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ENLISTED ADVISOR

asset to the senior enlisted advisor position,” said Adkins. “Over the decades, he has helped shape the Maryland National Guard into the great organization it is today.”

Hart graduated from Perry Hall High School in 1973 and joined the Maryland Air National Guard in 1974 as communication specialist. Since then, he has served in a variety of military leadership assignments including crew chief, section supervisor, flight chief and his current position as the Maryland Air National Guard state command chief, where he advises Brig Gen Allyson Solomon, assistant adjutant general-Air, on enlisted airman issues.

His many military decorations include the Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Award, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with one silver and one bronze oak leaf cluster, Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with one silver and three bronze oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal with bronze star, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with gold border. Additionally, Hart received the Air Force Crew Chief of the Year Award in 1995 and the Outstanding Wing Safety Initiative Award in 2000.

Maryland National Guard Public Affairs

Maj. Gen. James A. Adkins, adjutant general of Maryland, announced the appointment of a new senior enlisted advisor for the Maryland National Guard on June 5, 2013.

Chief Master Sgt. Glenn D. Hart will replace Command Sgt. Maj. Brian Sann as the state’s most senior enlisted service member. Sann will retire later this summer after more than 30 years of service in the Maryland Army National Guard.

Hart brings 39 years of military experience in the Maryland

Air National Guard to the top position. His nearly four decades of service include deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism serving as the maintenance supervisor of a 31-person logistics support team for the first-ever United States Air Force C 130J deployment to Southwest Asia in 2004. In May 2006, he deployed to the United States Central Command area of operations, serving as maintenance supervisor for the 747th Aircraft Maintenance Unit and 379th Air Expeditionary Wing.

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Partnership builds Community Starting with the kitchen

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



By Staff Sgt. Thaddeus Harrington
Maryland National Guard Public Affairs

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

“It’s a good opportunity for us to do work in the community,” said Pfc. Keith Sims, a 244th interior electrician with seven years of experience. “It’s good training for Soldiers who don’t have the experience as some of us who do this in the civilian world.”

The mayor’s office identified numerous fire stations with substandard kitchens that could be refurbished as part of the training partnership. The



chosen unit — Engine 45 — is a historic fixture in its community, having served the Mount Washington area since 1951.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The 10 vertical engineers were a mix of experienced and inexperienced Soldiers. Vertical engineers typically provide the construction required in the development of base camps. They also construct, repair and maintain other facilities and infrastructure as required.

“I’m proud of them,” said Sgt. Nathan Schaffer, a squad leader in the 244th. “Just watching



how much they've evolved from a year ago, and now they're doing kitchens."

This project gave leaders the opportunity to lead not just a small team of single trades but project management, added Schaffer. "A leader has to know how to keep track of plumbers, electricians and carpenters, working all three into a scenario so that they aren't bumping into each other all day."



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

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





EMPLOYER SUPPORT OF THE GUARD AND RESERVE BOSSLIFT TO PAX RIVER

Lt. Col. Charles Kohler
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The Maryland Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve committee hosted a Bosslift June 6, 2013, for 17 employers, who had the opportunity to visit members of the Guard during their annual training at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Md.

The Soldiers are with Company A, 1st Detachment, 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment, a Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle unit headquartered at Webster Field in Southern Maryland. The TUAS is designed as a Brigade Commander's primary day/night reconnaissance, surveillance, target acquisition, and battle damage assessment system and

improves situational awareness of action on the ground. The Soldiers operate and maintain the Shadow 200 aircraft, a relatively new system fielded around the world manufactured by AAI Corporation in Hunt Valley, Md.

"This is a great opportunity for the employers to see how the military operates," said Maj. Gen. James A. Adkins, the adjutant general of Maryland. "Employers gain a new appreciation for commitment and dedication it takes to serve."

The detachment was formed in 2003 and, deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004 where they accumulated more than 1,600 flight hours in theater. The Soldiers deployed again in June of 2011 to support Operation Enduring Freedom in Helmand Province, Afghanistan where they supported several Marine units and achieved close to 2,500 flight hours. During this deployment there were several 'firsts' such as: over the horizon target lasing for precision munitions, UAV footage that led to a 4,000 lb. drug bust, joint TUAS operations between the Army and Marine Corps

ESGR was established in 1972 as a Department of Defense organization to promote cooperation and understanding between reserve component members (National Guard and Reserve) and their civilian employers and to assist in the resolution of conflicts arising from an employee's military commitment.



SWEET JEWISH NEW YEAR

Staff Sgt. Thaddeus Harrington
Maryland National Guard Public Affairs Office

Shutdown on September 4 marks the beginning of the Jewish New Year Rosh Hashanah. Maryland Defense Force Chaplain (Capt.) Chesky Tenenbaum, the first bearded defense force chaplain of any state, held a pre-Rosh Hashanah service for Maryland Guard Service members at the Fifth Regiment Armory on Sept. 3, 2013.

Translated from Hebrew as “Head of the Year,” Rosh Hashanah celebrates the anniversary of mankind’s creation.

“I became a chaplain in 2007 and met many Soldiers and Jewish Soldiers that were part of the National Guard and state guard (Defense Force,)” said Tenenbaum

who is also an associate rabbi at the Chabad of Park Heights in Baltimore.

“There is definitely a need for Jewish services in the state guard and National Guard.”

Soldiers present for the service learned more about Jewish customs, prayers, and religious symbols. Tenenbaum blew the shofar, a ram’s horn,

which is blown 100 times and shared honey cake. The festive meal includes a fruit, the first night is an apple dipped in honey symbolic

of asking for a sweet new year.

Tenenbaum started the Jewish Uniformed Service Association of Maryland, which outreaches to Jewish men and women in law enforcement, fire rescue and military.

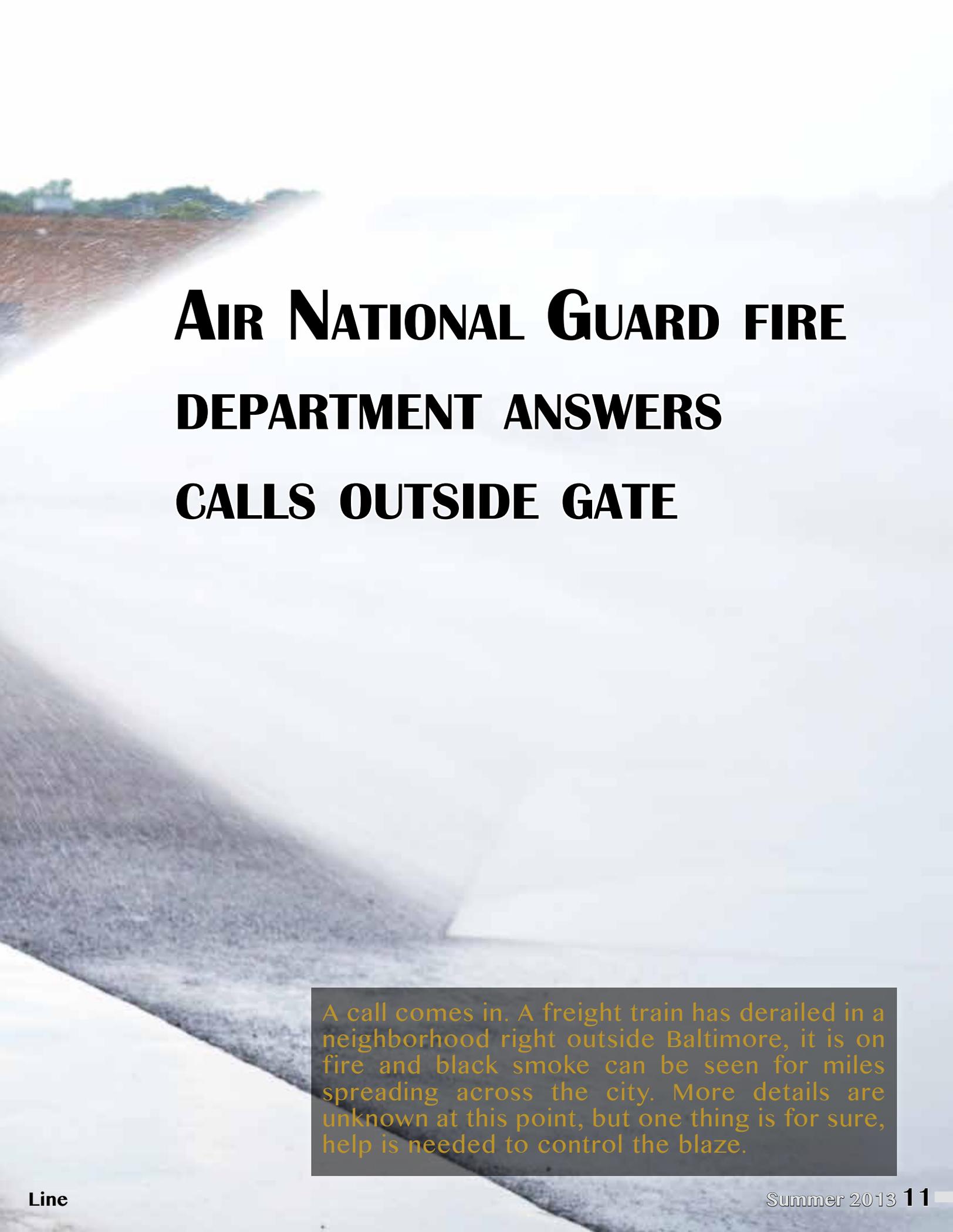
“Serving those who serve us,” he mentioned is the organization’s motto.

The New Year begins a series of holidays, the next of which is the holiest day of the year Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. The eve of Yom Kippur is Friday, Sept. 13. It includes an early morning service, festive meals and generous charity. The day of Yom Kippur is a 25-hour fast from sundown to the following nightfall with religious service throughout the day.

“I would like to wish all the Jewish members of the Maryland Guard and the Maryland Defense Force a happy, healthy and sweet new year,” said Tenenbaum.







AIR NATIONAL GUARD FIRE DEPARTMENT ANSWERS CALLS OUTSIDE GATE

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Members of the Maryland Air National Guard's 175th Fire and Emergency Services with the Martin State Airport Crash Fire Rescue Station at Warfield Air National Guard Base in Middle River, Md., answered that call May 28, along with first responders from across the county.

These firefighters were ready within a moment's notice and did their part to help suppress the towering fire, explained Senior Master Sgt. Wayne Viands, 175th Fire and Emergency Services fire chief.

The firefighters were ready to risk their own lives in order to keep the surrounding community safe, and this wasn't the first time they've responded to emergencies taking place outside their gate.

"We have a good working relationship with the Baltimore County Fire Department, as well as the surrounding volunteer departments, and we respond to provide support to them whenever called to do so," said Viands. "Not long ago, we were called to a truck accident in the community, and using the 'jaws of life,' extricated the driver who was trapped inside."

This relationship is due to a mutual aid agreement with Baltimore County, which allows them to request help during times of crisis, said Staff Sgt. Michael Dowling, a lieutenant with the fire station. The Martin State Airport Crash Fire Rescue Station's jurisdiction includes the Warfield Air National Guard Base, as well as Martin State Airport, but if the county calls, these firefighters are ready to respond.

Additional incidents that the fire department members have responded to in the local community include other vehicle crashes and fires, as

well as medical calls at Martin State Airport and even a carbon monoxide leak. Not all the requests for

support are emergencies, though. They have also participated in parades in the local area with their fire trucks, explained Dowling.

He added that this relationship with the local authorities has been building for some time now, and

the surrounding agencies are beginning to understand the capabilities that the Air National Guard members can bring to an incident, such as vehicles that can go through difficult terrain and highly trained personnel.

"This department has grown a lot in three years. It's expanded," said Dowling. "The past couple years, we've been communicating better, and that's why we've been getting more calls off-base."

While the fire department may be answering more calls in the surrounding communities, they also work to protect their fellow service members and respond to emergencies on-base on a regular basis. These incidents have mostly been medical calls and have ranged from heat and cold injuries, to falls and cuts, explained Dowling.

Additionally, the members of the 175th Fire and Emergency Services also fulfill their obligation to their country and are prepared to deploy in support of ongoing wartime contingencies, as well as natural disasters, said Viands. More than 10 firefighters recently deployed overseas, and in the past, firefighters supported Hurricane Katrina, to assist with humanitarian relief. They also remain current in their training to perform search and rescue operations in areas affected by natural and manmade disasters such as tornados, hurricanes, earthquakes or terrorist events.



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All of the members of the fire department are required to be part of the Maryland Air National Guard and fulfill their one-weekend-a-month obligation to the military, but full-time members serve as civilians working as state employees.

“You don’t have to be a firefighter in the military to be a part of the fire department, you just have to be a member of the Maryland Air National Guard,” explained Dowling, who works with the emergency management office here on military training weekends.

No matter what unit the firefighters work in for the military, if they want to be able to serve as a firefighter, even in a civilian capacity, they still have to be able to pass the training.

“Once they are a member of the Maryland National Guard, they will be sent to the Louis F. Garland [Department of Defense] Fire Academy at Goodfellow, Air Force Base for 14 weeks to receive very rigorous and physically demanding firefighting training,” said Viands.

These firefighters are trained and ready to engage in fire suppression, rescue and other emergency or humanitarian operations when called upon to do so by the Maryland National Guard, the state of Maryland and the United States of America, added Viands.

The firefighters provide this support on and off base out of a state-of-the-art facility that was officially opened during a ribbon-cutting ceremony Jan. 19, 2012. The previous station was more than 40 years old with cracks in the walls, a leaking roof, lack of adequate training and office space and was too small to house all of the fire trucks and additional equipment. The new fire station is capable

of housing eight pieces of firefighting equipment, has a 40-person classroom, a high-tech dispatch center and 21,000 square feet of space for the firefighters.

“This new facility is incredible, especially when compared to the small, outdated facility that these [service members] were operating out of a short time ago,” said Viands. “It has provided the department with the needed space and tools to more effectively and efficiently do their job.”

One thing is for sure, if there is an emergency in the local community, members of the Martin State Airport Crash Fire Rescue Station are always ready for the call.



SOLDIERS ‘DE-SLIME’ DURING TRAINING

Maryland National Guard Public Affairs



A specialized Maryland Army National Guard chemical unit honed their skills during a Sept. 8 training exercise at Gunpowder Military Reservation near Glen Arm, Md.

Soldiers from the 231st Chemical Company, based in Greenbelt, Md., built upon their successes from this summer’s two-week annual training by conducting a multi-faceted mission that included the unit’s reconnaissance and decontamination capabilities.

“Training exercises like these are especially relevant given the recent events in Syria and the continued threat here in the National Capital Region,” said 1st Lt. Kristofer Baumgartner, commander of the 231st Chemical Company. “It’s extremely important that we keep these skills sharp.”



The training scenario began with a report of the possible use of chemical weapons in a nearby village. The 231st then sprang into action developing a plan to enter the potentially contaminated area, determine if hazardous chemicals were there and decontaminate themselves and their equipment.

After inspecting their equipment including M40 and M42 Field Protective Masks and the Joint Service Lightweight Integrated Suit Technology protective outer garments, the unit set up an extensive, 5-station decontamination point away from the contaminated area.

“We don’t send in the reconnaissance platoon without the decontamination platoons set up to ‘de-slime’ them,” said 1st Lt. Stephen James, decontamination platoon leader.



The unit’s reconnaissance platoon soldiers put on their protective gear, posted security around the area and entered the village. Using both chemical and radiation detecting equipment, the platoon methodically covered every square foot of the site and determined that hazardous chemicals were present. The soldiers then took samples of the substances and moved to the decontamination stations to clean themselves and their equipment, which was considered “dirty” by virtue of operating in the vicinity of chemical weapons.

According to Sgt. Kenneth Powell, a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear specialist with the 231st, the contaminated vehicles typically move through five stations where soldiers spray them down, scrub them and stage them for further transportation. The contaminated soldiers move to a separate area to remove their protective clothing and decontaminate their bodies.

The unit successfully completed the mission and returned to the armory, already planning future exercises to increase its efficiency and capabilities.

“I’m excited to expand our training locations and build our experience level” said Baumgartner. “We never know when or where we may be called for a real-world situation.”

AVIATORS STAY AFLOAT DURING WATER SURVIVAL TRAINING



Sgt. Aimee Fujikawa
29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Pilots, flight engineers and crew chiefs took advantage of the final days of summer and went from the hangar to the pool for shallow water training. Maryland Army National Guard flight crews participated in Survival Egress Air training Aug. 28, 2013, at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Edgewood Area, military base pool near Edgewood, Md.

Each aviator practiced underwater techniques to simulate escaping from a submerged aircraft. Participants securely fasten their safety harness, then the crewmember signals the instructors a “thumbs-up” when ready. The chair starts to churn, then is flipped over on its side until it is capsized. Trainers hold the frame stable while the underwater egress is in progress.

The exercise is similar to the Humvee Egress Assistance Trainer and intentionally causes passengers to become disoriented. The SEA also incorporates using a breathing apparatus.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Erik Clark, Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 169th Aviation Regiment (Medical Evacuation) said, “The most difficult part of this exercise is keeping reference. Being under water upside down is always the tricky part.”

While it is uncommon for aviators to conduct training in water, this exercise is critically important to each individual’s survival and escape from an emergency water landing.

“They don’t get to do this on a normal basis, so we try to do it annually,” said SEA Instructor, Chief Warrant Officer 5 David Eppler, Headquarters and Headquarters Co. 29th Combat Aviation Brigade.



Missions over water require additional gear, making the safe exit of a sinking aircraft more difficult.

Once the crewmember is free, he or she ascends from the aircraft, and inflates water wings, which are flotation devices integrated with their gear. According to Eppler, the water wings will maintain positive buoyancy, even with the weight of their flight gear.

“This training is a confidence builder. All new aviators will have received this training one time before they leave [flight] school, but it’s one of those things that by actually doing it, you’ll feel secure that your gear will work when you go out there,” said Eppler.

Clarke, who had completed this exercise twice before, said, “It’s something you want to do periodically to stay fresh on emergency procedures. It puts what might happen in your mind, and you’re thinking about it prior to any mission over water.”

“Safety is a priority, and for this training, it is mandatory that we have a lifeguard on station and two instructors in the pool at all times,” Eppler said.

Instructors submerge with the crewmember, maintaining a watchful eye and ensuring that each participant follows the proper procedures.

Eppler added, “One hand must remain in contact with the airframe until they actually leave the aircraft, and the training harness is equipped with quick release pull that disengages the harness.”

The day’s training consisted of three sessions, with a maximum of 10 attendees per session. This training is mandatory for Weide facility personnel flying on over-water missions and there will be additional training for those who were unable to attend.

On the +LINE

This Saturday, July 27, in Washington the nation celebrated the signing of the 60th anniversary of the Korean War Armistice; veterans from one Marylander National Guard unit had a front row seat. The 231st Transportation Truck Battalion from Baltimore made history while serving in Korea, often called "The Forgotten War," that broke out in June 1950 and one month later, they were called to active duty. The 231st was a segregated at the time and became first National Guard unit in Korea.



The Maryland National Guard held a change of responsibility ceremony welcoming the organization's first senior enlisted leader from the Air National Guard, July 10, 2013, at Camp Fretterd Military Reservation near Reisterstown, Md. The ceremony formally acknowledged the departure of Command Sgt. Maj. Brian Sann and introduced Command Chief Master Sgt. Glenn Hart, as the new SEL. The ceremony included the exchange of the noncommissioned officer sword. Although no longer standard issue for Service members, the sword is a symbol of the authority of the NCO. The SEL serves as the principle enlisted advisor to the adjutant general. This includes enforcing standards, developing policies on enlisted matters and making recommendations to improve the quality of life for Maryland National Guard Soldiers, Airmen and their Families. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Thaddeus Harrington, Maryland National Guard Public Affairs Office.)



The Puerto Rico National Guard hosted the 2nd Platoon, 253rd Engineer Company (Sapper) from La Plata, Maryland, to train at Camp Santiago Joint Maneuver Training Center in Salinas, Puerto Rico, for their Annual Training, July 13-27. As part of their training, Individual Movement Techniques were instructed in order to sharpen their skills for combat operations at the obstacle course. The 253rd was sponsored by the PRNG 1013th Engineer Company (Sapper) to conduct their AT and get current on the latest combat training techniques. The mountainous terrain of Camp Santiago and the all-year-round warm weather make Camp Santiago the ideal training site for any unit scheduled for deployment. (National Guard photo by Sgt. Wilma Orozco Fanfán, PRARNG-113th MPAD)



The Maryland Army National Guard held a deployment ceremony July 14, 2013, at the Melvin H. Cade Armory in Baltimore for the 1229th Transportation Company. More than 200 members of the unit will be serving in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The unit will head to Fort Hood, Texas for training prior to deploying to Afghanistan. The 1229th was the first Maryland Guard transportation unit to deploy to Iraq and is scheduled to be among the last few units in Afghanistan. (Photo by Sgt. Edwin Gray, Mobile Public Affairs Detachment)



Maryland Army National Guard Soldiers from the 231st Chemical Company traveled to Camp Dawson, W. Va. June 1-15 to conduct annual training. More than 60 Citizen Soldiers from the specialized Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) response training unit, located in Greenbelt, Md., spent the two-week training period conducting chemical search operations. Realistic training scenarios required Soldiers to confirm or deny the presence of chemical contaminants and then set up and conduct detailed equipment decontamination.



The Baltimore Ravens once again held a Military Appreciation Day during an open practice on Sunday, Aug., 11, at M&T Bank Stadium and reserved 3,500 seats for service members and their families. Members of the Maryland National Guard were on hand to help distribute give-a-ways and many had the opportunity for autographs and a close-up look at the players as they work through a preseason practice. "We've got great respect for the military," coach John Harbaugh said. "We just really feel strongly about who the heroes are in our country. We understand that the freedom we enjoy to make all of our dreams come true -- the American Dream -- is made real by the sacrifices that are made by the American heroes in our military all over the world." Harbaugh has long been an advocate of the military and has incorporated Military Appreciation Day since his arrival to Baltimore in 2008.



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



Soldiers from Charlie Troop, 1st Squadron, 158th Cavalry Regiment, Maryland Army National Guard, prepare to jump from two UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters during paradrop and aerial movement operations at Chute Drop Zone on Fort Drum, N.Y., Aug. 10-12, 2013. Combined arms training events like this help to increase the unit's knowledge of Army operations.

DROP ZONE TRAINING



Six parachutists land safely on the drop zone after exiting from one of two UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters flown by pilots from Charlie Company, 2-224th Assault Helicopter Battalion, 29th Combat Aviation Brigade during an exercise at Fort Drum, N.Y., Aug. 10-12, 2013.



TO AFGHANISTAN

Late at night on Sept. 4, members of the Maryland Army National Guard's 1229th Transportation Company from Baltimore departed for Afghanistan from Fort Hood, Texas. The company is expected to be among the last sent to the war-torn nation as the U.S. military prepares to complete its withdrawal by the end of 2014.

The company's history goes back to 1879, when a group of local African-Americans residents formed a militia called the Monumental City Guard. The unit, which became part of the Maryland National Guard in 1882, saw action in both World Wars and the Korean War. The unit was called to federal service in 2003 for Operation Iraqi Freedom and helped clear roads after Hurricane Sandy in western Maryland on state active duty.

WARRANT OFFICER MUSTER

The Maryland Army National Guard conducted their first ever Warrant Officer muster in a town hall style meeting on Sep. 7, at 29th Division Hall at Camp Fretterd Military Reservation in Reisterstown.

Warrant Officers make up less than three percent of the MDARNG and serve in unique positions at all levels of command. Many Warrant Officers work independently from each other and do not have the opportunity to interact with members of their own branch outside of their command.

"Many of you will see dramatic changes in our military over the next few years, like we haven't seen in more than seventy years," said Maj. Gen. James A. Adkins, the adjutant general of Maryland. "You have a vital role in our organization. You need to be mentors to our young Officers and NCOs."

The muster gave the officers the opportunity to share information, interact with each other, and develop professional relationships. The intent is to help enhance overall readiness within the Warrant Officer cohort. They discussed personnel readiness which included personnel policies, records, evaluations, DA photos, retirement points, MOS qualifications and many other topics.

"I am very proud of all our contributions to the Maryland National Guard," said Chief Warrant Officer 5 Ed Rose, Command Chief Warrant Officer. "The last couple of years we have made tremendous progress in all areas. This muster will give us the opportunity to share some of our best practices."



POST-SEPTEMBER 11TH MOBILIZATION DISPLAY

The Maryland National Guard celebrated the opening of the post-September 11th mobilization display in the Maryland Museum of Military History June 27, 2013, at the Fifth Regiment Armory in Baltimore.

Family and friends along with current and past members of the Guard toured the museum that featured artifacts donated from the various recent mission and conflicts since 9/11.

"The impact of 9/11 was immense on the Maryland National Guard and our historic role in the defense of America," said Maj. Gen. James A. Adkins, the adjutant general of Maryland. "Overnight the National Guard went from a strategic reserve to an operational force. Since 9/11 we have deployed more than 10,600 Soldiers and Airmen in support of every major operation at home and abroad. We have a beautiful collection here from all the deployments."

One of the mannequins on display was the likeness of Staff Sgt. Michael J. McMullen, who was posthumously awarded the Silver Star for gallantry for the events on December 24, 2005, while serving in Iraq with the 243rd Engineer Company of the Maryland Army National Guard.

"This is a happy day for me to see my son's image, and to know that he will be remembered," said Dave McMullen, father of Michael. "This is also sad, it brings us back to the last time we said good-bye."

The Maryland National Guard has a distinguished history. Maryland Soldiers held the line and protected General Washington's Army in 1776 at the battle of Long Island. Just after the attack on the Pentagon, the Maryland Guard rushed members of the military policemen there to protect the site. Guard Chaplains provided spiritual support during the recovery effort. Maryland Soldiers helped manage the air space around the Pentagon with their air traffic controllers.

The Maryland Guard has traversed the rugged mountains of Afghanistan in search of the world's most wanted terrorists, traveled IED-laden roads in Iraq, guarded prisoners in Guantanamo Bay, flew close air support mission for troops in contact with the enemy and conducted emergency resupply during combat operations. Maryland Soldiers and Airmen have refurbished schools for children in Bosnia, provided medical help to those who needed it most in Senegal and the Dominican Republic, and helped keep a precious peace in Kosovo and the Sinai and supporting humanitarian efforts in the Horn of Africa.

Marylanders everywhere can take great pride in the men and women of the Guard who time and again answer the call to service overseas. All during these overseas deployments they have been able to respond to the needs of the Governor here at home. The Guard has also taken care of their neighbors at home during back-to-back blizzards and ice storms that crippled the region. They were also called for the flooding and extreme snow and ice from Hurricane Sandy.

The museum is open to the public; visitors are encouraged to call to schedule an appointment due to limited staffing and hours of operation. The phone number is 410-576-1496 or visit the website at <http://www.marylandmilitaryhistory.org/>



For the third year in a row, the Maryland Army National Guard sponsored the grand Prix of Baltimore over the Labor Day weekend in and around the downtown area.

According to official race press releases, the third-annual Grand Prix of Baltimore is one of only two events in the United States to feature the IZOD IndyCar Series and the American Le Mans Series in the same weekend. The IZOD IndyCar Series runs 75 laps around the Grand Prix's 12-turn, two-mile street course adjacent to the Inner Harbor in downtown Baltimore. The ALMS race is a timed competition, with the team completing the most laps in 2 hours and 45 minutes winning the event.

Partnered with Panther Racing since 2008, the National Guard is the only branch of the U.S. Armed Forces currently represent-

ed on the domestic Grand Prix circuit. This partnership is one of several National Guard Bureau campaigns to make the American public more aware of the Guard.

National Guard Panther Racing driver Oriol Servia's late penalty left the team with a 12th-place finish.

Race officials also recognized Sgt. Delvon Anderson, a supply sergeant with the 29th Combat Aviation Brigade as the "Hometown Hero."

Anderson and several other service members also had the chance to ride in a two-seater IndyCar twisting around the 2-mile track at speeds topping 120 miles per hour.

"It was an awesome experience," said Anderson.

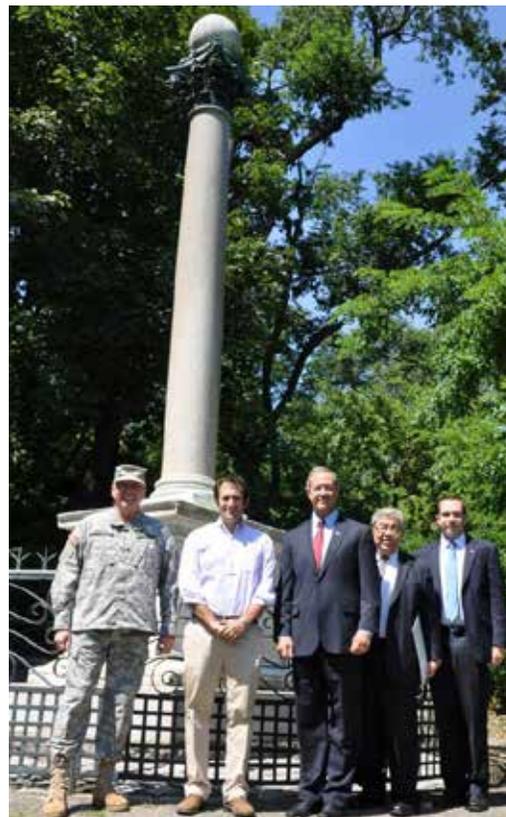
WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY FOR MARYLAND'S FALLEN WARRIORS



Friends, family and colleagues gathered at the Fallen Warrior Memorial Saturday, September 8, for an annual wreath-laying ceremony in honor of the Maryland National Guard Warriors who paid the ultimate price defending freedom. Twelve Citizen Soldiers, whose names are inscribed on the memorial, were remembered in today's ceremony at the Camp Fretterd Military Reservation.



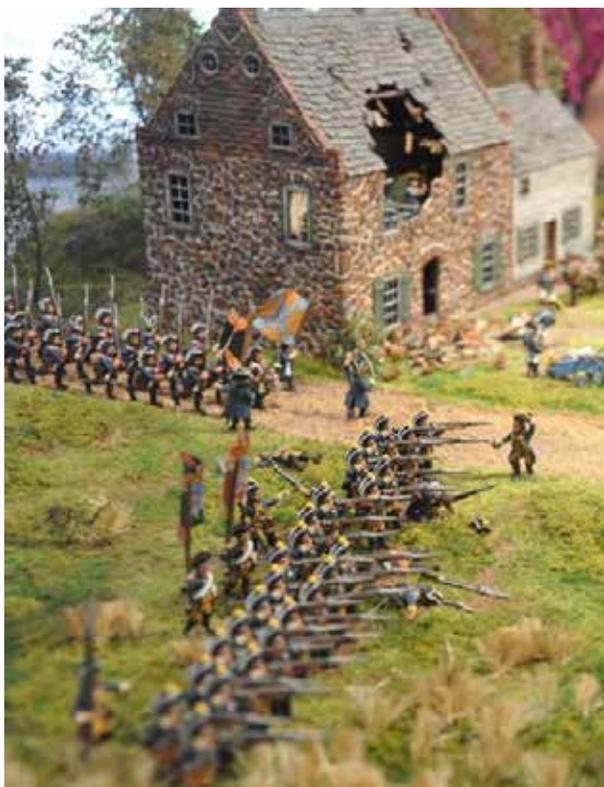
THE MARYLAND 400



Governor Martin O'Malley was the keynote speaker on Sunday, Aug., 25, at the Green-Wood Cemetery in New York at the 237th anniversary celebration of the American Revolution, the Battle of Brooklyn 1776.

The Governor visited significant locations in Brooklyn made famous by the "Maryland 400" who sacrificed themselves to save Gen. George Washington and the Continental Army from annihilation by superior British forces.

The first stop was at the reconstructed Old Stone House in Brooklyn, the site of much of the fighting for the "Maryland 400". The house has a permanent exhibit that explains the battle. Then the Governor visited the American Legion Post 1636 a potential mass grave site



of 256 of the heroic Soldiers from Maryland. After that, he saw the Maryland Monument in Prospect Park that commemorates the bravery of the Maryland 400.

The Governor also visited with Senate President Mike Miller, Commissioners Kelly and Robinson of Charles County, and representatives from the 29th Division Association and 175th Infantry Regiment Association who traveled to Brooklyn for the commemoration.



MARYLAND GUARD PREPARES FOR HURRICANE SEASON RESPONSE

By Capt. Kurt Rauschenberg
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Hurricane season has begun with severe forecasts requiring the Maryland National Guard to take immediate awareness and preparedness measures.

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Photo by Lt. Col. Charles Kohler
Maryland National Guard public affairs officer

Through recent exercises, the Maryland Joint Directorate of Military Support has been working to plan for the expected busy hurricane season. The JDOMS is comprised of Maryland National Guard general staff members working with local, state and federal civilians, contractors and non-government officials. The directorate provides military support to civilian authorities in response to requests for assistance during major disasters, such as hurricanes.

“Our level of preparedness, during a hurricane or any emergency requiring the Guard’s resources, must always be at its highest,” said Brig. Gen. Linda Singh, director of the joint staff. “We will

answer the call to help our neighbors during these catastrophic events.”

The Maryland National Guard joint staff recently conducted tabletop exercises and simulated scenario training for a hurricane disaster using an Emergency Management Staff Trainer software application. Through discussion-based planning of roles and responsibilities during the hurricane event and then putting the discussion to work in a simulated training environment, Maryland military support forces can better prepare themselves.

The EMST is a single- or multi-player simulation-based exercise system geared toward professionals who are responsible for mitigating consequences during an emergency. The Maryland National Guard uses this resource to assist with refining planning measures currently in place to provide requests for assistance.

As the hurricane season continues, the National Guard will remain vigilant and prepared to help Marylanders plan for and recover from any disaster. Always ready always there.

MARYLAND GUARD RECOGNIZED FOR EMPLOYEES' GENEROSITY

Maryland National Guard Public Affairs

The Maryland National Guard recently received accolades for its participation in the annual Chesapeake Bay Area Combined Federal Campaign charity drive.

Maryland National Guard State Equal Employment Manager Maj. Gay Williams received coordinator of the year honors, which the CFC awards to an individual who shows exceptional inspiration and leadership in the adoption of new best practices.

“Receiving the Coordinator



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of the Year award on behalf of the Maryland National Guard was a great honor,” said Williams. “This award would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of the CFC Key Workers, who help explain the CFC and encourage employee participation in the program.”

Additionally, largely due to Williams’ hard work and that of other volunteers, the Maryland National Guard raised the most money for the medium agency sub-group in 2011. The \$67,142 outpaced the next-highest

agency by more than \$7,500.

“Maj. Williams deserves significant praise for her tireless efforts,” said Maj. Gen. James A. Adkins, adjutant general of Maryland. “Our success in the CFC speaks volumes as to the generous nature of our employees and the nature of the Maryland National Guard in helping our neighbors in any situation.”

The CFC is the only authorized solicitation of federal employees in their workplace on behalf of approved charitable organizations. The CFC

coordinates the fund-raising efforts of various charitable organizations so that the federal donor would only be solicited once, annually, in the workplace and have the opportunity to make charitable contributions through payroll deduction.

“The Maryland National Guard is a recognized pillar of the community,” said Williams. “It is important that we contribute to improving the quality of life in the communities of which our Soldiers, civilian employees and their families are a part.



Maryland military police help protect and defend

By 2nd Lt. Jessica C. Donnelly
29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

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

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

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

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

Once the trial was under way, the duties expanded to more law enforcement tasks including assisting post MPs in identifying and ticketing drivers using cellphones while operating a vehicle, seat belt enforcement, responding to domestic violence and sexual assault incidents, directing traffic during an installation run and even assisting when a vehicle rolled over, added Capt. Toriono Davis, 29th MP Co. commander.

The unit was originally scheduled to perform its annual training at Bethany Beach, Del., conducting United States Army Military Police School requirements for military police training, but instead took the opportunity for a real-world mission.

“You can’t fully mimic this experience and exposure just through training,” said Davis. “They are learning how 24-hour operations work. It gives them a better idea of what it’s like to work in law enforcement.”

He added that working at Fort Meade gave the soldiers the opportunity to work in a joint environment - interacting with military members from other services, military dependents and civilians. It also gave them the chance to build relationships with their active duty counterparts and learn from each other.

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Maryland Guard officer promoted to brigadier general

Maj. Gen. James A. Adkins, the adjutant general of Maryland, promoted Linda Singh to the rank of brigadier general in a ceremony at the Fifth Regiment Armory June 15.

Singh currently serves as director, Maryland National Guard joint staff. She recently returned from a deployment as chief, current operations, Afghan National Security Forces with the 29th Infantry Division Headquarters.

“Gen. Singh is a superb leader who commands the respect of her colleagues and those who have served and continue to serve under her,” said Adkins.

Next assistant adjutant general for the Maryland Army National Guard

Maryland National Guard Public Affairs

BALTIMORE (August 8, 2013) - Governor Martin O’Malley today announced the appointment of Brig. Gen. Linda Singh as the next assistant adjutant general for the Maryland Army National Guard. Singh will replace Brig. Gen. Peter Hinz, who will retire from state service on Sept. 30, 2013.

“I am honored to appoint Brig. Gen. Singh as the assistant adjutant general-Army,” said O’Malley. “She is an extremely effective leader with the drive to take the Maryland Army National Guard to new heights and keep the organization among the best in the nation.”

This is an historic appointment as Singh becomes the first female and the first African American to command the Maryland Army National Guard.

Singh currently serves as director, Maryland National Guard joint staff. She recently returned from a deployment to Afghanistan as chief, current operations, Afghan National Security Forces with the 29th Infantry Division Headquarters.

“I want to thank Gen. Hinz for his years of dedicated service to the Maryland National Guard,” said

Maj. Gen. James A. Adkins, adjutant general of Maryland. “He will be passing the torch to another superb commander in Gen. Singh.”

Singh was an enlisted Soldier for 11 years and earned her commission through the Maryland Army National Guard Officer Candidate School in 1991. She has served in every level of command from the company through regimental levels. In addition to her deployment to Afghanistan, from September 2011-July 2012, Singh also served as assistant chief of staff for logistics for the 29th ID in Kosovo from July 2006-October 2007.

In her civilian career, Singh is a managing director with Accenture Federal Services, a major consulting corporation, working in the public safety portfolio. She has more than 20 years of experience in implementing large systems, but she also works on developing new client relationships and business opportunities.

Her military decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with two bronze oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Component Achieve-



ment Medal with one silver and two bronze oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal with one bronze service star, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with silver hourglass Device and M Device, and the NATO Medal (second award).

The Maryland Military Department is comprised of the Maryland Army and Air National Guard, the Maryland Emergency Management Agency and the Maryland Defense Force. Since 9/11 more than

10,600 citizen-Soldiers and Airmen have been called to serve on active duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn, Operation Enduring Freedom and the relief efforts for many natural disasters across the country. The Military Department consists of more than 7,000 National Guard members, Defense Force volunteers and civilian employees, contributing more than \$380 million annually to Maryland's economy.



ARMY'S TOP ENLISTED GUARDSMEN

Maryland National Guard Public Affairs Office

Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas Beyard will serve as the next Maryland Army National Guard Command Sergeant Major. He replaces Command Sgt. Maj. Leroy Hill, who will retire at the end of the month after a stellar career of nearly 30 years of service to the citizens of the United States and the state of Maryland. Command Sgt. Maj. Beyard currently serves as Command Sergeant Major of the 29th Combat Aviation Brigade, based at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Edgewood Area, Md., a job he has held since 2008.

Beyard enlisted in U.S. Army Reserve in 1982 and joined the 357th Transportation Company in Greencastle, Pa. He completed Basic Combat Training at Ft. Dix, N. J. in 1982. In 1983, he completed Advanced Individual Training at Ft. Rucker, Ala., graduating as a utility helicopter repairer. In 1997, Beyard enlisted in the Maryland Army National Guard. His military career spans over 31 years of service, almost all in Army Aviation.

Beyard deployed twice to the Middle East between 2006 and 2012 in support of the Global War on Terror and ongoing military operations. From 2011 to 2012, he served as Command Sergeant Major of Task Force Normandy (29th CAB), which deployed to Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan in support of Operation New Dawn, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Spartan Shield and United States Army Central missions. From 2006 to 2007, Tom served as Command Sergeant Major of Task Force AVCRAD 06-08, a unit that deployed to Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

As a civilian, Beyard is employed as the director of Housing and Preservation Services and Code for the city of Westminster, Md. He holds a Bachelor of Science from Towson University and a Masters of Business Administration degree from Trident University International.



WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY AT CAULK'S FIELD

Maj. Gen. James A. Adkins, the adjutant general of Maryland, joined Lt. Col. Colby Corrin, of the British Royal Marines, in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Caulk's Field monument Aug. 31.

The battle was fought in the late night of Aug. 30 and early morning Aug. 31, 1814, when about 150 British Royal Marines and sailors, under the command of Capt. Sir Peter Parker, clashed with 174 American militiamen of the 21st Regiment, under the command of Lt. Col. Philip Reed. Fourteen British soldiers, including Parker, were killed. The remains of a dozen British soldiers are still buried somewhere on the battle site. — at Caulk's Field Monument.



Maryland trains MPs in state for deployment

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70th RTI Unit Public Affairs Representative

REISTERSTOWN, Md. (Aug. 10, 2013) – Through the 31B reclassification course, the Maryland National Guard's 70th Regiment provided training to help meet the Guard's demand for military police officers.

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

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

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

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



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

This expansion was also in response to the high



demand for trained MPs to support the 200th MP Company's deployment.

The course is new to Maryland and helps save money by training Maryland Soldiers at home as opposed to out of state. The RTI and the 200th MP Co. worked together to train Soldiers to deploy.

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

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

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

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

"The selection for becoming an instructor was very hard . . . they took the best of what the MP Corps had to offer in Maryland," said Radcliffe.

Six states sent Soldiers to the Maryland 31B re-



classification course.

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

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

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



200th Military Police Company

Final Frame



Maryland National Guard Soldiers from the 253rd Engineer Company (Sapper) conduct combat water survival training during their two-week annual training. The training was conducted by the Puerto Rico National Guard's 232nd Dive Team. Nearly 50 Citizen Soldiers from the La Plata, Md. based unit traveled to Puerto Rico July 13-27 to train at Camp Santiago Joint Maneuver Training Center. — at Camp Santiago Joint Maneuver Training Center.

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