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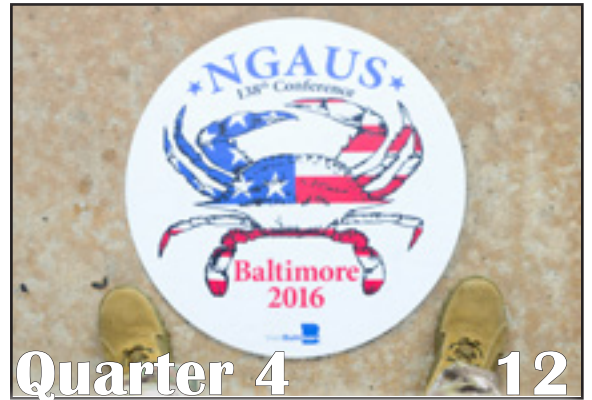
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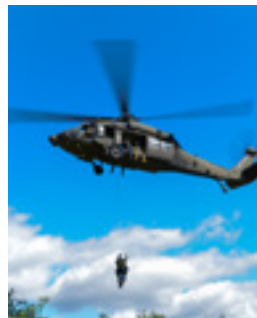
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*The Maryland Army National Guard and the Maryland Helicopter Aquatic Rescue Team conduct swift water rescue training with the Baltimore County Fire Department on Oct. 8, 2015, at Mt. Vista Park in Kingsville Md. (Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Thaddeus Harrington, Maryland National Guard Public Affairs Office)*

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# October 23-31 is National Red Ribbon Week!

## What is Red Ribbon Week?

Red Ribbon Week is a national campaign that promotes the prevention of substance abuse. The Red Ribbon mobilizes communities to educate youth and encourage participation in drug prevention activities. It is the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation, reaching millions during Red Ribbon Week (October 23<sup>rd</sup>-October 31<sup>st</sup>) each year. Every year, students across the country submit potential taglines and logos for consideration. This year's theme, "YOLO. Be Drug Free" was submitted by a middle school student from Claysburg, Pennsylvania



## How did Red Ribbon start?

Following the murder of DEA Agent Enrique Camarena by drug traffickers in Mexico City, angered parents and youth in communities across the country began wearing Red Ribbons as a symbol of their commitment to raise awareness of the destruction drug use can cause. The National Federation of Parents (NFP) organized the first Nationwide Red Ribbon Campaign and in 1988, NFP sponsored the first National Red Ribbon Celebration.

## What will the Army National Guard do?

In order to maintain combat readiness, it is imperative that Army Soldiers and their Families remain drug free. The Army participates annually in the Red Ribbon campaign in support of substance abuse prevention. For this year's Red Ribbon Week, the Army National Guard will adopt the campaign theme: "Respect Yourself, Be Drug Free" into its own prevention

## Support substance abuse prevention in your community!

**Contact your State ARNG Alcohol and Drug Control Officer or Prevention Coordinator for more information.**

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# QUARTER 1

October to December 2015



## Oct. 4 - 24, 2015

Members of the 104th and 224th Area Support Medical Companies operate as if they are in a deployed combat environment during their joint annual training at Fort Irwin's National Training Center.

## Oct. 12 - 17, 2015

This week brings the focus to the NCO corps in the Maryland National Guard. Sgt. Maj. Siim Saliste, sergeant major of the Estonian Defence Forces, and Lt. Gov. Boyd Rutherford visited soldiers and airmen, participated in roundtable discussions.

## Oct. 31, 2015

Service members in Joint Force Headquarters Detachment and their families enjoy a fall festival featuring a costume contest, games, and food at the Fifth Regiment Army in Baltimore, Md.

## Oct. 8, 2015

The Maryland Army National Guard and the Maryland Helicopter Aquatic Rescue Team conduct swift water rescue training with the Baltimore County Fire Department at Mt. Vista Park, Kingsville, Md.



## Oct. 17, 2015

Brig. Gen. Scott Kelly, commander, 175th Wing, Maryland Air National Guard, flies his final flight marking the end of his service as wing commander, as he transitions to become the assistant adjutant general – Air for the Maryland National Guard.



## Oct. 29 - Nov. 1, 2015

The Maryland Defense Force and the Maryland State Guard Association host the 2015 National Conference of the State Guard Association of the United States.



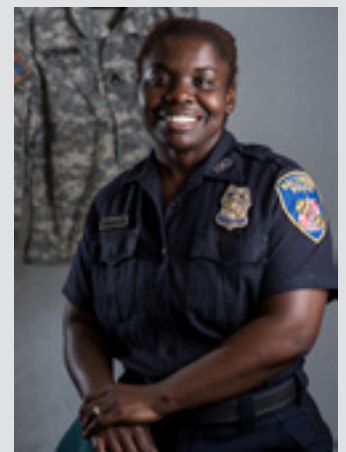
## Trooper of the Quarter

Army Staff Sgt. Kenneth T. Smith was selected as the trooper of the quarter for both his work as a full-time program analyst with the Maryland National Guard and for his work as a successful civilian entrepreneur.



## Maryland Guard Soldier builds strength after adversity

Army Staff Sgt. Verillilian Githara both a Maryland National Guard soldier, a food service specialist in the 104th Area Support Medical Company, and serves with the Baltimore City Police Department as a detective shares her story of how she built strength through adversity.





**Nov. 24, 2015**

The Maryland National Guard's Partners in Care initiative donates 50 Thanksgiving meals to soldiers and airmen at the 5th Regiment Army, Baltimore, Md.



**Nov. 7, 2015**

The Maryland Army National Guard hosts an inactivation ceremony for 1st Squadron, 158th Cavalry Regiment at LTC (MD) E. Leslie Medford Armory in Annapolis, Md. The squadron was inactivated because of changes in the Army force structure.

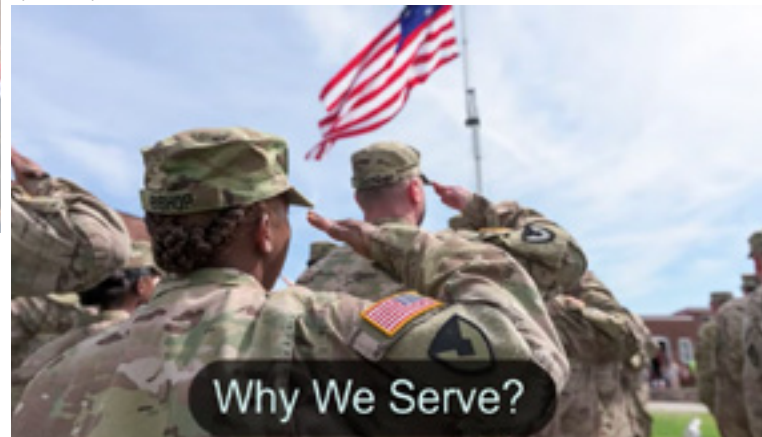


**Nov. 8, 2015**

Maj. Gen. Linda Singh, the adjutant general of Maryland, and Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas Beyard, senior enlisted leader, participates in the 83rd Annual Brunswick Veterans Day Parade in Brunswick, Md.

**Nov. 11, 2015**

For Veteran's Day 2015, Maryland National Guard service members tell their story of service, highlighting the different backgrounds and beliefs that make up the MDNG force past and present.



The Maryland Army National Guard's Recruit Sustainment Program is ranked one of the top programs in the nation because of the ability to adapt and evolve to help recruits transition to their assigned units.

## Gold Phase

Soldiers who completed initial entry training

Their equipment is ordered and issued through RSP. They are all briefed on their education benefits. The medical detachment brings in a team of doctors to update their records before they transition to their assigned units.

## Grey Phase

Inter-state transfer and branch transfer soldiers

Soldiers are issued their equipment prior to going to their assigned units and learn basic information to help smooth their transition into their units.





**Dec. 6, 2015**

Members of Joint Force Headquarters Detachment holds its holiday party, which includes an ugly hat contest, food, and festivities at Camp Fretterd Military Reservation, Reisterstown, Md.



**Dec. 6, 2015**

Members of the Maryland Air National Guard, family and friends gather for the change of command ceremony and the Airman Recognition Ceremony at Warfield Air National Guard Base, Baltimore, Md.

**Dec. 5, 2015**

The Maryland Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 175th Infantry Regiment "The Dandy Fifth," whose roots trace back to the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, conducts its annual Pass in Review at the Fifth Regiment Army in Baltimore, Md.



**Dec. 12, 2015**

Bilan Montgomery, a graduate of the Maryland Freestate ChalleNGe Academy Class #45, shares her journey from an orphanage in China to graduation day from the ChalleNGe Academy, a tuition-free program to give at-risk youths a second chance.



Maryland National Guard aviators participate in a stateside deployment in support of Operation Phalanx/River Watch II in Harlingen, Texas. They're there in support of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to conduct aerial detection and monitoring to disrupt Transnational Criminal Organizations and Drug Trafficking Organizations.



# QUARTER 2

January to March 2016



Jan 21-28, 2016

During Snowstorm Jonas, approximately 700 Maryland National Guard service members were activated to provide support to civil authorities and assist local first responders throughout Maryland.

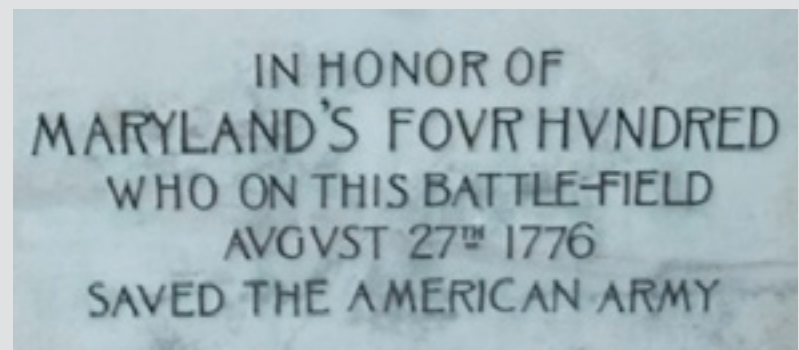


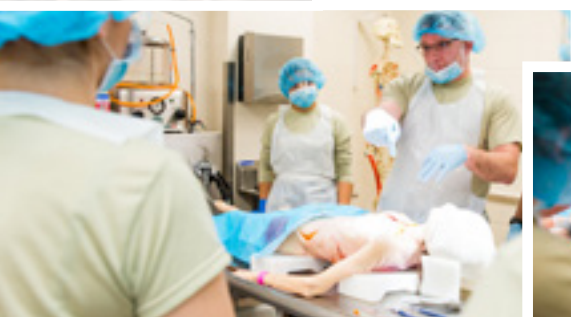
**“No one agency or level of government can do it alone, we are a team effort. A fully equipped Guard is critical in providing the essential capabilities needed to respond to and mitigate emergencies.”**

*-Maj. Gen. Linda L. Singh, the adjutant general of Maryland*



The Maryland at War Episode 1 video highlights the “Maryland 400” who fought in the Battle of Long Island.





**Feb. 26-28, 2016**

Maryland Army National Guard chaplains lead a Strong Bonds event where approximately 147 service members and their family learn resiliency skills for relationships, gain family readiness education, and for fun and relaxation at the Hyatt Regency in Baltimore, Md.

**Feb. 6, 2016**

The 104th Area Support Medical Company and members of the 175th Wing conduct immediate care training on human cadavers at the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore, Md.

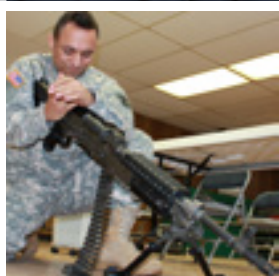
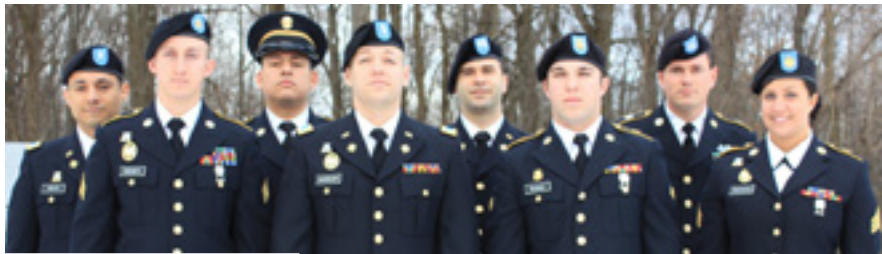
**Feb. 3, 2016**

Maryland Military Department chaplains, chaplain candidates, and assistants present the Order of Chaplain (Capt.) Eugene P. O'Grady Award to Father Michael Roach, Saint Bartholomew's Roman Catholic Church in Manchester, Md., at Camp Fretterd Military Reservation in Reisterstown, Md.



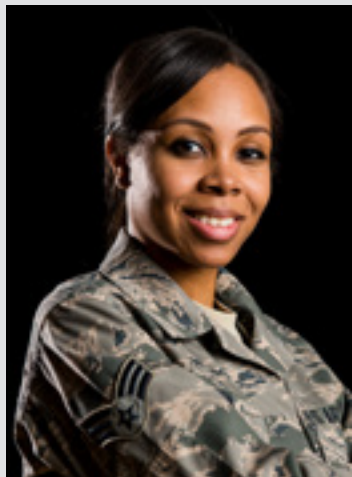
**Feb. 20, 2016**

Eight soldiers from various units of the 58th Expeditionary Military Intelligence Brigade earn their way to compete for the brigade's Best Warrior Competition held at Gunpowder Military Reservation in Glenn Arm, Md.



**Trooper  
— of the —  
Quarter**

Senior Airman Robin L. Brown was selected as the trooper of the quarter to highlight both her professionalism as a base service specialist with the Maryland Air National Guard and for her work as a member of a group that visits hospitalized children in cosplay.



The Maryland at War Episode 2 video highlights the pivotal role of Maryland Guard members in defending the United States from British forces during War of 1812.





### March 3, 2016

In an ultimate Frisbee challenge, the Joint Force Headquarters Detachment and the 58th Expeditionary Military Intelligence Brigade play a friendly match.



### March 18, 2016

The Honorable Katherine Hammack, assistant secretary of the Army (Installations, Energy & Environment), tours Maryland National Guard facilities to get a first hand look at the facility readiness of the Guard. Hammack visits Havre de Grace Military Reservation, the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground, a flyover of the Dundalk Readiness Center, and the historic Fifth Regiment Armory.

### March 10-13, 2016

Soldiers battle for the Best Warrior title during the 2016 Maryland Army National Guard Best Warrior Competition at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.



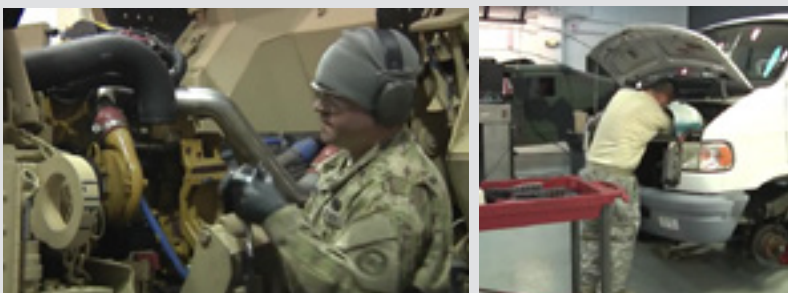
### March 30, 2016

Mr. Hannes Hanso, the Estonian minister of defense, visits the 175th Wing at Warfield Air National Guard Base in Middle River, Md.



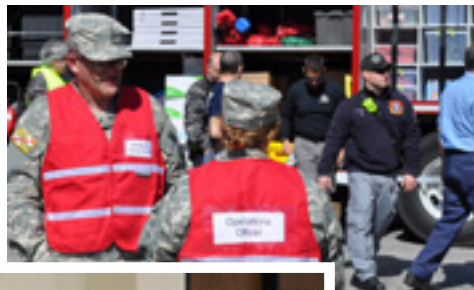
## MOS Spotlight: 91B Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic

Sgt. Phillip Gilmore shares his experience on what it means to be a wheeled vehicle mechanic in the Maryland Army National Guard.



# QUARTER 3

April to June 2016



## April 15, 2016

Towson University hosts more than 300 first responders, nursing students, and members of the Maryland Defense Force for a real-time hands-on mass-casualty exercise known as Operation STAT.



## April 16, 2016

The Maryland Army National Guard hosts a ribbon cutting ceremony officially opening the CSM Jerome M. Grollman Readiness Center in Dundalk, Md. This project renovated almost 20,000 square feet and added more than 45,000 square feet to the facility.

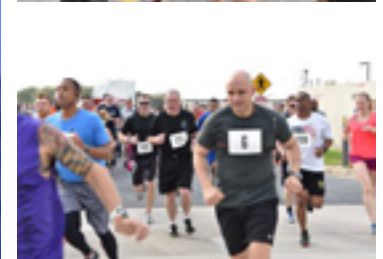
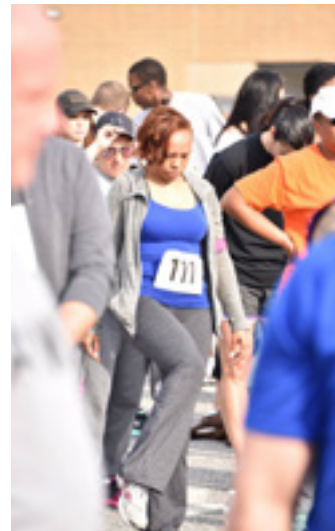
## April 12, 2016

Members of the 175th Civil Engineering Squadron, Maryland Air National Guard, build the foundation for a warehouse at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. The 175th CES is the first of seven National Guard groups that will be working toward the completion of this project.



## April 22, 2016

Over 177 runners and walkers participate in the Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention 5K Run/Walk at Warfield Air National Guard Base in Middle River, Md.





**May 6, 2016**

The Maryland Army National Guard breaks ground on a project to construct a new 53,000 square foot Readiness Center in Havre de Grace, Md. The facility will replace the current facility once completed.



**May 14, 2016**

The Maryland Army National Guard's Special Operations Detachment NATO/OTAN, participates in a training exercise which includes airborne jumps from a C-130 Hercules during an airshow at Joint Base Dix-McGuire-Lakehurst, N.J.



**May 25, 2016**

Air Force Master Sgt. Brian Paape, a member of the Maryland National Guard Honor Guard, is recognized as the Honor Guardsman of the Year during an awards ceremony at the 5th Regiment Armory in Baltimore, Md.

**May 6, 2016**

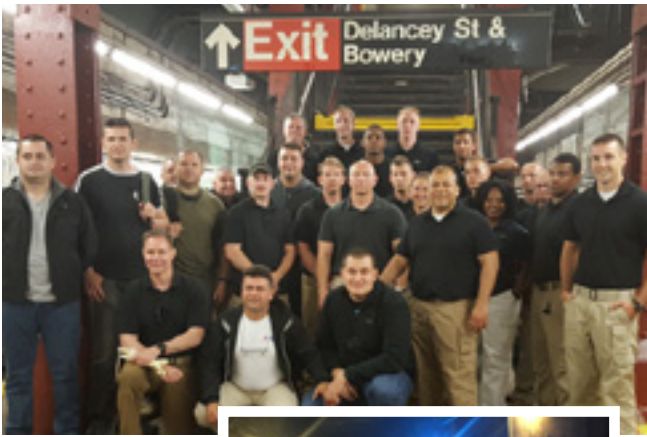
The Maryland Army National Guard hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony opening the Pistol/ Shotgun Range at Gunpowder Military Reservation in Glenn Arm, Md. The range, which meets safety standards and addresses several environmental concerns, has eight firing lanes and is completely contained.



**May 21, 2016**

Army 2nd Lt. Alix Schoelcher Idrache graduates from the United States Military Academy, West Point, NY. Idrache had immigrated from Port-au-Prince, Haiti in 2009 and served in the Maryland National Guard for 2 years in the 231st Chemical Company as an enlisted soldier.





**June 9, 2016**

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority in New York, the Maryland National Guard's Civil Support Team (Weapons of Mass Destruction), and members of the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina review and discuss aspects of the chemical biological radiological nuclear response to an incident involving an underground subway system.



**June 16, 2016**

After a 14-year break of service from active duty, Capt. (Chaplain) Roger Taneus swears in at the 5th Regiment Army and becomes the newest chaplain in the Maryland National Guard.



**June 11, 2016**

Class 46 of the Freestate Challenge Academy completes the 22-week residential phase of the program.



**June 13-17, 2016**

Members of the Maryland National Guard train the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina's public affairs officers how to use digital cameras for photos/videos. The training also included editing and producing communication products to better inform the public on de-mining operations throughout the nation.



**June 29, 2016**

The reconnaissance platoon from the Maryland National Guard's 231st Chemical Company participates in live-fire training with M2 .50 caliber machine guns mounted to four M1135 Nuclear Biological Chemical Reconnaissance Stryker Vehicles at Fort Pickett, Va. The Strykers are new to the unit and enhance the unit's capabilities.



**MOS Spotlight: 15E & 15W**

Unmanned Aircraft Systems Operators and Unmanned Aircraft Systems Repairers

Maryland Guard members from A Company, Detachment 1, 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment (Tactical Unmanned Aerial Systems) show the training that unmanned aircraft systems operators and unmanned aircraft systems repairers do during drill weekends and annual training.



# QUARTER 4

July to September 2016



**July 2, 2016**

Soldiers from the Maryland National Guard's 291st Digital Liaison Detachment fire their M102 howitzers to the music of Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture, performed by the Maryland Symphony Orchestra, during the annual Salute to Independence concert at Antietam National Battlefield.



**July 14, 2016**

Members of the of the Maryland Military Department celebrates the 11th Unity Day at the Fifth Regiment Armory in Baltimore, Md. This year's theme, "One Song, Many Voices," features a variety of performances, food and exhibits from a wide variety of cultures.



**July 5, 2016**

The Maryland Army National Guard holds a deployment ceremony at the Maj. Gen. Henry C. Evans Readiness Center in Westminster, Md., for the 29th Military Police Company, who will be serving for approximately one year in Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba.



The 104th Area Support Medical Company puts their skills to use in a highly active hospital environment for their July 2016 annual training at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth in Portsmouth, Va., July 2016.



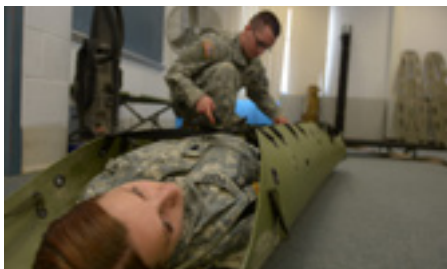
SpC. Donita Adams, a chaplain's assistant in the Maryland Army National Guard, pursues her passion of playing basketball by starting as a shooting guard on the All Army Women's Basketball team. Adams was the only member of the team from the Army National Guard.





### Aug. 3, 2016

Maryland Army National Guard aviation conducts sling-load operations in the Ellicott City and Linwood areas to assist Howard County with its emergency repairs of a ruptured sewer line following historic flooding.



### Aug. 8, 2016

Non-medical soldiers complete the Combat Lifesaver course at Camp Frettered Military Reservation near Reisterstown, Md., where they learn to perform lifesaving measures and assist medical personnel.



### Aug. 20, 2016

The 29th Combat Aviation Brigade and Maryland Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve hosts a "Boss Lift," an event that offers employers of Maryland Guard service members a chance to observe and experience the guard's capability and technical expertise.

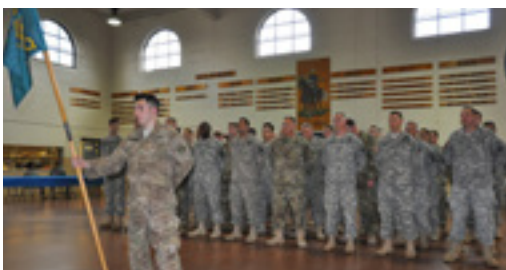
### Aug. 7, 2016

Soldiers conduct and participate in the Combatives Level I training, a course that teaches basic self-defense and fighting skills, at Camp Frettered Military Reservation near Reisterstown, Md.



### Aug. 14, 2016

The Maryland National Guard hosts a welcome home ceremony for the members of 110th Information Operations - Field Support Battalion - Field Support Team 13 at the Annapolis Army. They deployed to the Horn of Africa to conduct strategic/theater information operations tasks in direct support of SOCOM and USAFRICOM.

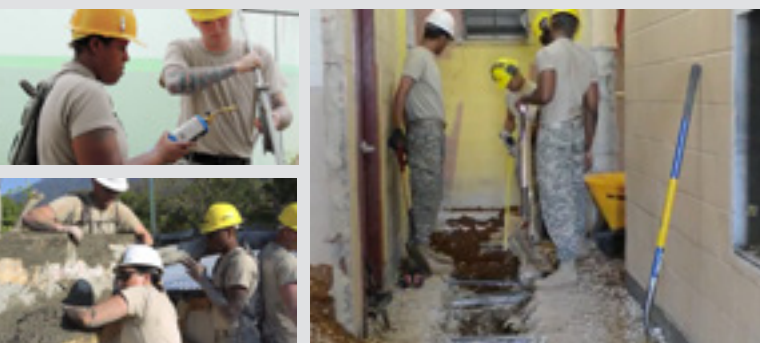


### Aug. 21, 2016

The 175th Wing, Maryland Air National Guard held an activation ceremony for the 175th Cyberspace Operations Group and the 135th Intelligence Squadron at Warfield Air National Guard Base, Middle River, Md.

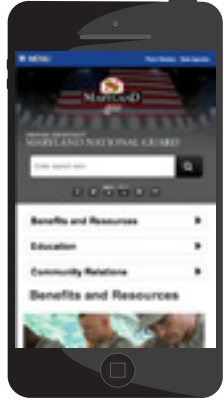


The Maryland Army National Guard's 244th Engineer Company is profiled, highlighting the unit's history of conducting two-week annual training missions aimed to strengthen communities in-need, both abroad and throughout Maryland.



Members of the Maryland National Guard's Counter Drug Task Force join with law enforcement agencies to participate in the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation's Badges for Baseball, which brings youth and local law enforcement together to create positive interactions, while teaching them a range of skills at Ripken Stadium, Aberdeen, Md., August 2016.





**Sept. 7, 2016**

The Maryland National Guard's website gets a more modern look and new features, including a new way in structuring important information and a mobile friendly, responsive design.



**Sept. 18, 2016**

Friends, family and colleagues gather at the Fallen Warrior Memorial at Camp Fretterd Military Reservation, near Reisterstown Md. 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 the ceremony.



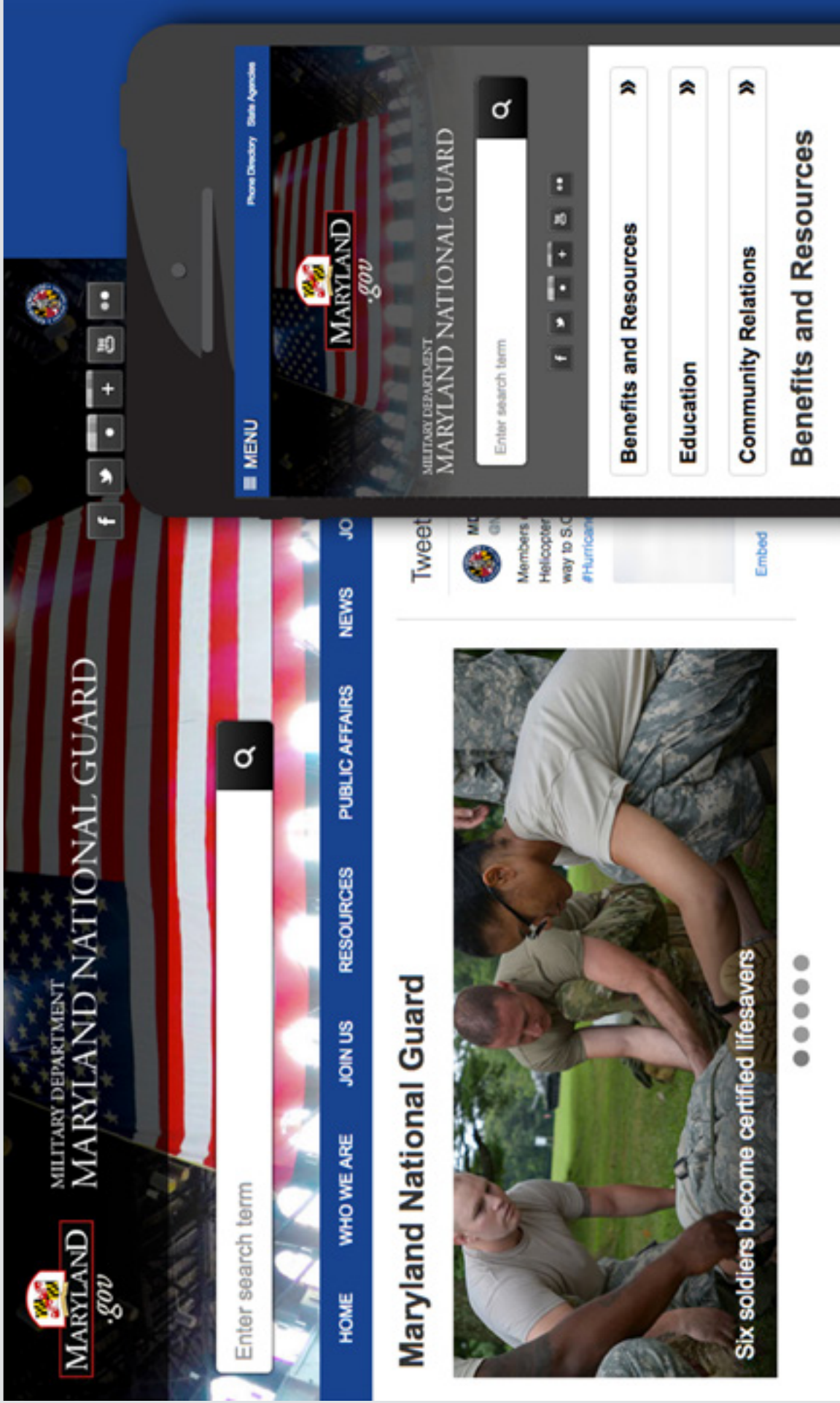
**Sept. 23, 2016**

Maryland Air National Guard 175th Wing Civil Engineering Squadron constructs a new fence for the Paldiski kindergarten Lasteaed Naerulind in Estonia. Two weeks of hard work paid off when the airmen got to play soccer with the kids.

**Sept. 9-12, 2016**

This weekend the National Guard Association of the United States - NGAUS Conference returns to Maryland for the fourth time.





**Final Frame** The Maryland Army National Guard's website has a new address, along with a new layout, and the same important information the old site contained. The site is now a responsive, mobile friendly website, allowing for on-the-go browsing. Take a look and update your bookmarks to [www.military.maryland.gov/ng](http://www.military.maryland.gov/ng).