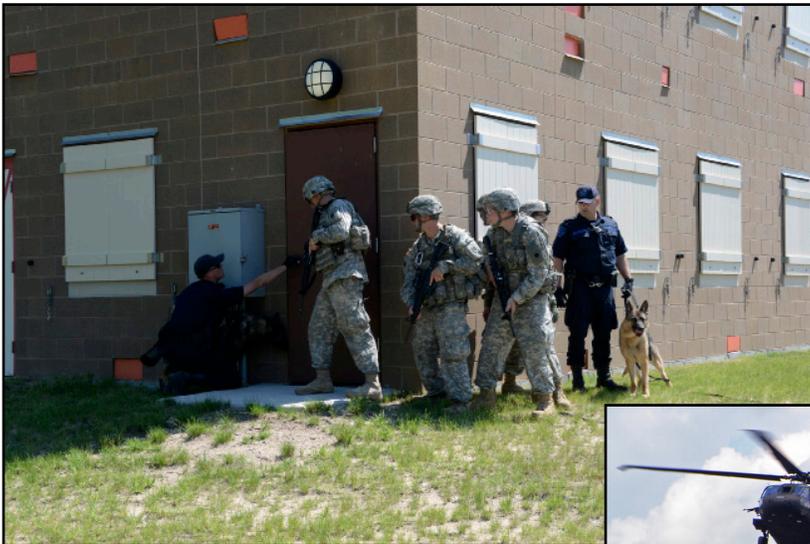


# The Camp Grayling IMPACT



JULY 2015

## CAMP GRAYLING HOSTS MAJOR EXERCISES



Soldiers assigned to Troop C, 1st Battalion, 126th Cavalry Regiment await extraction on the air-to-ground gunnery range on Camp Grayling Joint Maneuver Training Center after a combined live-fire exercise as part of Northern Strike 15, July 20, 2015. NS 15 is a mass training exercise hosted annually on CGJMTTC and evaluates joint air-to-ground capability of participating units from across the country as well as partnering nations. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Seth LaCount/Released)

Michigan State Police Canine Teams and Soldiers of the 46th Military Police Company, Michigan Army National Guard, conduct house-to-house searches in search of a simulated active shooter at the Combined Arms Collective Training Facility at Camp Grayling, Mich., June 24, 2015. The training is part of Exercise Northern Exposure, a disaster recovery exercise involving first responders near Battle Creek, Muskegon, Grand Rapids, and Grayling. (U.S. Army photo by Master Sgt. Ron Raflik, Michigan National Guard/Released)



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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



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## ON THE INTERNET

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DVIDS: <https://www.dvidshub.net/unit/CGJMTC>

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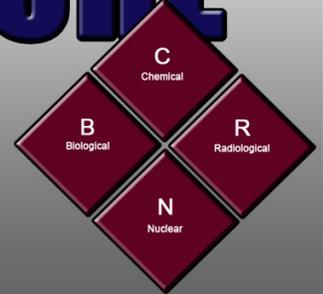
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Northern Exposure, a major disaster recovery exercise was conducted at Camp Grayling's Combined Arms Collective Training Facility, the Grayling Army Airfield, Camp Grayling's Collapsible Structure and several other locations across Michigan to include the Kent County Yard Waste Facility in Grand Rapids, the Crestwood Middle School in Kentwood, and Sun Chemical and Webb Chemical in Muskegon. Northern Exposure provided an opportunity for the Michigan National Guard to work alongside a host of other emergency response agencies like police, firefighters, FEMA, DHS. Hundreds of role players were hired to support the training and the venues featured smoke, noise, and simulated casualties in need of decontamination as the scenario simulated the detonation of a nuclear device in Grand Rapids. This was a great opportunity to see first responders in action and learn what the Michigan Guard and other agencies are capable of in the event of catastrophic event.

# NORTHERN EXPOSURE 2015 MICHIGAN



A U.S. Air Force Boeing C-17 Globemaster III aircraft out of Dover, Del., lands at the Grayling Army Airfield, Grayling, Mich., on Tuesday, June 23, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Master Sgt. Ron Raflik, Michigan National Guard/Released)

A Michigan Urban Search and Rescue Task Force (MI-TF1) team of structural collapse and shoring specialists conduct operations and training at the Combined Arms Collective Training Facility at Camp Grayling, Mich., June 24, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Master Sgt. Ron Raflik, Michigan National Guard/Released)



Michigan National Guardsmen and Michigan State Police hold back protestors at the Grayling Army Airfield, Grayling, Mich., June 25, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Master Sgt. Ron Raflik, Michigan National Guard/Released)



# BARBER SHOP

Located in Bldg 383

OPEN: Monday through Thursday

1000 - 1500

# DA Photos

Located in Bldg 418, 2nd floor

By appointment only

Contact SSG Bratic, x6106

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## COMMUNITY



Sgt. Maj. Don Derryberry, operations sergeant major for Camp Grayling Joint Maneuver Training Center, spoke with children about his experiences in the Army and National Guard during an 'Every Hero Has a Story' summer reading program event at the Roscommon Area District Library, July 22, 2015. The children wanted to experience some of what it's like to be in the military so, after the sergeant major put the information, he showed them how to do push ups and talked about the importance of physical fitness.

## CAMP GRAYLING BUGLE CALLS

Reveille	0730
Retreat/To the Colors	1700
Taps	2200

Soldiers outdoors in uniform will salute the flag when 'Reveille', 'To the Colors', and 'Taps' are played. Soldiers outdoors in uniform will stand at parade rest for 'Retreat', played prior to 'To the Colors'

## Michigan National Guard hosts Northern Strike 2015



A bundle of Meals, Ready to Eat parachute in as Latvian joint terminal attack controllers guides in a second C-130 Hercules for a resupply training mission as on July 23, 2015 at Grayling Air Gunnery Range during Exercise Northern Strike 2015. Exercise Northern Strike 2015 is a joint multi-national combined arms training exercise conducted in Michigan. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Scott Thompson)

Aircraft from more than a dozen military units operated in northern Michigan over the past several weeks as part of a major training exercise involving military personnel from Canada, Latvia, Poland, Australia and 20 states' military forces. Northern Strike was unique in that it combined both air and ground combat capabilities in one training exercise.

"Northern Strike allowed us to train the way we fight," said Lt. Col. Matthew Trumble, a Michigan Air National Guard officer and the exercise director. "When we deploy to a combat theater, ground and air assets work closely together to accomplish their objectives. This exercise simulated operations in a counter insurgency environment, similar to situations the U.S. military has been involved with over the past several years."

More than 3,000 Soldiers, Airmen and Marines participated in the fourth annual Operation Northern Strike exercise, based primarily at the Camp Grayling Joint Maneuver Train-

ing Center and the Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center. Live fire exercises involving small arms, mortars, artillery and aerial munitions took place on Camp Grayling from July 20-31.

Aircraft participating in the exercise included Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcons, KC-135 Stratotankers, A-10 Thunderbolts, C-130 Hercules, E-8 Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System; and Army UH-60 Blackhawks, CH-47 Chinooks, UH-72

Lakota and the RQ-7 Shadow. A number of the aircraft were staged at the Alpena CRTC during the exercise, while others flew in from their home station for specific training missions.

Army ground forces participating in the exercise included infantry, armored cavalry, reconnaissance and signals units. The significant size of Camp Grayling allowed the ground forces to maneuver while employing a variety of tactical weapon systems to include M-4 rifle, M240B machine gun, 60mm and 81mm mortars and M-777, 155mm howitzers.

While the exercise focused on meeting the training needs of the individual units participating, Northern Strike also showcased the training facilities operated by the Michigan National Guard.

"This year's exercise has exceeded every expectation I had coming in," said Maj. Justin Bierns, of the Michigan Guard's 63rd Troop Command and senior member of the Northern Strike 15 planning staff. "We have demonstrated the ability to coordinate from theater level assets down to the platoons on the ground. I come into every Northern Strike expecting an im-



A Montana Air National Guard C-130H navigator conducts a training mission for Northern Strike taking place in northern Michigan, July 23, 2015. Northern Strike 2015 combines air and ground forces spanning 25 states and four coalition countries. The exercise took place July 13th to August 1st. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Matthew Bruch)

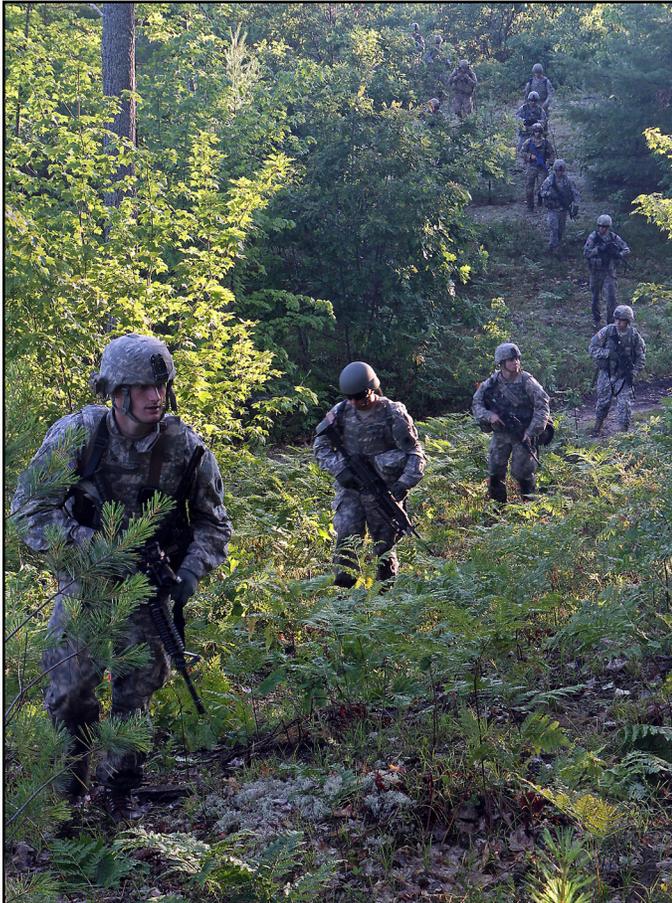
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provement from the previous year, this year feels like we have advanced five years since last year.”

Planning has already begun for Northern Strike 2016, scheduled to take place from August 1 – August 20 on Camp Grayling, Alpena CRTC and Rogers City. “In addition to exceeding the metrics achieved this year,” said Lt. Col. Ryan Connelly, deputy operations officer for the Michigan Guard, “we are planning to conduct night operations, which represents the pinnacle of training challenge”.

Camp Grayling is the largest National Guard training facility in the U.S., covering 147,000 acres around the city of Grayling. The facility hosts as many as 20,000 Soldiers a year who utilize the camp’s artillery, mortar and tank ranges, helicopter airfield and numerous other facilities. The camp is also home to the Grayling Air Gunnery Range, which allows aircraft to train with a variety of air-to-ground weapons systems.

The Alpena CRTC manages the largest airspace east of the Mississippi River and includes training facilities for firefighters, security forces and medical squadrons, among others.



Soldiers assigned to Troop C, 1st Battalion, 126th Cavalry Regiment navigate to a rally point before conducting an assault on an objective during a live-fire exercise at the air-to-ground gunnery range on Camp Grayling Joint Maneuver Training Center as part of Northern Strike 15, July 21, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Seth LaCount)



A UH-60 Black Hawk transpots 125th Infantry Regiment A Company Detroit, Michigan on a training mission on July 23, 2015 during Exercise Northern Strike 2015 at Grayling Air Gunnery Range in Grayling, Michigan. Exercise Northern Strike 2015 is a joint multi-national combined arms training exercise conducted in Michigan. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Scott Thompson)



Staff Sgt. Matthew Rivard, team leader assigned to Troop C, 1st Battalion, 126th Cavalry Regiment directs his fellow team leader Sgt. Jacob Schrot, also assigned to Troop C, 1-126 Cav. while scouting the 40 Complex of Camp Grayling Joint Maneuver Training Center during Northern Strike 15, July 20, 2015. NS 15 is a mass training exercise hosted annually on CGJMTTC and evaluates joint air-to-ground capability of participating units from across the state and partnering nations. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Seth LaCount)



Members of the 233rd Military Police Company, Springfield, Ill., perform medical rescue operations after a simulated improvised explosive device goes off during urban operations training on July 23, 2015 at the Combined Arms Collective Training Facility, Grayling, Mich., during Northern Strike 15. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Helen Miller)

New Virtual Convoy Operations Trainer (VCOT) arrived. CGJMTC now has 2 new systems to train both Convoy Operations and Un-stabilized gunnery.

New simulator system called Individual Gunnery Trainers (IGT), part of the Un-stabilized Gunnery Trainer family arrived and is ready to support Heavy Brigade Combat Team, Infantry Brigade Combat Team and convoy gunnery training.

## WHAT'S NEW?

Wireless capability established at the Combined Arms Collective Training Facility (CACTF), adding additional capability at Camp Grayling to support Cyber training. Plans continue to expand the capability toward the Grayling Army AirField (GAAF) and the Air Gunnery Range.

Fiber and Power Pedestals are installed to support Brigade Warfighter Exercises. The pedestals give units the capability to setup their Tactical Operation Centers (TOCs) around Building 641 and to be able to link into a training network or other live networks as required.

Northern Michigan Family Assistance Center opened 27 June

From October 2013 to September 2014, by recycling 33.58 net tons of paper and 7,736 lbs. of plastic, Camp Grayling saved:

561 Trees  
60,078 Kwh of energy  
2,096 cubic yards of air pollution

4,069 gallons of oil  
138 cubic yards of landfill waste  
231,000 gallons of water

**FAMILY PROGRAMS****Family Assistance Center****Building 117****Camp Grayling****0730-1600****989-344-6144**

The Family Assistance Center here on Camp Grayling is now open for business and it is for all branches of the military. We can provide assistance with:

- **Crisis Intervention**
  - **ID Cards/DEERS**
- **TRICARE Health/Dental**
  - **Legal Assistance**
- **Financial (past due bills) /Budgeting**
  - **Information & Referral**
    - **Wellness Calls**
- **Benefits & Entitlements**
  - **Unit Briefings**
  - **Family Readiness**
- **Counseling Support**

**OPEN HOUSE TOURS**

Several organizations and local community members have visited Camp Grayling during open house tours conducted during June and June. Visitors have been able to see operations at the Counter-Improvised Explosive Device (C-IED) lane, the Simulations Center (SIMCENTER) and the Grayling Army Airfield (GAAF).

