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PATRIOT WINTER 2011

NATIONAL GUARD HELPS GEORGIA COMMUNITIES WEATHER SNOW STORM

Story and photos by the Public Affairs Office
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CLAY NATIONAL GUARD CENTER, Marietta, Ga., Jan. 13, 2011

— A rare winter storm descended upon Metro Atlanta and much of North Georgia Jan. 9, 2011. What brought the northern half of the peach state to a grinding halt, however, was not the snow but the dangerous combination of snow, followed by sleet and freezing rain, followed by frigid temperatures that turned much of the area into a virtual skating rink for much of the week.

According to PoltiFact Georgia, over the past eight decades, there have been 11 snowstorms of 4 inches or more in the city of Atlanta. The largest amount of snow came on Jan. 23, 1940, when “8.3 inches of the white stuff fell on Atlanta.” But most of these storms quickly subsided, the snow melted, most of the roads dried off, and life returned to normal within a couple days.

This time, however, a wave of freezing temperatures and Arctic wind rushed in after the storm to turn the snow into ice, resulting in a perfect mixture of winter mayhem the likes of which Atlanta hasn’t seen since January of 2000.

Yet, as severe and rare as the storm was, the Georgia National Guard was prepared for it.

The weekend before the storm, the Georgia Guard had already started preparing equipment and issuing plans to support communities in the event that the governor should order their mobilization.

“Soldiers and Airmen of the Georgia National Guard stand ready to do our part to help local communities recover, if we are needed,” said Maj. Gen. William T. Nesbitt, Georgia’s Adjutant General.

Guardsmen, who were already conducting their monthly drills that weekend, prepared humvees, loaded equipment, prepositioned supplies, and updated plans to mobilize, should the Governor call upon them. The

Georgia Guard’s Joint Forces Headquarters also brought its Joint Operations Center staffing up to operating capacity that Sunday in order to monitor the storm and manage any potential response by the National Guard.

One of several units preparing their equipment was Marietta’s 124th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, which had been out the previous two days conducting land navigation training at Ft. Gillem. They returned Sunday and immediately began preparing their tents and other equipment to go right back out, if necessary.

“It’s our mission to go forward with units when they mobilize, whether in war or in peace,” said the unit’s top enlisted Soldier, 1st Sgt. John Kinnaman of LaGrange. “The quick transition from training to real-world mission is something we prepare for every month.”

The snow began falling Sunday night and by Monday morning thousands of Georgians were snowed in, trapped by ice and/or without power.

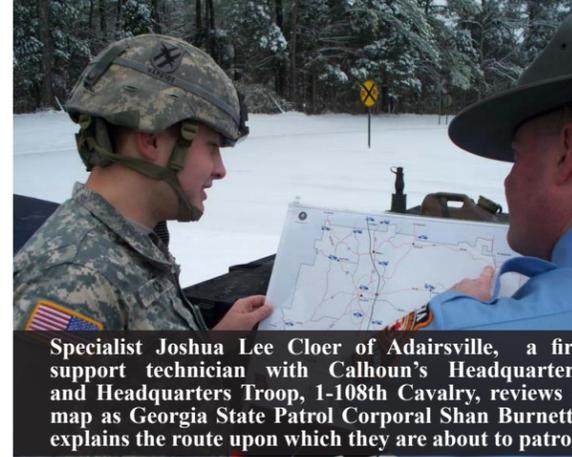
By mid-Monday, at the request of the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA), National Guard Soldiers began assisting in transporting snowbound Grady Memorial Hospital staff to the hospital. GEMA

requested the Guard’s help with this mission because of the Guard’s ability to traverse the snow and ice covered roads in their humvees, the workhorses of the modern Army.

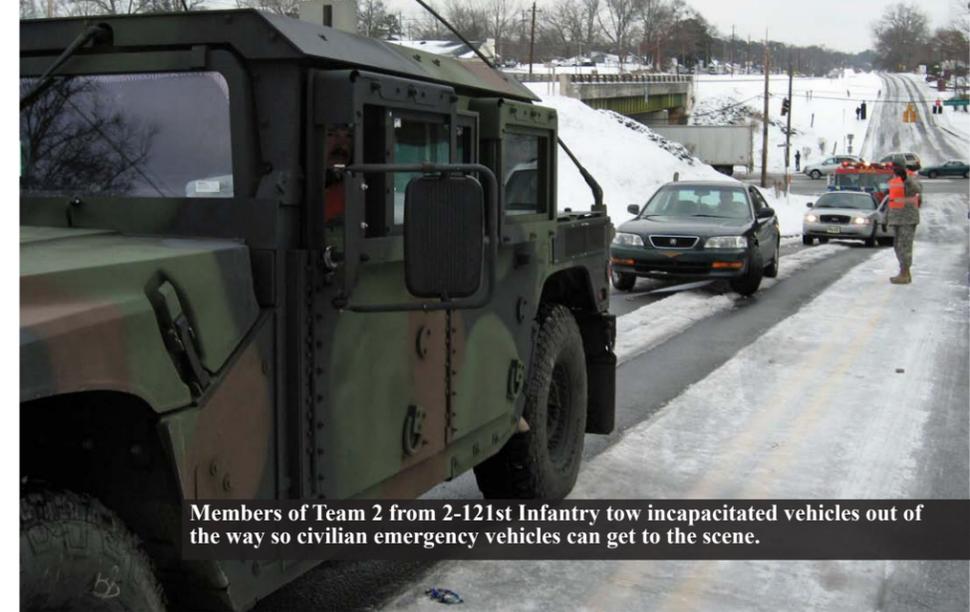
Some of the involved Guardsmen were members of the 560th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade, headquartered at Ft. Gillem in Forest Park, Ga., and the 648th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, headquartered in Columbus, Ga.

Braving the icy roads in their humvees, the Citizen-Soldiers were able to safely transport hospital staff from their snowed-in homes, located all over the metro Atlanta area, to Grady.

“Since about 2:00 p.m. Monday afternoon, we’ve been transporting medical staff from their homes to Grady Memorial,” said Spc. Joshua Blevins, a mechanic with the



Specialist Joshua Lee Cloer of Adairsville, a fire support technician with Calhoun’s Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1-108th Cavalry, reviews a map as Georgia State Patrol Corporal Shan Burnette explains the route upon which they are about to patrol.



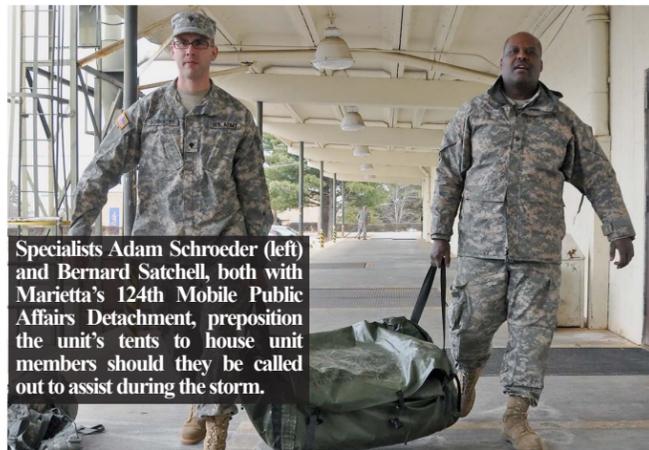
Members of Team 2 from 2-121st Infantry tow incapacitated vehicles out of the way so civilian emergency vehicles can get to the scene.



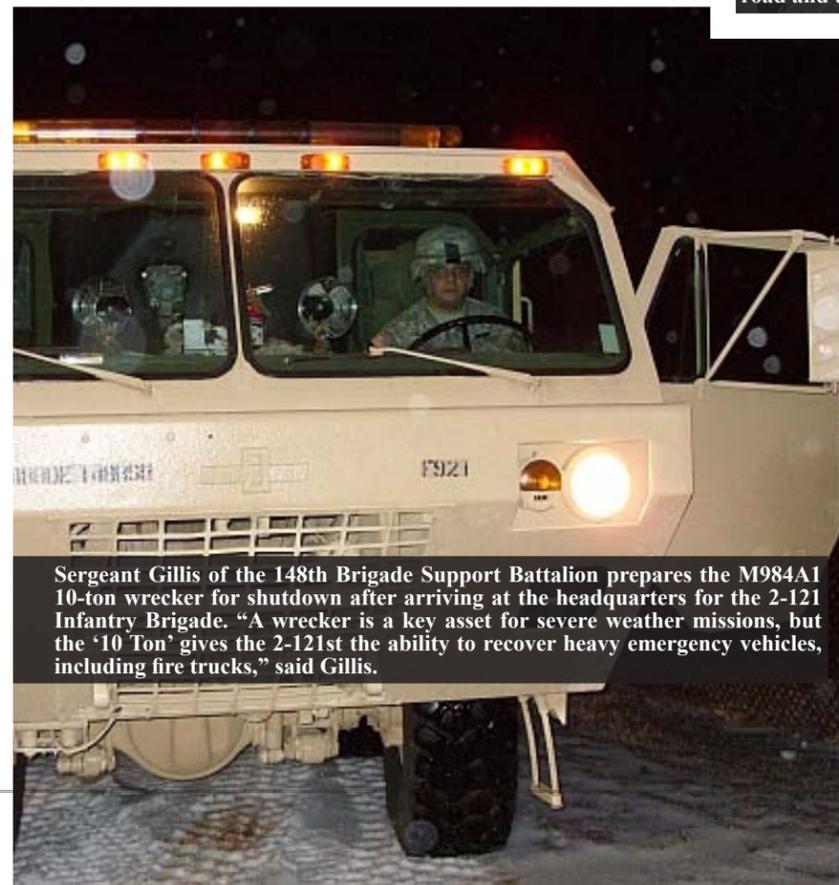
First Sgt. Ricky Todd and Sgt. 1st Class Fredrick Gilyard help escort a critical care employee of the Georgia Regional Medical Center to their humvee over ice-covered roads.



Vance C. Smith Jr. (left), Georgia Department of Transportation Commissioner, and Maj. Gen. William T. Nesbitt, Georgia’s Adjutant General, make an aerial assessment of the impact of the winter storm. Smith, Nesbitt and Terry Ball (not shown), hazard mitigation director for the Georgia Emergency Management Agency, spent more than an hour in an Army Guard UH-72A Lakota helicopter flying over the metro Atlanta area and several North Georgia counties, inspecting road and traffic conditions.



Specialists Adam Schroeder (left) and Bernard Satchell, both with Marietta’s 124th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, preposition the unit’s tents to house unit members should they be called out to assist during the storm.



Sergeant Gillis of the 148th Brigade Support Battalion prepares the M984A1 10-ton wrecker for shutdown after arriving at the headquarters for the 2-121st Infantry Brigade. “A wrecker is a key asset for severe weather missions, but the ‘10 Ton’ gives the 2-121st the ability to recover heavy emergency vehicles, including fire trucks,” said Gillis.



Ann Bellinger, wife of Staff Sgt. Timothy Bellinger of Alpha Company, 1-121st Infantry Regiment, and their children build a snowman to pass the time while Sgt. Bellinger is away from home with his unit assisting others during the winter storm.

The Adjutant General of Georgia Maj. Gen. William T. Nesbitt, meets with Georgia Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security Director Charley English to discuss how the National Guard can assist GEMA in the winter storm that blew through Metro Atlanta and North Georgia Sunday evening, dropping between five and twelve inches of snow and ice.



178th Military Police Company of the 648th MEB. “We just want them to get to their destinations safely, so that they can go about the business of saving lives.”

Angela Morgan, of Kennesaw, Ga., is a Registered Nurse in Grady’s labor and delivery department. Unable to make it out of her driveway due to heavy snow, she did not expect to make it to work for days.

“I couldn’t believe it when the National Guard showed up,” she said “On a good day, we have eight to ten nurses on duty in labor and delivery. Tonight, we might have six. So each nurse who can make it to work really makes a difference.”

In fact, Morgan arrived at Grady, thanks to the Guard’s efforts, just in time to find out that three patients were in labor.

“Women were counting on us nurses to help with their labor,” said Morgan. “It’s good to know that we could count on the National Guard.”

Calhoun’s Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1-108th Cavalry also braved the storm to lend a helping hand to the Georgia State Patrol, enabling State Troopers to reach areas that were otherwise inaccessible with their patrol vehicles, helping to reduce response times.

“The Georgia Army National Guard assisted public safety and emergency management officials across the affected areas of Georgia. Our Squadron, as part of those efforts, had personnel from various cities and towns in Northwest Georgia assisting the Georgia State Patrol in Murray and Gordon counties by providing transportation in our humvees to assist drivers and respond to other public safety calls,” said Lt. Col. Matthew J.

Saxton, commander of the 1-108th Squadron.

What seemed like a simple mission of transporting critical care staff for local hospitals turned into a rescue mission for members of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2-121st Infantry located in Griffin.

“Our mission was to pick up the doctors and other staff members from their homes and transport them to the Georgia Regional Medical Center in Decatur,” Said Capt. Aaron Anderson from Locust Grove, Ga., a supply officer for the HHC.

However, after delivering the doctors and nurses to the hospital and heading back out in the humvees to pick up more staff, they came upon a four-car crash. Everyone in the team quickly jumped out of the humvee and began assisting the civilians who were involved in the accident.

“We quickly assessed that there were no major injuries and notified local law enforcement,” Anderson said. “However, it was a two-lane road and the traffic was backing up very quickly.”

Anderson and his team – which consisted of himself, 1st Sgt. Ricky Todd of Griffin, Ga., Sgt. 1st Class Frederick Gilyard of Griffin, and Sgt. Michael Murdock, from McDonough, Ga. – decided to take control of the scene, setting out traffic cones, and towing a vehicle which was not involved in the accident to a safe location. Once local law enforcement arrived on the scene, the Guardsmen discovered that emergency vehicles could not get to the accident.

“The police saw we had towing capabilities with us and asked if we could move some of the cars in the accident out of the way so the emergency vehicles could get in and help the

injured,” Anderson said.

In moments, the road was cleared and the injured were receiving treatment. While most involved in the accident only walked away with minor scrapes and bruises, Anderson states that one individual was transported to the hospital by ambulance with minor neck injuries.

With a shake of the hand from police, Anderson and his team moved on to continue their original mission of transporting medical staff to the hospital.

After safely delivering all the staff to the hospital, Anderson and his team began the trek back to the warmth of their armory. However, the team came across yet another motorist in need.

“We were traveling westbound on I-285 when we came upon a stranded motorist. She had run out of gas in the left lane and was just sitting there,” Anderson said. “We quickly realized this was very dangerous and placed our humvee behind her vehicle and put our hazards on.”

Anderson and his team then placed hazard cones 20 to 50 meters behind their vehicle in order to let traffic know there

was a travel situation ahead. The cones served their purpose, says Anderson.

“We lost two of our reflective cones to motorists who were not quite paying attention,” he said. “Had those cones not been there, it may have been the stranded vehicle that went unnoticed,” he added.

“We determined we could not move her car off to the side of the road because of all the snow that had piled up along the edge of the highway,” he said. “So we contacted local law enforcement again and directed traffic around her car until the police showed up and took over the scene.”

Georgia Army Guard Command Sergeant Major James Nelson said Anderson’s team epitomizes the Guard’s readiness.

“These Soldiers demonstrated the professionalism and readiness the Georgia Guard instills into all of our Soldiers. Not only are we ready for the warfight across the ocean, we are trained and ready to assist our communities and fellow citizens here in Georgia.”

NCO NOTEPAD



By Command Sgt. Maj. James Nelson Jr.
State Command Sergeant Major
Georgia Department of Defense

First, let me congratulate our Soldiers and Airmen in the Georgia National Guard for their role in providing critical support for the Atlanta and North Georgia regions during the recent snow and ice storm that hit our state. Great work!

The state emergency we just experienced is an excellent example of how important readiness really is. Due to our preparedness, we were able to quickly deploy humvees from several locations to pick up critical trauma care staff members for two major hospitals. We were also able to provide humvees and drivers to assist Georgia State Patrol officers.

We were able to do all this because we understand the importance of readiness; and, as NCOs, we ensure through our attention to detail and professionalism that our Soldiers and Airmen are able to perform in either their homeland defense or warfight missions.

National, state and local leaders continue to look to the National Guard to deliver readiness during times of disaster and emergency. When called upon, our readiness in key areas – like medical and dental health, physical fitness, DMOSQ, family planning, etc. – and ensuring our equipment is operational will dictate our ability to successfully execute the missions before us.

As non-commissioned officers, it is our responsibility to ensure our Soldiers are ready in all areas that affect their ability to perform their mission – whether abroad or here at home. This is critical to the success of our organization.

We meet this challenge by taking charge of those for whom we are responsible. Knowing our Soldiers’ readiness posture, be it DMOSQ or dental issues, is vital in our business.

I encourage all NCOs to review their team, squad and platoon readiness. When you find deficiencies, fix them. Go through your chain of command for assistance. It is our mission to make ready our troops to quickly transition from a training environment to real-world missions, whether abroad or in our own backyard.

Afghan National Army prepare to head out on patrol at Kabul Military Training Center. At the Center, NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan advisors provide guidance to Afghan National Army instructors who are charged with conducting the bulk of the training.



‘SHOHNA-BA-SHOHNA’

NATO HELPS AFGHANISTAN STAND ON ITS OWN

By Lt. Col. David Simons
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Photos by MC2 Ernesto Hernandez Fonte, NTM-A PAO

The Kabul Military Training Center (KMTC) is, figuratively speaking, the Fort Benning of Afghanistan, serving as the Afghan National Army’s training headquarters. The former Soviet-built base sits upon 22,000 sprawling acres of ranges, barracks and headquarters set under the beautiful snow-capped Hindu Kush mountain range.

The ANA at KMTC have a close working relationship with NATO Training Mission – Afghanistan (NTM-A). It is NTM-A’s role to provide trainers to help train ANA cadre, exemplifying the relationship that has blossomed in the motto of “train-the-trainer.” The coalition advisors suggest improvements for ANA training and mentor trainers in their techniques.

The NTM-A’s goal is to train Afghanistan’s security forces – both army and police – to stand on their own by training their own and sustaining their own. The motto of NTM-A is “Shohna-ba-Shohna” or “Shoulder-to-Shoulder.” It is a motto of working together for the betterment of Afghanistan.



On an average day, there are nearly 11,000 soldiers training here. Most of the training is basic warrior training provided by Afghan instructors with minimal assistance from coalition advisors. Every six weeks, a basic training kandak (or battalion) graduates 1,400 new ANA soldiers who move on to specialty training. The KMTC instructors train 65 percent of the ANA’s new officers through a 20-week officer candidate school.

Part of this development is a women’s program, training female officers in such fields as logistics and finance. Additionally, KMTC is the host installation for artillery, logistics, signal, legal, religious and cultural affairs branch schools.

Coalition advisors and Afghan trainers are placing emphasis on literacy training, incorporating 64 hours into every basic warrior training class. The training serves as a foundation for developing a professional, modern Afghan military while bringing all basic trainees to a first-grade level of reading and writing.

Lt. Col. David Simons is the Public Affairs Officer with the 165th Airlift Wing, Georgia Air National Guard. He is serving a six-month tour in Kabul as the Director of Public Affairs, NATO Training Mission – Afghanistan.

GEORGIA AG TEAM SHARPENS LANGUAGE SKILLS, PREPARES FOR AFGHANISTAN

Story and photo by Sgt. 1st Class Roy Henry
Public Affairs Office
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CLAY NATIONAL GUARD CENTER, Marietta, Ga., Jan. 18, 2011 – No matter where they go, Soldiers have to deal with the language and cultural differences between themselves and the people with whom they come into contact. While most units have interpreters with them to assist in communicating with the locals, basic exposure to the local language is still useful for everyone in the unit.

The same will be true for Georgia’s Agricultural Development Team (ADT) 1 when it hits the ground later this year in southeastern Afghanistan. That is why every member of the team is here, or will be here in the coming month, attending a two-week, 80-hour language and cultural training course at the Georgia Army Guard’s Language Lab.

It is to the advantage of both sections of ADT 1 – those helping the Afghans better their agricultural methods and trade, and those assigned to protect them – to have a working knowledge of Afghanistan’s Pashto and Dari dialects, says 2nd Lt. William Westrip, the team’s training officer and the officer-in-charge of the ADT’s security force.

“Every one of us, down to the lowest level, is an ambassador for our country,” Westrip explained. “The better we are at communicating with the locals on a personal level, at understanding the customs of the folks with whom we’ll interact, the more successful we’ll all be at our two missions.”

For Soldiers in the security force (SECFOR), being able to talk with the population facilitates the building of trust so that the SECFOR has a better grasp on who is part of the village and who is not, Westrip says.

Unlike a neighborhood or even a small town here in the U.S., where people often come and go unnoticed, an Afghan village is a close-knit community where everyone literally

knows everyone, he says.

“Folks are going to know immediately who doesn’t belong, and who’s out spreading bad propaganda about the AG, trying to destroy the relationship the team will work to build with the locals,” Westrip said. “Through our ability to effectively speak the native language, our people will have access to that same insight.”

On the agricultural side, being able to “speak the native tongue” will make it that much easier to teach the Afghans, says Sgt. 1st Class James Horne, one of the ADT’s AG specialists and a life-long farmer and livestock owner from the South Georgia town of Ludowici. Before joining the ADT, Horne worked full-time as a surface maintenance inspector at the Army Guard’s Combines Support Maintenance Shop-South in Hinesville, Ga.

“My job, for example, is to assist the Afghans with improving their planting, their livestock operations and – from time to time – maintaining their farm machinery,” he said. “I can do all that through an interpreter, and that’s OK, but I believe I will be better able to help them if I can talk with them one-on-one.”

Having a basic level of familiarity with the local language will help ADT 1 achieve its mission – to help the Afghan people build better lives through more modern, yet basic farming and agricultural business practices – successfully, Horne adds.

As part of their cultural training, this first group – together with their instructor, Anwar Akbar of the Defense Language Institute’s

Washington, D.C., campus – dined at Rumi’s Kitchen, a Persian restaurant in Sandy Springs, Ga. Using what language skills and cultural knowledge they had already acquired, the team talked amongst themselves, and with their hosts, in Pashto and Dari.

“Afghan people know you respect them when you take the time to learn to speak their language and understand their cultural ‘rights and wrongs,’” Akbar later said. “What these Soldiers are doing here, what the Georgia Guard is doing here, is a great thing. I most certainly enjoy being part of such a program, and I wish them all great success.”



Anwar Akbar (left), a Defense Language Institute instructor, answers questions for Soldiers of Georgia’s 201st Agricultural Development Team 1 during a lesson on the Pashto language at the Georgia Army Guard’s Language Lab.

NEW SIGNAL ACADEMY OFFERS MUCH TO COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALISTS



Specialist William Heckman, a 25U student from the Tennessee Army Guard's Battery C, 181st Field Artillery, sets up a PRC-117 Tactical Satellite Radio while monitoring the ASIP 1523-E SINCGARS.

*Story and photo by Sgt. Binh Nham
122nd Regimental Signal Academy
Regional Training Institute*

CLAY NATIONAL GUARD CENTER, Marietta, Ga., Jan. 26, 2011 – Soldiers wanting to change their military occupational skill (MOS), who are interested in something within the computer technology or communications fields, may want to consider a career in the Army Signal Corps.

Open for nearly a year, the new 122nd Regiment Regional Training Institute Signal Academy here at Clay offers courses for the 25B (information technology specialist) and 25U (signal support systems specialist) MOS. So far, school figures show more than 150 Citizen-Soldiers and Army Reservists from across the U.S., Puerto Rico and Guam have attended, or are attending, classes at the academy.

“Our state-of-the-art equipment and exceptional staff make sure Soldiers who come here receive the training they need during the nine-week 25B or five-week 25U programs,” said Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth Blackstone, the academy’s career field 25 branch chief. “Everything an individual might require for becoming qualified in their new job skill can be found within these walls, so there’s no need to move on to other facilities for additional training.”

On the IT side, folks looking for an A+, N+, Security+ or COMPTIA Server+ certification will find that the 25B course is a stepping stone toward putting them well on their way to earning these certificates, says Sgt. 1st Class Tammy Rooks, who manages that course. IT experts have carefully designed each class module, Rooks explains, to help develop the core skills Soldiers will encounter during their careers.

“As a 25 Bravo,” she added, “the well-trained IT specialist is vital to maintaining and troubleshooting a unit’s information technology systems. Whether administrating an exchange server, setting up a network, or replacing a broken motherboard, he or she will encounter challenges that will make that person an indispensable asset to their unit, the Georgia Army Guard, or whatever organization they come from.”

The 25U course is where the rubber meets the road, says course manager Sgt. 1st Class Richard Socia. While the trainee receives some of the same training as his 25B counterpart, his primary focus is on becoming familiar with tactical communication and data distribution systems.

Some of the equipment the prospective communicator learns to use and maintain, says Socia, includes the SINCGARS UHF FM radio, AN/PRC 148 multi-band radios, AN/PRC 117 Satellite Communications radios, and AN/PRC 150 HF radios. Students also train in the use and maintenance of the Army’s Blue Force Tracker, OE254 antenna group, Communications 201B antenna group, Automated Network Control Device, the Simple Key Loader, and other basic electronic systems.

“Having a well trained communications specialist involved in an operation, not only ensures messages are understandable and get into the hands of the people who need to receive them, they also help ensure the safety of fellow Soldiers by giving their all to bring the mission to a successful end,” Socia said. “As important as the Soldier fighting the battle or conducting support of civil authorities is, so too is that communicator.”

Like the courses they teach, academy instructors are some of the best in their fields, says Blackstone.

Not only are they, too, well trained in their respective fields, they have “real world experience” to back that training. He says that the majority of his instructors have bachelor and master’s degrees from universities like Colorado Tech, Devry University, the University of Georgia, Georgia Southern University, Central Georgia Technical College and Columbia College, just to name a few.

“And we’re not oblivious to the fact that technology is continually changing, so our instructors, like our students after graduating, are in a constant state of learning,” Blackstone said. “Many of our staff are obtaining secondary and post-graduate degrees, while others attend supplementary classes to make sure their own skills remain up to par.”

It is all part of the academy’s commitment to making sure each Soldier receives the best and most current education and training available, he says.

As for those real world experiences he mentioned, Blackstone says several of his staff have deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan, while others have been on missions to Uganda and the Republic Georgia. They have provided support for the Global Command and Control System, configuring and managing UNIX computer servers, or troubleshooting and repairing individual workstations.

“Many of our instructors also have extensive on-the-job training and experience in the civilian sector, working at such companies as United States Advance Networks, Cingular Wireless, Bell South and AT&T, and the Federal Bureau of Prisons,” he said. “No matter who they’ve worked for, or where they’ve been, this staff really embodies the definition of what a Guardsman is through their unique standing as citizens and as Soldiers.”

165th AIRLIFT WING DEPLOYS FOR NINTH TIME SINCE 9/11

Story and photo by Sgt. 1st Class Roy Henry
Public Affairs Office
Georgia Department of Defense

COMBAT READINESS TRAINING CENTER, Garden City, Ga., Jan. 7, 2011 – The last of six C-130H2 Hercules aircraft from the Georgia Air Guard’s 165th Airlift Wing rolled down the runway to begin the more than 7,000-mile journey to Afghanistan for a three-month stint at Bagram Air Base. This is the ninth time the 165th has deployed – to either Iraq or Afghanistan – since Sept. 11, 2001, in support of the War on Terror.

“Unlike the Army, which deploys less frequently for longer periods of time, we deploy more often, but usually for shorter periods,” said Col. Jesse Simmons, the 165th’s commander. “But the job’s the same: support the Global War on Terror and help the Afghan people regain control of their country.”

These six aircraft, their crews, and all the operations and maintenance personnel who have deployed with them are expected back in Savannah around early spring.

“Chalk Six” and five other 165th C-130s will join 10 additional “Hercs” from the Nevada Air National Guard and active duty Air Force attached to the 744th Air Expeditionary Wing. Their mission – and that of the more than 100 flight operations and maintenance personnel from the 165th on this latest deployment – is to put aircraft in the air and move equipment, food and people for Afghan, American and NATO forces fighting the Taliban.

“That, and anything else the chain of command may require of us,” said Chief Master Sgt. Frank Ramirez, Chalk Six’s flight engineer. Ramirez is also the group’s senior enlisted leader during this deployment. “For folks on the ground, we’ll get them what they need, when they

need it. They know they can depend on us to go beyond the stated mission if that’s what it takes to get the job done.”

This is also the 165th’s largest deployment of aircraft and personnel, says Col. Simmons.

“The six aircraft deploying are part of the eight we have, so we’re left with two here at home station,” Simmons explained. “One of those will be out of service for scheduled maintenance the entire time of the deployment, leaving us with one operational aircraft at home.”

Accompanying the Georgia Guard aircraft headed for Afghanistan are more than 150 Georgia Guard Airmen, including all of the wing’s operations division and more than 50 percent of its maintenance department, Simmons

says. “The loss of aircraft and people to the wartime mission most certainly affects our stateside readiness,” he said. “But we’re still able to respond to requirements placed upon us by the state, through the Adjutant General using the assets that remain here and with assistance from the surrounding states that make up FEMA Region 4.”

Simmons points out that the Georgia Guard is not the only organization affected by the loss of its Airmen to the War on Terror. Deployments, he says, also impact the civilian employers for whom many of these Airmen work. Companies across the state lose workers who are valuable to their operations, and those Guardsmen’s peers must then take up the slack while they are deployed.

“Employers, like our families, have it rough when a Guardsman deploys,” Simmons said. “And like our families, I hope they know how much I, the Air Guard Commander [Maj. Gen. Tom Moore] and the Adjutant General [Maj. Gen. William T. Nesbitt] appreciate their allowing those employees to serve their state and the nation as Citizen-Airmen.”



Airmen of Savannah’s 165th Airlift Wing line the flight ramp as the last of the six C-130 Hercules headed for Afghanistan leaves its parking spot outside the 165th hangar and heads for the runway at Savannah International Airport. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Matthew Rice, 201st Agricultural Development Team 1)

Major Don Pallone, navigator for the last of six Georgia Air Guard C-130 Hercules deploying to Afghanistan, waves goodbye to family, friends and fellow Airmen as he steps aboard “Chalk Six” for the flight from Savannah to Bagram Air Base.



GUARD ENGINEERS

WORK ALONGSIDE CIVILIAN CONTRACTORS ON NEW JFHQ

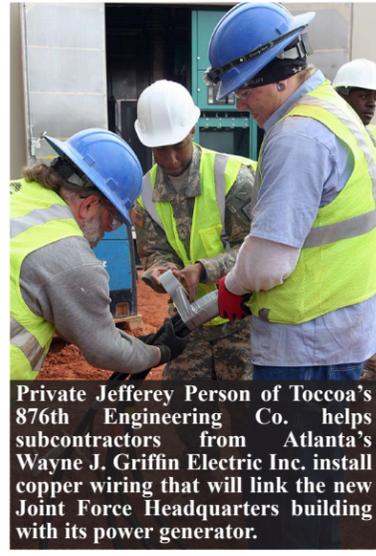
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124th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment
Georgia Army National Guard

CLAY NATIONAL GUARD CENTER, Marietta, Ga., Jan. 7, 2011 – Twelve Soldiers from Toccoa’s 876th Engineer Company had a chance to work with civilian contractors as part of their drill weekend, helping to build the Georgia Guard’s new Joint Forces Headquarters.

Captain Kevin Holley, the company commander, says the collaboration was a unique opportunity for his Soldiers to train in their military occupational specialty with civilian professionals on a large-scale construction job.

“The difference between the subcontractors and our guys is that the subcontractors do this day in and day out; our guys do it two days a month. Our guys are accountants and school teachers during the week, but on drill weekend they turn wrenches and do engineer training. So, obviously, our guys can learn a lot from these construction professionals,” said Holley.

Some of the tasks the Guardsmen preformed included



Private Jefferey Person of Toccoa’s 876th Engineering Co. helps subcontractors from Atlanta’s Wayne J. Griffin Electric Inc. install copper wiring that will link the new Joint Force Headquarters building with its power generator.

assisting with ductwork for heating and air, aiding with the installation of plumbing fixtures such as piping and sprinkler heads, and helping with the installation of copper wiring throughout the building. Holley says such skills are essential to the mission of the engineering company.

“We’re construction guys. Our wartime mission is vertical construction, including carpentry, plumbing, masonry and electrical work,” he said.

While each Soldier is trained in a specific construction discipline, Holley says that he took full advantage of this opportunity to cross-train his Soldiers

in different skills.

Holley also says that the general contractor – Atlanta’s New South Construction Co. – as well as the various subcontractors working on the project, accommodated his Soldiers, and seemed as eager to mentor them as they were to learn. The training was so impactful that Holley plans to bring more of his engineers to work with the journeymen here later in the month.

It’s time for Georgia’s Joint Forces Headquarters third annual Purple Pig 5k Run, marking the anniversary of General Oglethorpe’s landing at Savannah on Feb. 12, 1733, a date now known as Georgia Day.

Busses leave Oglethorpe and Clay at 10:00 a.m. The event takes place at Stone Mountain Park and starts at 10:30 a.m. A \$20 entrance fee gets participants a Purple Pig t-shirt, commemorative running bib, and a post-game cookout lunch.

Awards go to the best male, female and guidon team participants to cross the finish line. Check with your division representative or the HHD for details.

Remember: Purple is made by mixing green and blue...



WARRANT OFFICERS IN DEMAND

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CLAY NATIONAL GUARD CENTER, Marietta, Ga., Jan. 7, 2011 – With much of the Army over strength, many Soldiers wonder what opportunities remain for career advancement. According to Chief Warrant Officer 2 Alan O. Hughes, the warrant officer strength manager for the Recruiting and Retention Battalion, Joint Forces Headquarters, the needs of the Army for warrant officer positions is strong and some important jobs are still available.

“We have some really mission-essential positions available, and they need strong, competent Soldiers to fill them,” Hughes said.

He then outlined the Georgia Guard’s five most under-strength specialties, and how these jobs directly support the Army and the Guard.

920B (Supply System Technician): Responsible for managing the receipt, storage, and issuance of supplies and equipment at the technical supply level.

“In other words, these Soldiers are in charge of tracking Army parts and equipment,” Hughes explained. “They must have a handle on where everything is, whether it’s in stock or on order; and they have to be ready to brief and advise the commander with the status of these parts at a moment’s notice,” Hughes said.

922A (Food Service Technician): Coordinates and supervises the food service program for installations, commands or organizations. Develops food service management plans to aid in disseminating information.

“The Soldier in this position really has the health of others in their hands. It’s a huge responsibility to know the health code regulations regarding temperature, expiration, and sanitation within the food service program,” Hughes added. “Not to mention the people skills required to manage everyone involved in their food service program.”

915A (Automotive Maintenance Technician “Light”): Plans, organizes, and executes field maintenance of wheeled and light tracked vehicles, self-propelled artillery systems, and fire control, armament, ground support, and powered driven chemical equipment.

“Maintenance is the backbone of the military. This specialty deals with the light wheeled vehicles we use every day. Without working equipment to complete the mission,

the Army could not function,” Hughes said.

919A (Engineer Equipment Maintenance Technician): Supervises personnel in maintenance of engineer and ground support equipment. Analyzes malfunctions and supervises minor repair and adjustment of engineer equipment.

“This position puts the Soldier in contact with some of the biggest equipment the Army uses. Heavy machinery, like bulldozers, need an expert who understands earth-moving, shaping, and compacting,” Hughes explained. “Other missions might call on the warrant officer to apply his or her training in lifting, loading, and concrete mixing.”

882A (Mobility Officer): Plans, organizes, and supervises the preparation and execution of unit movement and distribution operations. Coordinates deployment and distribution actions with multinational, joint, Army, and commercial agencies.

Chief Hughes says when a unit is training, and especially when it is deploying, one of the largest tasks is to plan and organize the movement of mission essential equipment.

“This warrant officer must pay special attention to detail. Accountability is key when you’ve got a whole unit moving into theater, and then you have to get all of that equipment back home in a condition where it can be used again.

“In some way, all of these warrant officers must work together, to ensure mission success. From feeding units, to supplying them, and then moving and maintaining those supplies, it’s always vital to have someone strategic and knowledgeable behind Army operations,” Hughes added.

Hughes says the key to finding the perfect fit for these jobs comes from identifying Soldiers who already qualify for them. According to the Army’s warrant officer candidate recruiting website, a Soldier must be an E-5 or above, with at least four to six years experience in an enlisted feeder position. In addition, the Soldier must have at least a 110 GT score, and a passing APFT and physical.

“That’s our challenge – to find someone with the years of experience it takes to apply to be a technical expert, who has the GT score to back it up. These fields are sometimes very specific, but they’re meant to be. Commanders need that expertise on the battlefield to help every mission succeed,” said Hughes. “Too many Soldiers don’t take the chance to apply, and they let the road of ‘some day’ lead them to the road of ‘nowhere.’ If you think you could qualify to be a warrant officer, take advantage of the opportunity now!”

KENNESAW'S 190TH MPs COME HOME

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GUARD GARRISON TRAINING CENTER, Hinesville, Ga., Jan. 6, 2011

– Guardsmen of Kennesaw's 190th Military Police Company have patiently been awaiting the day when their deployment to Afghanistan would come to a successful end and they could rejoin their loved ones at home. Finally, that day has arrived.

The 190th has spent the past year deployed to Bagram Air Base near Kabul, Afghanistan. The company's primary job was to provide security for the base detention center along its guard towers and various entry control points. The unit later picked up the additional task of escorting detainees to and from the center; and the 190th served as part of the base's immediate response force, protecting the area in which it resided in the event of an attack.

Stepping off the buses that brought them from Camp Shelby, Miss. – where they had spent the past week transferring from active duty to traditional

Guard status – onto Fort Stewart's Cottrell Parade Field, the more than 100 MPs, supply and administrative personnel raised

their voices in cheers of joy.

"Lord, it's hard to believe we finally made it home," said Spc. Steven Barrett, a military police officer from Monroe. "It's all going to take a day, maybe two, to sink in. But once it does, I'll know it's for real!"

For Capt. Purvis Brown, the 190th's commander, this was not only a time to rejoice about being back in the arms of his wife, Monica; it was also a time to reflect on the mission and his Soldiers' performance during their year at Bagram. He says he and his Soldiers found little time to worry about anything other than the mission at hand during their deployment.

"Our folks put in long hours and hard work, not just at the beginning but all through the deployment," said Brown, who also pastors a church and is a history professor at Tri-County Technical College in Greenville, S.C.

"In that kind of environment, getting it right – schedules, workload, shift changes, who's going where and doing what, etc. – is very important. Our junior officers and noncommissioned officers made those things happen, and when the lower enlisted were called on, they go it all done with as little 'pain' as possible. Throughout the deployment, our folks picked up the gauntlet thrown down before them and did an outstanding job," Brown said. "I doubt anyone could be prouder of them for who they are and what they have done than I am."

GEORGIA'S COUNTERDRUG TASK FORCE AMONGST BEST IN NATION

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CLAY NATIONAL GUARD CENTER, Marietta, Jan. 26, 2011

– Georgia's Counterdrug Task Force (GaCDTF), manned by Georgia Army and Air Guardsmen, is one of the top organizations of its kind in the country according to the results of a recent three-day counterdrug performance evaluation performed by National Guard Bureau Counterdrug Operations.

There are 54 operational counterdrug programs in the country. Of those inspected this fiscal year, the average score was 89 out of 100. Georgia scored a "sustain" in 98 out of 100 categories.

Programs that score at least 85 out of 100 are evaluated just once every two years, while the programs that score lower than 85 are re-inspected every six weeks. Any program good enough to score a 100 is not inspected again for three years.

"The results of this year's inspection are a reflection of the people who make up the task force," said Col. Ben Sartain, GaCDTF coordinator. "Their individual and collective will – from the lowest to the highest levels



– of wanting to be the best, speaks volumes about our organization and its commitment to drug enforcement and anti-drug education in Georgia."

From Jan. 10 to 12, task force personnel and their NGB evaluators reviewed such areas as administration and logistics, aviation resources, training, and finance. They also reviewed the CDTF administrators of the Georgia Guard's Joint Substance Abuse Program, or JSAP.

Since its last inspection, the Georgia counterdrug program has conducted nearly 15,000 missions, to include supporting local, state and federal law enforcement in their drug enforcement efforts and employing the drug reduction program in public schools across the state.

NEW PROGRAM TO HELP UNIT, SOLDIERS DEAL WITH STRESS

Dealing with the stress of combat – on the battlefield and at home – is not an easy thing to do, no matter how mentally and physically tough one may believe he, or she is. Problems that go unchecked eventually result in the loss of one of the most valuable assets the Guard has: a Citizen-Soldier.

Some of the recognizable signs of someone not dealing well with stress are:

- * Loss of appetite, sleep or interest in normal activity or work
- * Feelings of depression or anxiety
- * Lack of energy or the will to do much of anything at all
- * Increased use of alcohol and drugs
- * Increased fits of anger
- * Incidents of domestic abuse

The Guard, the Army and all the service branches are doing what they can to remove the stigma that many of today's warriors continue to have about reaching out for help when they need it.

In the Georgia Army Guard, help is now available to Soldiers and their units 24 hours-a-day, 7 days-a-week through the recently instituted Behavioral Officer Program.

Run by Col. Paul E. Antoniou, the Guard's senior behavioral officer, the program operates out of the Lawrenceville Armory. Its goal: the early detection of psychological problems through evaluation and treatment so the Soldier remains in the Guard and an effective member of his unit, ready for the next mission whether it is here at home or abroad.

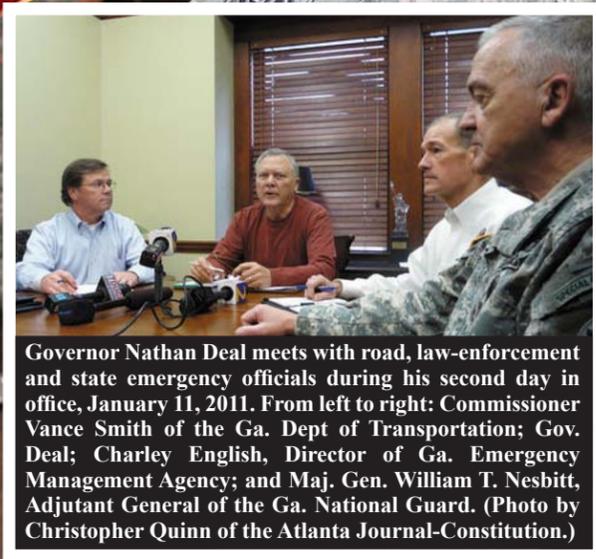
"The loss of just one Soldier to the stress of combat is unnecessary and unacceptable," said Antoniou, who has more than 30 years experience as a clinically certified social worker.

For more information about the Georgia Army Guard's Behavioral Officer Program, unit leaders, NCOs and Soldiers can contact Antoniou at (904) 825-9012 or (678) 478-4001. He can also be reached by e-mail at: paul.paul1@us.army.mil



Captain Purvis Brown (center) reports the return of Kennesaw's 190th Military Police Company from Afghanistan to Maj. Gen. Maria L. Britt, Georgia Army Guard Commander.

NEW STATE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF



Governor Nathan Deal meets with road, law-enforcement and state emergency officials during his second day in office, January 11, 2011. From left to right: Commissioner Vance Smith of the Ga. Dept of Transportation; Gov. Deal; Charley English, Director of Ga. Emergency Management Agency; and Maj. Gen. William T. Nesbitt, Adjutant General of the Ga. National Guard. (Photo by Christopher Quinn of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.)

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STATE CAPITOL, Atlanta, Jan. 10, 2011 – Shortly after his inauguration as Georgia’s 82 governor, Nathan Deal – followed by Maj. Gen. William T. Nesbitt, Georgia’s Adjutant General, and Col. Bill Hitchens, Georgia Department of Public Safety Commissioner – reviewed a formation of Georgia Guardsmen and Georgia State Troopers inside the State Capitol.

Prior to viewing the formation, General Nesbitt and others watched from the gallery of the House chamber as Deal took the oath of office.

“It’s an honor for the Guard to bear witness to yet another peaceful exchange of executive power,” said Nesbitt. “The National Guard, in one form or another, has stood by to serve the governor of Georgia for the better part of four centuries, and we look forward to doing the same for Governor Deal throughout his tenure.”

In November, then Governor-elect Deal made one

of his first administration appointments by keeping Maj. Gen. Nesbitt in his position as the Adjutant General of Georgia, saying “General Nesbitt has more than 40 years of service, and he’s a leader who brings the most relevant experience to the table as he has the proven ability to lead multiple civilian, military and law enforcement organizations to ensure that Georgians are kept safe.”

The Georgia Guardsmen in attendance, who braved the severe winter weather that struck metro Atlanta and all of North Georgia the night prior to the inauguration, came from Monroe’s 178th Military Police Company, Kennesaw’s 277th Maintenance Company, and the Air Guard’s 117th Air Control Squadron from Warner Robins Air Base.

The Georgia Army Guard’s Ellenwood-based 116th Band provided music for Deal’s swearing-in from the rotunda, then lined the steps down to the rotunda as the new governor and his first lady, Sandra Deal, descended from the House chambers.

The next day, Gov. Deal met with General Nesbitt and other state officials to help plan Georgia’s response to the winter storm plaguing the state.

GOV. DEAL REAFFIRMS MAJ. GEN. NESBITT

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STATE CAPITOL, Atlanta, Jan. 18, 2011 – Governor Nathan Deal reaffirmed Major Gen. William T. Nesbitt as Georgia’s Adjutant General during a short swearing-in ceremony in the governor’s office at the State Capitol.

Among those attending Nesbitt’s reconfirmation as senior leader of the Georgia Department of Defense were his wife Letha; first lady Sandra Deal; Maj. Gen. Maria L. Britt, Georgia Army Guard Commander; and Command Sgt. Maj. James Nelson, the Georgia Army Guard’s senior enlisted leader and Nesbitt’s senior enlisted advisor.

“I am honored beyond all words at Governor Deal’s



show of confidence in my leadership of the Georgia DoD,” Nesbitt said later about his reappointment to the post he has held since November 2008. “As we [the DoD, the Deal administration and the state legislature] move forward in our relationship, it must be known that the success of our organization comes from the Soldiers, Airmen and civilian employees who fill our ranks.”

“It is to their credit,” Nesbitt stressed, “that the Georgia DoD continues to be the organization of excellence that it is.”

WILLIAMS HONORED BY PRESTIGIOUS ANCIENT ORDER OF SAINT BARBARA

CLAY NATIONAL GUARD CENTER, Marietta, Ga., January 24, 2011 – Georgia National Guard Chief Warrant Officer 2 Frank Williams recently received the prestigious Ancient Order of Saint Barbara award presented by the U.S. Field Artillery Association during the Saint Barbara’s Day Ball held in Athens, Ga.

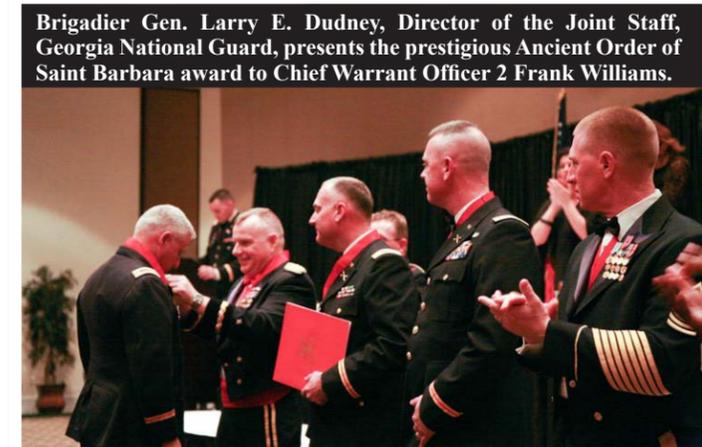
Williams, a native of McIntosh County, currently serves as the targeting officer in the 214th Field Artillery Battalion in Elberton, Ga. Williams is also the State Director of the Georgia Youth ChalleNGe Academies.

He has served in numerous military assignments as an artilleryman and has been recognized for his outstanding technical and tactical abilities. Williams is a former colonel in the Georgia National Guard and converted to a warrant officer position in order to continue serving the country.

The Ancient Order of Saint Barbara recognized the contributions of Williams in his long and venerable

history of field artillery. This honor acknowledges his professional commitment and underscores the lofty standards of excellence that he epitomizes.

Under his leadership as State Director, the Georgia National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Academy (YCA) has experienced one of the highest success rates in the nation. To date, Georgia’s YCA has seen approximately 10,000 at-risk youth graduate and achieve their GEDs, giving them a second chance to succeed.



Brigadier Gen. Larry E. Dudney, Director of the Joint Staff, Georgia National Guard, presents the prestigious Ancient Order of Saint Barbara award to Chief Warrant Officer 2 Frank Williams.

GEORGIA NATIONAL GUARD HRF CHANGES SERGEANTS MAJOR



Command Sgt. Maj. Tony Gayton (left) accepts the ceremonial NCO's saber from Col. Mike Scholes, the 78th HRF commander, during the 78th's change of responsibility ceremony.

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CLAY NATIONAL GUARD CENTER, Marietta, Ga., Jan. 14, 2011 – Sergeant Maj. Tony Gayton's acceptance of the noncommissioned officer's saber from Col. Mike Scholes, 78th Homeland Response Force (HRF) Commander, signified a "change of responsibility" in a ceremony held here at the 78th's new headquarters.

Gayton, a Tate, Ga., resident who comes to the 78th from his position as the operations sergeant major for Joint Forces Headquarters, takes the reigns of leadership from Command Sgt. Maj. Ed Hepler. Hepler, who joined the HRF a year and a half ago when it was the Decatur-based 78th Troop Command, is now command sergeant major for the Clay National Guard Center.

Part of the 78th's transformation into becoming the state's homeland response force has entailed a change in commanders. Now, with a change in its senior enlisted leadership, the 78th continues moving down the path toward the external evaluation and validation of its ability to conduct its new mission: providing support to civil authorities in times of natural or man-made crisis.

"This is more than a timely transition between two senior leaders," said Col. Scholes. "It reflects this organization's responsibility to put the best and brightest leaders in key positions to better our ability to meet our homeland security mission as we begin the task of

protecting the citizens of this state and the nation."

Hepler, who received the Meritorious Service Medal and an NCO's saber to mark his more than 35 years of military service, will retire later this year. That retirement, Scholes says, will come during the 78th's evaluation and validation. Hepler's assistance to Gayton in the meantime will "be vital to providing stability and continuity within the 78th," said Scholes. Both NCOs, Scholes added, will serve the unit as it prepares for its homeland defense role.

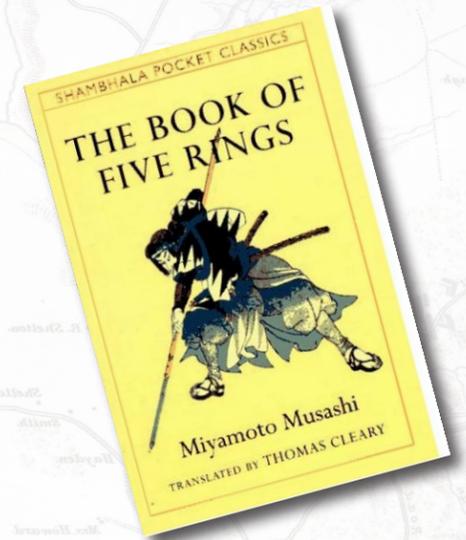
"Major General Maria Britt, the Georgia Army Guard Commander, once said to me, 'It's part of our responsibility to know when to step aside, when our time comes,'" Hepler said. "The 78th's transformation is that time for me. It requires a sergeant major who'll be around to guide it through that transformation, and beyond, someone who fully understands what's needed to be successful in its new mission. And I believe Command Sgt. Maj. Gayton is that person."

As for Gayton, he said he looks forward to the "new and exciting times ahead for the 78th HRF. Taking on the responsibility of being the HRF's most senior enlisted leader is, undoubtedly, a great challenge. But I know that, with Command Sgt. Maj. Hepler's help, we – as a unit – will meet that challenge head-on and prove that the Georgia Guard and the 78th have what it takes to successfully take on the homeland response force mission before us."



Command Sgt. Maj. Ed Hepler (left) shows off the NCO's saber presented to him by Col. Mike Scholes on behalf of the Soldiers of the 78th HRF.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT BOOKSHELF: REVIEWS OF BOOKS THAT TEACH US ABOUT OUR CRAFT



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Anyone who has ever fenced, or wielded a close-combat weapon, or studied martial arts understands how a weapon can serve as an extension of the body. This understanding entails a comprehension of the relationship between action and reaction, vulnerability and the strike.

Knowledge of these things proves useful whether employing a tank platoon, or a light infantry battalion, or a fighter aircraft. But these are lessons which can be learned more immediately (and perhaps easily) with a close-combat weapon.

Probably, it is for this reason that Miyamoto Musashi's *The Book of Five Rings* – collected here with Yagyu

"THE PERFORMANCE OF AN EXPERT SEEMS RELAXED BUT DOES NOT LEAVE ANY GAPS. THE ACTIONS OF TRAINED PEOPLE DO NOT SEEM RUSHED."

Munenori's Family Traditions on the Art of War – has survived through the ages as a key text of the martial arts.

The translator, Thomas Cleary, refers to these as "texts on conflict and strategy," meant to be useful in all walks of life. Both authors, too, stress repeatedly that the "martial arts" are meant to be applied in all situations.

This approach truly makes these works of conflict philosophy more than strategic thought (or even business method) alone. The end result Miyamoto and Munenori would have us reach is more a state of mind – a way of approaching problems, martial or otherwise – with a proper balance of focus and openness, of passive and aggressive physical and mental states.

Of course, this also means the book is not always easily

approachable. Much of it reads like a book of aphorisms; some of it is repetitive and mystical, a little too Eastern for many readers.

For these reasons, this is a book best savored. You'll want to have enough time to reflect on what you read – but not so much time that you lose the threads of the major themes running throughout the works. I recommend as interactive an experience as you can manage: Discuss it with others, or capture your thoughts and reflections in the margins of your book as you read. Agree or disagree, your reactions matter and, if captured, can help you better understand and develop your own philosophy of conflict.

Some of the lessons will be more challenging. "Mountain and sea" means that it is bad to do the same thing over and over again," writes Musashi. Yet, on reflection and in context, understanding the need to match

tactics to the situation at hand, and not repeat stale tactics – these are things with which we can identify.

Other lessons will be clearer immediately. "When you strike a blow, do not keep your mind on where you hit; after striking, bring your mind back to observe your adversary's condition," writes Munenori. Students of maneuver – and many pilots – will recognize this admonition against "tunnel vision" from early in their training.

The bottom line is that if one approaches this book with an open mind, and a willingness to apply somewhat abstract lessons to today's situation, *The Book of Five Rings* may help you reach "the next level" in your strategic thinking.

AROUND THE GEORGIA GUARD

ATLANTA FALCONS HONOR GEORGIA GUARDSMAN

GEORGIA DOME, Atlanta, Jan., 15, 2011 – During the NFL division championship game between the Atlanta Falcons and the Green Bay Packers, the Falcons presented Georgia Guard Staff Sgt. Anthony Landowski with a commemorative Falcons Helmet in recognition of all the men and women who have served in the Global War on Terror. Georgia Guard Brig. Gen. Joe Wells, Director of Intelligence and Communications and Chief Information Officer for the National Guard Bureau, was on hand at the Georgia Dome to assist the Falcons in presenting the award. Landowski, a member of C Troop, 108th Cavalry, was wounded in 2009 in Afghanistan, subsequently transferred to Germany and later spent 16 months rehabilitating at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington. Landowski is currently at Eisenhower Army Medical Center at Fort Gordon where he continues his rehab. (Photo courtesy of the Atlanta Falcons.)



165TH AW PAO TALKS TO PRESS DURING VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN'S VISIT

AFGHANISTAN, Jan. 11, 2011 — Lieutenant Col. David Simons, Public Affairs Officer for the 165th Airlift Wing, Georgia Air National Guard, talks with reporters during a recent visit by U.S. Vice President Joe Biden to Kabul Military Training Center. Simons is serving a six-month tour as the Director of Public Affairs, NATO Training Mission – Afghanistan. (Photo by Chief Petty Officer Brian Brannon, NTM-A PAO.)

MPAD SOLDIER HIKES MT. ASO IN JAPAN

MT. ASO, Japan, Jan. 22, 2011 – Staff Sgt. Harold Lewis, Jr., a team leader with the 124th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, walks past a concrete eruption shelter as he films his climb up Mt. Aso, an active volcano near Kumamoto, Japan. Lewis is on his annual training, working as part of a team from the MPAD supporting Yama Sakura 59, which is an annual joint exercise between the U.S. Army and the Japan Ground Self Defense Force.



DEPLOYED GA. ARMY GUARD SOLDIER RECOGNIZED FOR LEADERSHIP

FORT MCCOY, Wis., Jan. 13, 2011 — Specialist Avery McKinney (center), of the Georgia Army National Guard's 877th Horizontal Engineer Company, demonstrates the use of a helmet light to Maj. Gen. Raymond F. Rees (right), Oregon National Guard Adjutant General, and Lt. Col. Kevin Dial, 1249th Engineer Battalion Commander. Rees visited the 1249th and its subordinate units during their training prior to deploying to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. McKinney, was recently recognized for his outstanding leadership during the unit's mobilization at Fort McCoy, where he displayed extensive engineering knowledge of multiple pieces of equipment and a superior performance of his duties. Dial described McKinney as "always first to volunteer and pass his wealth of knowledge to other Soldiers. He exemplifies the true spirit of what it means to be a modern-day warrior." (Photo by Sgt. Eric A. Rutherford, 115th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, Oregon Army National Guard.)



KSU GRADS RECEIVE SALUTE FROM ARMY GUARD COMMANDER

KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY, Dec. 14, 2010 — Five hundred KSU graduates received a salute for a "job well done" from Maj. Gen. Maria Britt, Commanding General of the Georgia Army National Guard. She spoke to the graduates from the perspective of a life of public service. General Britt began her military career in 1983 when she graduated from West Point and has served the United States both in active duty and the National Guard since then. She challenged the students to use their education, "for the good of others. Make the world better for more than just yourself, make it better for all Americans and the world

community." Four days later, on Dec. 18, Britt delivered another keynote speech at Southern Polytechnic State University's 99th commencement ceremony. (Photo by David Caselli, Kennesaw State University.)

GUARDSMEN FEATURED IN MOTION PICTURE

CLAY NATIONAL GUARD CENTER, Marietta, Ga., Jan. 6, 2011 – Georgia Guard Soldiers were posted at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta to "assist local police in controlling an angry crowd." The staged anxiety was all part of the production of a motion picture entitled "Contagion," currently being filmed in Atlanta. Soldiers and equipment of Georgia's 48th Infantry Brigade were used as part of the action-thriller, which centers on the "threat posed by a deadly disease and the international team of doctors contracted by the CDC to deal with the outbreak." The motion picture stars Matt Damon, Marion Cotillard, Gwyneth Paltrow, Kate Winslet and Laurence Fishburne. "Contagion" is scheduled for release in October.





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