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143rd MPs conducts Vehicle Gunnery during AT

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FORT DRUM, New York – "Target!" screams out the crew of a Humvee as their gunner, Connecticut Army National Guard Pfc. Buckley Ryan, finds his mark with the M240L machine gun.

Ryan is one of many Connecticut Army National Guardsmen assigned to the 143rd Military Police Company who recently spent some time behind the gun up at Fort Drum, New York, for Annual Training. Here, Military Police, often referred to simply as MP's, mounted their Humvees and Mine Resistant Ambush Protected All-Terrain Vehicles, or M-ATVs, and conducted vehicle gunnery.

During gunnery, vehicle crews traverse the live fire range's maneuver area, also known as the maneuver box, or simply as "the box". While in the box, the crews patrol from their vehicles, scanning for any potential threats. They will then be ordered to conduct defensive operations, where the crew drives up and occupies defensive positions and repulses an enemy attack with their vehicle's assigned weapon system, in this case a .50 caliber M2 Browning machine gun or a 7.62mm M240L machine gun, as well as conducting offensive operations, where the crews bring the fight to the enemy and assault their positions.

"It was my first time being in a gunner position," said Ryan. This was all very new to me. Knowing the functions and all that...I was taught beforehand, but actually doing the thing is completely different."

The crews are graded by a vehicle crew evaluator, who rides with them into battle and accesses their communication, including proper identification of threats and identi-



U.S. Army Pfc. Buckley Ryan, military police assigned to the 143rd Military Police Company, 192nd Military Police Battalion, Connecticut Army National Guard, poses for a photo from the turret of his High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle, or humvee, prior to the start of vehicle gunnery at Fort Drum, New York, Aug. 13, 2023. Despite this being his first annual training period, and first time manning the M240L machine gun as a vehicle gunner, Ryan successfully engaged all targets and became the fifth gunner in his unit to qualify. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Matthew Lucibello)

fying their target distances; their weapon handling to include properly employing their vehicle's weapon system and overcoming any malfunctions that may occur while engaging the enemy; and marksmanship against static and moving targets meant to simulate infantry and vehicular threats.

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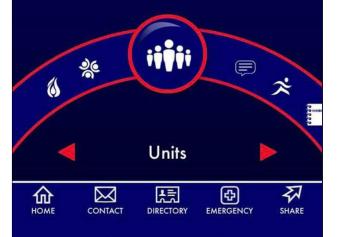
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U.S Army Staff Sgt. Lacy Phongsaly, advanced culinary specialist from Fox Company, 186 BSB, Massachusetts Army National Guard, checking inventory from a recent shipment on Fort Drum, New York, August 11, 2023. To ensure that what they received is what they ordered, they must take the time and check off every item on the list. (U.S. Army Photo by Cdt Jenna D'Orazio)

Serving Dedication: an inside look of how Army Culinary Specialists get food on the table

Cadet Jenna D'Orazio 130th Public Affairs Detachment

FORT DRUM, New York - It's a new day. U.S. Army Soldiers are awake before the sun rises, ready to report and get on with their jobs. They do as they're instructed and work themselves with little to no personal time. What keeps them going? Well, at the heart of any unit is the ability for their Soldiers to stay mentally and physically resilient. This wouldn't be possible if they didn't receive the proper nutrition to fuel their mind, bodies, and souls.

While working in the food department may seem like a straight-forward military job, it most certainly is not. They must learn to adapt and overcome challenges in order to provide for vast amounts of military personnel. Food shortages and exacting conditions can most definitely be a demanding hurtle, but these Soldiers have no time to waste when it comes to getting enough meals out to feed everybody while on a time crunch.

Staff Sgt. Lacy Phongsaly is an advanced culinary specialist from Fox Company, 186th Brigade Support Battalion, Massachusetts Army National Guard. Her main responsibilities consist of making sure Soldiers are fed, keeping food logistically controlled, and staying within the military's budget. Not only must she balance all these heavy tasks, but she must also ensure the food is off the floor and clean, all while keeping in mind that it can't be exposed to heat for too long. In addition, it is essential that Phongsaly and her fellow Soldiers enforce strict sanitary practices at all times.

It is vital that culinary specialists keep track of what they receive through shipments and mark it down. Phongsaly stated, "inventorying what the truck is sending us versus what we ordered is important because on the back end we need to let our state know what

we were short, so they don't get charged for what was missing, double checking that the vendor and the state are on the same page."

Organization is necessary in the Army's culinary department. Once Soldiers receive the food, they must separate it so they can send it out to their designated locations. Here at Fort Drum, culinary specialists are getting extra exposure to the imperative details that go into getting the food ready to serve. Second Lt. John Rettman, platoon leader of the Quartermaster Platoon, which specializes in field feeding, discussed how it's important for Soldiers to get exposure so they can be effective leaders in upcoming events.

"They haven't really seen the logistical aspect of receiving the food such as bringing it over, staging it, breaking it out so the sites get their appropriate quantities that they can feed the Soldiers over the next few days ... it's incredibly important," Rettman said. "Usually, in the military you get tossed into a role and have to figure it out. This is an opportunity where they can see the process, understand it, and get involved".

Rettman went on to explain how food doesn't only provide Soldiers with the proper nutrients but can deliver a sense of happiness after working long days in the field. Furthermore, a good meal can provide comfort and induce a sense of normalcy in environments where it's hard to feel at home.

In the grand scheme of military operations, it's easy to overlook the positive influence of a well-balanced meal. Yet, the well-being of every soldier, the unity of every company, and the triumph of every mission blossom from the creations that culinary specialists provide for Soldiers. Their mastery in the kitchen translates to excellent performance and resilience, which will ultimately give military personnel the strength to put in their all, even during their most strenuous moments.



Soldiers assigned to the 75th Ranger Regiment administer a tourniquet to a simulated casualty in a smoke-filled train car during the 2023 Tactical Rescue Challenge at Camp Hartell, Windsor Locks, Conn. Aug. 14, 2023.

SWAT, military practice tactical casualty care during 2023 Tactical Rescue Challenge

Timothy Koster Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs

SWAT and Military teams put their tactical combat care skills to the test during the 5th Annual Tactical Rescue Challenge at the Connecticut National Guard's Camp Hartell in Windsor Locks, Conn. Aug. 14, 2023.

The Tactical Rescue Challenge was created in 2018 as an additional piece to the annual Connecticut SWAT Challenge and tests police and rescue teams on critical medical skills and tactics necessary during rescue operations in austere environments.

"[The challenge is] really geared toward the team medic although operators are cross trained into medicine, so you have not just medics participating in the event but other operators for any kind of tactical team," said Maj. Wesley Kyle. "There's a heavy emphasis on medicine in addition to casualty evacuation rescue techniques, moving the casualties off the "X", and performing treatments at appropriate times."

Prior to 2001, a trauma patient may have received basic life-saving medical care when an Emergency Medical Technician arrived on the scene. However, Kyle said the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan lead to a shift in the point of origin for beginning emergency medical care from the EMT to the police officer or other first responders.

"Moving care toward the point of injury really started out of those wars and then quickly transitioned to the civilian tactical teams," said Kyle, an Emergency Room doctor in the civilian sector with experience working with SWAT during his residency. "We're still translating lessons learned from the battlefield because there was such a large loss of life with penetrating trauma, and there was kind of an explosion of new ideas ... it's changed the whole landscape and it's incredible to see all these things fully adopted on the civilian side."

Medical innovation is, of course, not something new on the battlefield. Tourniquets were first developed by the Roman army. The concept of triaging patients was developed by Baron Dominique Jean Larrey, chief surgeon in Napolean's Army. The ambulance was invented during the American Civil War. Tactical Combat Casualty Care, or TC3, methodologies were developed in the early 90s and fine-tuned during the Global War on Terror. There have also been massive advancements in preventative medicine, mental and emotional health, sanitation, plastic surgery and prosthetics, and many, many more.

For competitors in the Tactical Rescue Challenge, the primary focus was on TC3: care under fire, tactical field care, and tactical evacuation care. In one scenario, teams were required to breach a train and eliminate a threat before evaluating and applying field care to a simulated casualty and extracting the patient to a higher-level of care. A second scenario had teams extract a wounded K-9 from a tear gas-filled train car before administering a tourniquet.

While the idea of a first responder, such as a police officer, having the capability, training, and resources available to administer lifesaving first aid may seem logical, the truth is not every department or officer is afforded this luxury. In addition to providing a competitive environment for officers and operators to practice their skills in a stressful, high-pace environment, the Tactical Rescue Challenge is also meant to demonstrate the importance of incorporating these skills at the lowest level to improve the survivability for people in harm's way.

To learn more about the Tactical Rescue Challenge, visit: www.ctswatchallenge.com/tactical-rescue-challenge



A Connecticut National Guard color guard team poses with the Michelin Man mascot on pit road at Lime Rock Park.

Building Relationships at Historic Lime Rock Park, 'The Road Racing Center of the East'

Sgt. 1st Class Silas Holden Conributor

It's 0515 as the sun comes up over the hills of Lakeville, CT at Lime Rock Park on a beautiful July morning. Another day of great racing awaits on the little known, yet historical track labeled as the "Road Racing Center of the East." LRP is a 1.53-mile road racing course known as "the bullring" that hosts numerous automotive motorsports events throughout the year. It is also the nation's third oldest continually operating road racing venue. Three major events are hosted each season by LRP. The Trans Am series is hosted over Memorial Day Weekend, IMSA is hosted in July, and the historic festival is hosted over Labor Day weekend.

With a recent ownership change and continual growth, the track is breathing new life into the region's motorsports scene. One highlight of LRP is their support of the military, first responder, and veteran communities. All military and veterans get in free to all racing events at LRP, and over Memorial Day Weekend free admission is included for four family members of all military or veteran attendees.

Being a loyal "Limerocker" I reached out in March of 2023 about providing a Color Guard Team for the opening ceremonies of the Trans Am race. Working with LRP and their event manager Emily Reiss, they graciously accepted the offer, and a new relationship was off and running between LRP and the Connecticut National Guard. I certainly do not intend on letting this lose steam and hope to continue to create a beneficial working relationship that brings LRP more fans, and the National Guard more potential recruits and supporters.

With growing crowds and a midway that is filling with more and more vendors the 1109th TASMG ran a recruiting tent during the IMSA race weekend in July. The TASMG also provided a Color Guard Team for the opening ceremonies of the WeatherTech North-

east Grand Prix race on Saturday, July 22nd. Numerous visitors came by the recruiting tent during the two-day event and learned more about the Connecticut National Guard and what we have to offer. Some vital information learned during this event was that a large portion of the public does not fully understand what the National Guard has to offer. They think we fight wars, respond during emergencies, and offer free college. They did not realize that we offer full time trades jobs at facilities across the state.

Attendees (too many to count) were able to see what jobs we offer in the trades sector thanks to a trade and benefit focused slideshow that my wife and I put together playing on a television throughout the two-day event. Getting this information out to the public is a vital aspect of turning the tide on our current recruitment shortfalls. Perception is reality to those looking in from the outside, and it will take a huge team effort to change the public's perception of our Citizen-Soldier military through the eyes of the often-uniformed.

Perhaps one of the great stories of the weekend was focused on a last-minute gift that was the centerpiece of our recruiting tent's table. A large resin Eagle head drew in a ton of individuals to begin conversation. My father gave me the Eagle head just two days before the event. The eagle head was found in a barn at the campground he works at during his summers in Massachusetts, it is a gift I absolutely love.

The public also truly loved it, and it drew them in to get more information and start the process of communication. In the military we hear all the time that communication is the key to everything, and even when out in public the same holds true. Knowledge, perception, information, and connection all rely on communication. And at LRP, that is exactly what we did, we communicated, we connected, and we remained professional. That is what being part of the team is all about. Thank you, Lime Rock Park, and your management team, for being gracious hosts, and allowing us to be part of your thriving growth and motorsports events. And a heartfelt thank you for your continual support of the military and veteran community, it is truly appreciated.

Annual Training

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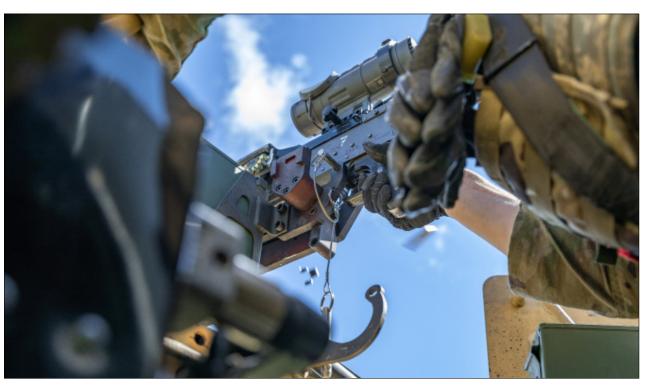
"The way I like to evaluate is...break it down into three categories; commands, engagements and mechanics," said Connecticut Army National Guard Sgt. Ryan Mendoza-Murillo, one of the evaluators for the 143rd MP Company. "Command wise, his crew [Pfc. Ryan's Crew], the TC [Truck Commander], the driver was helping out. Engagement wise, making sure they know what they are hitting, making sure they know where they are missing, why they are missing. And, mechanics wise, the gunner [Pfc. Ryan], he had a couple malfunctions, that's bound to happen on these weapon systems. He worked through them. Really had no issues that were self induced. Love to see that. He got that gun running, and kept it running."

If that wasn't enough, the crews also simulate their gunner becoming a casualty, known as a downed gunner drill. Here, the gunner simulates being wounded or killed and must be removed from the harness which keeps them supported in the turret. After removing the downed gunner from the turret, the truck commander, or TC, who sits in the passenger seat opposite to the driver, then assumes the role of the gunner, climbs into the turret, assumes control of the vehicle's weapon system and engages all remaining threats.

"[The downed gunner drill] is a little difficult because of the harness that's holding me in," explained Ryan. "It gets caught. Trying to come quickly down is a little difficult in order to get out of the way for the TC."

Despite these challenges, Ryan was the fifth gunner out of seven to qualify, qualifying on his first attempt. This was his first Annual Training.

"The gunner exercise really puts into perspective the multipurpose role that we have as military police officers,"



U.S. Army Pfc. Buckley Ryan, military police assigned to the 143rd Military Police Company, 192nd Military Police Battalion, Connecticut Army National Guard, engages targets with an M240L machine gun during vehicle gunnery at Fort Drum, New York, Aug. 13, 2023. In addition to the M240, the 143rd Military Police Company also employs the .50 caliber M2 Browning machine gun as a vehicle mounted crew served weapon. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Matthew Lucibello)

said Connecticut Army National Guard Sgt. 1st Class Kelly Strba, the 143rd MP Company's range safety officer. We are ready to fight and support Connecticut's Home Team if we were to be called up for a mission like this."

In addition to gunnery, the MP's also aided medics from the 118th Multifunctional Medical Battalion, acting as simulated wounded soldiers during a mass-casualty training exercise, as well as setting up and manning checkpoints so that engineers from the 250th Engineer Company (Multi-Role Bridge Company) could safely set up an Improved Ribbon Bridge, which enabled other units from the 143rd Regional Support Group to conduct a wet gap crossing.

If It Seems Like a Scam ...

Sgt. 1st Class (ret.) Stephanie Cyr Contributor

Scams are everywhere, take many forms, and no one is safe. Watching a feature about scams recently, it became apparent that thieves continue to work at any means they can to part people from their money and more important, their identity. According to Scam-Spotter.org, the FTC, consumers reported the loss of over 10 billion dollars of reported fraud in 2022, an increase of 44% over 2021. Of this loss, the majority were individuals over age sixty. Reasons given are that older adults are more trusting, gullible, and less tech savvy.

Scams can come through mail, email, a text, a telephone call or someone knocking at the front door. Scammers have become sophisticated in their ability to target any group including seniors, teenagers, college students, veterans, small business, parents, and grandparents. Unless one is a hermit off the grid, the likelihood of being the target of a scam is inevitable. Types of scams can include scammers posing as charity organizations, veterans groups, financial groups, and tech support.

Here are four proven scams that are winners. The phishing scam where someone poses as a friend, a company, or maybe a charity to solicit money. The tech support scam which can come as an email, a text, a popup screen on the computer, or less commonly a phone call, informing you that they are tech support and need your permission to allow repair by letting them take over your computer where they will be able to access personal information to be used for fraud. The romance scheme may seem silly, but individuals everyday fall victim to fictitious posts on dating websites or apps. The grandparent scam pretends to be a grandchild or relative sometimes in a desperate situation, who needs money right away. The good news scam is one where you are a prize winner, won the lottery, or received an inheritance from a distant relative, but must send money to get it. These scams are samples of how scammers are trying to get money or personal information.

Being vigilant will help protect you from being scammed. There are many resources where you can educate yourself to be protected from being scammed. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the FBI and any number of websites have lists of tips. However, there are three basic rules or guidelines to follow in determining if something is a scam.

Rule one is to slow down. This means not giving in to the initial urgency of the message. Scammers want you to act in a hurry to avoid before you might think something isn't quite right or doesn't make sense. Recently, texts have come to the author, asking to click on the link to receive a shipment that has not been ordered.

Rule two is to spot check. Do not rely on the face value of the message. Don't respond to the call, text, email, or any other message. Instead call the company, organization, or individual directly to verify authenticity.

Rule number three is to not send anything. Avoid unusual payment methods. For example, legitimate tech companies will never ask for payment in gift cards, wire transfer, money transfer apps or Bitcoin. These methods of payment should only be used with family and friends.

Scammers continue to part people from their money. To ensure not becoming a victim, one must educate oneself and be vigilant. ScamSpotter.org, the FBI, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and Scams and Fraud at USA.gov are great resources.

In the event you are a victim of a fraud report it immediately, whether it be money or personal information. Contact the FTC at ReportFraud.ftc.gov, local police, and your financial institution. If personal identification such as passwords or Social Security Number, immediately change all passwords and report to the Social Security Administration.



U.S. Army Sgt. Kevin O'Connell and his working dog Misha, walk across the tarmac of Bradley Air National Guard Base in East Granby, Conn. to investigate a C-130H aircraft as part of a training exercise Aug. 29, 2023. This joint training was designed to help handlers and their K-9 step outside their comfort zone, train in an unfamiliar environment, and build rapport with their sister service.

928th MWD detachment, 103rd AW conduct joint working dog training

Timothy Koster Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs

EAST GRANBY, Conn. – A junior Airmen from the 103rd Airlift Wing, who had been released from military service due to dereliction of duty, was arrested after being found tampering with one of the unit's C-130H aircraft. Following his detainment, local police found an arsenal of explosives, including pipe bombs, at the Airman's residence. The 103rd has called upon Soldiers from the 928th Military Working Dog Detachment, and their K-9 service dogs, to help investigate the tampered aircraft and the tarmac for any explosives left by the alleged ne'er-do-well.

The previous paragraph was a training scenario Soldiers from the 928th conducted in cooperation with the 103rd at Bradley Air National Guard Base, East Granby, Conn. Aug. 29, 2023.

"Today, we coordinated training with the Airlift Wing to get our military working dogs on some aircraft," said U.S. Army Sgt. Kevin O'Connell, a military working dog handler with the 928th. "Our military working dogs are expected to search for explosives in a wide array of different environments and both dog and handler need to be comfortable working in tight spaces and around loud noises on airstrips, pretty much any environment that bad guys want to hide explosives." Most of the unit's training happens in and around its training facility in Newtown, Connecticut. While this provides an adequate space to maintain their certifications and skills necessary for their mission, the partnership with the 103rd gives these Soldiers the opportunity to step outside their comfort zone, train in an unfamiliar environment, and build rapport with their sister service. For many of the unit's handlers, this was the first time they had the opportunity to train on an aircraft.

During this training event, each handler was required to go through the process of what they'd do in a real-word situation, including providing an initial brief to a unit commander and on-ground security forces prior to executing their search of the plane to find several specially scented training aids that simulate bombs hidden by the disgruntled airman.

"Our handlers are expected to be on-scene commanders whenever and wherever they're going," said O'Connell, a Beacon Falls, Conn. native. "We like to constantly test the capabilities and limitations of our handlers ... [the training organizers] try to think in-depth of where bad guys would realistically try to hide explosives and we leave it up to our handlers, and their military working dogs, to test their capabilities and limitations in finding those explosive training aids." The 928th is the only military working dog unit in the U.S. military's reserve component and, as such, are heavily relied upon to provide their services in emergencies and during special events around the country. While an aircraft isn't a typical site they'd be called to in a real crisis, having this experience under their belt helps broaden their horizons and prepare them in the event they get the call for such a situation.

"We're both used in state and federal functions," said O'Connell. "So, we can be used from a random anti-terror mission at a local armory all the way to being requested by the U.S. Secret Service for presidential and vice presidential ... sweeps and that can range from New York to Maine to Texas, wherever they need us, we can be there. Our jobs are to be flexible and to be on call for whoever needs us because you never know when something's going to go down."

The 928th employs two different types of military working dogs: explosive and counter drug. The explosive working dogs are trained to find a variety of different explosive materials. The counter drug working dogs, on the other hand, and specially trained to work with police and the Coast Guard to uncover a wide range of narcotics and other illegal drugs hidden by smugglers.

WANTED OLD UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT ****



There is a project in the works at the William A. O'Neill Armory in Hartford to display more recent historical uniforms of Connecticut military service. The intent of these new displays is to incorporate them with the other significant historical displays, pictures, and items as a walking tour for visitors to the capital, especially school children field trips for generations.

If you have any of the following uniforms that you would be willing to donate to the CT Military Department for this purpose, please contact us at (860) 524-4968 or email military.history@ct.gov. We would like as much of the uniform as possible, to include foot gear, head gear, and pins/patches/accoutrements. The list of uniforms (with accoutrements) we are looking for are as follows:

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A Connecticut Army National Guard High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle, or humvee, crosses over an Improved Ribbon Bridge at Fort Drum, New York, Aug. 11, 2023. Soldiers from the 250th set up an Improved Ribbon Bridge so units of the 143rd Regional Support Group could conduct a wet gap crossing during their annual training. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Matthew Lucibello)

250th Engineers Establish IRB at Fort Drum

Sgt. Matthew Lucibello

130th Public Affairs Detachment

FORT DRUM, New York — In combat, having the freedom to maneuver can directly affect the outcome of a battle. Rough terrain, or in this case, a deep, wide river with a powerful current, can impede or even fully stop soldiers in their tracks. To overcome this obstacle and continue on with the mission, Connecticut's Home Team calls in the Engineers.

Not just any Engineers, however, Connecticut calls on soldiers from the 250th Engineer Company (Multi-Role Bridge Company) based out of New London. These men and women, bridge crewmembers, have the necessary skills and equipment to assemble improved ribbon bridges, which allows their fellow soldiers and their vehicles to cross rivers safely and efficiently.

The unit traditionally trains to cross rivers, known officially as a wet gap crossing, on the Thames River back home. However, these soldiers really showcased their skills during their recent Annual Training at Fort Drum, New York, where they set up an improved ribbon bridge across the turbulent Black River, a river so dangerous in some areas that Fort Drum and the 10th Mountain Division forbids their soldiers from swimming in it.

Improved Ribbon Bridges are formed from components of the IRB Float Ribbon Bridge System, which utilizes interior bays and ramp bays to create a bridge that can support the weight of up to 110 wheeled or 90 tracked tactical vehicles.

"This current is very strong," said Spc. Ethan Kanlong, one of the bridge crewmembers. "We're using all our boats right now. You're supposed to have one [boat] every three or four bays to keep control of it [the bridge]."

The crossing took eight of the company's boats. The ones that weren't being used to support the bridge and keep it from flowing down the river paced up and down by the launching site, picking up sections of the bridge and ferrying them to be collected and assembled. After all the bays were put together, the boats then shifted the bridge into place. After the bridge was set and in position, units from across the 143rd Regional Support Group used the bridge as part of their combined training mission. Some of these vehicles included humvees carrying troops and military ambulances transporting simulated casualties from the training area to medical centers.

"This is the biggest one we do," said Kanlong. "It's cool to see something we built work. That's the job. We build the bridge, we take it apart, keep moving."



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DoD Mobilizes to Respond to Hawaii Wildfires

Joseph Clark Contributor

WASHINGTON - The Defense Department will continue to work closely with state and local officials to protect lives and battle the destructive wildfires that have swept through the Hawaiian island of Maui, Pentagon Press Secretary Air Force Brig. Gen. Pat Ryder said Aug. 11.

The National Guard has activated 134 troops — including 99 Army National Guard personnel and 35 Air National Guard personnel — to assist in local and federal wildfire response efforts. National Guard personnel are assisting the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency and local law enforcement.

Two Army National Guard CH-47 Chinook helicopters are supporting wildfire response and search and recovery efforts.

On Aug. 9, Guardsmen completed 58 aerial water drops of more than 100,000 gallons of water in five hours.

The fast-moving blaze, fueled by strong winds from a nearby hurricane, began Aug. 8, killing dozens of people and destroying hundreds of structures.

Some residents were forced to seek shelter by diving into the ocean after being caught off guard by the fire's rapid spread.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Maui at this time, and the department will continue to work closely with the state of Hawaii and officials there as we work together to protect lives and battle these terrible wildfires," Ryder said during a press briefing at the Pentagon.

In addition to activating National Guard personnel, DOD has mobilized active-duty components to help.

The Army's 25th Combat Aviation Brigade has deployed two UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters and a CH-47 Chinook to assist in firefighting operations.

U.S. Coast Guardsmen from Station Maui have also as-



A Hawaii Army National Guard CH47 Chinook helicopter participates in an aerial water bucket drop to fight a wildfire on the island of Maui, Hawaii, Aug. 9, 2023.

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sisted in search and rescue efforts.

The crew aboard a Coast Guard 45-foot response boat based in Maui helped state and local partners rescue at least 14 people from the waters off the island's coast.

A Navy maritime strike squadron deployed two MH-60R Seahawk helicopters to work with the Coast Guard.

President Joe Biden approved a disaster declaration and - ordered federal aid to support state and local recovery ef-

"Jill and I send our deepest condolences to the families of those who lost loved ones in the wildfires in Maui, and our prayers are with those who have seen their homes, businesses and communities destroyed," Biden said in a statement. "We are grateful to the brave firefighters and first responders who continue to run toward danger, putting themselves in harm's way to save lives."

Air Guard Leaders Emphasize Priorities at NGAUS Conference

Master Sgt. David Eichaker Contributor

RENO, Nev. - More than 1,800 Air and Army National Guard members heard from senior leaders about Guard priorities and contributions to the National Defense Strategy during the National Guard Association of the United States' 145th General Conference and Exhibition Aug. 18-21.

Top Guard officials discussed the Air National Guard and what airpower brings to the joint fight.

"All of us together deliver combat airpower for America, and it is about combat air power," said Lt. Gen. Michael Loh, director, Air National Guard. "It is about deterring, defeating, dominating (and) doing what we need to do for our joint force to get out there and compete and deter."

The National Defense Strategy directs the military to sustain, strengthen and reinforce robust deterrence in the face of aggression while mitigating and protecting against threats from adversaries and violent extremist organizations. With more than 108,000 Air National Guard members, the ANG's top general outlined how the organization contributes to that concept.

"Win the first fight of the joint warfighting concept — the fight to compete and deter," said Loh. "It's about projecting air power, defending our homeland, and it's about projecting our power overseas — not in a rotational model, but as a collective air power."

During a breakout session, the top Air Force official, Air Force Secretary Frank Kendall III, discussed how the Guard contributes to the NDS. "Your value is not going to be diminished by any of the things I've been talking about — it's going to go up," Kendall said. "We need a deep set of capabilities that can be brought to bear very quickly."

Kendall said change is necessary.

"We have to accelerate change. ... We're going to have to let go of the old things that we've had that are increasingly obsolete," he said. "We try in the Air Force very hard to protect the units that we have ... so when we look at what to do, we modernize, we change the mix of the force — we are trying to retain the same kind of capabilities that we have already where we can."

"All of you ... are enormously valuable to us and we want you there doing your job to be part of our overall one team," he said.

Other priorities laid out included recapitalizing the force, transitioning to new missions, managing over 25 of the 90 wings in transition, getting out of legacy platforms, and continuing to deliver air superiority.

"How do we make sure that when we said to the great state of Ohio that your C-130s are no longer valid and here's a cyber mission — but not just any cyber mission— here's the highest end of that cyber mission," said Loh. "How are we going to operationalize the cyber mission in the great state of Ohio to deliver air superiority — that's what we're doing.

"Those are the modernization efforts that we're going through across the entirety of our National Guard that will get us both the capability and the capacity to fight and win our nation's wars — and deliver airpower anytime, anywhere," he said.

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National Guard Chief Hokanson: 'We Serve for the Future'

Master Sgt. Jim Greenhill Contributor

RENO, Nev. – For years, the National Guard's most senior general has urged Guardsmen to tell our story; last week, he also stressed explaining why we do what we do.

"We serve for the future, for global stability, for the continuation of the American experiment," Army Gen. Daniel Hokanson told attendees at the 145th General Conference of the National Guard Association of the United States on Aug. 19. "These are not self-executing endeavors. They are not given; they are not granted. They are earned, and they are earned anew by every generation of American service members."

The 29th chief of the National Guard Bureau listed recent examples of how Guard members have served at home and overseas:

Almost 7.5 million personnel days supporting our combatant commands at home and around the world last year.

8,500 people rescued from disasters. Four more nations added to the Department of Defense

National Guard State Partnership Program. The Guard, Hokanson said, is a local force with global

reach.

"We serve because there is a calling inside each of us to make a difference," he said. "We seek challenges, wanting to learn more, do more, and be more. We are driven by an innate internal force to do something good — the 1% who bears the weight of our national and global security and defends the international rules-based order.

"The rare drive that leads us to take an oath to the Constitution is the same drive that propels us into action both in and out of uniform."

One example among many: On May 20, seven New York Guardsmen en route to a training exercise came upon two people trapped in a car after a crash. The team drew on military training and civilian-acquired skills to cut airbags, free the injured, and stabilize them until an ambulance arrived.

"They didn't drive by or call and wait for help to arrive," Hokanson said. "They took action. Because of their call to serve and their drive to make a difference, those New York Guardsmen kept their promise to be Always Ready, Always There.

"When faced with a crisis, some people freeze, unsure of what to do. Some people flee, running away from danger. But some people fight back — and a rare, special few fight for the lives of others. That's what being a Guardsman is all about."

Hokanson listed priorities for taking care of Guardsmen, including continued efforts to provide no-fee health care across the force. An operational planning team is addressing the complexity of no-fee health care and finding ways to address the access and continuity of care challenges unique to the National Guard.

Where it makes sense, Hokanson also encourages telework. The National Guard Bureau Telework and Remote Work Program was established in May.

"The program is designed to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of our workforce, both military and civilian," he said. "Not only is it a tool for operational readiness, it helps us support, recruit and retain a resilient and productive workforce [and] gives our people both oppor-



Army Gen. Daniel Hokanson, chief, National Guard Bureau, addresses attendees at the 145th National Guard Association of the United States General Conference, Reno, Nevada, Aug. 19, 2021.

tunity and flexibility."

And a pilot program for drill weekend childcare for Army National Guard members that Hokanson announced last year has expanded from six to 15 states.

Initiatives like no-fee health care and drill weekend childcare are more complex and challenging to implement than they might seem: There are nationwide childcare shortages. Providers are reluctant to deliver childcare on weekends, citing insufficient staffing and reimbursement rates. Nevertheless, the quest continues.

"We prioritize childcare because our National Guard families matter," Hokanson said. "They are another reason we serve."

On the Army Guard side, Hokanson said that after three years of work with the Army, division commands, and the adjutants general, the Guard has reached full operating capability for division alignment.

Advantages include greater training consistency; increased cooperation between the active and reserve components; better integration with the regular Army's divisions and the Joint Force; more predictable training and deployment rotations for Guardsmen; and formations that look the same and are interoperable.

On the Air Guard side, Hokanson said there is progress in fighter recapitalization efforts, with the goal of maintaining the Guard's 25 fighter squadrons.

With almost 30 percent of the Space Force's operational

readiness residing in the National Guard, "It is imperative we align our Air Guard space assets to ensure they remain manned, trained, equipped and modernized in line with Space Force standards and Space Command priorities."

Last month, the 100-nation State Partnership Program celebrated its 30th anniversary.

"Our impact does not stop at our borders," Hokanson said. "We serve for the world and to preserve the free, open, rules-based international order. We are in an era of strategic competition — and the competition is fierce.

"The State Partnership Program remains the most successful and valuable security cooperation program in the entire defense enterprise. We're interested in expanding the program in the years ahead, and we're finding other nations are interested as well."

The National Guard protects the homeland, builds enduring partnerships, and fights our nation's wars.

"It's our success in the homeland that creates the most dramatic pictures and the most indelible impressions," Hokanson said. "It's why for so many people the National Guard is synonymous with disaster response.

"But let's zoom out and get a different perspective.

"Because, if the question is why we serve, we cannot forget our primary purpose: We exist to fight and win our nation's wars.

"Why we serve is to serve our nation."



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Senior Enlisted Advisor Tony L. Whitehead, the National Guard's top enlisted leader, addresses the second business session of the 52nd Annual Conference of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States at the Mayo Civic Center, Rochester, Minnesota, Aug 14, 2023.

Guard Leaders Empower Enlisted Personnel at Conference

Sgt. 1st Class Elizabeth Pena Contributor

ROCHESTER, Minn. – National Guard Bureau leaders emphasized the importance of empowering enlisted personnel during the 52nd Annual Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States conference Aug. 13-17.

In an opening statement, Air Force Lt. Gen. Marc H. Sasseville, vice chief of the National Guard Bureau, stressed the enlisted force's crucial impact on military combat power.

"You [enlisted force] are the envy of militaries worldwide. The American senior NCO, the National Guard NCO, is the envy of every foreign senior leader I talk to," said Sasseville.

Sasseville recounted a tale of a Ukrainian soldier striving to protect his homeland from the Russian invasion. Faced with a task to target a Russian tank, the Ukrainian soldier found himself with two pieces of equipment: one operational, the other not. In this dire situation, he dialed an American colleague from the Washington National Guard, a contact made during a training exchange the previous year as part of the National Guard's State Partnership Program. After a brief discussion about troubleshooting the misfire, the Ukrainian soldier accomplished the mission. About a half hour later, the Washington Guardsmen received an image of a destroyed Russian tank from the Ukrainian soldier.

Quoting the senior enlisted leader of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, Sasseville said: "In war, it doesn't matter what technique or technology we use. People are still crucial. Modern warfare needs responsible, competent and motivated NCOs."

"In other words," said Sasseville, "Modern warfare needs you. The [combat] kit doesn't matter without somebody to operate it."

The National Guard has about 440,000 members serving across the 50 states, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Senior Enlisted Advisor Tony Whitehead, SEA to the chief of the National Guard Bureau, underscored that the National Guard constitutes 20% percent of the Joint Force, emphasizing its indispensable role in deterring threats and warfighting.

"We're aware of the looming challenges," said Whitehead. "We discuss them frequently, and now they're evident in the news, highlighted in briefings, and accentuated by the escalating threats from Russia and China. However, we're confident in our uniformed personnel, who uphold their duties with unwavering commitment. They are mission-focused and prepared. They will execute their assigned tasks, leveraging their training, and stand firm in their responsibilities."

Whitehead is the chief's primary military counsel on training, force health, utilization, and enlisted professional growth. Holding the pinnacle position in enlisted leadership, he offers guidance to the enlisted community and champions their concerns.

During the conference, Whitehead relayed a pivotal message to the enlisted force: "Advocate for the needs and concerns of our enlisted members before reaching E-9. Every voice counts, and every perspective is invaluable. Collectively, we can instigate change and amplify your voices."

EANGUS represents enlisted Airmen, Soldiers, family members, and retirees. The association, based in Alexandria, Virginia, maintains a full-time staff to advocate for the interests of enlisted Guardsmen on legislative matters at the Pentagon and Capitol Hill.

Beyond legislative concerns, the national conference serves as a vital forum where senior National Guard leaders can engage in dialogue with enlisted members, fostering understanding and a stronger bond between the ranks.

The 2023 conference agenda featured speed mentoring sessions, breakout discussions, and panels led by senior enlisted leaders. These sessions focused on professional advancement, enhancing skills and methods to tap into one's innate potential.

"Engaged leadership — we didn't get in these seats without being engaged, and we didn't get here alone," said Command Chief Master Sgt. Lisa Erikson, command senior enlisted leader, Minnesota National Guard.

"A team has worked with us, beside us, and behind us the entire way. Always surround yourself with those that challenge you and lift you. That is part of being an engaged leader."

While briefly reflecting on the National Guard's global and domestic contributions in recent years, Whitehead encouraged enlisted leaders to remain focused on charting the path forward.

Whitehead said about recruiting: "We will reach those numbers — maybe not this year. With our devoted teams actively engaging on the ground, connecting through social media, and interacting in schools and colleges, I have no doubt we'll excel. The right candidates will robustly represent the National Guard."

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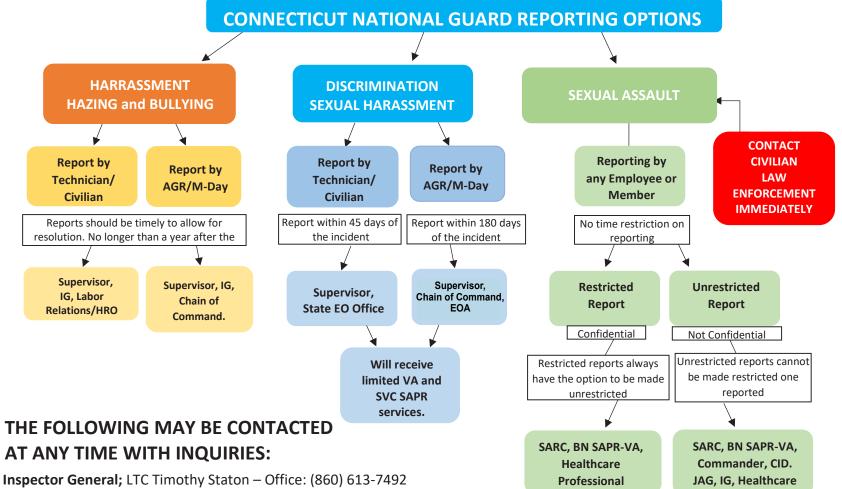
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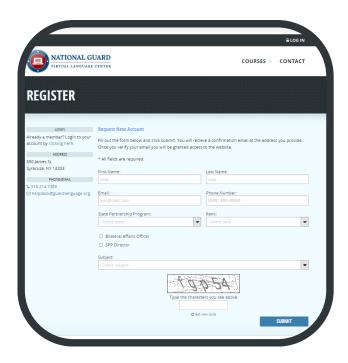
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