were allowed to attend the trial, camera equipment and political signs were not permitted.

Once the trial was under way, the duties expanded to more law enforcement tasks including assisting post MPs in identifying and ticketing drivers using cellphones while operating a vehicle, seat belt enforcement, responding to domestic violence and sexual assault incidents, directing traffic during an installation run and even assisting when a vehicle rolled over, added Capt.

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# MARYLAND TRAINS MPS IN STATE FOR DEPLOYMENT

#### Story by Sgt. Regina Glott

Through the 31B reclassification course, the Maryland National Guard's 70th Regiment provided training to help meet the Guard's demand for military police officers.

The 2nd Battalion, 70th Regional Training Institute successfully graduated its first complete 31B MP reclassification course class here at Camp Fretterd Military Reservation in March.

"We want to train Maryland Soldiers in Maryland," said Master Sgt. Buddy Houston, operations and quality assurance noncommissioned officer for the RTI. "This is the first time we actually produced MOS [military occupational specialty] qualified soldiers from beginning to end."

Previously, Maryland only taught phase one of the course, and Soldiers were sent out of state for the second phase.

Houston, who is responsible for ensuring the course is in accordance with Training and Doctrine Command standards, indicated the state was in jeopardy of losing the 31B mission, so it ramped up its capabilities to expand the course to teach two phases.

This expansion was also in response to the high demand for trained MPs to support the 200th MP Company's deployment.

The course is new to Maryland and helps save money by training Maryland Soldiers at home as opposed

to out of state. The RTI and the 200th MP Co. worked Corps had to offer in Maryland," said Radcliffe. together to train Soldiers to deploy.

"We received phenomenal assistance from the 200th," said Houston. "They provided us with role players to help make the scenarios more realistic."

Staff Sgt. Keith Radcliffe, a currently deployed member of the 200th MP Co. with a background in law enforcement, served as a military police instructor for the 31B course and has held the MOS for five years.

"My experience as an instructor was very eye-opening to me. Being able to use my talents and experiences to help and teach others to perform the job was very humbling," said Radcliffe. "I enjoyed teaching, as well as learning, from my students."

The process to become an instructor took Radcliffe almost a year to complete, from submitting a packet to teaching two phase one and phase two level courses, to include the boards. The boards, also known as murder boards, are when the student instructors train instructors from the United States Army Military Police School using the same curriculum USAMPS created for the MP Corps.

"The selection for becoming an instructor was very hard . . . they took the best of what the MP

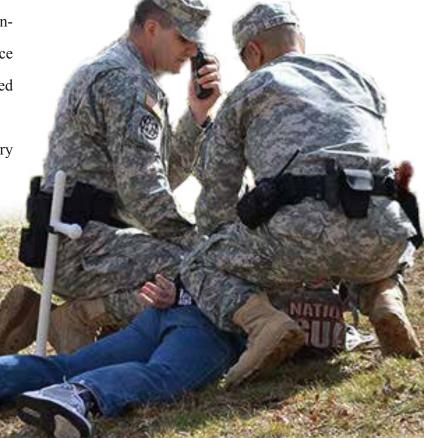
Six states sent Soldiers to the Maryland 31B reclassification course.

"The success of our 31B [program] is due to the collaboration with MP units. Using their equipment, weapons, vehicles and role players to enhance the program, [and] working collaboratively, we will build a successful program," said Houston.

The Maryland Army National Guard's 200th and 290th Military Police Companies, as well as the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment of the 115th Military Police Battalion, are currently deployed to Afghanistan.

"The course helped deploying unit members with the basic skills to become an MP and carry out the mission overseas," said Radcliffe. "The training was fresh in the students' minds, and they could apply it

right away."





# Maryland Military Chaplains atte

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- Maryland Army National Guard Chaplain (Col.) William S. Lee



# Department nd annual training

#### Story & Photos by Sgt. Crystal Hudson

Chaplains and assistants from the Maryland Army National Guard, Maryland Air National Guard and Maryland Defense Force met for a 3-day conference and annual training at the Weinberg Center on Camp Fretterd Military Reservation, Md., Feb. 25-27.

The 12th annual meeting brought together the Maryland Military Department's Chaplain Corps to share ideas, discuss strategies and learn about resources available to service members and their Families.

An emphasis was placed on how to best support Soldiers and Airmen during times of transition and change.

"Now we are faced with reduced resources, and we are moving into a period that some of us have never experienced... that is a garrison force. What that means is a peacetime force," said Maryland Army National Guard Chaplain (Col.) William S. Lee. "No matter how







the circumstances may change, we are going to need to continue to provide support."

Lee took the role as the leader of the conference and provided the attendees with "the most effective and useful" resources available to them to best meet the needs of service members.

Lee stated that this annual meeting is a great opportunity for the chaplains, old and new, to get to know each other, as well as maintain existing relationships.

"We sustain ourselves together," said Lee. "We are in this together."

The guest speakers included senior military leaders and civilian subject matter experts that specialized in veterans assistance programs and service member resources.

Command Sgt. Maj. Brian S. Sann, Maryland National Guard senior enlisted leader, stressed the importance of chaplains in the military during his remarks at

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the beginning of the conference.

"Being heroic is always part of the Chaplain corps," said Sann. "You all do far more than any mission statement. The Chaplain Corps covers down on [almost] every program."

The more than 3,000 chaplains currently serving are an invaluable part of the U.S. military said Sann.

"All of us, at some point in time, need someone that we can go to," he said.

The looming federal budget cuts were a concern among speakers and guests of the conference like many people in the Department of Defense.

Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) Charles R. Bailey, deputy chief of chaplains, said everyone is getting ready to slow down.

"The war, if nothing else, has brought us together as one team," he said. "We had to pull together in foreign lands. We are the greatest military force in the world. We have never been better than we are now."

With uncertainty comes stress, and Bailey wanted to advise his audience that now is the time for them to remain strong.

"There has never been a more-needed time for [chaplains] than right now," Bailey said. "We have produced. We have done unbelievable stuff."

Bailey encouraged his fellow chaplains and assistants to continue to provide excellent support to service members.

"We have gone wherever [troops] are," Bailey said. "Great things are expected now. When you have a reputation of being that good, they are going to ask you to do better."

A Maryland National Guard officer was presented with the Order of Chaplain (Capt.) Eugene P. O'Grady Award during a ceremony at the Chaplain Eugene P. O'Grady Chapel at the end of the conference.

Lt. Col. Weedon Gallagher was selected to be the 2013 recipient of the award due to his dedication to his Soldiers' spiritual fitness during his time as commander of the 1297th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion. The 1297th CSSB was deployed to Afghanistan in 2011 and 2012.

"I want my Soldiers to do well; I want them focused," said Gallagher. "When we are in the fight, I want them focused on fighting. Resiliency helps me get the most out of them when we are in the fight."

"Getting encouragement in your chest is more important than cleaning weapons or fuel for your trucks," he said. "You need to fuel your Soldiers."



During a ceremony at the Chaplain Eugene P. O'Grady Chapel, Lt. Col. Weedon Gallagher recognized as the 2013 recipient of the Order of Chaplain (Capt.) Eugene P. O'Grady Award. He was selected because of his dedication to his Soldiers' spiritual fitness during his time as commander of the 1297th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion.



# Partnership builds Community Starting with the kitchen

Firefighters of Baltimore's Engine Company 45 will soon be able to break bread in a recently renovated kitchen, thanks to a training partnership with the Maryland Army National Guard's 244th Engineer Company.



#### Story & Photos by Staff Sgt. Thaddeus Harrington

The 244th contacted the office of Baltimore City Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake in August 2012 regarding possibilities to take part in community-based training projects. Projects such as these help to improve military readiness while simultaneously providing quality services to communities throughout Maryland.

"It's a good opportunity for us to do work in the community," said Pfc. Keith Sims, a 244th interior electrician with seven years of experience. "It's good training

for Soldiers who don't have the experience as some of us who do this in the civilian world."

The mayor's office identified numerous fire stations with substandard kitchens that could be refurbished as part of the training partnership. The chosen unit — Engine 45 — is a historic fixture in its community, having served the Mount Washington area since 1951.

Many of the firefighters spoke about the importance of the camaraderie associated with sharing a meal together.







"It was in fair shape when I got here, but it's been in steady decline," said pump operator Harry Jackson, a former Soldier and 14-year member of Engine 45. "I can't remember the last time we cooked a meal using the stove in the kitchen."

Many firefighters had stopped using the kitchen due to the poor condition of the stoves and sinks. Those who celebrated Father's Day at the firehouse used the grill outside to cook their meals.

"It was falling apart," said Lieutenant Henry Frazier, a firefighter with Engine 45. "Most of the stove burners didn't work. The plumbing was bad. There were holes in the sink. It needed to be replaced."

Soldiers from the 244th gutted and cleaned the kitchen, painted the ceiling and installed cabinets. After the countertops were installed, the Soldiers completed the job by connecting the fixtures, the sink, the garbage disposal, stove, range hood and seven electrical outlets.

"It's great to be in the spotlight. Anything that's a positive reflection on both units (Engine 45 and the 224th) is great," said Captain Jason Turner, a firefighter with Engine 45. "We're the firefighters that work here who are in need of this repair. For us to receive this benefit, it's overwhelming."

The 244th is based out of the Melvin H. Cade Armory in Baltimore, the former home of the 231st Transportation Truck Battalion, the only Maryland National Guard unit ordered to active duty to support the Korean War.

The 10 vertical engineers were a mix of experienced and inexperienced Soldiers. Vertical engineers typical-

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ly provide the construction required in the development of base camps. They also construct, repair and maintain other facilities and infrastructure as required.

"I'm proud of them," said Sgt. Nathan Schaffer, a squad leader in the 244th. "Just watching how much they've evolved from a year ago, and now they're doing kitchens."

This project gave leaders the opportunity to lead not just a small team of single trades but project management, added Schaffer. "A leader has to know how to keep track of plumbers, electricians and carpenters, working

all three into a scenario so that they aren't bumping into each other all day."

The 244th was activated in 2006 and has responded to a variety of natural disasters in Maryland. The unit is scheduled to deploy to Afghanistan in September to fulfill its federal mission by building the

infrastructure for the Afghan National Army.

"While they're getting ready to deploy, they're here doing work in the community fulfilling [what] the state needs. I think it's incredible that the Soldiers can be faced with both a federal and state mission and hold up their end," said Brig. Gen. Peter C. Hinz, the assistant adjutant general-Army who began his officer career as a Maryland Army National Guard engineer. "They will have visible evidence of what they've done as part of their work in the Guard."









# 1229<sup>™</sup> TRANSPORTATION CO. DEPLOYMENT CEREMONY

The Maryland Army National Guard held a deployment ceremony July 14, 2013, at the Melvin H. Cade Armory in Baltimore for the 1229th Transportation Company. More than 200 members of the unit will be serving in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The unit will head to Fort Hood, Texas for training prior to deploying to Afghanistan. The 1229th was the first Maryland Guard transportation unit to deploy to Iraq and is scheduled to be among the last few units in Afghanistan.





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"The commitment, the professionalism of those who serve today is as good as the 'Greatest Generation' that we refer to."

- Maj. Gen. James A. Adkins, January 2011





# 110TH IO BATTALION FREEDOM SALUTE

Members of the Maryland Army National Guard's 110th Information Operations Battalion held a freedom salute ceremony at Fort McHenry in Baltimore, Md., July 13. Freedom Salute officially welcomed them home from a short deployment to Afghanistan. The unit deploys in five-man teams and they augment larger elements already in place.

The Freedom Salute Campaign is one of the largest Army National Guard recognition endeavors in history, publicly acknowledging Army Guard Soldiers and those who supported them during Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom.

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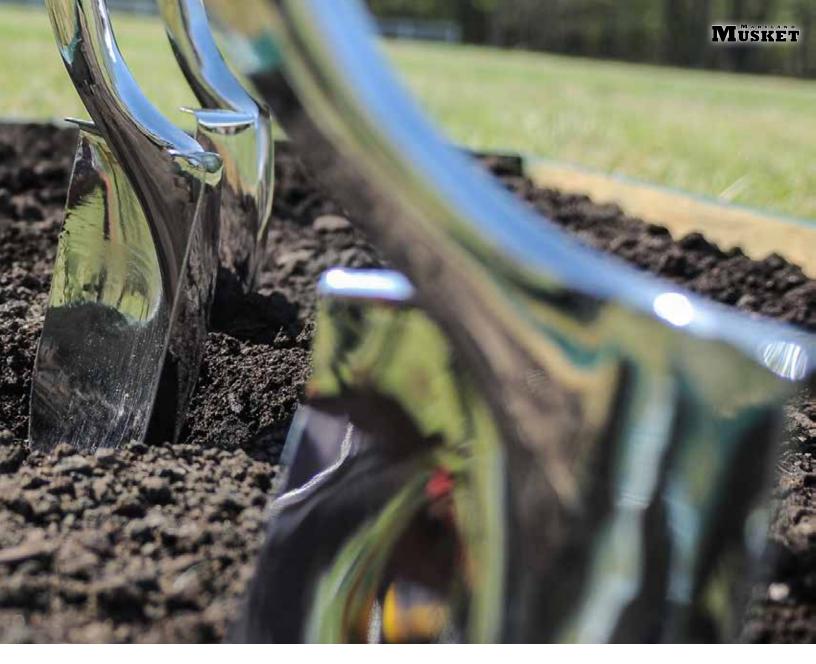
# Guard, community leaders on MD

#### Story by Sgt. Jennifer Sardam

During April and May, leaders from the Maryland Army National Guard and the local community gathered on three separate occasions to break ground on construction projects that will significantly enhance the readiness of National Guard units in the La Plata.

Dundalk and Westminster communities.

In La Plata, April 24, the Brigadier General William Smallwood Readiness Center project kicked off with plans to build a new 28,000-square-foot facility to replace the current 1950s-era structure. Funded by the Grow the



### kick off construction Guard readiness centers

Army initiative, the facility will house the 253rd Engineer Company ("Sapper") and support the unit's readiness to perform both state and federal missions.

During the groundbreaking ceremony in La Plata, Maj. Gen. James A. Adkins, the adjutant general of Maryland, addressed how the center will allow the Guard to accomplish both missions effectively, as a location where the unit can train for its federal responsibilities, but also as a "great staging area... to support the citizens of Maryland in times of need and times of emergencies."

Community leaders expanded on Adkins' comments, offering real-world examples of the benefits of a strong local National Guard presence.

"The Guard performs many, many outstanding functions, only one of which is helping our communities when there is a disaster," said Roy G. Hale, La Plata mayor. "And, as you know, we have suffered one [tornado] in La Plata not too long ago. The Guard played a major role in helping us recover from that and [to] continue and



provide the opportunity to build back our community."

Partnership between local community officials and the Maryland National Guard has been a key factor in the success of these construction projects.

"We would not be here today without the cooperation of Charles County," said Adkins, referring to the La Plata construction. "This over \$9 million project will provide a world-class facility for our world-class Soldiers."

The La Plata facility will include more than 2,000 square feet of classroom space, a unit library and learning center, a training simulation center, physical fitness area, and recruiting and family assistance offices.

In Dundalk, officials broke ground May 2 on a \$14.29 million addition and alteration to the Command Sergeant Major Jerome M. Grollman Readiness Center, which includes 65,000 square feet of renovated space and new construction.



The project is set to enhance operational space to support missions of Maryland's 1st Battalion, 175th Infantry Regiment, the battalion's Headquarters Company, and F Company, 128th Support Battalion.

"It's been a long time coming," said Brig. Gen. Peter C. Hinz, the assistant adjutant general-Army, who hosted the groundbreaking. "And, in fact, before we started the ceremony, some of the 175th veterans were mentioning how long this project has been on the books — more than a decade. So we're excited that this project is finally coming to fruition."

Additionally, the most recent of the Maryland National Guard's groundbreaking ceremonies, May 22 in Westminster, kicked off a \$7.1 million addition and alteration to renovate and expand the 33-year-old Major General Henry C. Evans Readiness Center, which will include 16,019 square feet of new space, 16,015 square feet, and support the 29th Military Police Company.

The Maryland Army National Guard broke ground on a \$9.28 million project to build a new Brigadier General William Smallwood Readiness Center to replace the existing 1950s facility in La Plata, Md., April 24, 2013. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Thaddeus Harrington, 29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment)



The Maryland Army National Guard broke ground on a project to renovate and expand the Command Sergeant Major Jerome Grollman Readiness Center in Dundalk, Md., May 2, 2013. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Thaddeus Harrington, 29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment)



Maj. Gen. James A. Adkins, the adjutant general of Maryland hosted a groundbreaking ceremony May 22, 2013, for a new addition and alteration to the Maryland Army National Guard Major General Henry C. Evans Readiness Center in Westminster, Md. (Photo by 1st Lt. Kristofer Baumgartner, Maryland National Guard Public Affairs Office)





High school football players from across Maryland competed in the sixth annual Maryland Crab Bowl senior all-star game at McDaniel College, Gill Stadium, Dec. 21, 2013.

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