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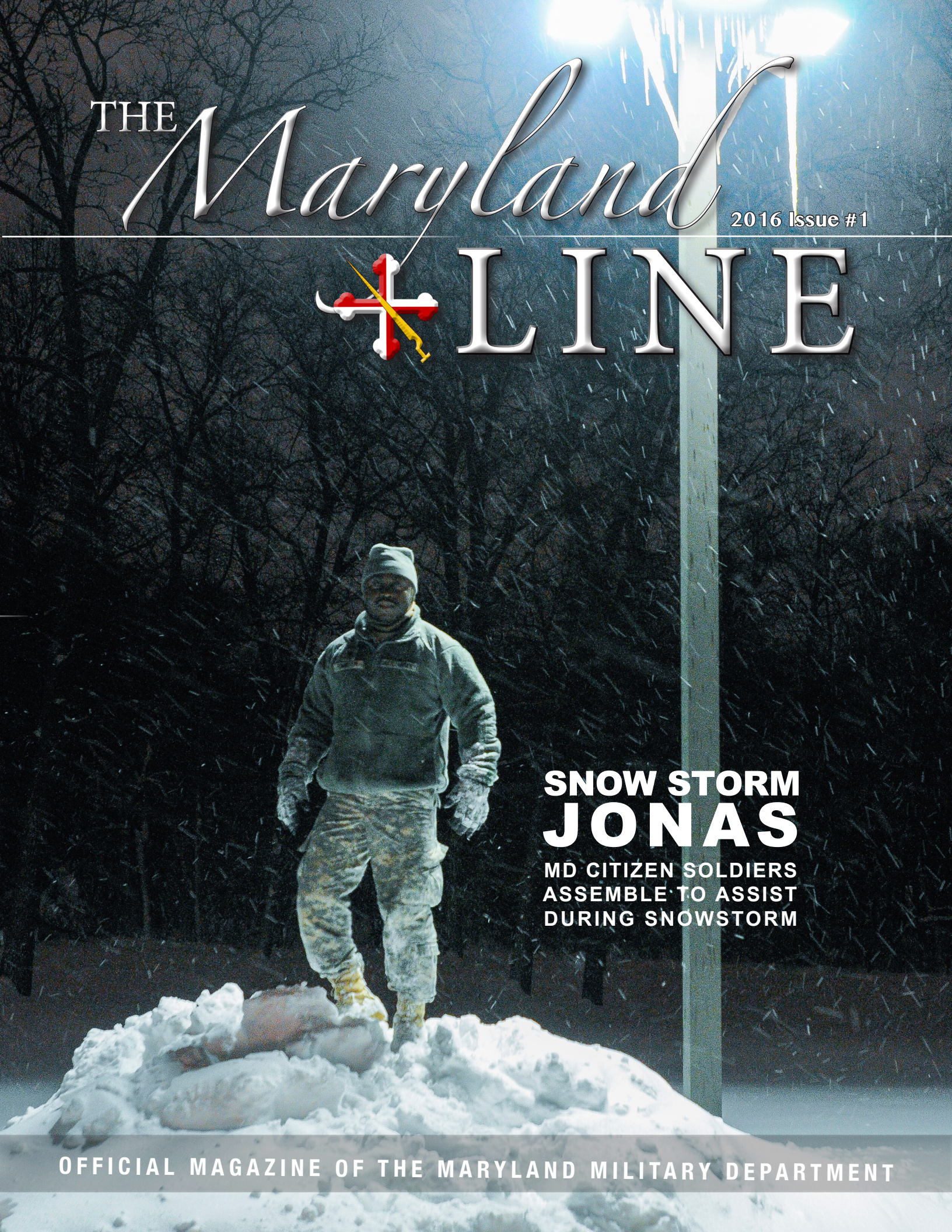

SNOW STORM JONAS

MD CITIZEN SOLDIERS ASSEMBLE TO ASSIST DURING SNOWSTORM

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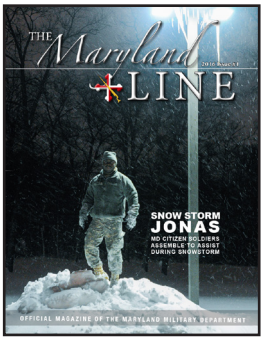

Spc Eugene Fominyen, with F Co., 128th Brigade Support Battalion, stands on a pile of snow after completing a mission assisting 1st responders during Snow Storm Jonas (Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Mitch Miller, 29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment)

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TO: All members of the Maryland National Guard

SUBJECT: Winter Storm Jonas

On behalf of Governor Larry Hogan, our state, local officials, and the citizens of Maryland, I would like to thank you for your service during the recent record-breaking Snow Storm Jonas. Approximately 700 service members of the Maryland National Guard were activated for the state of emergency. With more than 200 vehicles, you deployed quickly to assist our neighbors in their time of need. The storm was devastating for some, but there is no doubt your efforts saved lives and eased suffering. You made it possible so the state and local first responders could do their jobs.

You have always stepped up to answer the call from our state and our nation since 1634. You have fought in the nation's wars and responded to emergencies and disasters around the world even in our own community. You are well trained, equipped, and motivated to assist our fellow citizens in times of distress. You represent the best of Maryland, and I am proud you are part of our team.

Once again, I would like to thank you and your families for your service, professionalism, and commitment.

Respectfully,

LINDA L. SINGH
Major General, MDARNG
The Adjutant General

SNOW STORM JONAS

Approximately 700 service members of the Maryland National Guard were activated to provide support to civil authorities during Maryland's recent state of emergency.

The Maryland Guard positioned personnel and equipment at readiness centers throughout Maryland to support missions.

"The Maryland National Guard is a member of the community and the ability for us to respond has never been better," said Maj. Gen. Linda Singh, the adjutant general of Maryland. "No one agency or level of government can do it alone, we are a team effort. A fully equipped Guard is critical in providing the essential capabilities needed to respond to and mitigate emergencies."

In previous snowstorms, the Maryland Guard has assisted stranded motorists, worked with local law enforcement and firefighters with transportation and evacuation, distribution of supplies and search and rescue.

In 2010, during "Snowmageddon," a Maryland National Guard soldier helped deliver a baby. The largest weather related activation for the Maryland National Guard was for Hurricane Sandy in 2012 when more than 800 service members and 200 pieces of equipment were deployed.

More recently, more than 3,200 service members from units throughout the Maryland Guard helped local law enforcement keep the peace in Baltimore during Operation Baltimore Rally. That marked the first time in nearly 50 years that the Maryland Guard mobilized for civil disturbance operations within state.

The Maryland National Guard receives its missions through the Maryland Emergency Management Agency to assist state and local emergency response organizations so they can do their jobs. The National Guard always stands ready to support the governor and citizens of Maryland.

- Maj. Gen. Linda L. Singh,
The Adjutant General of Maryland

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MEALS

4,615
Hot Meals
Served

1,094
MRE's
Issued

MAINTENANCE AND RECOVERY

33 Maintenance/
Recovery Missions
1,717 Miles Driven

The Maryland Military Department's snapshot reflecting all costs and reinbursement items for Snow Storm Jonas from Jan. 22-26, 2016.

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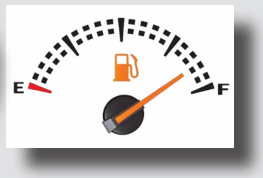
EQUIPMENT

210 Pieces of Equipment utilized

MILES

51,816 Miles Driven



5,901 Gallons Of Fuel

COST ROLLUP

Meals (including MRE's): $49,503.49

Mileage: $120,455.59

Fuel: $18,820.11

Vehicle Repairs: $29,747.63

Grand Total $218,526.82

NMENT PSHOT

SOCIAL MEDIA

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144+ LIKES 40+ SHARES
27,925+ PEOPLE REACHED

Judy Chidester Loftus Stay safe ..thank you all for your service. !

Like · Reply · Message · January 24 at 7:16am

Sandra Miller Good Morning Maryland National Guard! Thank You To All For being There To Help Wherever Needed....It Means Alot And Very Appreciated. Take Care And Be Safe. We Love You All..

Like · Reply · Message · 1 · January 24 at 6:37am

"The Maryland National Guard will also be on standby to handle any issue..."
-Governor Larry Hogan

241+ LIKES 178+ SHARES
56,825 PEOPLE REACHED

Alton Jones go Minutemen...
Like · Reply · Message · January 23 at 1:23pm

#CitizenSoldiers helping EMS save lives, one shovelful at a time

144+ LIKES 19+ SHARES
7,149+ PEOPLE REACHED

Franciska Post Thank You for all the help!!! Not just in this snowstorms but always everywhere!!! Be Safe!!
Like · Reply · Message · January 25 at 2:18pm

Service members working with local first responders rescued a stranded resident

191+ LIKES 47+ SHARES
15,851+ PEOPLE REACHED

Tracie Paullin Thank you so much for all you do! Thank you for coming to our rescue yesterday on Maple Creek Ln in Davidsonville, when my husband needed to go to the hospital. I don't know what we would have done without you. God bless you!
Like · Reply · Message · 1 · January 24 at 12:20pm

Bryan Fischer Props to The Maryland Defense Force!!!!
Like · Reply · Message · 1 · January 24 at 5:35pm · Edited

Command Sgt. Maj. Craig Willett, command sergeant major for the 58th Troop Command, assisted a stranded motorist on I-95

160+ LIKES 18+ SHARES
9,152+ PEOPLE REACHED

Sha Morz Doing what comes naturally for him, helping others.
Like · Reply · Message · 1 · January 26 at 6:58am

By Spc. Brianna Kearney,
29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

SOLDIER

- Spc Paul Pinder,
F Co., 128th Brigade Support Battalion

"when my son gets here, I can tell him about how I helped somebody and he'll be proud of his dad"

CARRIES MAN TO SAFETY

During the height of winter storm Jonas, as inches upon inches of snow fell, soldiers across the state of Maryland were in place and ready to help out the communities and people endangered by the blizzard. Spc. Paul Pinder, of F Co., 128th Brigade Support Battalion, was activated and deployed with members of his unit to support the Maryland State Police Department. Their role was to assist the police during emergency calls by enabling them to reach the residents of Maryland.

At home, Pinder's girlfriend is eight months pregnant, but he came out with his unit because, "I wanted to help people," Pinder said.

One of the calls that came into the police department was an older man who lost heat and power in his house. He was requesting help to get him from his house to his son's house.

Pinder was in charge of the mission.

When he got to the street the man lived on, he realized it had not been plowed at all. The Humvee would have difficulties traveling down this particular street. Placing the mission first, Pinder trekked through the deep snow and found his way to the man's house.

"He flagged me down with a light," Pinder said. "I went up to him and he was shivering, so I gave him my cap, gloves, and jacket to stay warm."

The man was unable to walk through the unplowed street. Pinder then decided to carry the man from his house to the vehicle. They were trying to stay positive through the storm together.

"We were encouraging each other the whole walk down," Pinder said.

Pinder completed this mission by helping the man safely get to his son's house. He said it made coming out in the storm worth it to help people stay safe and better the communities of Maryland.

"Maybe when my son gets here, I can tell him about how I helped somebody and he'll be proud of his dad," Pinder said.

Military Occupational Speciality

MOS SPOTLIGHT

91B

WHEELED VEHICLE MECHANIC

Design by Staff Sgt. Michael Davis Jr.,
29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Thaddeus Harrington,
Maryland National Guard Public Affairs Office

OVERVIEW

The wheeled vehicle mechanic is primarily responsible for supervising and performing maintenance and recovery operations on wheeled vehicles and associated items, as well as heavy-wheeled vehicles and select armored vehicles.

JOB DUTIES

- Maintain wheeled vehicles, their associated trailers and material handling equipment systems
- Inspecting, servicing, maintaining, repairing,
- replacement, adjusting and testing of wheeled vehicles and material handling equipment systems, subsystems and components
- Service automotive electrical systems including wiring harness, and starting and charging systems
- Perform wheeled vehicle recovery operations

TRAINING

Job training for a wheeled vehicle mechanic requires 10 weeks of Basic Combat Training and 13 weeks of Advanced Individual Training with on-the-job instructions. Part of this time is spent in the classroom and part in the field.

REQUIRED ASVAB

Mechanical Maintenance (MM) : 92
OR
Mechanical Maintenance (MM) : 87, General Technical (GT) : 85

HELPFUL SKILLS

Interest in auto mechanics and the industrial arts. Enjoy physical work. Troubleshooting and repairing mechanical problems. Interest in automotive engines and how they work.

- Sgt Phillip Gilmore,
Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic

"after taking the ASVAB, they offered me any job I wanted and right off the bad I was like 'I want to be a mechanic.'"

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FUTURE CIVILIAN CAREERS

The skills you learn will help prepare you for a career with service stations, auto dealers, farm equipment companies and state highway agencies. You'll be able to pursue a career as a garage mechanic, carburetor mechanic, transmission mechanic, radiator mechanic, construction equipment mechanic or endless track vehicle mechanic.

TROOPER of the QUARTER

Story by Staff Sgt. Michael E. Davis Jr.,
29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Photos by Sgt. 1st Class
Thaddeus Harrington
Maryland National Guard
Public Affairs Detachment

Q&A

The Maryland National Guard takes great pleasure in recognizing its citizen soldiers and airmen who stand out in their military and civilian careers. This quarter, the MDNG would like to highlight Senior Airman Robin L. Brown for her professionalism as a base service specialist with the Maryland Air National Guard. She also has a love for roller derby and is a member of a group that brings joy to hospitalized children through cosplay.

Senior Airman. ROBIN L. BROWN

Guard Status:
Affiliation: Maryland Air National Guard
Unit: 175th Force Support Squadron
Air Force Specialty Code: 3MOX1 - services
Years of service: 4

Citizen Status:
Hobbies: roller derby, cosplay
Affiliation: D.C. cosplay group
Education: some college

Q&A

Q: Why did you join the Maryland Air National Guard?

A: Well, my dad was prior service. He was in the Marines and the Air Force. Also, at that time, I wasn't really doing anything with my life. It was pretty much just my son and I. I was a stay-at-home mom and I thought joining would be a great opportunity for me.

I've always liked the Air Force. I wanted to stay local and close to my family. So, a friend told me about the Air National Guard. I've lived here [Baltimore] my whole life and never knew we had an Air Guard base. It seemed to fit perfectly into what I was looking for.

Q: What is your job in the Air Guard?

A: I work full time as a base service specialist at Warfield Air National Guard Base. I cook, provide lodging, conduct physical fitness, and provide mortuary support. We are pretty flexible in services. I love my job. I've learned so much in such a short time here. I also enjoy the fact that it's not always the same thing day to day.

Q: What do you do during drill weekend?

A: I'm part of the fitness staff. I coordinate all physical fitness tests, I manage the fitness improvement program, I can bring in a nutritionist to provide information to the all of the Airmen.

Q: What do you do when you're not serving? Do you have any hobbies?

A: Yes, I enjoy participating in cosplay. It gives me a chance to bring my favorite characters to life, with my added inspiration. Cosplays is a fun family activity.

We all work on costumes and then we go show them off at conventions.

My son likes cosplay as well. I never go to an event without him. It's definitely a way I can bond with him.

The group that I'm in is based out of D.C. and it's mixed with photographers and actual cosplayers. Every month we try to do two or three meet ups, whether we meet in a park to take photos or at an organized event, like at a children's hospital. The theme at the hospital, which is coming up in a few weeks, is Marvel super heroes. So I have to come in a Marvel super hero costume, take pictures with the kids and just act like that character. So, cosplay is not just a group of people coming together and dressing up as a character, we have an agenda and a purpose to why we dress up.

Q&A

Q: What did you do before you joined the Maryland Air National Guard?

A: Before I joined the military I did roller derby. I don't do it anymore, but I still love it. I loved the independence in it. We did everything ourselves. We built our own floors. We secured our own practice place. We raised our own money. I've always loved it, and it was fun. You get to meet a lot of different people. I've played against people from all over the world. I got to travel with the team. I got to play on the biggest derby stage ever. I went to nationals and we were ranked 13th in the world. I was a jammer, so my job was to score as many points as possible.

Q: Do you feel you've learned a few skills from playing roller derby that you've applied in the Maryland Guard?

A: Yes, definitely understanding different personalities and different walks of life. My roller derby experience really helped me with dealing with that in the military. When I went to boot camp I was 24, so I was one of the older ones in my flight. A lot of younger girls didn't grasp the concept like, 'hey, this is serious, it's about the team,' and stuff like that. So, I got a nickname – I was called 'mama Brown.'

Q: Do you consider yourself a serious person when it comes to performing your job duties in the Maryland Air National Guard?

A: Definitely. I do a lot of fitness and everybody knows that fitness is a big deal in the Air Guard, especially if your career is based on it. It could make it or break it. So, I have to remember that I'm in this job for a reason and I have to do it to the best of my abilities.

Q&A

On the LINE

Command Chief Master Sergeant Michele L. Vogel selected as the next MDANG State Command Chief

Command Chief Master Sergeant Michele L. Vogel has been selected as the next MDANG State Command Chief. She is also currently the 175th Wing Command Chief and has served in the MDANG for more than 26 years. Please congratulate Chief Vogel as she transitions to this important position serving as a key enlisted advocate and advisor to the TAG-Air.

Chaplain O'Grady Award - 2016

Maryland Military Department chaplains, chaplain candidates, and assistants concluded their annual training conference and presented the Order of Chaplain (Capt.) Eugene P. O'Grady Award at Camp Fretterd Military Reservation near Reisterstown, Md., Feb. 2, 2016.

Maryland Guard at War Episode 1

Brave Marylanders brought courage to the fight against the British in at the Battle of Long Island. (By Staff Sgt. John Higgins, 29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment)

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175th Airmen participate in blood drive

Airmen from the 175th Wing participated in a much-needed blood drive donation for their community, Jan 28, 2016. "This year's blood drive was held in the Red Cross mobile bus, which can accommodate over 40 donors for the entire day," said Tech Sgt. Stephanie M. Feldhausen, a medical technician from the 175th Medical Group, who was the base coordinator for this project. The event yielded 30 pints of blood.

Office call: From Japan to Maryland

Maj. Gen. Linda L. Singh, the adjutant general of Maryland, and Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas B. Beyard, senior enlisted leader, Maryland National Guard, pose with Col. (Japan) Masashi Yamamoto (middle), armor, Japan Ground Self Defense Force, and Lt. Col. (Japan) Tomohiro Okubo (left), assistant defense and military attache, Embassy of Japan in the United States of America, before an office call at the 5th Regiment Armory Jan. 20, 2016.

Since Japan doesn't have an organization like the National Guard, Yamamoto and Okubo wanted to meet with Singh to get an understanding of how a reserve component of a larger armed forces works.

Military Appreciation Basketball Game

Towson University hosted a Military Appreciation men's basketball game with a special pre-game recognition for Maj. Robert J. Marchanti. The Marchanti family and Maryland National Guard leadership were present as the arena recognized the service and sacrifice of Maj. Marchanti. The Jan. 16, 2015, game began with the posting of the colors, the singing of the National Anthem by Sgt. Joey Odoms, and the rappelling of the game ball.

Job fair at Military Intelligence Battalion

Maryland State Police; higher learning institutions like Anne Arundel Community College and Capitol Technology University; and contractors like CACI, Force Protection Inc., Cohere Technology Group, Bullet Consulting, PCI Strategic Management, and Cleared Connections were present to speak with soldiers.

TAG host leadership seminar

Maj. Gen. Linda L. Singh, the Adjutant General of Maryland, hosted a Senior Leadership Seminar at the Warfield Air National Guard Base in Baltimore, Md. Jan. 10, 2016.

The Operational Support Airlift, Detachment 13 gets a tast of home while deployed

Members of the Operational Support Airlift, Detachment 13, 29th Combat Aviation Brigade, welcomed the New Year with home cooking sent by A Taste of Home and prepared by HoneyBaked Ham and Café. The detachment is in the middle of a nine-month deployment to Kuwait. They are tasked with moving personnel and equipment throughout southwest Asia in support of military operations in that area. The detachment works with a flight detachment from Florida and they have executed over 300 missions.

Freestate Challenge

Class #45

Graduation Ceremony

The Maryland National Guard Freestate Challenge Academy held their course completion ceremony for the 22-week residency phase for 107 cadets of class #45 at the Aberdeen Proving Ground's post theater on Dec. 12, 2015.

The Academy is a two-phased 17-month intervention program for underemployed, drug-free, "at-risk" high school dropouts from the state of Maryland between 16-18 years of age. Following graduation from the resident phase, the cadets are mentored for an additional 12 months, during which time they are placed into jobs, continue their higher education, or vocational trades training or enter the military.

"Whether you realize it or not, you have turned a major corner on this journey called life," said Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford the keynote speaker to the cadets. "You have been exposed to things and learned lessons of life that will keep you in good stead for the rest of your lives if you have the discipline to observe them."

The mission of the Academy is to intervene in and reclaim the lives of at-risk youth and to produce graduates with the values, skills, education and self-discipline needed to succeed as adults.

The students were brought into a structured and highly disciplined quasi-military academic setting that builds confidence and self-esteem to become productive and contributing members of our society. Cadets attend academic classes to prepare them for the test for the General Education Development (GED) credential and Maryland High School Diploma. The program is currently funded by National Guard Bureau and the State of Maryland (75/25 percent split).

This year marked the 22nd anniversary of the program and has been another extremely successful year for the academy. More than 4,000 cadets have graduated since the Academy's beginning in 1993.

- Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford,
Keynote Speaker

“Whether you realize it or not, you have turned a major corner on this journey called life.”

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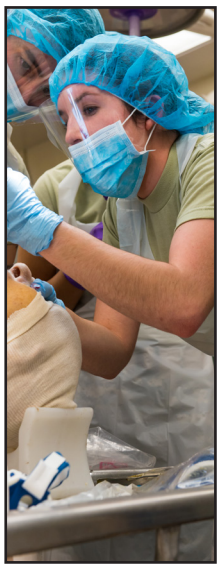
An insightful story of one young lady’s journey from Guandong, China, to Maryland and the steps she is taking to overcome adversity. Bilan Montgomery is a recent graduate of Maryland Freestate ChalleNGe Academy Class #45. This story delves into her journey from an orphanage in China to graduation day from the ChalleNGe Academy. The Academy offers at-risk youth a second chance to create their future. (Video by Staff Sgt. Ron Lee, 29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment)

By Spc. Brianna Kearney,
29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

MEDICS PRACTICE IMMEDIATE CARE PROCEDURES ON CADAVERS, LEARNING TO SAVE HUMAN LIVES

After finding black and white marks throughout the cadaver's internal organs, service members discuss whether this could have been an indication of cancer.

Service members wore protective medical equipment to reduce their exposure to formaldehyde, which is a known carcinogenic and has the ability to cause respiratory reactions, skin irritation, nausea and other health hazards.



The 104th Area Support Medical Company, Maryland Army National Guard, and members of the 175th Medical Group, Maryland Air National Guard, conducted immediate care training on human cadavers at the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore on Feb 6, 2016.

A service member examines a port after removing it from a cadaver's chest. The use of a port reduces the number of injection sites a patient will need during lengthy medical procedures, such as when receiving chemotherapy.

Healthcare specialists practice laceration repairs on a cadaver. Sutures – or stitches – can be made using different types of thread, such as catgut, silk or a synthetic-like nylon.

Final Frame

By Unit Public Affairs Representative

Lt. Gov. Boyd K. Rutherford climbs into a light medium tacticle vehicle at the Dundalk Armory while visiting Maryland National Guard service members during the activation of Snow Storm Jonas.