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Martin O'Malley  
Governor



Anthony G. Brown  
Lt. Governor

**To the Men and Women of the Maryland Military Department:**

As we continue through the summer, the remarkable pace of projects, taskings and operations that the Maryland Military Department accomplishes is done with the utmost dispatch and proficiency.

I had the opportunity earlier this year to participate in the Maryland Defense Force's annual muster and to recognize a number of MDDF volunteers with awards and promotions that symbolize the importance of the volunteer element of the department to our overall mission success. The Maryland Emergency Management Agency hosted its 24th Annual Severe Storms Awareness Conference at the Maritime Institute in Linthicum.

On the day before Memorial Day, Governor Martin O'Malley and Lt. Governor Anthony Brown hosted a crab cake picnic at the Governor's mansion for World War II veterans as well as Soldiers from the 224th Area Support Medical Company who had recently returned from duty in Iraq. On Memorial Day, members of our department paid homage to fallen members of the U.S. Armed Forces at numerous ceremonies across Maryland. Perhaps the most poignant of these was the tribute at the Fallen Warrior Memorial at Camp Fretterd where nine members of the Maryland National Guard, who lost their lives in service during the Global War on Terror, were remembered in a moving ceremony.

Governor O'Malley and I went to Normandy to celebrate the 65th anniversary of the D-Day invasion. After meeting with several World War II veterans from the 29th Infantry Division and laying wreaths at the National Guard and 29th Infantry Division memorials, we traveled to Bosnia & Herzegovina and Estonia to meet with officials as part of the State Partnership Program. There, the Governor and I paid official visits to the leaders of those two countries and discussed issues of mutual concern and cooperation.

As we move further into the summer, remember that schools are out, vacations have started for many and that we must be extra vigilant in our work and our play. Watch your speed when driving, swim with a buddy, and remember that alcohol and driving are a deadly combination. All of these are tips that you have heard before. We have already suffered the tragic loss of a member of the Maryland Army National Guard to an accident that was preventable. You all are precious to your families and vital to the accomplishment of the missions of this department. Have a safe summer.

God speed.

Respectfully,

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Brigadier General, MDARNG  
The Adjutant General



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# Fallen, Not Forgotten

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, officially began May 5, 1868, to be observed on May 30, honoring Soldiers killed in the Civil War. After World War I, Memorial Day was expanded to honor those who have died in all American wars.

In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday and moved to the last Monday in May. This Memorial Day Maryland Guard Members were remembered at the Fallen Warrior Memorial at Camp Fretterd.

Drums sounded as the I.D. tags of nine fallen Soldiers were brought and placed on the memorial with friends, relatives and military family in attendance.

“They answered the call when asked, and we recognize that service — that sacrifice — as well as the sacrifice of over one million men and women who gave their lives for this country, for our freedom,” said Brig. Gen. James. A. Adkins.



“Freedom lives, and through it, these young men and women, who have made the ultimate sacrifice, live on.”

--Brig. Gen. James. A. Adkins  
The adjutant general of Maryland.



By Spc. Thaddeus Harrington



# The Lecturn

Religious liberty is the greatest freedom granted any people by its government. The founders of our Republic understood that such earthly liberty is an extension the endowed right granted each person by their Creator. As citizens of this State and Nation we each have the freedom to exercise our particular faith according to the dictates of our conscience or beliefs.

This liberty must never be taken for granted lest it be lost.

The virtue of our citizenship as it relates to religious liberty must move beyond the sterile, cold parameters of toleration. It must become a passionate commitment that all are equally deserving of acceptance and embrace in the expression and practice of their particular faith.

The Maryland Military Department is a model for society to consider in the practice of ensuring the religious rights of all its members.

The 20 chaplains of the Maryland Military Department: the Maryland Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and Defense Force represent fifteen different faith groups.

Each of these religious groups have necessarily endorsed their chaplains for service with the Maryland Military Department with the understanding that they represent their particular faith group to the military while fully supporting the religious faith of every soldier, airman, and their family members. Chaplains are not required to perform any support that violates their particular religious tradition, but are expected to provide for that which they cannot perform through other chaplains or resources.

Faith can be a great source for coping, comfort, meaning, and resilience for Servicemembers and their Families. The Citizen-Soldiers and Airmen of the Maryland Military

By Chaplain (Col.) Sean Lee, state chaplain

Department often rely on their faith to aide them in their civilian jobs, family relationships, and military service. It is the duty of our Chaplains and Assistants to encourage and support their reliance upon their faith in service for God, Guard and Country.

The cornerstone of religious liberty in the first amendment to the United States Constitution remains key to the health of our State and Nation, as well as the sure defense of our Republic for generations to come.

Chaplains serve standing upon this firm foundation with a commitment to support and defend the right of religious liberty for those military members and families who are encumbered by the stress and sacrifice of protecting such precious freedoms.

## Ribbon Cutting - 58th Troop Command



The new readiness center opened for the 58th Troop Command on April 4, in Adelphi, Md. Located near the Adelphi Army Research Laboratory, the facility was previously used by the U.S. Navy as a training site. As part of the Maryland Guard's long-term plan for locating facilities in densely populated areas, the center will serve as the 58th Troop Command headquarters.

## 65th Anniversary of D-Day

## Legal Officer Receives Award For Pro Bono Services

By Lt. Col. (MD) Robert Hastings

A legal officer with the Maryland Defense Force has been recognized by the Maryland State Bar Association with the Brigadier General Philip Sherman Award, recognizing superior service by a civilian lawyer to uniformed service members May 28. Lt. Col. (MD) J. Michael Lawlor is the inaugural recipient of the award which was presented in a ceremony at the Towson Armory Tuesday.

An MDFF volunteer since November, 2003, Lawlor is the deputy director of the MDFF Legal Directorate and head of its family law department. Lawlor was recognized for providing more than 200 pro bono hours of direct support to National Guard Members and their Families, saving them thousands of dollars in legal fees. The MDFF Legal Directorate provides a broad range of pro bono legal support to members of the Maryland National Guard in times of pressing need.

"Mike Lawlor knows what to do, knows how to do it, and gets it done quickly, enabling Guardsmen to focus on their duties free of concern about their families and their future," said Col. (MD) Michael Osborn, director of the legal directorate. "Mike is a role model and inspiration to us all."

A native of Baltimore, Lawlor has 36 years experience as a solo practitioner. He is a graduate the Loyola College and the University of Baltimore School of Law, and a Vietnam veteran who has received numerous citations including the Bronze Star Medal, National Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with three battle stars and Vietnam Campaign Medal.



Governor Martin O'Malley June 4 joined President Obama, French President Sarkozy and British Prime Minister Brown in Normandy, France to participate in ceremonies commemorating the 65th anniversary of D-Day, and in particular, Maryland's historic role in the invasion.

The Governor is in Normandy as a guest of the 29th Infantry Division Association, which represents veterans who previously served in the 29th Infantry Division. The 29th Infantry Division was the only National Guard division to land on D-Day, and was comprised of units representing Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

Since his arrival yesterday, the Governor has attended commemoration ceremonies along Omaha Beach, including observances at the American cemetery at Coleville-sur-Mer, and the



these veterans have always been there for us through times of turmoil and tranquility, famine, flood and war, we as a people are committed to being there for them."

"Sixty-five years ago, our nation asked the impossible of a group of young Americans," said Brig. Gen. James A. Adkins, the adjutant general of Maryland. "They entered the continent of Europe on D-Day to free the oppressed from tyranny. Their efforts changed the course of world history, and they became known as our nation's greatest generation."

There were 288,000 Maryland men and women who served in World War II. Of these, 6,454 did not come home. Their names appear on Maryland's World War II Memorial near Annapolis and are honored by its visitors.

There are currently more than 280 Soldiers and Airmen deployed in Iraq, Afghanistan and Kosovo. There have been more than 8,449 Soldiers and Airmen from the Maryland National Guard mobilized and deployed since 9-11 for Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, Jump Start, and KFOR.

mentioned Maryland crabs.

"The last time I spoke to the 224th, I promised you crab cakes when you came home. We couldn't be happier to deliver on that promise for you and your families today," said Governor O'Malley.

"The support provided by Governor O'Malley and Lt. Governor Brown for the 224th Area Support Medical Company during our deployment in Iraq was greatly appreciated," said Captain Brad Hudson, commander of the 224th.



### Maryland's World War II Veterans honored in advance of the 65th Anniversary of D-Day.

"Our nation is built upon the generations of brave men and women who squared their shoulders against the forces of fear and tyranny so that we could continue to enjoy the blessings of this nation and our way of life," said Governor O'Malley. "Just as

**“Those guys are incredible. They’re the real deal. Unfortunately ... The time is running out to pay tribute and honor those guys. Whenever they show up it’s a real privilege.”**

1st Sgt. Paul Kitchen,  
1st Sgt of the 224th.

## Feast for the 224th Area Support Medical Company

Governor Martin O'Malley hosted a welcome home ceremony for the Maryland Army National Guard's 224th Area Support Medical Company which included a crab cake feast on the lawn at Government House in Annapolis. Maryland's WWII veterans are honored as well in a ceremony commemorating the 65th anniversary of D-Day.

"I couldn't think of a better way to celebrate Memorial Day – remembering not only the sacrifices that the men and women of our armed forces have made in every generation – but also the blessings that we're able to enjoy because of their dedication, service and commitment," said Governor O'Malley.

The 224th recently returned from a deployment in Iraq where they provided direct medical support, including retrieval and stabilization of wounded troops, immediate triage care, and pass-on care to medical-surgical teams. They also conducted basic dental, physiological, and psychological care.

The 224th deployed in March 2008 and returned in February 2009. In December, Governor O'Malley held a video teleconference with the soldiers where he wished the troops a happy holidays and made phone calls to all of their families. When asked what they missed most about home, many

# AIR GUARD OFFICER INDUCTED INTO MARYLAND WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME



**“I am honored to be considered in the company of so many fine Maryland women who have received this honor in the past.”**

— Brig. Gen. Allyson Solomon,  
Assistant adjutant general-Air

The Maryland Air National Guard announced that Brig. Gen. Allyson Solomon, assistant adjutant general-Air for the Maryland National Guard, was one of five distinguished women inducted into the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame on March 13 by the Maryland Commission on Women.

Solomon was honored during an induction ceremony held at the Miller Senate Office Building in Annapolis, Md.

“I am honored to be considered in the company of so many fine Maryland women who have received this honor in the past,” Solomon said.

Solomon was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Maryland Air National Guard in 1986. She has served in a variety of military assignments including commander of

the 175th Mission Support Flight; commander, 175th Mission Support Group and chief of the General Officer Management Office, National Guard Bureau.

Included among her honors and citations are the Meritorious Service Medal with three Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the State of Maryland Distinguished Service Cross and the State of Maryland Meritorious Service Medal.

Solomon holds a bachelor of arts degree from Loyola College of Maryland and a master of arts degree from Auburn University. She also is a graduate of the Air Command and Staff College and the Air War College.

The Maryland Commission for Women and Women Legislators of Maryland established the Mary-

land Women's Hall of Fame in 1985. Individuals are selected for induction through a process that begins with an annual statewide call for nominations. An all-volunteer selection committee reviews the applications and selects inductees.

The Maryland Air National Guard is comprised of Joint Force Headquarters in Baltimore, the 175th Wing at Warfield Air National Guard Base in Middle River, Md., and its two flying units and support staff – the 104th Fighter Squadron flies A-10C Thunderbolt II's and the 135th Airlift Group flies C-130J Hercules cargo aircraft. More than 1,600 full-time and traditional members are employed by the Maryland Air National Guard, contributing more than \$100 million annually to Maryland's economy.

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## State of Maryland signs Memorandum of Understanding with Republic of Estonia

Governor Martin O'Malley and Mr. Nicolai Vojeikin, deputy governor of the municipality of Harju County in the Republic of Estonia, signed a memorandum of understanding designed to encourage and strengthen cultural and social relationships between the state of Maryland and Harju County on May 18.

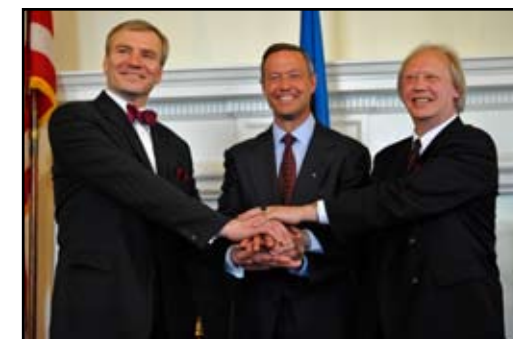
“This agreement is further affirmation of our long-standing partnership between the state of Maryland and the Republic of Estonia, and in particular, Harju County,” said Governor Martin O'Malley. “This memorandum of understanding provides us a tremendous opportunity to combine our respective rich knowledge and resources to further research in academia as well as our industrial and public sectors.”

The Maryland National Guard has partnered with the Republic of Estonia since 1993 through the State

Partnership Program, which was originally designed as outreach by the U.S. to new democracies in Eastern and Central Europe and the former Soviet Union.

The Maryland National Guard's relationship with the Estonian military has encompassed a wide range of military-to-military, military-to-civilian and civilian-to-civilian efforts with an emphasis on civil and military cooperation—all within the context of civilian control of a professional military. The Maryland Military Department also has shared best practices related to state emergency management processes, procedures and techniques through the Maryland Emergency Management Agency.

In 2003, Maryland was also selected to partner with Bosnia and Herzegovina as part of the State Partnership Program, in large part due to the state of Maryland's relationship with the Republic of Estonia.



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# Eyes on the Guard

## 32nd CST in Ft McHenry Tunnel



By Staff Sgt. Kristofer Baumgartner

Members of the Maryland National Guard's 32nd Civil Support Team respond to a training emergency April 30 involving an unknown chemical or biological agent inside the Fort McHenry Tunnel as part of a graded external evaluation.

## Beyond the Horizon



By Sgt. April Hawes

Soldiers from the 244th Engineer Company, work on a medical clinic renovation project in the Dominican Republic April 30. The project was part of Beyond the Horizon, a civic-action mission in the Dominican Republic.

## College Expo



By 1Lt. Kurt Rauschenberg

Command Sgt. Maj. Franklin J. Wright, Maryland Army National Guard command sergeant major, speaks with Strayer University representatives during the April College Expo hosted by the MDNG's Education Office, the expo included more than 40 institutions of higher learning.

## Army Night with the Baysox



Courtesy of the Bowie Baysox

The Bowie Baysox is hosted its annual "Army Night with the Baysox" to celebrate the 234th Army Birthday and the year of the Year of the Noncommissioned Officer. The Maryland Army National Guard honored the Year of the NCO by throwing out the ceremonial first pitch of the June 5 game against the Erie Seawolves.

## 56th Presidential Inauguration



By Spc. Thaddeus Harrington

The Maryland National Guard mobilized 1,200 citizen Soldiers and Airmen to support the 56th Presidential Inauguration for the 44th President, Barack Obama, Jan. 20. Soldiers from the 175th Infantry Regiment provide crowd-control help, assisting local authorities four blocks from the Capitol.

## Unity DAY



By Spc. Thaddeus Harrington

Unity Day is a combination of DoD ethnic events designed to enhance cross-cultural awareness and promote harmony among all members of the Maryland Guard. Unity Day, May, 7 2009, included displays, artifacts and food samples from the different groups with 22 different ethnic/cultural booths.



## GOVERNOR SIGNS MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE LEGISLATION

Governor Martin O'Malley signed legislation that removed antiquated references and modernized language pertaining to the Maryland Defense Force May 19. The bill clarified the status, roles and mission of the Maryland Defense Force.

"This all-volunteer uniformed military unit has experienced a dramatic evolution and has become a unit of professional and skilled personnel who serve the needs of the Maryland Military Department on a daily basis," said Governor O'Malley. "The accomplishments of the Maryland Defense Force are in keeping with my administration's continued emphasis on homeland security preparedness and public safety. They have proudly and successfully served the citizens of Maryland, and I'm happy to sign this legislation, which clarifies their status."

The MDDF, which was established in 1917 under Title 32 of the United States Code and authorization of the Maryland State Legislature, supports the Maryland Military Department by providing trained, competent and ready personnel with professional and technical skills that augment the Maryland National Guard in its state

mission and supports its mobilization to, and redeployment from, federal missions. The MDDF prepares for, and responds to, homeland security and civil emergencies by maintaining trained and ready personnel who can supplement the state's emergency management and first-responder resources, and strengthens Maryland's communities and families through service programs such as the 22-week in-residence Freestate ChalleNGe Academy for at-risk youth.

"I am tremendously proud of the accomplishments of the Maryland Defense Force, which has grown in the aftermath of 9/11 into a modern, professional, and respected organization which contributes to the success of the Maryland Military Department on a daily basis," said Brig. Gen. (MD) Courtney Wilson, commanding general, MDDF.

In 2005, during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the MDDF deployed more than 200 health care professionals to Louisiana. Once there, they established six health clinics and provided medical services to almost 7,000 people during their three-week tour of duty.

Additionally, MDDF medical personnel deployed on humanitarian as-

sistance missions with the Maryland Air National Guard in 2006 to provide health care to citizens of Bosnia & Herzegovina and in 2007 to the Rosebud Lakota Sioux Reservation in South Dakota

MDDF medical personnel also supported the National Guard's Post Deployment Health Reassessment Program by screening more than 900 National Guard Airmen and Soldiers redeploying from overseas operations this past year. More than 30 MDDF medical and mental health personnel have been trained to perform these in-depth evaluations so that MDNG Soldiers can obtain further medical treatment and support as required.

Cavalry Troop A, the MDDF's mounted ceremonial unit, represents the Maryland Military Department at a number of highly visible public events and parades across the state, while continuing to train to its secondary mission of providing mounted urban search & rescue.

MDDF's Engineer Corps completes annual detailed inspections of dozens of MDNG installations and armories across the state, assessing the material condition of critical infrastructure

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in order to program maintenance and repair dollars for modernization and refurbishment.

Chaplains from the MDDF are fully integrated into the MDNG Chaplain's Corps and provide a broad range of support throughout the year including spiritual counseling during unit training, deployment and redeployment activities, counseling for families of deployed Guard Members, and post-deployment stress counseling.

MDDF Financial and Legal Assistance teams continued to provide extensive pro-bono financial and legal counseling and assistance to members of the Maryland National Guard, providing support in particular to those deploying and their families.

MDDF is continuing to collaborate with the MDNG and MEMA in an initiative to increase efficiency in the utilization of Maryland's aviation assets and the control of airspace in the event of emergencies that involve extraordinary flight activity, such as a total closure of airspace like that which occurred following 9/11 to lesser contingencies and activities involving aviation assets.

MDDF volunteers assist in the screening of potential candidates and assist with induction activities for the Freestate ChalleNGe Academy, a National Guard sponsored initiative which provides at-risk youth an opportunity to reclaim their lives by developing values, skills, education and self-discipline necessary to succeed as adults.

In 2009, MDDF established a military band to provide musical support to the Maryland Military Department and MDNG, back up the 229th Army Band and support community activities for the state of Maryland as required.

## EXTENDED EDUCATION BENEFITS TO MEMBERS OF THE MARYLAND GUARD

Governor Martin O'Malley signed into law two bills which will affect higher education benefits of members of the Maryland National Guard May 7.

House Bill 1465, a departmental bill, authorizes the Maryland Military Department to provide tuition assistance for Guard members taking graduate, professional, vocational-technical and trade school courses at any University System of Maryland campus, any community college established under Title 16 of the Education Article, Morgan State University, or St. Mary's College.

The Governor also signed Senate Bill 373, which enables Maryland National Guard members, who live in a different state, to pay in-state tuition at Maryland state schools. Introduced by Senator Ulysses Currie, District 25 (Prince George's County), the legislation requires Guard members hold certain military occupational specialties to be eligible.

"These bills are essential recognition of the steadfast commitment of all Maryland National Guard members who serve this state," said Governor O'Malley. "What these bills demonstrate is that no matter where you live, the State of Maryland is committed to furthering the education goals of those serving in the Maryland National Guard."

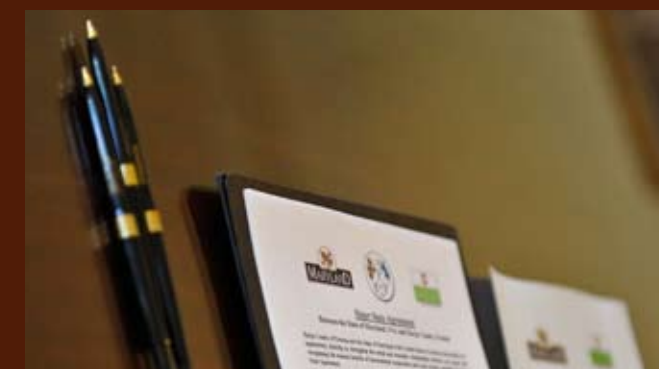
The new laws can affect a large number of Guard members, according to the Maryland National Guard Educa-



tion Office. Approximately 40 non-resident Maryland Guard members are attending Maryland public universities, and an estimated 450-500 Soldiers and Airmen are likely to pursue advanced degrees within the next three years. Enabling out-of-state Guard members to pay in-state tuition is especially significant. The current in-state tuition at the University of Maryland-College Park is \$8,005 per year compared with \$23,076 for non-residents. Both modifications provide new education opportunities for our Maryland Guard Members.

"This legislation will no doubt enhance our ability to recruit and retain Soldiers and Airmen and puts the Maryland National Guard on the same level playing field as other states which offer similar educational opportunities and benefits," said Brig. Gen. James A. Adkins, the Adjutant General for Maryland.

In short, these new laws will make college more affordable for more families.



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# HURRICANES & TROPICAL STORMS

## June 1 the Official Start of Hurricane Season

Many of the employees of the Maryland Military Department are classified as “Mission Essential,” which means that during an emergency, they could be summoned to duty to protect the lives and property of the citizens of Maryland. As we are approaching the Mid-Atlantic Hurricane season, it is important for all employees regardless of classification to prepare for the threats posed by hurricanes and tropical storms. The MDMILDEP Digest offers the following information to assist in the preparation for such storms.

June 1st is the start of Hurricane season for the Mid-Atlantic states. The official season lasts until the end of November.

Hurricanes and tropical storms are the most powerful storms that impact the planet. These storms are cyclones with tropical origins. When the winds of a tropical storm (winds of 39 to 73 miles per hour) reach a constant 74 miles per hour, it is called a hurricane. Both hurricanes and tropical storms are characterized by torrential rain, high winds and storm surges as the storms approach land.

More dangerous than the high winds is the storm surge...a dome of ocean water that can be as high as 20 feet at its peak and 50 to 100 miles wide. The surge can devastate coastal communities as it sweeps ashore.

Most of the deaths associated with cyclone-type storms are flood-related. Freshwater inland flooding is a common occurrence with hurricanes and tropical storms. Torrential rains can cause extensive urban and river flooding. In addition to flood and wind damage, hurricanes and tropical storms are known to cause mudslides, landslide and spawn thunderstorms and tornadoes.

Most people do not realize the threat of hurricanes, as each one is different. U.S. hurricanewarning systems have provided adequate time for people on barrier islands to move inland when hurricanes approach. Because of rapid population growth, it is becoming difficult to evacuate people from these coastal areas as the road networks have not kept pace with the expansion. The problem is exacerbated by the fact that 80 to 90 percent of the population living in hurricane-prone areas never experienced the “core” of a major hurricane and have a flawed perspective of a hurricane’s true damage potential. This leads to complacency and delayed actions on the part of residents that could cost lives.

The National Weather Service (NWS) is able to predict a target area for a hurricane or tropical storm within five days of landfall. This information is useful for emergency planning purposes even though the storm may change course, as it gets closer to land. The NWS issues Watches and warnings for areas where these storms are expected to come ashore as follows:

- o A Hurricane Watch is issued when there is a threat of hurricane conditions within 24 to 36 hours.
- o A Hurricane Warning is issued when hurricane conditions are expected within 24 hours or less.

### BEFORE THE HURRICANE OR TROPICAL STORM ARRIVES

- Develop a family disaster plan.
- Learn about your community’s risk from hurricanes... contact your local emergency management office, local National Weather Service office or the local American Red Cross chapter for more information. Information also is available from the Maryland Emer-

- gency Management Agency.
- Determine whether you live in an area prone to flooding during hurricanes or heavy rain...contact the local emergency management office or the local planning and zoning office.
- Consider purchasing flood insurance... you do not need to live in a flood plain to purchase flood insurance, and most homeowners insurance policies will not cover damage from floods. This insurance cannot be purchased at the last moment...flood insurance policies typically do not take effect until 30 days after the policy premium is paid. Make sure the policy covers both structure and contents.
- Ask about your community’s hurricane plan.

- Develop an evacuation plan...this should not be done at the last minute.
- If you own a boat, determine where you will secure it.
- Discuss your hurricane plans with your family.
- Elevate your home if it is located in a coastal area.
- Make a list of items to bring inside in the event of a storm.
- Keep trees and shrubbery trimmed.
- Remove any debris or loose items in your yard...they could become projectiles in a high wind.
- Clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts.
- Install permanent hurricane shutters on windows and doors...placing masking tape on windows to prevent breaking will not work.
- If you do not have permanent hurricane shutters, install anchors for plywood and pre-drill holes in pre-cut half-inch outdoor plywood boards so that you can cover your windows and doors quickly....most homes destroyed during hurricanes had no window protection as the wind entered the structure lifting the roof and collapsing the walls.
- Install protection to the outside areas of sliding glass doors.
- Well ahead of time, purchase other items needed to board up windows and protect your home.
- Strengthen garage doors.
- Turn the refrigerator and freezer to their coldest settings, and open only

- when absolutely necessary and close quickly. This will help keep perishables last longer in the event of a power failure. If you anticipate a long departure, remove food from your refrigerator that might spoil when electric power is lost.
- Have an engineer check your home and advise about ways to make the structure more resistant to hurricane winds.
- If you live in a flood plain or your home is prone to flooding, follow the flood preparedness precautions found on MEMA’s web site.
- If a Hurricane Watch is announced, make sure your gas tank is full.
- If you live in a manufactured home, check and reinforce the tie downs.

### DURING THE HURRICANE OR TROPICAL STORM

- Continue listening regularly to a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Weather Radio, or local radio or television for updated information.
- Listen to the advice of local officials and evacuate if they tell you to.
- If you are not advised to evacuate, stay indoors and stay away from windows, skylights and glass doors, even if they are covered.
- Close all interior doors...secure and brace external doors.
- Have a supply of flashlights and extra batteries handy.
- If power is lost, turn off major appliances to reduce the power surge when electrical power is restored.
- If you and your family are in a mobile home, check the tie downs and evacuate...most manufactured homes made prior to 1994 were not designed to withstand even moderate winds.
- Be aware that the calm eye of the storm is deceptive...the storm is not over.
- Watch out for flooding.
- Be alert for tornadoes.

**The Maryland Emergency Management Agency has published the Maryland Hurricane Preparedness Guide, which is available through its web site at [www.mema.state.md.us](http://www.mema.state.md.us).**

# LOGISTICS

More than 40 Maryland Army National Guard logisticians recently participated in a logistics training workshop at Camp Fretterd Military Reservation near Reisterstown, Md.

The workshop, conducted March 30-April 2, 2009 by the U.S. Army Materiel Command’s Logistics Support Activity team, was geared toward helping MDARNG logisticians update and hone their knowledge and skills.

“The National Guard is changing,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Franklin J. Wright, Maryland Army National Guard command sergeant major. “These are skills [logisticians] will need to be successful in the new military environment.”

LOGSA helps maintain and provides support for logistics data in support of weapon systems maintenance, readiness, supply, transportation, authorizations and in-transit visibility. Its goal is to support the successful strategic transformation of the Army and to provide readiness and sustainment support to the joint U.S. military force.

“This training is unique because we open it up to logisticians across the state,” said Sgt. Maj. Timothy E. Wittman, senior logistics NCO for the Maryland Army National Guard. “In the past, we’ve had (Department of the Army) civilians and (United States Property and Fiscal Office) employees who have come here and learned a lot.”

This training will be especially useful as the Maryland Army National Guard is currently in the process of exchanging its old vehicles and equipment for updated models at Havre de Grace Military Reservation.

The turnover is taking place gradually as older generation equipment such as HMMWVs, 2.5 ton and five ton trucks make way for up-armored HMMWVs and the Family of Medium



Tactical Vehicles, which includes the Light Medium Tactical Vehicle and the Medium Tactical vehicle.

The official homepage of the United States Army describes the FMTVs as rapidly deployable and built on a common chassis, which varies by mission requirements including local and line haul, unit mobility, unit resupply and other missions in combat, combat support and combat service support units.

The up-armored M1114 HMMWV weighs about 2,000 pounds more than the older generation M998 and is equipped with 200-pound steel-plated doors, steel plating under the cab and several layers of bonded, ballistic-resistant glass to replace zip-up plastic windows, according to the website.

“This type of complex equipment exchange requires that we be on top of our game from an organizational logistics standpoint, and our Soldiers and civilians across the state are well-trained for this,” said Wittman.

In addition to DA and USPFO civilians, workshop attendees included supply sergeants from units around the MDARNG at all levels from companies, battalions and major subordinate commands. Training topics included force, assets and authorizations, Army serial number tracking and maintenance.

The MDARNG’s Directorate of Logistics has a history of successful training and operations. In December 2007, it received the highest assessment level of “Green” for the first time ever in the Command Logistic Review Team – Expanded inspection, a major federal inspection which gauged the state’s logistical posture.

## Maryland Defense Force Band Honors America's Veterans On Memorial Day



By Cpl. (MD) Allison Hastings

The newly formed Maryland Defense Force (MMDF) Band played in two events honoring America's veterans this Memorial Day weekend. The Band provided ceremonial support for the dedication of Patriots Plaza in Towson and for the 20th Anniversary of the Maryland Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Baltimore.

In Towson on May 22nd, the band played at the dedication and renaming of the Towson Court Plaza; now known as Patriots Plaza. The dedication brought out many top officials, to include Brig. Gen. James Adkins, the adjutant general of Maryland, James Smith, the county executive for Baltimore County, as well as a number of veterans of the 29th Infantry Division.

On May 25th, the band performed at the 20th Anniversary of the Maryland Vietnam Veterans Memorial ceremony, which was attended by many veterans and their families as well as current political and military officials. Maryland's Governor Martin O'Malley spoke at the event honoring veterans along with Brig. Gen. (MD) Courtney Wilson, commander of the Maryland Defense Force and Brig. Gen. Allyson Solomon, Maryland's assistant adjutant general-Air.

"The men and women of the Maryland Defense Force are all tremendously proud to be part of these events honoring our fallen veterans and their families," said Brig. Gen. Wilson. "Our nation is indebted to those who have given the full measure in defense of our freedom."

The Defense Force Band is directed by Maj. (MD) Jari Villanueva. The band was first authorized late last year and was fully operational in March for their first performance at the Annual MDDF Muster. Currently, the band has 24 members and is seeking to expand to 40 members total in the coming months. Opportunities exist for any qualified MDDF members especially within the woodwind section.

"The Maryland Defense Force Band is honored to be part of the many ceremonies that recognize the great accomplishments of this nation's veterans," said Villanueva. "We stand ready to support the citizens of Maryland and our partners the Maryland National Guard wherever and whenever needed."



Maryland Military

## Maryland National Guard Civil Support Team assists U.S. Coast Guard in shipboard exercise



Members of the Maryland National Guard's 32nd Civil Support Team joined response units from the U.S. Coast Guard and the 31st Civil Support Team from Delaware in responding to a report of a simulated radiological device aboard the S.S. John Brown on May 28. The famed Liberty Ship S.S. John Brown is moored at the Clinton Street Terminal in Baltimore.

"In this scenario, the Coast Guard received credible intelligence about a radiological source aboard the S.S. John Brown," said Lt. Col. Paul Kastner, commander of the 32nd CST. "The ship was so large, that we were requested to assist the Coast Guard in the search. Once we arrived at the scene, we realized that the ship was larger than our expectations and we requested assistance from the Delaware's CST."

The 32nd CST, weapons of mass destruction, is a highly specialized unit that supports local authorities by responding to situations involving potential use of WMD. The CST's mission is to assess the incident consequences and to identify chemical, biological, or radiological sources or agents. The CST advises civilian responders on appropriate actions through on-site testing, expert consultation and facilitate the arrival of additional state and federal military forces and responders.

The unit is composed of 22 full-time members of the Maryland National Guard, and their skills encompass 14 military occupational specialties. The unit consists of six sections: command, operations, administration, logistics, medical/analytics and survey. Each section uses state of the art equipment to provide support to the first responder community.

Under the terms of a Memorandum of Agreement between the U.S. Coast Guard and the Maryland National Guard, the two agencies agreed to conduct joint exercises in order to share expertise.

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# Cade Armory's drill floor, dedicated to 1st Sgt. Lloyd R. Scott, Sr.

**“Some of the Soldiers didn’t have someone who cared about them. . . . They didn’t have someone to look up to, a mentor, or someone who would take time to focus their attention in the right direction, and he would do that. He’d take that time.”**

-- Brig. Gen. Edward H. Ballard, (Ret.)



The drill floor at the Melvin H. Cade Armory in Baltimore was dedicated to 1st Sgt. Lloyd R. Scott, Sr., during a ceremony May 30. Scott enlisted as a private at the end of World War II and was ordered to active duty to serve in Korea with the 231st Transportation Truck Battalion – now the 229th Main Support Battalion. Scott worked at Cade Armory from 1960 until his retirement in 1986 with 41 years and five months of military service.

He joined the Army Sept. 7, 1945, and was assigned to the 231st which began as an African-American independent city militia company in Baltimore in February 1879. The militia companies were patriotic social clubs made up of officers and enlisted who competed in military drills. The unit called itself “The Monumental City Guards” and was accepted as an

infantry company in 1882 into the Maryland National Guard. It was re-designated the 1st Separate Company.

In 1946, the all African-American unit was reorganized and federally recognized as the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 231st Transportation Corps Truck Battalion and was responsible for three truck companies. on Aug. 19, 1950, the 231st was mobilized to serve in Korea. The 231st was the only Maryland National Guard unit ordered to active duty to support the Korean War.

“We are here to honor a truly outstanding Soldier. A Soldier as strong as the steel and blocks that make this building strong. A Soldier who served our country and our state at a time when that dedication and loyalty may not have been fully understood or appreciated by some in our nation. Not all of 1st Sgt. Scott’s battles were on

the battlefields of Korea,” said Brig. Gen. James A. Adkins, the adjutant general of Maryland.

A few years after his 1951 discharge, Scott re-enlisted in the 231st as the battalion truck master, moving on to become an admin supply technician when the 231st was re-designated the 229th Supply and Transportation Battalion.

“I had no idea that they had planned that event so beautifully for him,” said Effie G. Scott. “That was his love; he loved the military.”

Lloyd and Effie were married for 58 years before his death in 2005. They raised 15 children. Many would join the U.S. Army, Air Force and Navy.

“He worked hard, but he never brought his work home. When he came home, he came home to me and his family,” said Effie G. Scott.

## Soldier and NCO of the Year

By Staff Sgt. Kristofer Baumgartner

The Maryland Army National Guard named its Soldier and Noncommissioned Officer of the Year following a competition at Camp Fretterd Military Reservation near Reisterstown, Md.

Pfc. Karl Kunze, representing the 29th Combat Aviation Brigade, was awarded Soldier of the Year honors, while Sgt. Brandon Kennedy, 58th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, won the NCO of the Year title at the competition held April 25-26, 2009.

“These Soldiers represent the essence of the warrior spirit,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Franklin J. Wright, Maryland Army National Guard command sergeant major. “They set the bar extraordinarily high and can inspire others to follow in their footsteps.”

The MDARNG developed and implemented its own competition

to determine who moves on to the regional board in May at Fort Pickett, Va., and then on to the national level at Fort Benning, Ga. if they are successful at the regional competition.

This year’s competition was very different from previous years, said Wright. Soldiers used to appear before a board of senior NCOs and answer military-related questions. The person who answered the most questions correctly was generally the winner, he said.

The familiar formal board was a large part of the competition, but this year’s contest also tested the Soldiers on the Army Physical Fitness

Test, rifle qualification, land navigation, first aid, chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and high yield explosive tasks, communication skills, knowledge of defensive measures and a 3-mile road march carrying a 35-pound ruck sack.

The MDARNG’s goal was to train the Soldiers as realistically as possible by duplicating the national competition’s requirements, which will include Army hand-to-hand combatives, a 12-mile ruck march and combat in an urban environment clearing a room in close quarters in addition to the events at the state level.

Each Soldier selected a mentor from his unit to help coach and guide the Soldier’s preparation. “What I hope they look for in a mentor is someone with experience that can motivate and challenge the competitors to achieve greatness,” said Wright. “...someone that is competent at each task that can raise the competitor’s level of knowledge.”

By Spc. Thaddeus Harrington

# Final Frame



An Airman from the 175th Wing demonstrates the capabilities of an A-10C Thunderbolt II in a simulated patrol over Baghdad, during media day at Warfield Air Base on March 4.