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Connecticut Soldiers Compete for National Culinary Achievement

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WINDSOR LOCKS, Conn. - After sweating through the pressure and near 100 degree heat last summer to earn a regional win in the 49th Phillip A. Connelly Excellence in Army Food Service competition, a team of Connecticut Soldiers shifted gears and braved below freezing temperatures and blistering winds for a national-level evaluation in hopes of being crowned the best field food service section in the National Guard.

The Soldiers, assigned to the Connecticut Army National Guard's Echo Company, 1st Battalion, 169th Aviation Regiment, are members of one of four National Guard food service sections that are competing for the title.

According to the U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps website, the Connelly award was established on March 23, 1968, and is designed to encourage professionalism in Army food service teams and recognize

excellent performance. The award is named in honor of the late Philip A. Connelly, a former International Food Service Executive Association president, who was responsible for obtaining IFSEA sponsorship of Army food service awards. In 2014, the Department of the Army partnered with the National Restaurant Association education foundation, replacing IFSEA as co-sponsors of the competition.

Before getting to the national level competition, E Co. had to first win the July 16, 2016 regional competition by beating mess sections from Massachusetts, New York and New Jersey.

Unlike many competitions, the teams do not compete side-by-side. Instead, teams are scored individually in their home states and the evaluations are then compared to determine the winner. A team of evaluators from the National Guard



Staff Sgt. Nicholas Berube, an advanced culinary non-commissioned officer with Echo Company, 1st Battalion, 169th Aviation Regiment, Connecticut Army National Guard, seasons food during the 49th Philip A. Connelly culinary competition at Camp Hartell, Windsor Locks, Conn., March 11. Berube was in charge of the kitchen staff during the competition. Echo Company was one of four National Guard food service units competing to be named the best food service unit in the National Guard. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Jerry Boffen Jr., 130th Public Affairs Detachment, Connecticut Army National Guard)

Bureau and Department of Defense was on-hand to evaluate various aspects of field food service operations. Chef Roman Davis, director of food services for The John Cooper School, The Woodlands, TX, was one of those judges and was there representing the National Restaurant

Association and Department of Defense. "The Connelly competition judges every aspect of a food service operation for the military," Davis said. "We look at from the moment that hungry troops

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If You See Something, Say Something

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The growing number of tragedies, from the events in Boston to the nearly weekly arrests of terror suspects throughout the United States, raise concerns about safety in the United States. The sheer number of these make the, “See Something, Say Something,” campaign more relevant and important than ever. The Connecticut National Guard has nearly 5,000 personnel between its Army, Air and State Militia Components. These 5,000 sets of eyes are out in their communities each day. Through keen observation and prompt reporting these numbers become a force multiplier in assisting Law Enforcement and Security agencies in the prevention of acts of terrorism.

You Know Your World And You Know When Something’s Not Right.

If you See Something, Say Something! It can be hard to know just what, “something suspicious,” looks like. But you know the world around you--the things that you see every day. And you’ll notice if something seems a little strange, out of place or just not quite right.

In Your Neighborhood

Look for suspicious, out of the ordinary occurrences such as:

- Strange or abandoned vehicles on the side of the road.
- Service vehicles in front of houses where that type

of service isn’t taking place.

- People you don’t recognize, “hanging around,” your neighborhood for long periods of time.
- People videotaping or using surveillance equipment like binoculars.
- Unauthorized personnel around power lines, poles, transformer boxes, sewers, storm drains, gas lines or other utility equipment.

In The Workplace

If something doesn’t look like “business as usual” don’t hesitate to check with your boss or security personnel. Examples to look for:

- Packages, bags or boxes left unattended in public areas like a lobby or parking garage.
- Unexpected or odd-looking packages mailed to your place of business.
- People you don’t recognize entering unauthorized areas.
- Anyone tampering with surveillance cameras, safety systems, machinery or other sensitive equipment.
- Exposed wiring, leaks, strange smells or other signs of potential tampering.

During Your Commute

Stay alert around buses, trains, bridges and roadways. If something doesn’t look right, tell the nearest authority. If you observe:

- Bags, boxes or other packages left unattended on buses and trains, in stations or on train tracks.

- People entering unauthorized areas at train or bus stations.
- Exposed wiring, leaks, strange smells or other signs of potential tampering on buses and trains.
- People videotaping, sketching or taking notes on transit equipment or facilities.
- Someone placing a package or luggage in a different compartment than their own.
- People who stay at bus or

train stations for long periods without getting on.

Other Suspicious Activity to Watch Out For

- Strange vehicles left unattended near busy areas or under bridges.
- Strange packages left unattended in crowded public places.
- People wearing excessively bulky clothing in hot weather.
- People openly possessing a weapon or dangerous items.
- Strange chemical smells.

If You See Something, How do You Say Something? Tell an Authority or CALL 911

- If the threat is imminent, call 911. Sometimes, something suspicious can turn into an emergency situation, requiring a more urgent response.
- Say something to an authority if there is one nearby.
- On public transportation, tell the driver, conductor or a transit worker.
- At an airport, mall, or other public area, tell security personnel or management.
- In the workplace, tell your boss or direct supervisor.

Connecticut National Guard Facilities

If you or your personnel see something suspicious, report it immediately. Stay safe and don’t become engaged. Take note of the suspicious activity and put it in a SALUTE format if possible. **Size** (Number of people, gender, ages and physical description) **Activity** (Describe what they were doing) **Location** (Provide exact location) **Time** (Provide time and duration of activity) **Equipment** (describe vehicles, license plate numbers, cameras, weapons, etc.).

Report suspicious activity to the Connecticut National Guard Joint Operations Center at (860) 524-4951, or via email at ng.ct.ctarng.mbx.joc-msgctr@mail.mil.

If the threat is not imminent or if you realize later that what you saw was suspicious, call the Connecticut Intelligence Center Terrorism Tip Line 24/7 at 1-866-HLS-TIPS (1-866-457-8477). Online reporting for “See Something, Say Something” is accessible at <http://www.ct.gov/demhs/cwp/view.asp?a=1939&q=400082>.

Flying Yankees Back in the Fight

2nd Lt. Jennifer Pierce
103rd Airlift Wing

BRADLEY AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, East Granby, Conn. - As the C-130’s engines roared to life one by one, a profound stillness settled over those watching from the ground. This was a moment of reflection; the realization of all the hard work, extra hours, and tenacity that went into getting the 103rd Airlift Wing to this point.

Cleared for take-off, the Herc began its slow roll down the runway, whipping gusts of wind behind its massive propellers, observers shielding their eyes from kicked up dust and ice. The hulking mass of an airplane, weighted down by pallets and Airmen, finally rose, solemn and heavy into the chilly morning air. Flying directly overhead those gathered on the flight line, waves and cheers rose up to the plane in one final farewell.

This landmark day was the commencement of the 103rd Airlift Wing’s first large-scale deployment with the C-130H Hercules.

“As I watched the first Connecticut Air National Guard C-130 depart (for deployment) on that historic morning



A 103rd Airlift Wing C-130, with deploying Airmen on board, takes off from Bradley Air National Guard Base, East Granby, Connecticut, Feb. 22. This C-130 is headed to the Middle East in support of deployment operations. (Air National Guard photo by 2nd Lt. Jennifer Pierce)

in February, I was really struck by the significance of the moment,” Col. Frank Detorie, 103rd Airlift Wing Commander, said. “It was the culmination of so many years of hard work by so many outstanding people.

“I have long held that all of the hard work and turmoil over the last several years here will not be validated by arriving at arbitrary dates on the calendar or by moving into new facilities,” Detorie said. “Instead, it will be our ability to successfully deploy to (an area of responsibility), to effectively employ while we are there, and then to safely redeploy all of our Airmen home. This is what will define

our success in converting the 103rd to the world’s finest tactical airlift wing.”

The recognition of the wing’s success in deploying with the C-130 is felt base wide. Just a few short hours earlier, deploying Airmen from the 103rd Maintenance Squadron waited in the hangar with their families. Emotions ran high as they spent a few last moments with their loved ones before they would board the C-130 that would fly them to their deployments in

the Middle East.

“We are a part of history,” said Master Sgt. Jonas Concepcion, production superintendent for the 103rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, just before departing for his third deployment with the Air National Guard.

“This is the first time we are deploying with the C-130 organically,” Concepcion said. “I keep telling my maintainers that this is history in the making for us and it’s been a great journey. Every maintainer in this maintenance group has poured their heart and soul into getting these airplanes ready. It’s been a monumental task.”

As the bus rolled up to the hangar for transport, deployers said goodbye to their families one last time, then boarded and headed out to the flight line where Airmen from the 103rd Operations Group were readying the plane, reviewing checklists, and preparing for the milestone take-off. The bus stopped just short of the plane and, as everyone exited the bus, commanders, first sergeants, and superintendents were all there to bid Connecticut’s Airmen farewell. This culmination of effort by all was distinctly evident as the Airmen climbed into the hulking C-130—supplies and equipment packed in tight as they maneuvered around pallets to find a seat for the long journey ahead.

“I have spent much of the last year talking about this deployment as the true benchmark for this wing’s success in converting to the C-130 mission,” Detorie said. “Now that this important milestone is finally upon us, the excitement on the base seems almost palpable. As we entered the final stages of deployment preparation, the efforts I saw across the base to ensure that our people were trained and our airplanes were ready have been nothing short of heroic. The Flying Yankees are back in the fight!”



Final farewells are made as deploying 103rd Airmen board the C-130 that will fly them to their deployment locations from Bradley Air National Guard Base, East Granby, Connecticut, Feb. 22. (Air National Guard photo taken by 2nd Lt. Jennifer Pierce)

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1048th Trains for NGRF Validation

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CAMP NIAN TIC, Conn. – Soldiers assigned to the 1048th Medium Truck Company, Connecticut Army National Guard, trained to become a validated National Guard Reaction Force for the state, March 10-12.

The NGRF training focused on riot control, convoy security and troop leading procedures, said Sgt. 1st Class Alex Fatone, Readiness NCO, 1048th MTC.

“As a NGRF validated unit we can be called upon to conduct security of critical infrastructure around the state and support local law enforcement,” said Fatone.

This is the unit’s second time participating in the training.

Soldiers reviewed medical procedures and vehicle movement on the first day of the training.

The second day of training focused on team-building while teaching necessary skills to control crowds. The soldiers created a wall of handheld shields and moved in squads to push back the crowd while maintaining an impenetrable line.

The instructors simulated a riot, charging at the squads and trying to break their line. This afforded the Soldiers a chance to practice group movements in an environment that induced more stress.

The instructors were impressed with how smoothly the training was going and how easily the Soldiers were accomplishing the tasks of the day, said Staff Sgt. Nicholas Triano, a military police officer assigned to

the 143rd Regional Support Group and instructor for the training.

Every Soldier should know this training and be able to step in when a situation happens, said Triano.

Some Soldiers were surprised at how hands-on the training was.

“When they told us about the training, I knew there would be shields, but I thought they were just going to talk to us about it, not actually do it,” said Pfc. Jeny Yonjan, a motor transport operator assigned to the 1048th.

In addition to learning to use the shields as a squad, the Soldiers learned how to use a riot baton to deflect blows and regain control of the situation.

Yonjan was confident that the unit would do well at the validation lanes, where all of the new skills would be tested, she said. She enjoyed spending the day learning about what Soldiers



Soldiers assigned to the 1048th Medium Truck Company create a wedge formation during a training exercise at Camp Niantic, Connecticut, March 11, 2017, in preparation for validation as a National Guard Reaction Force. The reaction force would support the state in the event of riots. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Kaitlyn Q. Wallace, 130th Public Affairs Detachment, Connecticut Army National Guard)

in different jobs train for every day.

The validation lanes test the unit at a platoon level, said Fatone. The lanes cover riot control as well as medical procedures in a realistic scenario, preparing the Soldiers for what they may encounter in the line of duty.

“The goal in mind being that we’re here to support the public, support the people of Connecticut,” said Fatone.



Staff Sgt. Stephen Tylicszczak, an instructor for the National Guard Reaction Force Training, demonstrates how to use another soldier as a brace while holding off the assailant, Sgt. Michael Cortez, with a shield at Camp Niantic, Connecticut, March 11, 2017. Tylicszczak is training the 1048th Medium Truck Company in preparation for their validation lanes. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Kaitlyn Q. Wallace, 130th Public Affairs Detachment, CTARNG)



Soldiers assigned to the 1048th Medium Truck Company practice group movements in preparation for validation as a National Guard Reaction Force at Camp Niantic, Connecticut, March 11, 2017. The unit is learning how to apply the movements to riot control. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Kaitlyn Q. Wallace, 130th Public Affairs Detachment, Connecticut Army National Guard)

TASMG Supports Ops in Europe



A UH-60 Blackhawk Helicopter in Bremerhaven, Germany in February 2017. The Connecticut Soldiers led by Chief Warrant Officer 3 Michael McJunkins and Sgt. 1st Class Reilly Grant worked to support U.S. Army Europe and units deploying in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve during Seaport of Debarkation operations. (Photo courtesy of Master Sgt. Jason C. Dumas, Operations NCO, 1109th TASMG)

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BREMERHAVEN, Germany – Fifteen Soldiers assigned to the Connecticut Army National Guard’s 1109th Theater Aviation Sustainment Maintenance Group supported operations in Europe, February 8-22.

Led by Chief Warrant Officer 3 Michael McJunkins and Sgt. 1st Class Reilly Grant, the TASMG worked to support U.S. Army Europe and units deploying in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve during Seaport of Debarkation operations in Bremerhaven, Germany.

“The TASMG helped unload two of the ships, and then got to work right away with aircraft reassembly,” said Master Sgt. Jason Dumas, Operations NCO assigned to the 1109th TASMG and on mission as a multi-component liaison with 10th Mountain Division, the Theater Aviation Sustainment Maintenance OCONUS and U.S. Army Europe. “We then provided scheduled and unscheduled maintenance in preparation for flight to future locations.”

In dark, chilly conditions, the TASMG got to work alongside members of the Theater Aviation Sustainment Maintenance OCONUS – or TASMO - unloading helicopters directly at the port.

“Our goal was to get all 41 aircraft offloaded and positioned into a staging area the first day,” McJunkins said. “The team exceeded all expectations and had the

job done with plenty of daylight to spare and for 10th Mountain to move the aircraft into their maintenance areas. Working in a pretty austere environment with wind chills in the twenties, I couldn’t have been prouder of our team.”

Once the TASMG’s team completed blade install – a task that also exceeded expectations - they moved on to unscheduled maintenance, awaiting the arrival of the second ship.

“We take our jobs very seriously and wanted to show everyone that the 1109th TASMG is more than capable of getting the job done anywhere in the world,” McJunkins said. “This was professional members of the Army Aviation community coming together to best prepare U.S. Soldiers for operations in Europe.”

It took about a day and a half for the second ship to arrive, and allowed the TASMG members to explore the area a little more in depth. The team stayed very local, according to Dumas, in the event any calls came in requesting more work to be done.

McJunkins conducted a site visit of the TASMO with Chief Warrant Officer 4 Ed Pelletier, TASMG Production Control Officer, to discuss the similar capabilities of the two organizations and how both benefit from partnerships of this type.

“Everyone’s mindset was mission first; time off second, and that just goes to show what the level of

professionalism amongst the Soldiers on this mission,” said Dumas. “It is always a benefit to conduct operations and see a new part of the world, but the mission always comes first.”

Upon arrival of the second ship, the TASMG got to work assisting with the offload of 20 AH-64 Apache helicopters, which required blade installation during the unit’s final days in Germany. Although not an aircraft of specialty for the team, the experience was there.

“The very few hurdles we ran into during this mission were minor at best,” McJunkins said. “The expertise and know-how this team showed was nothing less than exceptional.”

Dumas noted that the supported units were also very impressed with the work performed by the TASMG, and hopes it leads to continual operational support for this type of mission outside of the continental United States.

“Our team came in with three things: a high work ethic, flexibility and endurance,” Dumas said. “We hope the units we supported in Germany were able to see that and think of the 1109th TASMG the next time a mission of this nature comes about.”

As only one of four TASMGs in the National Guard, they may just get the chance. The team returned to Connecticut on Feb. 22, 2017, having taken part in a mission they will never forget, and hope to have the opportunity to conduct in the future.

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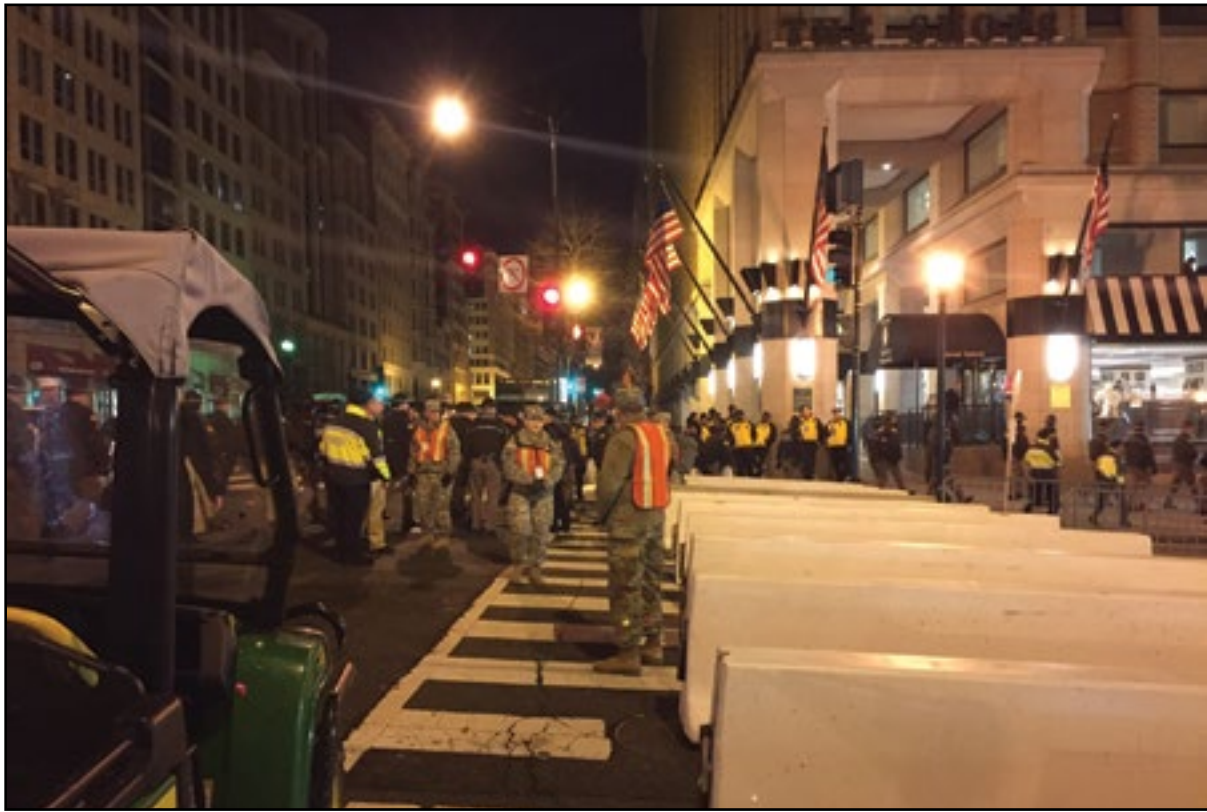
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Members of the 14th Civil Support Team prepare for a 21-hour mission in support of the 58th Presidential Inauguration in Washington D.C., in Jan., 2017. The CST worked alongside the Washington D.C. National Guard, U.S. Secret Service, Washington D.C. Police Department, and the Department of Energy to provide Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive support as well as, Security, Ceremonial, Traffic and Crowd Management. (Photo courtesy of Capt. Steven MacSweeney, Survey Team Leader, 14th CST, CTNG)

Connecticut CST Supports Presidential Inauguration

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UNIT PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPRESENTATIVE

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Guardsmen of the 14th Civil Support Team deployed to the nation’s capital for two weeks in January to support Operation Strong Guardian – the first time the unit has supported a Presidential Inauguration.

The operation, conducted by Joint Task Force D.C., augmented and assisted Federal and District Agencies by providing Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive, Security, Ceremonial, Traffic and Crowd Management for the 58th Presidential Inauguration.

The goal was to facilitate the safe and successful transition of executive power and the joint agency effort consisted of approximately 8,000 personnel from numerous agencies including the National Guard, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and U.S. Secret Service.

The 14th CST members served as Rapid Detection Teams to provide Joint Hazard Assessment, partnered with the FBI and supported CST teams from 25 states and three territories. In addition to the RDT mission, the 14th CST also worked alongside numerous organizations to include United States Secret Service Technical

Security Division to provide Radiological Detection and Identification capabilities.

Detection consisted of primarily three distinct activities: provide radiological sweeps of the venue sites prior to guest and protectee occupation; provide screening of attendees entering secure zones; and real time monitoring of the outer perimeters of National Special Security Event related venues.

On the day of the Inauguration, the CST provided state of the art detection and monitoring capabilities throughout the course of a demanding 21-hour mission.

Although this was the first Presidential Inauguration supported by the 14th CST, it was far from the first major event. In the past, the CST has supported events such as the U.N. General Assembly, a Papal Visit and the Boston Marathon. All provided invaluable experience in preparing the team to support such a large-scale operation.

“It was an honor to be part of the peaceful transition of power that is the hallmark of our system of government,” said Capt. Steven MacSweeney, Survey Team Leader assigned to the 14th CST. “We feel privileged to contribute to safeguarding the incoming and outgoing Commanders in Chief and the nearly one million spectators in attendance. I couldn’t be more proud of the performance of my Soldiers and Airmen on this mission.”

Nett Honored Among Medal of Honor Recipients

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STATE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER

HARTFORD, Conn. – Elected officials, Veterans and the general public attended an event honoring the 56 Medal of Honor recipients that hail from Connecticut at the Legislative Office Building, March 24.

Of those 56 who have earned the military’s highest honor, Connecticut’s own Col. Robert Nett was one of two Connecticut National Guardsmen to do so, distinguishing himself with his actions on Dec. 14, 1944.

Born in New Haven, Conn. on June 13, 1922, Col. Robert Nett entered military service as a high school junior in the spring of 1940. He was assigned to Company C, 102nd Infantry at the Goffe Street Armory in New Haven.

During the early months of his training, Nett received his high school diploma via correspondence courses, and was promoted to corporal.

In February 1941, elements of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Battalions of the 102nd Infantry Regiment became the first American units to arrive in the Pacific Theater during World War II. Then-Sgt. Nett and the rest of the 1-102nd arrived on Christmas Island, where he was able to convince his company commander to attend Officer Candidate School.

Upon receiving his commission, Nett was assigned to the 77th Infantry Division. While serving with Company E, Lieutenant Nett distinguished himself for award of the Medal of Honor.

According to his biography by the Congressional Medal of Honor Society: Under heavy enemy fire from machine guns and other automatic weapons, Lieutenant Nett spearheaded an assault against the stronghold.

His biography goes on: “During the fierce hand to hand encounter which ensued, he killed (seven) deeply entrenched Japanese with his rifle and bayonet and, although seriously wounded, gallantly continued to

lead his men forward, refusing to relinquish his command. Again he was severely wounded, but still unwilling to retire, pressed ahead with his troops to assure the capture of the objective. Wounded once more in the final assault, he calmly made all arrangements for the resumption of the advance, turned over his command to another officer, and then walked unaided to the rear for medical treatment. By his remarkable courage in continuing forward through sheer determination despite successive wounds, Lt. Nett provided an inspiring example for his men and was instrumental in the capture of a vital strongpoint.”

He was issued the Medal of Honor on Feb. 8, 1946. According to documents provided by Fort Benning, Georgia, Nett opted for the presentation ceremony to take place in Connecticut, versus the traditional ceremony involving the President of the United States that takes place on the White House lawn.

Nett was instead presented the award by a representative of President Harry Truman at the very same Goffe Street Armory in New Haven where he first enlisted, surrounded by his brothers-in-arms from Company C, 102nd Infantry.

Col. Nett’s career spanned 33 years. He continued on to serve in both Korea and Vietnam, as well as Inspector General, U.S. Army Europe and as Commander of both the U.S. Army Ranger School and Officer Candidate School, Fort Benning, Georgia.

Despite spending the majority of his post-Army life residing in Columbus, Georgia, Col. Nett continued to have a profound impact on a generation of leaders in the Connecticut National Guard.

He spoke at numerous CTNG events well after he retired, including National Guard Association of Connecticut conferences, and was inducted into the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame in 2007.

Col. Nett passed away October 19, 2008, near Fort Benning, Georgia.



Col. Robert Nett spoke to Connecticut National Guard Officers at the Officer’s Dining In at the Auga Turf Club in Southington, Connecticut, November 8, 2001. He was the keynote speaker for the event that was hosted by the 169th Leadership Regiment. (Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Steven Markowski)

CTARNG & NYARNG 2017 OCS Dining Out



April 29, 2017

**Portuguese Cultural Center
65 Sandpit Road, Danbury, CT**

**Hosted by the
CT & NY Army National Guard
OCS Class 62**

**Social Hour - 6:00 P.M.
Dinner - 7:00 P.M.**

**Ticket price is \$50 or 2/\$90.
Please RSVP by April 7th at
OCS62diningout@outlook.com.
Please include meal choice of
chicken, beef, or vegetarian, as well
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A painting of Col. Robert Nett and his story by Sgt. 1st Class William Ortiz, a shop supervisor with the 1109th TASMG, CTARNG, hangs at Camp Nanitic, Connecticut. (Photo by Lt. Col. Mathew Wilkinson, Commander, Training Site Detachment, CTARNG)

Connecticut National Guard Leads the Way in Conserving, Protecting the Environment

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HARTFORD, Conn. -- Protecting and preserving Connecticut’s natural environment and resources go hand-in-hand with the Connecticut National Guard’s commitment to serving the community.

Safeguarding the environment and ensuring that the CTNG’s footprint is small is an important aspect of the organization’s service, which benefits the present and future generations of our great state’s citizenry as well as ensuring there will always be quality, usable land for training future Citizen Soldiers and Airmen.

The CTNG’s Office of Environmental Management holds an all-encompassing training event annually to ensure every unit has at least one representative that understands how and why to properly follow the state and federal procedures when it comes to waste products and environmental stewardship.

This year’s training occurred at the Joint Force Headquarters, March 4.

“It’s important that [the units] not only understand what their mission is...but that they go about their mission in a manner that is not harming the environment,” said Kent Ritter, the natural resources and cultural recourses manager as well as the intergraded pest management for the Connecticut National Guard Environmental Management Office.

The members of the CTNG are proud to continually strive to strike the required balance between military training requirements and environmental protection.



Jordan Martin, the hazardous waste program manager for the Connecticut National Guard Environmental Management Office, explains to a rapt audience of guardsmen and civilians about the duties and responsibilities of a unit environmental officer during the EMO’s annually held environmental officer training. Protecting and preserving Connecticut’s natural environment and resources go hand in hand with the Connecticut National Guard’s commitment to serving the community. Safeguarding our environment and ensuring that the CTNG’s footprint is small is an important aspect of our service which benefits the present and future generations of our great state’s citizenry as well as ensuring there will always be quality, usable land for training our future nutmeg-soldiers. (U.S. Army National Guard Photo by Staff Sgt. Richard Wrigley, Public Affairs, JFHQ, CTNG)

Join the 2017 CTNG Golf League *Slots for regular golfers and substitutes available*

Who: Members - current and former - and employees of the Connecticut National Guard.

When: Regular play expected to begin April 27, 2017 (weather permitting). Tee times will be every Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

Where: Keney Park Golf Course
471 Tower Avenue Hartford, Conn.

Details: Two person teams competing in match play each week, in round-robin rotation.
Green fees for 9 holes will be \$18 to walk plus dues.

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Par 3, 13th hole at the Keney Park Golf Course in Hartford, Connecticut. (Photo Courtesy of Chief Warrant Officer 4 (Ret.) John Godburn)

Morgan Takes Responsibility of the 1-102 Infantry Regt.



Lt. Col. David Pickel (center) passes the sword of the 1-102nd Infantry Regiment to Command Sgt. Maj. David Morgan, as outgoing Command Sgt. Maj. Paul Vicinus (Left) looks on at a Change of Responsibility ceremony at the MAFRC, March 5. This ceremony officially delegates authority entrusts the new Command Sgt. Maj. with the responsibility and care of the unit. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Benjamin Simon, JFHQ, Public Affairs, CTARNG)

STAFF SGT. BENJAMIN SIMON
JFHQ, PUBLIC AFFAIRS, CTARNG

MIDDLETOWN, Conn. – A change of responsibility ceremony for the 1st Battalion, 102nd Infantry Regiment was held March 5 at the Middletown Armed Forces Reserve Center.

Command Sgt. Maj. Paul Vicinus handed responsibility of the Connecticut Army National Guard’s largest battalion to Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Morgan, formerly the First Sergeant assigned to A Company, 1-102nd Infantry Regiment.

Lt. Col. David Pickel, 1-102nd Battalion Commander, said the ceremony was bittersweet, and that the growth of the battalion’s NCO corps was apparent with Vicinus at its helm.

“I’ve worked with no better sergeant major, than Command Sgt. Maj. Vicinus,” Pickel said. “I charge all our NCOs with taking our battalion to the next level.”

Vicinus said it was a privilege and an honor to serve as the battalion’s command sergeant major, and thanked the battalion’s former commanders for trusting him in his role.

“It’s truly humbling and was an honor I hardly feel I deserved,” Vicinus said.

Vicinus told the 1-102nd Soldiers

in formation they must work hard to continue the battalion’s long history of excellent service to the state and nation.

“Recognize you are carrying on 400 years of service history on your backs. With bayonets fixed, carry out the next 400,” Vicinus said.

Morgan, who works fulltime as the CTARNG Counterdrug NCOIC, said his job is to continue improving the combat readiness of the 1-102nd Soldiers.

“It is with great pleasure and pride that I accept this charge from Lt. Col. Pickel. I look forward to continuing the awesome work of Command Sgt. Maj. Vicinus,” Morgan said.

Morgan is the second member of his family to reach the rank of sergeant major. His father, retired Sgt. Maj. Chet Morgan, served in the CTARNG from 1959 – 1997, and shares responsibility with former Connecticut Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. John F. Freund, for shaping the state’s current college tuition waiver for Guardsmen.

Vicinus is the Assistant Superintendent of Public Schools in West Hartford. He is scheduled to take responsibility of the 169th Regiment (Regional Training Institute) during a ceremony during the unit’s scheduled training in April.

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CTNG Hosts Two-Week Community Photo Display

STAFF SGT. RICHARD WRIGLEY
PUBLIC AFFAIRS, JFHQ, CTNG

HARTFORD, Conn. -- The State Public Affairs Office of the Connecticut National Guard along with the CTNG Recruiting Forces and the Joint Force Headquarters were honored to receive a two-week opportunity to set up a photographic display at the Legislative Office Building that began on March 17.

The display consisted of more than 45 high-resolution prints spanning the last decade of CTNG service. The photographs included Guardsmen training and working both here and abroad; ranging from emergency responses in Connecticut to transportation and security missions in Afghanistan.

The photos were on display in the LOB through March 31. The Connecticut Army and Air National Guard had personnel at the display throughout the duration of the exhibit to explain the different capabilities,

jobs and opportunities available in the CTNG.

This was the first time a photo exhibit of this size, depicting the people and capabilities of this 5,000-strong volunteer organization, had ever taken place here in Connecticut.

The state recognizing its Guardsmen in this way was quite significant, and an opportunity for the Connecticut National Guard to showcase all the hard work and hard workers that the public doesn't have the opportunity to see every day explained Maj. Michael Petersen, the director of public affairs for JFHQ, CTNG.

"This is an organization made up of the citizens of Connecticut who volunteered to serve and protect their state and nation; they are your neighbors, coworkers, friends and loved ones," said Petersen. "This gave the community an inside look at some of our 5,000 strong, as well as all of the remarkable capabilities we have right here in the state."



The State Public Affairs Office of the Connecticut National Guard hosted a photo display in the south concourse of the Legislative Office Building in Hartford Connecticut, March 17-31. The exhibit showcased more than 45 photos taken 26 members of the CTNG and staff over the last decade of CTNG State and Federal Service. Over the course of the two weeks, members of the CTARNG and CTANG recruiting staff as well as members of CTNG JFHQ were on hand to provide information to the hundreds of students, legislatures, and community members who pass through the concourse daily. (Photo by Ms. Allison L. Joanis, State Public Affairs Office)

If you missed the exhibit, photos are available to view and download from the CTNG Flickr album <https://www.flickr.com/photos/ctnationalguard/albums/72157679766335211>

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Right: Three mortarmen assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1-102nd Infantry Regiment await orders while on mission in Afghanistan in August 2010 (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Benjamin Simon, JFHQ Public Affairs)



NGACT Honors Guardsmen at Annual Conference, Ball

SENIOR AIRMAN LEON BROWN
NGACT



ROCKY HILL, Conn. - The National Guard Association of Connecticut Annual Conference and Ball was held at the Sheraton Hotel in Rocky Hill, Connecticut, Feb. 18.

With 233 attendees, Association members considered the event a success, as the NGACT board provided important updates during to all in attendance.

Committee Reports were presented by Tony Beatman (Treasurer's Report), Kendra Ross (Scholarship Report) and Liz Turner (Membership).

Shawn Pyer briefed attendees on his perspective after attending the 2016 National Guard Association of the United States Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. Shawn and Scott Duguay attended NGAUS in professional development statuses, interacting with senior leaders like Gen. Joseph Lengyel, 28th Chief of the National Guard Bureau.

With representatives of NGACT's corporate sponsors generous enough to attend the conference, NGACT personnel introduced and recognized each, to include those from Boeing, Capewell, USAA, Airbus and the New Haven Road Race.

NGACT's leadership also honored and recognized annual award recipients:

Army

2016 Soldier of the Year: Awarded to Spc. Nathan P. Havens

2016 NCO of the Year: Awarded to Sgt. 1st Class David C. Earle

Air

2016 SNCO of the Year: Awarded to Master Sgt. Michael T. Dow

2016 NCO of the Year: Awarded to Staff Sgt. Christopher A. Mastroianni

2016 Airman of the Year: Awarded to Airman 1st Class Alexis T. Williams

2016 1SG of the Year: Awarded to Master Sgt. Peter W. Jones

2016 Junior Officer of the Year: Awarded to 1st Lt. Andrew L. Overton

NGACT Awards:

2017 NGACT Leadership Award: Awarded to 1st Lt. Andrew C. Bartlett

2017 CSM Savino Award: Awarded to Staff Sgt. Nicholas P. Ciullo

2017 Retiree's Award: Awarded to 1st

Sgt. (Ret.) Steven Noreika

NGACT also recognized Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony V. Savino Jr. of the Connecticut Army National Guard for the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States Humanitarian Award he received in New Orleans in August 2016.

The membership then held elections, with Mike Casey, Frank Alvarado, Robert Nugent, Troy Loosemore and Michelle Saucier all re-elected to serve two-year terms.

Maj. Gen. Thad Martin, Adjutant General of the Connecticut National Guard, closed the conference with his address. He provided key updates and insights into our Army and Air National Guard, both locally and nationally. His candor and insight into the crucial role professional organizations play in National Guard was an important lesson to even the most experienced of members.

"I appreciate the loyal members who attend our conference each year. Please remember our motto: "Working for You," said Kim Rolstone, NGACT President. "I also want to give special thanks to Kendra Ross and Shawn Pyer who led the charge in organizing the event this year. This thanks also includes our board members and associates who put in many volunteer hours each month and year to keep NGACT relevant.

"Lastly, I ask everyone to remember that our membership levels are important," Rolstone added. "NGACT, NGAUS and EANGUS are, 'associations of associations,' who advocate for the needs of National Guard members. It is essential to discuss how important our "voice" is. Congress and the Department of Defense do measure our "seriousness" on issues by our membership levels. Strong membership signifies strong voices."



Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Mark Russo presides over the Second Company Governor's Foot Guard "Demanding of the Keys" ceremony as part of the Powder House Day commemoration at City Hall in New Haven, Connecticut, April, 21, 2012. (Photo courtesy of the 2GHG)

2GHG To Celebrate 242nd Powder House Day - April 22, 2017

COURTESY OF 2LT. JEFF CLARK, 2GHG UPAR

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — On Saturday, April 22, 2017, the Second Company, Governor's Foot Guard, will commemorate the 242nd Anniversary of Powder House Day, an important day in the history of New Haven and the State of Connecticut. Powder House Day is celebrated annually each year to commemorate the patriotic events of Saturday April 22, 1775. On this day, the Second Company Governor's Foot Guard, under the command of 'then' patriot Captain Benedict Arnold demanded the keys to the New Haven Colony's powder house to arm his Second Company Governor's Foot Guard soldiers and march to Cambridge to assist the colony of Massachusetts at the outset of the War of Independence.

When news of the Battles of Lexington Concord arrived in New Haven on April 21, 1775, a town meeting of New Haven aldermen gathered and voted not to send aid to our sister colony of Massachusetts and instead, await further developments. However, the then recently formed Second Company Governor's Foot Guard could not stand by and idly wait. Fifty-eight of her members voted to march to Cambridge where the patriot army was gathering. On the morning of April 22, 1775 Captain Benedict Arnold assembled the Second Company Governor's Foot Guard in full dress uniforms on the New Haven Green. After receiving the blessing of the Rev. Jonathan Edwards at Center Church on the Green, the Second

Company marched to Beer's Tavern where the town's selectmen were meeting.

Captain Arnold demanded from the selectmen the keys to the New Haven Colony's powder house. The selectmen were reluctant to yield the keys, but Arnold persisted, declaring: "You may tell the selectmen that if the keys are not forthcoming within five minutes, my men will break into the supply-house and help themselves. None but the Almighty God shall prevent me from marching." The selectmen, wisely wishing to avoid "any further unseemly proceedings, at a time where all men should stand together," surrendered the Powder House keys to Arnold. The Second Company, after acquiring the necessary gun powder, musket balls and flints from the powder house, then marched under Arnold's leadership to Cambridge, Massachusetts. No longer was neutrality an option - New Haven was now part of the American Revolution.

The pageantry and passion of this exciting historic event is re-enacted annually by the Second Company Governor's Foot Guard on the historic New Haven Green. The public is welcome, and encouraged, to witness and participate in this historic celebration. The event takes place April 22, 2017 on the New Haven Green. The Demanding of the Keys and artillery salute takes place on the steps of the **New Haven City Hall between 11:45am and 12:00**, followed by a Battalion Review on the Lower Green.

The Liberation of Dachau - Holocaust Remembrance Day

1st Lt. T. RYAN SERFES
STATE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT MANAGER

On April 24, we recognize Holocaust Remembrance Day. Internationally, the date moves to correspond with the 27th day of the Nisan on the Hebrew calendar, marking the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

A major milestone in ending World War II was the liberation of the Dachau main camp, April 29, 1945.

Two divisions of the 7th Army were involved in the liberation and with each passing year, the argument grows more heated over which division really liberated the camp: the 42nd Infantry Division or the 45th Infantry Division. The 20th Armored Division was providing support and they are included as liberators of Dachau by the U.S. Army. However, Japanese and African-American veterans have also made claims that their divisions or battalions liberated Dachau.

The 45th Division had been ordered to liberate the Dachau concentration camp, per Lt. Col. Felix L. Sparks, commanding officer, but Brig. Gen. Henning Linden of the 42nd Division, was the one who accepted the surrender of the concentration camp from Lt. Heinrich Wicker.

On the day of the liberation, the 45th and 42nd Infantry Divisions were both rapidly advancing southwest toward Munich with most of the troops riding in trucks or armored vehicles; between the two divisions lay the town of Dachau. Both divisions had been told that there was a prison camp at Dachau.

As Company I, 3rd Battalion, 157th Infantry, 45th Division approached the town, they saw that the only bridge across the Amper River had been blown up by the Germans in order to stop the advance of the Americans toward Munich. Lt. Col. Felix L. Sparks ordered Company I to go into the town of Dachau to look for another bridge.

The Company I Soldiers found a railroad bridge that had been only partially destroyed. The bridge could be used for soldiers on foot and for light vehicles, but not for tanks. The tanks of the 20th Armored Division, which accompanied the 45th and 42nd Divisions to Dachau, could not get to the camp because of the destroyed bridge over the Amper river.

Company I crossed the railroad bridge and then headed northeast to return to the point where the destroyed bridge had halted the advance. Lt. Col. Sparks and a couple of his radio operators accompanied Company I, as they followed the tracks of a railroad spur line that led to the Dachau camp complex. The first thing they



The photograph below shows Brig. Gen. Henning Linden standing on top of one of the barriers of the stone bridge over the Würm River canal, while the liberated prisoners are looking out of the windows of the concentration camp gate house. 2nd Lt. Heinrich Wicker is the tall German soldier shown on the far left in the photo below. The man with a white arm band is Red Cross Representative Victor Maurer. (Photo Scrapbookpages.com)

saw was the infamous, “Death Train,” filled with dead bodies. The railroad gate was open because the train was part way inside the camp. After entering the railroad gate on the southwest side of the Dachau complex, the Company I soldiers realized that they were inside an SS garrison.

Meanwhile, U.S. Army jeeps carrying Soldiers of the 42nd Division, drove toward the Dachau complex and stopped briefly to look at the bodies on the Death Train before driving down the road known as the Avenue of the SS. About half a mile down this road, Brig. Gen. Henning Linden and others in the group came upon the main gate into the Dachau complex. A short distance from the

gate, 2nd Lt. Heinrich Wicker and a Red Cross representative were waiting to surrender the camp under a white flag of truce.

Today, when Americans speak of Dachau, they invariably mean the main concentration camp. But there was also a fourth Dachau, consisting of 123 sub-camps and Kommandos which were factories where the slave laborers worked in the manufacture of German munitions. These sub-camps were in the surrounding area and were liberated by various divisions of the American Seventh army.

Many years have gone by since that cold day in April 1945 when the Dachau prisoners were liberated, but the event has grown more important over time. Dachau has now become a symbol of man’s inhumanity to man. Around one million students and tourists come to visit the Memorial Site each year to pay homage to the political prisoners who resisted Fascism and the Nazi regime, the ultimate evil.



CTNG Honors Local WWII Veteran

Mr. Benny Cooper (left), a WWII Veteran, is presented a coin from the U.S. Army 45th Infantry Division by Brig. Gen. Fran Evon (right), Assistant Adjutant General of the Connecticut National Guard, at the State Capitol in Hartford, Connecticut. Evon joined Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman and Sean Connolly, Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs in honoring Cooper for his service with the 45th Infantry as a Combat Medic and also for his participation in the liberation of Dachau Concentration Camp in Germany during April of 1945. Cooper travels around the state, speaking to schools and organizations about his experiences in WWII. He is 95 years old and a life-long Connecticut resident. (Photo by Ms. Allison L. Joanis, State Public Affairs Office)

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show up at the tent to get a tray and pay for their food ... until the moment that you break down and you shut everything down and shut the generators down. We look at every aspect of it from if the lights work to if the field sanitation tent is set up properly to make sure nobody is going to contract a food borne illness. Was the pork loin tender? Was it juicy? Was it seasoned well? We also look at regulatory compliance to the (task manuals) and everything that governs everything you do.

“Finally we look at the attitude and composure of the individuals that are doing the cooking,” Davis said. “What’s remarkable is the amount of hospitality and the quality and level of the hospitality that we see coming out of these Soldiers. Yes, it’s their duty but they truly do care about what they’re doing.”

Davis heaped high praise upon the Connecticut Soldiers he evaluated.

“At this level we represent the Department of the Army and we are evaluating the final four (teams) at the National Guard Bureau and, of course, Connecticut is one of the final four,” Davis said. “So it’s a testament to the training and the performance of the Soldiers who are actually competing, that do the actually cooking, that stir the actual pots. They are literally the best, not just in the state of Connecticut but they’re competing on a national level with every other culinary team across the country.

“It’s incredibly impressive to come to a National Guard unit level here in Connecticut and see the competencies, talents and skills that these citizen Soldiers have compared to the active duty counterparts and Connecticut has got some of the best,” Davis said.

This is not the first time that E Co. has taken part in the

Connelly award competition, according to 1st Lt. Jamie Cuticello, commander of E Co. In recent history, the E Co. mess section also competed two years ago.

“We had kind of a rough start (last time),” Cuticello said. “So we had to do that competition with about half of our given staff for food service. It was tough. Anything that could’ve gone wrong did go wrong.”

He added that this time around, things have gone much better.

“This past year when we won the regionals the exact opposite happened, but it was very weather restrictive,” said Cuticello. “It was a very hot day with a lot of humidity and if you’re in the combat kitchen ... when it’s 95 degrees and ninety percent humidity it’s probably 130 or 140 (degrees) in there. If it’s not the checklist that’s going to get you, sometimes it’s the weather.”

This time out, unlike during the regional competition, high heat and humidity were not a problem. In fact, it was the absence of heat that gave the unit some extra challenges. It was so cold that the valve on one of the water buffalos supplying water to the mobile kitchen for hand washing purposes froze just as the event was set to begin.

This didn’t deter the Soldiers though. They got right to work thawing the valve with a heat gun and came up with contingency plans for their hand washing needs had they not been able to get it unfrozen. It’s quick thinking and teamwork like this that makes this unit strong, Cuticello said, and



Spc. Maria Carranza and Sgt. Cody Hettrick, culinary specialists with Echo Company, 1st Battalion, 169th Aviation Regiment, Connecticut Army National Guard, prepare food during the 49th Philip A. Connelly culinary competition at Camp Hartell, Windsor Locks, Conn., March 11. Carranza and Hettrick were both part of the 169th’s Echo Company team that won the regional level competition in July, 2016. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Jerry Boffen Jr., 130th Public Affairs Detachment, Connecticut Army National Guard)

the development of that is one of the reasons his unit decided to do the Connelly competition.

“Like any training in Echo Company, it’s my main focus to always keep each section on top of their game,” Cuticello said, “and one of the best ways to keep focus and a sharp edge as a Soldier, as an athlete, as anything is to compete. If there was a maintenance competition available we would do that. If there was a weapon servicing competition available we would do that. There is a food service competition and that’s exactly what we wanted to do.”

Cuticello added that competitions like this also serve a purpose in giving the Soldiers a reason to want to come to drill and be a part of the mission.

“This is a competition and I absolutely love to win but this gives these Soldiers the opportunity to actually do the job they raised their right hand to do,” Cuticello said. “Monday through Friday you may be a doctor, a lawyer, work at [a pharmacy] but that one weekend a month you feel like you’re directly contributing to the success of an organization that’s bigger than yourself.”

He added that these types of events help to build strong unit cohesion and trust, which results in greater performance from the Soldiers.

“As far as the strength of this unit goes, I’m very confident and proud of the team development,” Cuticello said. “As far as leadership goes and problem solving goes, it starts with the individual Soldier and the only way you’re going to have that is with buy-in. If this Soldier believes that the [Soldier] at the next highest level trusts him or her, then he or she is going to perform.”

The winners of the competition will not be announced until the end of April or beginning of May. Win or lose, though, the Soldiers of E Co. can, at least in the eyes of their commander, already count this competition as a success.



Spc. Ryan Jones, a culinary specialist with Echo Company, 1st Battalion, 169th Aviation Regiment, Connecticut Army National Guard, serves food during the 49th Philip A. Connelly culinary competition at Camp Hartell, Windsor Locks, Conn., March 11. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Jerry Boffen Jr., 130th Public Affairs Detachment, Connecticut Army National Guard)

AROUND OUR GUARD

A Glimpse at Connecticut Guardsmen and Events



(Left to right) Lt. Col. Evan M. Hunt, Maj. Cheryl L. Mead, Chief Master Sgt. Brandon W. Ives, and Lt. Col. Kristen R. Snow officers from the 103rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 103rd Airlift Wing, accept The State Excellence in Diversity Unit Award from Maj. Gen. Thad Martin (far right), Adjutant General of the Connecticut National Guard, March 5, 2017, at the Governor William A. O’Neill State Armory, Hartford, Connecticut. (Photo by Capt. Dawn Surprenant, JFHQ Public Affairs, CTANG)

State Militia and CTNG Support New Haven St. Patrick’s Day Parade



Members of the Second Company Governor’s Foot Guard (left) and the 102nd Army Band, Connecticut Army National Guard march through the streets of downtown New Haven, Connecticut, March 12, for the 175th annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade. Established in 1842, the New Haven St. Patrick’s Day Parade is one of the largest spectator events in the state and it is the sixth oldest parade in the nation, being recognized by the Library of Congress in 1999. Both the 2GHG and the 102nd Band participate annually with entertainment and long-standing New Haven and Connecticut traditions. (Photos courtesy of the Second Compang Governor’s Foot Guard and the 102nd Army Band)



Members of the Second Company Governor’s Foot Guard (left) and the 102nd Army Band, Connecticut Army National Guard march through the streets of downtown New Haven, Connecticut, March 12, for the 175th annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade. Established in 1842, the New Haven St. Patrick’s Day Parade is one of the largest spectator events in the state and it is the sixth oldest parade in the nation, being recognized by the Library of Congress in 1999. Both the 2GHG and the 102nd Band participate annually with entertainment and long-standing New Haven and Connecticut traditions. (Photos courtesy of the Second Compang Governor’s Foot Guard and the 102nd Army Band)

Spotlight on a Recruiter Staff Sgt. Mike Biggins

What was your original MOS and who was your recruiter?

I was recruited by Staff Sgt. Richard Gould of the Massachusetts National Guard as an Infantryman

Why did you join the military?

9/11 was a wakeup call. My choice to join the Guard was the only route that made sense. It gave me the right amount of control over my military, academic, civilian-professional and personal life.

Before working in the RRB, what was the most unusual or interesting job you’ve ever had?

The most unusual job I had was working at a Pepsi bottling plant. The most interesting was Huntington Learning Center. I think that experience has made me a better RRNCO. It required time management and constant communication between the teachers on my staff, parents, students, and schools. I learned about closing and overcoming objections very quickly. Two things parents can be VERY volatile about: their children and their money!

How many years have you been working in recruiting?

This is my 10th year in recruiting. I’ve been in the field, marketing, and MEPS.

Do you have any children? If so, how many, names, ages, etc?

I have 3 children. Jack is 4. Maeve and Forrest are my brand new daughter and son born on Jan. 24, 2017. I also have an 8 year old dog named Kirby.

Do you have any hobbies?

In my spare time, I enjoy doing household projects and woodworking. I occasionally play golf. I love baseball. I enjoy classic rock. Most of all, I enjoy playing with my kids and spending quality time with my wife, Meg.

What was the single-most influential event in your lifetime?

Besides shifting gears while in college to join the Guard after 9/11, my wedding day is the most influential event in my life. It’s a constant reminder that things aren’t just about me anymore and I’m responsible for taking action to support, protect, and provide for my family.

What is the most interesting/nicest place you’ve ever been?

We went to Aruba for our honeymoon, but Playa Mujeres in Mexico was the most beautiful beach I’ve ever been to.

If you could have dinner with any 3 people (dead or alive) who would you invite and what would you eat?

For the sake of fun, I’ll exclude family members. It would probably be pretty awesome to have dinner with the Rat Pack. Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and Sammy Davis, Jr. Those guys knew how to have a good time.

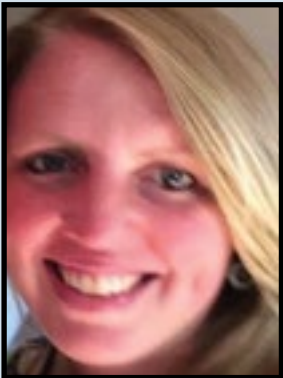


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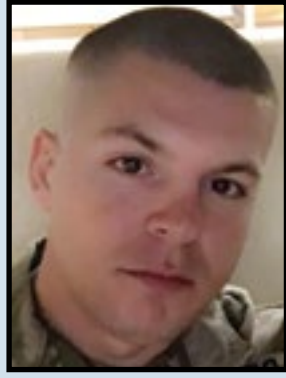
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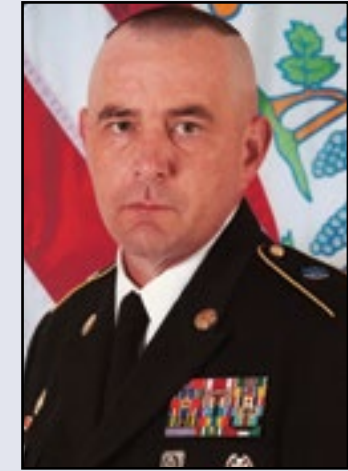
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Pfc. Ashley Guimond,
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68W, Healthcare Specialist



Meet
Spc. Luke Dingee,
Age: 29
11B, Infantryman

What were you doing before you joined the CTARNG?	Working full time as a Registered Nurse and going to school part time	Working full-time and attending school to prepare for the CTARNG
Why did you join the Guard?	To become a stronger person and serve my country	It has always been a dream of mine. I wanted to be a Marine, until I learned more about the CTARNG.
Who is your Recruiter?	Sgt. 1st Class Eduardo Coya	Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Benete
What do you tell friends about the Guard?	Benefits and things I’ve learned	Great opportunities for success
Do you have any hobbies?	Hiking; Kayaking; Running	Work on cars, ride motocross, spending time with family and friends
What is your dream vacation destination?	Patagonia	Bora Bora, Tahiti
What was the most influential life event?	Becoming a Registered Nurse	The day my son was born
If you could buy any one thing, what would it be?	New Kitchen; whole remodel	A house
What would be your entrance music?	Thunderstruck - AC/DC	Record Year - Eric Church

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JOHN S. CARRAGHER

evaluation that you will not be able to execute if called to fight tonight.

I know we are all anxiously awaiting the warmer weather, especially our motorcycle enthusiasts. I beg each of you to consider the road conditions (excessive sand, potholes, etc.) and the awareness level of other drivers on the road before you make that first ride of the season. Waiting a few more weeks may be the prudent decision and may save your life. As always, proper training, licensing, and use of personal protective equipment are non-negotiable.

If you are anything like me, you look forward to getting back outside for physical fitness training on a regular basis. Now is the time to ramp up your physical fitness routine. If you do not have a regular physical

fitness program, start one now! Forget for a moment what the Air Force and Army needs you to do, do it for yourself and your family. Living an active, healthy lifestyle that includes a vigorous fitness program will cause you to live longer! If you need help in starting or modifying your fitness program, please ask your chain of command. The CTNG has numerous master fitness trainers that are ready to help you. In addition, almost all of our facilities have great fitness centers that are available for you to use. Don’t limit yourself to your unit’s armory. It should only take a little coordination for you to use any fitness center in any of our facilities.

The month of February marked a great milestone for the Connecticut Air National Guard. After a long period of transition, we conducted a formal send-off ceremony for a large contingent of Airmen from the 103d Airlift Wing and watched them fly out of Bradley to conduct operations overseas. Congratulations to the entire team for the hard work that made the transition to the C-130 platform a success. Please keep our deployed Airmen and their Families in your thoughts.

We need everyone’s help in maintaining our end strength. As the market gets smaller, we all need to get the word out to our communities of the opportunities to serve in our Guard. Make sure you know your, “elevator speech,” when someone asks you about the Guard. We are the face of the Army and Air Force in our communities. The best leads for our recruiters come from our members and our retirees. Get the future Soldier/Airman name, age, address, and phone number to your unit recruiter. If you don’t know who your recruiter is, ask me!

On the retention side, I strongly believe that the best

programs are found in units that plan and execute an effective training program. Leaders at every level are critical to success. If everyone does their part, from the individual Soldier/Airman to the most senior commander, to prepare for every training event, the result will be tough, realistic training. Next to people, time is our most precious resource. Wasting the time of our Guardsmen is the number one reason we hear when someone wants to transition out of the Guard. Just as importantly, wasting precious training time consumes readiness at a rapid rate that we cannot afford.

I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to thank a few people that have recently retired or that are retiring in the near future. Chief Warrant Officer 5 Mark Marini, Mrs. Diana Marini, Ms. (also SFC (Ret.)) Margaret Wolk have been fixtures in our Guard for many years. I am honored to call each of these people friend, confidant, mentor, and patriot. They have been part of my family and our Guard Family for my entire life. I thank each of you for your service and wish you well in retirement.

Thank you for all that you do for our State and Nation. I look forward to seeing you soon.

CSM Carragher
“Any Soldier, Any Issue, Anytime”

Quote of the Month:
“A good leader is a person who takes a little more than his share of the blame and a little less than his share of the credit.”
~John Maxwell
American Author

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Inside OCS

Artillery, Inspections, Leadership Development

OC CHRISTOPHER BARNABEI
 OCS CLASS 62
 1-169TH REGT (RTI)

NIANTIC, Conn. - The journey of Officer Candidate School Class 62's officer candidates continued this weekend by tackling two major events: call for fire training and the commander's barracks inspection.

The first major challenge, our lesson on call for fire, began with a nearly four-hour block of instruction by two subject matter experts, who schooled us on the fundamentals of calling in artillery or mortar strikes, as well as adjustments, corrections, different munitions and the proper terminology necessary for a successful fire mission. Following this lengthy and informative class, we had a practical call for fire exercise using a computer system training program that simulated the experience of a forward observer in the field. We practiced calling for fire support and acting as members of a fire direction control team.

As a class we found this experience, (a first for all of us) very engaging. After we completed the practical exercise portion of the call for fire lesson, we proceeded to the true test of how much we had retained from our classes, the written exam.

Despite the complexity of the lessons that we had so recently received, all members of Class 62 passed the test.

The next major challenge we tackled during drill



weekend was a commander's barracks inspection, where we learned that "minutiae," despite its meaning, can have far reaching effects if not scrutinized. This inspection was presided over by select members of OCS leadership, as well as several other cadre members.

The inspection ensured the serviceability of equipment for future squad training exercise lanes and eventually phase three, which will be our culminating events. In addition, the command inspection tested the practicality of our packing list and how well we as a class are able to implement our SOPs and maintain uniformity. With the exception of a hand full of deficiencies, which were addressed with corrective training, the cadre were pleased with our packing list and current SOPs.

The cadre repeatedly emphasized minutiae and instructed us to pay special attention and care to the minor details. We learned that if those minor details are allowed to slip by, then the consequences can be far reaching.

For example, if you fail to properly care for your uniforms in the barracks, then you might fail to maintain your weapon or any other piece of equipment that requires constant maintenance. The inspection candidates received may have been in a controlled environment, but it emphasized attention to detail – no matter the setting.

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R3SP - Resilience, Risk Reduction & Suicide Prevention

Resilience: "Skill of the Month"

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Bottom Line Up Front

- Assertive Communication helps to build Connection.
- Assertive Communication helps you solve problems by remaining Confident, Clear, and Controlled.

Communication Styles

Aggressive

- Must have the last word
- Talking over other person
- Ineffective emotion
- Blaming
- Talking down

Assertive

- Confident, Clear, Controlled
- Seek to understand
- Good eye contact
- Effective emotion

Passive

- Quiet
- No eye contact
- Withdrawn
- Sulking
- Submissive
- Fearful
- Appeasing

IDEAL Model:

1. **Identify** and understand the problem...
2. **Describe** the problem objectively & accurately...
3. **Express** your concerns and how you feel...
4. **Ask** the other person for his/her perspective...
5. **List** the positive outcomes that might result from agreed upon change(s)...

WHAT IS THE SKILL?
Assertive Communication is a method of communication that is Confident, Clear, and Controlled.

WHEN DO I USE IT?
When confronting someone about a conflict or challenge (and is the most appropriate style in that situation).

HOW DO I USE IT?
Use the IDEAL model (described to the left).

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www.outwardbound.org/veterans

Service Member and Family Support Center
1-800-858-2677

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Newington: 860-666-6951
West Haven: 203-932-5711

Military OneSource
www.militaryonesource.mil

Life Lines

Emergency - 911

CTNG Behavioral Health Help Line -
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1-800-984-8523

www.armyfamiliesonline.org -
1-800-833-6622

www.militaryonesource.com -
1-800-342-9647

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1-800-SUICIDE

www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org -
1-800-273-TALK (8255)

R3SP - Resilience, Risk Reduction & Suicide Prevention

CTNG Marijuana Prevention Campaign Reminds Guardsmen: Regardless of Legalization Status, Use Still Prohibited

1ST LT. SHANEKA ASHMAN
PREVENTION COORDINATOR, SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM, CTNG

With an increased in the number of drug positives for marijuana (THC), the Connecticut National Guard Army Substance Abuse Program initiated a Marijuana Prevention Campaign for Fiscal Year 2017.

The objectives of the campaign include informing Service Members that, despite varying legalization status at state level, marijuana use is prohibited by the military, while targeting the top Myths and Misconceptions of marijuana use. The campaign also addresses little known harmful impacts to overall health and soldier readiness, job performance, and impact on family/home life.

Although illicit drug positive results were tracked over

the past two fiscal years from the Drug Testing Program, it has been identified that more and more Soldiers are testing positive for marijuana with less than five year in service. The Recruit Sustainment Program is a targeted audience for this information as the demographic for marijuana use is 18-25 year-old range.

Alicia Dager, Ph.D. from Yale University, shared results from 17 years of research on the effects of marijuana (with longitudinal studies) to all members of the RSP, Feb. 25. The focus was to target young Soldiers who are acclimating to the military by presenting the clear message at the onset of their military career: Marijuana is a NO GO in the military!

Dr. Dager's interactive presentation outlined the effects

marijuana has on the brain and its cognitive functions. She presented results from numerous studies as well as actual brain imaging showing the undisputable areas damaged by marijuana use. Her research also showed the correlation between marijuana use and lower IQ scores as well as the adverse effects on the pre-frontal lobe where critical thinking, problem solving, attention, and memory are all adversely effected.

Service members were engaged participating in some of the activities associated with the testing that was done in the research studies. Dr. Dager closed with a Q & A and was then coined by Chief Warrant Officer 3 McCarty, RSP Officer in Charge, in thanks and gratitude for taking the time to share her findings with Soldiers.

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The Jordan Porco Foundation is supporting the CTNG through a Fresh Check Day event aimed at suicide awareness, prevention, and mental health promotion.

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April is Alcohol Awareness Month

Did you know... Of Soldiers age 18-24, 19% meet the criteria for alcohol dependence.

Follow the low-risk guidelines to ensure you do not face negative consequences like alcohol dependence, physical injury, financial problems, and more.

Low Risk Guidelines:

- 0 Drinks:** if you are underage, pregnant, at risk for alcoholism or planning on operating a motor vehicle
- 1 Drink:** is the maximum number of standard drinks in one hour
- 2 Drinks:** is the maximum number of standard drinks in one day for daily drinkers
- 3 Drinks:** is the maximum number of standard drinks in one day for occasional drinkers

1.5 oz. shot of 80 proof liquor is equal to 1 standard drink!

Contact the ASAP Office - Shaneka Ashman Prevention Coordinator
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Off the Bookshelf

with Staff Sgt. Simon

An Ailanthus Altissima Grows in Brooklyn

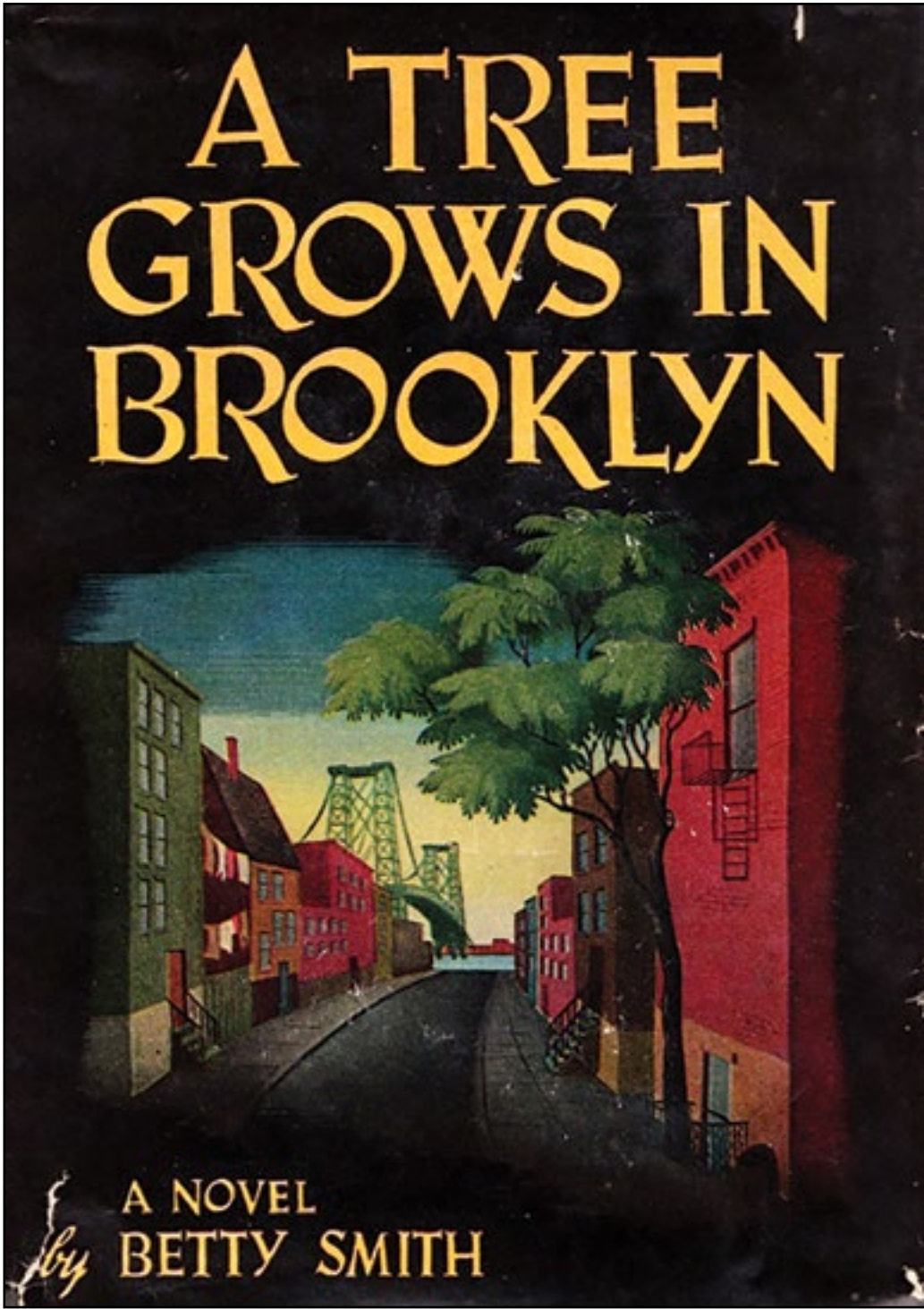
STAFF SGT. BENJAMIN SIMON
JFHQ PUBLIC AFFAIRS, CTARNG

If you’ve read, “A Tree Grows in Brooklyn,” you’re in good company. Betty Smith’s 1943 book was the most popular novel shipped to American military service members serving during World War II. In total, Smith’s iconic coming of age story about second and third generation Americans in Brooklyn, New York sold six million copies.

The novel’s plot has been replicated countless in books and films in pop culture in the 70 years since its release, but in 1943 it was indeed original. Set between 1900 and 1919, Smith depicts a family overcoming the misfortunes that often appear in tandem with extreme urban poverty. Main characters, Francie and Neeley Nolan, are sibling children who experience an adventurous and romantic childhood in Brooklyn, rummaging for pennies for candy, poking fun at strict school instructors and trekking through their Williamsburg tenement in Brooklyn with seemingly hundreds of other like-minded adventure seeking children, all dressed in clothes mended with homemade patches.

Smith glosses over all negative aspects of early 20th century New York City, but this does not make her novel bland, or too saccharine on the other hand. “A Tree Grows in Brooklyn” is an intelligent and fun, boisterous novel that validates the New York City early 20th century magical, multicultural, metropolitan mythos, perhaps best personified in George Gershwin’s “Rhapsody in Blue.” Smith’s Brooklyn was home to a jazzy pagan spirit that appears in her book to have traveled to the city in the luggage and hearts of its millions of immigrants.

- Here are a few lesser-known facts about Smith and her iconic novel.
- The tree of “A Tree Grows in Brooklyn” is a real tree called Ailanthus Altissima. It is commonly called the tree of heaven. Ironically, it is a Chinese species and is considered invasive in many countries. Due to its versatility, the tree is common in urban areas.
 - Betty Smith, originally from Brooklyn, began studying at Yale University in 1931, and this is where her writing career truly blossomed. She wrote several plays while in attendance at the school prior to completing her first and most successful novel, “A Tree Grows in Brooklyn.”
 - “A Tree Grows in Brooklyn” parallels Smith’s life in many aspects and is nearly a fictionalized autobiography. Smith published an unofficial sequel to the novel in 1963, called “Joy in the Morning,” which also mirrors components of her later life as a newlywed and young mother.
 - With the exception of a Soldier love interest, World War 1 does not play a primary role in Smith’s novel. However, when an older Francie returns from college to visit Brooklyn, she describes seeing gold stars in many of the apartment windows, and hearing young men sing the popular war song, “The Rose of No Man’s Land.”
 - “A Tree Grows in Brooklyn,” may be one of the most popular and lengthy endorsements of the benefits of reading and literature appreciation ever produced. Francie (and Betty Smith) attributes her love for books at a young age to helping her escape her family’s poverty. The novel’s iconic image is of a young girl sitting on a fire escape while reading a book. This was one of Betty Smith’s preferred reading spots as a child in Brooklyn, and is obviously also a double entendre.
 - Smith passed away in 1974 in Shelton, Connecticut.



“A Tree Grows in Brooklyn” is a 1943 novel written by Betty Smith. The story focuses on an impoverished, but aspirational, second-generation Irish-American, adolescent girl and her family in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, New York City, during the first two decades of the 20th century.

Would you like Staff Sgt. Simon to review a book?
We are always looking for suggestions!
Email the editor,
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Military History

Corporal Timothy Ahearn *102nd Soldier, Distinguished Service Cross Recipient*

BRIG. GEN. (CT-RET.) ROBERT CODY
HISTORICAL COLUMNIST

At the intersection of Derby Avenue (Route 34) and Ella Grasso Boulevard (Route 10) in New Haven, Conn. stands a statue of a Soldier.

Unlike most depictions, where the Soldier is shown standing at attention with his rifle or in a pose that says he/she is ready for action, this particular Soldier holds a piece of paper against his thigh as he writes a letter to his commanding officer.

The Soldier is Corporal Timothy Ahearn of Company C, 102nd Infantry Regiment, 26th Division, American Expeditionary Force. The date is October 27, 1918 and the place is Verdun, France.

After all the officers and sergeants in his unit had become casualties, Corporal Ahearn took command of the shattered company. He reorganized the remaining Soldiers into two under-strengthened platoons and made Private Kenney acting first sergeant.

Corporal Ahearn then wrote a message to the 102nd Regimental Commander on an envelope from a letter sent by his mother, explaining what happened and what actions he had taken. The last line of that letter has echoed across generations and battlefields: “Am ready for any duty I am called upon to perform. Am ready for replacements.”

He was awarded The Distinguished Service Cross, the Army’s second highest award for valor. The citation reads: “The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Timothy Ahearn, Corporal, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Verdun, France, October 27,

1918. After all of the officers and sergeants had become casualties, Corporal Ahearn took command of his company, leading it through the remainder of the day’s action with great bravery and ability. Late in the day he went to the rescue of a wounded officer and succeeded in bringing him to a place of safety through a terrific machine-gun fire.”

Just about a half mile up Derby Avenue from Corporal Ahearn’s statue in West River Memorial Park is a plaque attached to the brick wall next to Yale Field showing where the 102nd Infantry Regiment mustered for service in the, “war to end all wars.” A few more steps north on Derby Avenue, a cross street, Central Avenue was renamed “102nd Infantry Regiment Way.”

The pedestal of Corporal Ahearn’s statue is engraved with an account of his actions and his Distinguished Service Cross citation on the sides. On the front, under his name it reads, “He best exemplified the spirit of the enlisted men of the Yankee Division.” His words ring true today, as the men and women of the Connecticut National Guard are, “ready for any duty, I am called upon to perform.”

Brig. Gen. Cody retired from the CTARNG in 2014 and currently teaches 7th grade Social Studies in Stamford, Connecticut. Email him at rmcody@snet.net.



A memorial to Corporal Timothy Ahearn stands in New Haven, Connecticut at the intersections of West River Memorial Park, Ella T. Grasso Boulevard and Derby Avenue, Ella T. Grasso Boulevard and Derby Avenue. Ahearn was a member of Company C, 102nd Infantry Regiment, 26th Division, American Expeditionary Force during WWI. He was awarded The Distinguished Service Cross, the Army’s second highest award for valor. (Photo: <http://www.publicartarchive.org>)

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Standard Procurement System and Procurement Desktop-Defense	350-17-38	2nd Lt. Ben Gagne	3-Apr-17	7-Apr-17
SAPR Victim Advocate Refresher	350-17-15	Maj. Katherine A. Maines	3-Apr-17	4-Apr-17
Individual Gunnery Trainer/Unstabilized Gunnery Trainer (IGT/UGT)	350-17-33	1st Sgt. Corey Lewis	8-Apr-17	9-Apr-17
Unit Finance Course	350-17-34	Sgt. 1st Class Fabian Bennett	18-Apr-17	20-Apr-17
Field Sanitation Training	350-17-07	Sgt. Nicolas Caisse	21-Apr-17	23-Apr-17
Retention Recognition Program	350-17-36	Sgt. Maj. Michael Collins	22-Apr-17	22-Apr-17
Specialty Schools Pre-Qualification	350-17-26	1st Sgt. Rocky Daigle	29-Apr-17	29-Apr-17
ACE-SI	350-17-29	Ms. Meagan MacGregor	19-May-17	19-May-17
Bus Driver Training Course	350-17-21	Master Sgt. Thomas Ahearn	20-May-17	24-May-17
ASIST	350-17-08	Ms. Meagan MacGregor	20-May-17	21-May-17
Army Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP) AGR	350-17-04.a	Ms. Robin Tanguay	24-May-17	24-May-17
UPL Course	350-17-12	Staff Sgt. Joshua Prochnicki-Fitzgerald	8-Jul-17	9-Jul-17

Highlighted Courses:

Specialty Schools Pre-Qualification: This pre-qualification course will ensure all CTARNG members are fully prepared to successfully complete ASI-producing schools with historically high failure rates. Pre-qualification testing and training will ensure Soldiers are physically and mentally prepared for the actual specialty course when seats become available. The following specialty courses are covered by this training event: Pathfinder (2E-S15Q/011-ASIF7), Air Assault (071-S1/AS12B) and Master Fitness Trainer (9E-S16P/920-ASIP5). April 29, 2017. 40 Soldiers Max, See your unit training NCO for current availability.

Unit Finance Course: This training ensures that the unit Readiness Non-Commissioned Officer or designated individual are provided with the knowledge on how to increase Soldiers' financial readiness and overall unit auditability. Training will emphasize regulations, reports, preventative and reconciliatory measures, and key supporting documents/entitlements. In addition, it will cover interconnected departments, applicable systems, schedules, inspections, submittal procedures and inquires. Full Time RNCOs or designated individuals responsible for payroll submittal at the Unit/Battalion/MACOM level are highly encouraged to attend. April 18-20, 2017; 25 seats max per class; See you unit training NCO for current availability.

Bus Driver Training Course: The Operator's Training Course is a, "Train the Trainer," course, primarily targeted to personnel with the skills necessary to train individuals on the safe operation of a GSA Bus. This course will provide training on Preventive Maintenance Checks and Services (PMCS), Operations, Operational Policies and Safety. May 20-24, 2017. 14 Soldiers Max; See your unit training NCO for current availability.

Maj. Michael Jakobson - G3-FTB, Training Specialist - michael.p.jakubson.mil@mail.mil - Phone: 860-493-2774

THE DA PHOTO PROCESS

Do YOU NEED A DA PHOTO?

1

Must be SSG or above

And at least one of the following:

- No photo on file
- Current photo over 5 years old
- Promoted since last photo
- Received ARCOM or higher

2

REVIEW YOUR ERB/ORB

- Check records for accuracy
- Determine which awards you are authorized to wear for your photo
- DO NOT Wear awards not listed in your record
- ERB/ORB accuracy is an individual responsibility

3

PREPARE YOUR UNIFORM

Ensure your uniform is up to AR 670-1 standards before scheduling an appointment.

- Uniform preparation is an individual responsibility.
- Last minute cancellations due to incomplete uniforms waste available slots. Be considerate of fellow Soldiers and only schedule an appointment once your uniform is 100% to standard.
- Incomplete or inaccurate uniforms DO NOT justify a re-shoot. Your uniform must be complete and accurate before scheduling your appointment.

4

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- NO Green leadership tabs
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- Wear only Unit Citations that PERMANENT and listed in your individual records
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- Wear ONE CSIB, if authorized
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The Geneva Conventions and Additional Protocols: ICRC Updated Commentaries - March 2016

By CAPT. ALAN L MERRIMAN
DET. 1, 831ST TRIAL DEFENSE TEAM

According to the International Committee of the Red Cross, the Geneva Conventions and their Additional Protocols form the core of international humanitarian law, which regulates the conduct of armed conflict and seeks to limit its effects. They protect people not taking part in hostilities and those who are no longer doing so.

The Geneva Conventions were the result of many years of efforts by the international community to establish a universal code of conduct to reduce unnecessary suffering and collateral damage in areas affected by armed conflicts. Those efforts, which generally culminated in 1949, were instigated by a predecessor of the ICRC and today the ICRC is one of the chief watchdogs and enforcers of the Geneva Conventions and Additional Protocols. Disputes arising under the Conventions or the Protocols additional to them are settled by courts of the member nations (Article 49 of Convention I) or by international tribunals.

There are currently 196 signatory nations to the Geneva Conventions and, in 1993, the United Nations determined that they would apply the Conventions to all nations (or hostile combatants) engaged in armed conflict. The UN determination does not necessarily mean that the combatants recognize the authority of or apply the mandates of the Geneva Conventions. The United States has ratified the four Conventions of 1949, but has not ratified the two additional Protocols of 1977.

Cornell University Law School operates an open-source database of legal information known as the Legal Information Institute. The LII summarizes the Conventions as follows:

Convention I: This Convention protects wounded

and infirm soldiers and medical personnel, who are not taking active part in hostility against a Party, ensuring humane treatment without adverse distinctions founded on race, color, sex, religion or faith, birth or wealth, etc. To that end, the Convention prohibits execution without judgment, torture, and assaults upon personal dignity (Article 3). It also grants them the right to proper medical treatment and care.

Convention II: This agreement extended the protections mentioned in the first Convention to shipwrecked soldiers and other naval forces, including special protections afforded to hospital ships.

Convention III: One of the treaties created during the 1949 Convention, this defined what a Prisoner of War was, and accorded them proper and humane treatment as specified by the first Convention. Specifically, it required POWs to give only their name, rank, and serial number to their captors. Nations party to the Convention may not use torture to extract information from POWs.

Convention IV: Under this Convention, civilians are afforded the protections from inhumane treatment and attack afforded in the first Convention to sick and wounded soldiers. Furthermore, additional regulations regarding the treatment of civilians were introduced. Specifically, it prohibits attacks on civilian hospitals, medical transports, etc. It also specifies the right of internees, and those who commit acts of sabotage. Finally, it discusses how occupiers are to treat an occupied populace.

The additional protocols include clarifications of and expansions of the Four Conventions.

The obligations and rights of parties to an armed conflict can vary, depending on the type of conflict they are in. In order to understand the application of the

Conventions you must know if the hostilities are part of an international armed conflict or a domestic armed conflict (as defined by the Conventions). The ICRC commentaries help clarify application of each provision.

The commentaries to Common Article 3 (which covers non-international armed conflicts) state that Common Article 3 would apply to conflicts between the Government and rebel forces, or between two rebel forces, or to other conflicts that have all the characteristics of war but that are carried out within the confines of a single country. A handful of individuals attacking a police station would not be considered an armed conflict subject to [C. Article 3], but only subject to the laws of the country in question. Common Article 3 attempts to balance the principles protected by the Conventions with the rights of sovereign states who are not part of the treaties.

The ICRC commentaries to the Conventions date back to 1960. They are considered to be authoritative interpretation of the Conventions. In March 2016, the ICRC published its first update to its commentaries, covering Geneva Convention I. This update is much needed in today's unconventional warfare environment, and in light of the multitude of non-state actors perpetrating hostilities around the world. The commentaries to the other Conventions will be updated over the course of the next few years.

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DoD Opens Online Exchange Shopping to Veterans

On January 13, 2017 the Defense Department announced that effective November 11, 2017, Veterans will soon be able to shop online at military exchanges.

Until this announcement, online shopping had been limited to only currently serving Service members, spouses, their families and retirees.

This policy change will now extend limited online exchange shopping privileges to all honorably discharged Veterans of the military.

These new shopping privileges will allow Veterans access to virtually the entire retail inventory of the online Exchange Services System. However the purchase of uniforms, alcohol and tobacco products will be excluded.

According to the DoD news release, this policy change is being enacted, because, “it’s the right thing to do”, but it is also expected that this will better position the Exchange Services to better compete in today’s competitive retail environment.

DoD estimates that by including Veterans in online shopping, it will double the exchange’s online presence, thus improving services for all patrons through better vendor terms, increased product selections and more competitive pricing.

MyArmyBenefits Integrates ARNG Soldiers Retirement Points

The Army’s official benefits website, MyArmyBenefits. us.army.mil, recently completed a system upgrade that now integrates the retirement points of an Army National Guard Soldier into its retirement calculator. Army and Army Reserve Soldiers have long enjoyed the ability to plan for retirement by viewing personalized retirement point reports and performing, “what if,” calculations to see how their benefits might change over time and increased points.

This system upgrade became possible when the U.S. Army Human Resources Command and National Guard personnel databases completed their integration package, creating this new capability. ARNG Soldiers no longer have to manually enter their retirement points into the calculator; rather they are now automatically pulled into the calculator as a result of this enhancement. Any ARNG Soldier who has not yet started receiving retired pay can access the calculator by using a Common Access Card or a DoD Self-Service Logon (DS Logon) user ID and password.

Guardsman can get help with the calculators, and any other military benefit questions, at the MyArmyBenefits Help Desk or by calling 1-888-721-2769. If after viewing their retirement calculator, they believe their retirement points to be incorrect, they should contact

their RPAM NCO for assistance.

Requesting Replacement U.S. Army Medals

In accordance with AR 600-8-22, dated June 25, 2015, Army medals are presented at no cost to the awardee. Replacement medals will be issued on a one-time basis and without charge to the recipient of the military decoration or the immediate primary next of kin of a deceased recipient. Subsequent replacement of medals or service ribbons for individuals not on active duty may be at a cost. But under no circumstances should any money be mailed until instructions from U.S. Army Human Resources Command are received.

Requests for replacement medals will be honored from the original recipient of the award, or if deceased, from his or her primary next of kin. Duplicate issues will not be made to a primary next of kin when records indicate a previous issue was made to the living Servicemember or previous primary next of kin.

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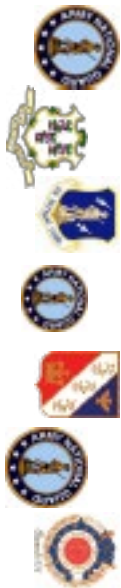
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April Focus: Month of the Military Child

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April marks the national observance of the Month of the Military Child, during which the Department of Defense and communities across the country honor military children and youth. Children of service members display courage and resilience in the face of frequent moves and deployment, and the DoD is committed to supporting their health and well-being. The White House has also taken action to support the health and well-being of military children and youth through initiatives such as Joining Forces, a comprehensive federal approach to supporting military families.

Throughout April, the Department of Defense and the services honor and recognize the contributions and sacrifices of military children:

- Military children and youth play an important role in the Department of Defense mission, and their service and sacrifice should be respected and appreciated.
- The Family Readiness System provides our military children with a strong network of support that promotes their health and well-being.
- Installations offer children and youth the benefits and support of Morale, Welfare and Recreation programming, quality child development programs, and child and youth behavioral military and family life counselors.
- Purple Up! for Military Kids was started by the University of New Hampshire's Cooperative Extension Service in 2010 and has become a national effort to recognize military children and youth by wearing purple on April 15.

The Family Readiness System encompasses a variety of programs and initiatives that support military families and help military children and youth to remain healthy and resilient, such as: Affordable, quality child care, DoD youth programs, Summer camps and Recreational sports.

Check with your local installation child and youth programs for events honoring military children in April.

CTNG Service Member and Family Support Center: 1-800-858-2677

U.S. Department of Defense Education Activity: <http://www.dodea.edu/dodeaCelebrates/MilitaryChild/2015.cfm>

Joining Forces: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/joiningforces>



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CT Military Kids Celebrate Reading and Dr. Seuss

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Each year the Child and Youth Program hosts a Dr. Seuss Birthday party in celebration of Read Across America! According to the National Education Association website, "Read Across America is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on March 2, the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss."

This year we hosted our annual event at the Southington Armed Forces Readiness Center. Everyone enjoyed Dr. Seuss inspired activities, such as fishing for "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish or Blue Fish" coloring socks for fox, hoping on bubble wrap and a fun photo opportunity! Additionally there was face painting, crafts, stories, Dr. Seuss inspired snacks and a showing of, "Cat in the Hat!" To encourage reading during this special day each child left with two books of their choosing.





CATHERINE GALASSO-VIGORITO

You Have a Ministry of Love

A few days ago, I was talking to a friend of mine on the phone. Planning what we were doing with the family, we began discussing our weekend plans. Then, my friend asked me simply, “What is love?”

I paused for a moment to gather my thoughts. “I think I have an answer to

your question,” I uttered.

Next, I told my friend a compelling story that I once heard. It was about a long-married couple who were grandparents to ten precious grandchildren. One day, out of the blue, tragedy struck the family. The oldest grandson was in an accident. He was rushed to the hospital and not expected to live through the night.

Speaking in a soft voice, I explained to my friend, “On that particular day, the grandmother was home alone when she received the call. She was told over the phone that that the young man was severely injured. As she heard the news, the grandmother was devastated. Her heart sank. She burst into tears. And a wave of terror washed over her. Later, when the grandfather returned home, he found his trembling wife disoriented, with vacant eyes, and in a state of shock.”

“What happened?” questioned my friend. I sensed fear in her voice

Without hesitation, I continued, “Broken, the grandmother was in a bewildered state, and some family members advised the grandfather that the grandmother should be put in the hospital for a while. But the grandfather politely declined. Rather, for the next week, he never left her side. He spoke kindly to her. He reassured her. And he held her close. The grandfather loved unconditionally. He was a source of strong emotional support. And in time, the grandmother’s depression lifted and, miraculously, their grandson recovered.”

I took a deep breath. And, my friend said gently, “What

a fascinating story.”

“So what is love?...” I replied. “Love is unconditional.” “Love beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things... And now abideth faith, hope, and love; but the greatest of these is love.” (1 Corinthians 13)

No matter who you are or where you are today, you can have a ministry of love. Someone needs you. They can’t reach the highest heights all by themselves. Recently, I read that giant redwood trees grow only on the West Coast. They are so large, that a man standing next to one is in comparison about the size of an ant standing next to a regular tree. Redwoods reach their incredible height because they grow in groups called groves. Many of these massive redwoods have been scarred and ravaged by storms and raging forest fires. Yet, they live on. How can these trees last so long and endure so much? Because they have each other. For you’ll never see a redwood standing alone. Moreover, the trees’ roots grow out and intertwine and interlock with all the roots from the other redwoods in the grove, creating a vast interconnecting root platform.

Similarly, like the redwood, we need one another. So let your unconditional love flow out to others. There are hundreds of opportunities each day to bring light, hope and happiness to someone. You never know where your kind words, gestures, or selfless act might lead. A while back, I received a wonderful letter from a gentleman who wrote, “Several years ago, I met an individual who had reached the bottom of his ladder. Somehow, I saw in him possibilities that no one else seemed to see or even wanted to see. We became friends; and over the years, I made it possible, with encouragement and some money, for him to go back to school and get a much-desired degree. Almost finished now and with a totally different frame of mind, he is on the way back up the ladder.”

Therefore, each morning, let’s ask ourselves, “What can I do to help someone else today?” Let us support, uplift and nurture each other. For the value of our lives is measured primarily by the lives we touch by our kind words and good deeds.

Start in your own home by telling your spouse and

children daily that they are loved, valued and special. Pet your furry friend, for animals provide unconditional love and excellent social support. Put your arm around the children in your life and cuddle together with a good book. Play board games. Take walks. Share laughter together. Smile often. Offer compliments freely. And give a few extra hugs each day along with words of appreciation.

Send an inspirational card or a cheerful email to a friend. Offer your child’s teacher or co-workers a word of praise. Tell someone who is working hard to complete a task that you ‘believe in them,’ that they’ll ‘accomplish their dreams’ and that ‘God’s hand is moving greatly in their life.’

God puts us in each other’s lives to impact one another in some way. Just pick up the phone and offer a word of encouragement. Tell someone, ‘I’ll pray for you,’ ‘I love you,’ or ‘your life matters.’

Tip: If a person you know is feeling discouraged, make a list of their accomplishments. List the qualities that you admire about them. Then, write a letter telling them all the ways in which they are a good, kind person. Ask them to reread the letter daily.

We may never know the long-term consequences of how our unconditional acts of love and good deeds affect future generations, but they profoundly do.

You were created to be a blessing to other people. You have a ministry of love. Thus, continue to use your extraordinary gifts to make the world a better place. And watch, as God blesses you in every area of your life.

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