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HARTFORD, Conn. - More than 600 Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 102nd Infantry Regiment and the 643rd Military Police Company said goodbye to friends and family during a combined send-off ceremony at Foxwoods Casino Aug. 23, 2025.

This ceremony marks one of the largest deployments of Connecticut National Guard troops in recent years.

"When you send out the national guard, you call out the best of us. When you call out the Connecticut National Guard, you call out the best of America," said Connecticut Senator Richard Blumenthal.

These mobilizations are part of a pre-scheduled overseas deployment schedule that will send the 1-102nd to multiple locations across the Middle East in support of Contingency Operations, and the 643rd will fall under the Southern Command's area of responsibility to conduct various military police operations.

"These are great Americans, great citizen soldiers who raised their right hand to be part of something larger than themselves," Maj. Gen, Francis Evon Jr., adjutant general for the Connecticut National Guard

Although these Soldiers had to say goodbye to their loved ones, many of the men and women from the 1-102nd and 643rd share a bond that's just as strong as family, which will help them through their nearly year-long deployment.

"I am in charge of a great group of guys and girls .... They're like another family," said Staff Sgt. Devin Barker, assigned to the 1-102nd. "So, I'm leaving my family here for a little bit, and I'm 'gonna go join them and take care of them."

During their deployment, the 1-102nd will be responsible for providing base defense, entry control point security, and counter unmanned aerial system (UAS) deterrance.

To prepare for their deployment, the Soldiers of the 1-102nd participated in a variety of training events, including working with NATO partners during an exercise in Greece earlier this year.

The 1-102nd Infantry Regiment last deployed in 2021 to Djibouti in support of Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa.

As for the 643rd, it will deploy to an undisclosed location wothin the U.S. Southern Command's area of responsibility to provide military police support.

"These Soldiers are well-trained, well-led, and ready to answer the nation's call," said Evon. "I have confidence they will carry out their missions with professionalism, discipline, and pride, continuing the proud legacy of the Connecticut National Guard."

The 643rd Military Police Company last deployed in 2019 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom to conduct a variety of military police functions.



Over the last five months, members of the 103d Force Support Squadron have been deployed to a uniquely impactful tasking at Dover Air Force Base, where they are supporting the Air Force Mortuary Affairs Operations mission.

In this critical role, 103d Airmen are helping care for the nation's fallen service members with the utmost dignity, compassion and professionalism. Their work ensures that families receive the respect and support they deserve during an extremely difficult time. Between coordinating logistics, preparing the Fisher House for families, detailing uniforms and assisting with services for the fallen, these Airmen are making a difference.

"Being part of the AFMAO team means a lot to me, and it's a real honor," said Senior Master Sgt. Vitaliy Gorbachyk, a services member with the 103d FSS. "It's our job to make sure those who gave everything come home with the honor and respect they've

earned. Knowing I can contribute to that, in any way, is incredibly important to me."

AFMAO supports not just Air Force requirements but also combatant command requirements and has a role in joint operations globally. While there are AFMAO operating locations in Europe and the Pacific, Dover is the central location for receiving the fallen. AFMAO conducts training courses open to all branches (for example: religious affairs personnel and carry teams across services) so that in joint duty or in multi-service incidents, there's shared understanding and coordination.

Gorbachyk noted that working with so many people from different branches in a joint environment has impacted how he views service. He described how everyone behind the scenes is constantly putting in the extra effort to ensure each job is done perfectly, with strong teamwork and unfailing dedication.

"It really hit home, the idea of 'service before self," he said. "Seeing that level of dedication makes me want to be better in my own service."

Aside from Gorbachyk, other 103d members on the AFMAO team include Capt. Jeff McDonald, Master Sgt. Dave Torres, Tech. Sgt. Michael Barkman, Staff Sgt. Eduardo Rosado and Staff Sgt. Richard Pyrdol. These Airmen exemplify the Air Force's core values of integrity, service, and excellence.

While at Dover, they are assigned to different tasks, including ironing and preparing the American flag, preparing the Fisher House for families, coordinating ceremony logistics, and supporting the dignified care and preparation of the nation's fallen heroes. Some have also provided training to other carry teams from the Navy, Army, Marine Corps, Space Force and the Air Force Honor Guard.

Gorbachyk said that sharing this knowledge ensures everyone is pre-



pared to honor each fallen service member with the dignity, honor and respect they deserve.

"You absolutely have to be meticulous," said Gorbachyk. "Every little thing, from ID cards to paperwork, must be spot-on, because mistakes can cause extra pain to families. We're always training to make sure we're sharp and can perform our duties with the utmost precision and respect."

The 103d FSS team's dedication at Dover is a powerful example of service beyond the uniform. The Flying Yankees are incredibly proud of the service of these airmen to this sacred mission.

About the 103d Airlift Wing:

The 103d Airlift Wing, known as the Flying Yankees, is based at Bradley Air National Guard Base in East Granby, Connecticut. The wing provides combat and peacetime support, worldwide humanitarian operations, and tactical airlift - anytime, anywhere.



### Army updates standards for appearance, grooming, uniform wear

U.S. Army Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Army announced an update to its appearance, grooming, and uniform wear standards policy in a new directive resulting from a force-wide review of military standards. The updated policy clarifies existing standards and establishes new standards, emphasizing military appearance as a reflection of discipline, professionalism, and a shared commitment to the Army's values.

"What sets the U.S. Army apart is our professionalism, and that's a direct reflection of committed Soldiers who adhere to and enforce the standards," said Sgt. Maj. of the Army, Michael Weimer.

"This definitive guidance gives leaders the tools they need to do just that. You don't have to memorize it, but you should know what right looks like."

Key changes include precise definitions for hairstyles, including authorized lengths, styles, and accessories for both male and female soldiers. Standards for cosmetics, fingernails, and jewelry have also been clarified. The directive also provides clarified standards for uniform and insignia wear and body composition assessments.

The new policy was informed and developed by a representative group of leaders and stakeholders from across the Army. There was an overwhelming consensus on the need to realign all Army standards with warfighting priorities and eliminate ambiguity to allow shared understanding of the standards.

Soldiers will adhere to updated standards within 30 days of the date of this directive. Commanders, supported by noncommissioned officers, have the authority to enforce appearance, uniform, and body composition standards consistent with the intent of the new directive.



U.S. Army Staff Sqt. Neto Sevilla, assigned to 41st Field Artillery Brigade, performs a deadlift exercise during the Army Combat Fitness Test (ACFT) portion of the V Corps Best Squad Competition at Grafenwöhr Training Area, Germany, May 6, 2024. In order to receive maximum points on the 3-Repetition Maximum Deadlift ACFT event, Soldiers must lift 340 pounds three consecutive times. (U.S. Army photo by Capt. Sara Berner)

### Army exempts Soldiers who score 465+ on the AFT from body fat standards

**U.S. Army Public Affairs** 

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Army has published a new directive exempting all Soldiers who score 465 points or more on the new Army Fitness Test (AFT) from body fat standards. Soldiers must score 80 points or more in each event, and no alternative events are permit-

"This is a welcome continuation of our previous policy under the former Army Combat Fitness Test, said Sgt. Maj. Christopher Stevens, senior enlisted advisor, U.S. Army Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1.

"It rewards Soldiers who consistently demonstrate high levels of fitness, which supports readiness, health, and creates a culture that values performance."

All Soldiers must still conduct a height and weight screening, and their data must be recorded on a Department of the Army Form 5500 or DA Form 5501. Soldiers who do not meet the height and weight standards but qualify for exemption will not be required to conduct a circumference-based tape assessment.

The directive is effective immediately, applying to all Army components and to the general and combat variants of the AFT. Exemptions are valid until the next record test, not to exceed 8 months for Regular Army and Active Guard Reserve Soldiers or 12 months for National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers. Soldiers who fail to re-validate within these timelines are subject to body fat assessments and flagging actions for body fat assessment failures.

You can find more information regarding this change in policy in Army Directive 2025-17, available on armypubs.army.mil

# ARMY DIRECTIVE 2025 FACIAL HAIR GROOMING STANDARDS UPDATE



### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Soldiers must be clean shaven on duty is a long-standing Army policy
- Shaving profiles have doubled since 2020, suggesting a relaxed standard
- This update reinforces the Army standard of uniformity and discipline
- The Army will help Soldiers manage shaving conditions to meet the standard
- Mustaches are still authorized
- Any Soldier can make professional on-the-spot corrections about the grooming standard

### **POLICY AT A GLANCE**

- Must adhere to the clean-shaven standard within the allotted time
- Exemptions require a medical profile and exception-to-policy memo from an O-5 commander
- No permanent medical profiles will be authorized for shaving exemptions
- Must maintain a physical or digital copy of profile and exception-to-policy
- Must comply with the facial hair standard within two years but cannot be on profile more than 12 accumulated months. Administrative separation may be considered thereafter
- Healthcare providers and leaders will assist with treatment plans, education, and training

### WHAT'S NEXT

- All profiles and religious exemptions must be reviewed within 90 days
- Medical treatment plans will be issued to support phased recovery and compliance with the standard
- Request an exception-to-policy memo through your chain of command after your profile is validated by a medical professional
- Get educated on good shaving techniques and ways to reduce irritation



Story by Capt. Jennifer Kaprielian

This week, Airmen from the 103rd Airlift Wing, 104th Fighter Wing, and 158th Fighter Wing pulled off a milestone maneuver in modern air combat operations — and it's making waves. On July 24, 2025, these Air National Guard units joined forces to execute a Distributable Integrated Combat Turn, refining a tactic that keeps fighter jets fueled, armed, and back in action in under an hour.

The wow factor? A pair of C-130 Hercules aircraft provided both fuel and arms to engines-running F-15 and F-35 aircraft — no external support, no additional equipment. Just a hard surface to land on.

This capstone exercise is the culmination of two years of refining an established capability and marks the first time a "hot" rearming and refueling mission has been done entirely independently. Adjustments to hose size and equipment reorganization led to an incredibly fast turnaround. The total time for fighters in chalks was just one hour. From the first fighter landing to the last jet departing took only one hour and twenty-five minutes — a clear demonstration of the Air Force's ability to project power anytime, anywhere. In today's contested, remote, and unpredictable environments, success demands innovation, flexibility, and speed. The Air National Guard crews leading this exercise embodied all of that and more.

"D-ICT enables us to project power rapidly, wherever needed," said Col. Michael Blair, commander of the 158th Fighter Wing. "We understand that in the vast, contested spaces of our pacing-threat theaters, speed and flexibility are critical."

Last Thursday, as the cargo door of the C-130 Hercules dropped, crews from each unit moved with the precise speed and flexibility Blair described. Fuel hoses were swiftly dragged across the hot tarmac. Precisely loaded munitions cases were rolled off the C-130 and tactically prepositioned. Crews from Barnes and Vermont watched the skies with anticipation.

"Once we start seeing the fighters do their initial sweep, come back around, and actually land, it's an exciting feeling," said Tech. Sgt. Jose Hernandez, a forward arming and refueling point operator with the 103rd Fuels Management Flight. "It's game time."

"The Distributed ICT epitomizes the essence of Agile Combat Employment," said Lt. Col. Doug Ferro, commander of the 103rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. "This enables Combat Air Forces to deliver lethal airpower with unprecedented agility by leveraging Mobility Air Forces platforms for rapid, distributed operations." Ferro, a key planner of the exercise, played a critical role in the capstone's resounding success. The complex choreography involved in this simul-



taneous refueling and rearming event was the result of over two years of preparation by Ferro and his team at the 103rd, who have developed FARP capabilities to the point that they now educate other bases on it.

"D-ICT breaks the mold on traditional ways of supporting the warfighter," said Lt. Col. Matthew Deardorff, commander of the 103rd Operations Group. "This capability gives Combatant Commands and planners another option to prosecute the mission and ensure resiliency in a dynamically changing environment."

While the D-ICT is just one of many tools, it represents a significant capability for operating in peer-contested environments. One major change in this iteration, compared to previous AMC and NGB FARP exercises, was the use of a 3-inch hose instead of a 2-inch hose. According to a June 12 rehearsal after-action report, the wider hose increased fuel flow by more than 50% — a substantial improvement. "We did a test with an R11 truck that the Vermont guys used to refuel the F-35, and we were 76% as quick as them with the truck," said Ferro.

Master Sgt. Cameron Dunn, a loadmaster with the 103rd Operations Group and another key planner, emphasized the exceptional teamwork behind the success. "I can't stress enough how much the Barnes and Vermont folks just took it and ran with it," said Dunn. "Without those guys, we couldn't have put this all together and showcased this capability,"

said Dunn. He described how the 158th Fighter Wing "Green Mountain Boys" and the 104th Fighter Wing "Barnstormers" enthusiastically took on extra training, shared equipment, and operated with absolute professionalism.

"These ICT exercises, where we demonstrate our ability to distribute and operate from any location, reflect the challenges faced and overcome by today's Airmen," said Col. David "Moon" Halasi-Kun, commander of the 104th Fighter Wing. "By bringing this scheme of maneuver into our regular training, we deter future adversaries and prepare for combat in a highly dynamic theater."

Commanders of the 103rd, 104th, and 158th echoed similar sentiments. "We're keeping our warfighters closer to the fight and extending their effectiveness far longer than before," stated Col. Michael Blair, commander of the 158th Fighter Wing. "This is how we outpace threats and sustain airpower in dynamic environments." Col. Neal "Rug" Byrne, commander of the 103rd Airlift Wing, added, "This shows our pacing competitors that their ability to target us is much, much more complex, because we can distribute and operate from anywhere, anytime."

The D-ICT capstone showcased dynamic collaboration between ANG units with no waivers, no regulatory violations, and no reliance on base infrastructure. It represents an innovative use of MAF assets and a game-changing capability for rapid, distributed combat operations around the world.



## Air Force updates physical fitness program

**Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs** 

In support of the Department of the Air Force "Culture of Fitness" initiative, the Air Force unveiled changes to its Physical Fitness Assessment and a new fitness program, which will apply to Total Force Airmen.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2026, the Air Force will pause all PFA testing to facilitate the transition to the updated program. The Air Force will then begin testing Airmen on the new PFA standards on March 1, 2026, with the release and implementation of the revised AFMAN 36-2905.

From March 1, 2026, through Aug. 31, 2026, all fitness tests will be diagnostic to provide Airmen time to adapt to the new standards. Beginning Sept. 1, 2026, the Air Force will resume official, scored testing under the new PFA standards.

"These fitness changes are about having a healthy, ready force prepared to meet today's mission and the demands of the future fight," said U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David Allvin. "The updated model reflects our high standards for fitness and ensures our Airmen have the tools they need to protect their long-term health."

The new PFA reimplements the scored body composition component using the current Waist-to-Height Ratio program and introduces a two-mile run. Additionally, service members will be required to take the PFA every six months regardless of their score. The updated scored components, to include body composition, and increased testing frequency introduce a more challenging physical fitness assessment to better gauge the fitness of the force.

The updated PFA features a 100-point scoring system across four categories:

- Cardiorespiratory (50)
- Waist-to-Height Ratio (20)
- Muscle Strength (15)
- Muscle Core Endurance (15)

All alternate exercises for cardiovascular, strength and endurance components remain an option for Airmen during their PFA; however, Airmen will be required to perform a two-mile run during at least one PFA every 365 days; however, Airmen will be required to perform a two-mile run as their cardio component during at least one PFA every 365 days.

Active-Duty members can complete the body composition measurement up to five days before their PFA. Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard members may complete their body composition component during their drill period prior to their PFA. All members retain the option to take their body composition measurement during the PFA, but that is not mandatory.

To better foster a culture of fitness across the force, installation commanders may now direct units to conduct mass testing for PFAs twice per year on the following cycles:

Cycle 1 – September to March

Cycle 2 – March to September

In addition to the PFA updates, the DAF is releasing "The Warfighter's Fitness Playbook," which provides guidance to Airmen and Guardians reinforcing the service's efforts to en-

sure service members safely, healthily and effectively meet fitness and readiness standards.

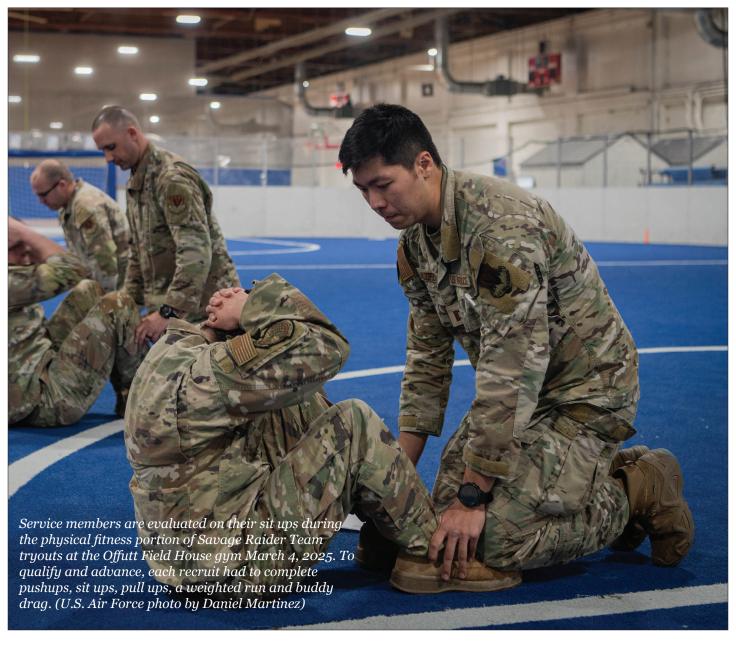
"The Warfighter's Fitness Playbook" is an adaptive and agile resource for Airmen and Guardians for implementing fitness and lifestyle management programs to include sleep and nutritional tips, and exercise and fitness guidance.

This toolkit emphasizes how physical fitness is essential for service members to meet and exceed the demands for airpower through strength and stamina and provides a comprehensive guide for Airmen to reach and maintain a high level of physical fitness.

This change augments the DAF's approach to fitness, building a more ready and resilient force by empowering Airmen to prioritize their health and encourage excellent performance.

(right) U.S. Air Force Col. D. Landon Phillips, 501st Combat Support Wing (CSW) commander, performs push ups in the base gym at RAF Fairford, England, Feb. 7, 2025. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sqt. Jessica Avallone)







### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

THE ADOPT-A-FAMILY CAMPAIGN IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THOSE SERVICE MEMBERS AND FAMILIES WHO ARE EXPERIENCING A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

THE CAMPAIGN SEEKS TO PROVIDE NECESSARY ITEMS. SUCH AS WARM WINTER CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR, FOOD, AND HEATING ASSISTANCE TO THOSE WHO MAY NEED IT.

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### HOW TO APPLY

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Adopt A Family 2025









rmy aviators from the 1st Battalion (General Support), 169th Aviation Regiment, Connecticut Army National Guard assisted the U.S. Coast Guard earlier this month in recovering a navigational buoy that washed up on Nantucket.

The buoy, which was recovered Sept. 8, is classified as a lighted buoy, green in color and marked 21A. It washed up on the shore from its original resting location within the Nantucket Sound Channel, east of Martha's Vineyard, in January. It makes up one of 5,640 federally maintained aids to navigation in the region.

To extract the buoy, a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter first picked up a recovery crew from Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod and landed the crew on the island. Once on site, the Coast Guard crew worked with Connecticut Army National Guard crew chiefs to prepare

the approximately 13,000-lb. buoy to be sling loaded. Following these preparations, a CH-47F Chinook helicopter swooped in, lifted the buoy from the beach and transported it out to a Coast Guard vessel offshore, which recovered the buov.

Chief Warrant Officer Five Michael Kermode, senior aviation logistician assigned to the 1109th Theater Aviation Maintenance Group, piloted the Chinook that returned the buoy. Despite years of aviation experience, this was his first buoy recovery mission.

"[The Coast Guard] told us that the buoy broke loose and ended up on Nantucket," Kermode said. "[They] gave us the weight, gave us some pictures of it and then we came up with an [operation order] for it. [The Coast Guard] provided the slings, the riggers, the people shoveling [to dig out the buoy and prepare the load for transport]. One of [our] full-time flight engineers

was on the ground to certify the load. I never even saw the load until hovering over top of it."

However, the move wouldn't be that simple. As Kermode began to lift off with the buoy hooked up to the sling, it didn't budge and remained stuck on the shore. Unbeknownst to the aircrew or the recovery team on the ground, a portion of the buoy's anchoring chain lay dormant beneath the sand. The crew had to drop the sling and circle back to reattach once the recovery crew had removed the chain.

"Once they cut the chain, that was an easy pick after that," Kermode said. "I don't think it could have been done better. I flew in, I picked it up, put it down and moved out. One of the smoothest missions I have done in a long time ... the Coast Guard are very easy to work with, they provide the slings, they did the manual labor, nice guys."



**Year 2025 Recruiting Goals** 

Story by Master Sgt. Zach Sheely

Amid a historic surge in military recruiting, the National Guard exceeded its fiscal year 2025 goals, reflecting a broader trend of robust enlistment across the U.S. military.

Since November 2024, the Department of War has achieved its strongest recruiting performance in 30 years, with fiscal year-to-date accessions as of the end of August reaching 106% of active-duty targets. The Army National Guard and the Air National Guard have combined to enlist almost 50,000 new members this fiscal year as of this month, bringing total National Guard end strength to over 433,000, surpassing each component's goals and marking one of the most successful recruiting years in over a decade.

"Young Americans are eager to serve," Air Force Gen. Steve Nordhaus, chief of the National Guard Bureau, said. "Today's recruits are seeking long-term value, and the National Guard delivers through career training and hands-on, practical experience in more than 200 career specialties.

"The Guard provides a path to service that offers balance with civilian careers and allows our Soldiers and Airmen to live locally and serve globally," he said. "We're not just preparing new recruits to serve; we're preparing them to lead and succeed."

Nordhaus emphasized the Guard's value, providing 20% of the Joint Force at 4% of the DoW budget, and its core missions—defending the homeland, supporting the warfight,

building partnerships and supporting warfighters and their families—which demand wide-ranging skillsets. He noted that the National Guard aligns with the Interim National Defense Strategy Guidance, which prioritizes homeland defense, deterrence in the Indo-Pacific, and burden sharing with allies and partners.

"The Guard is central to President Trump's vision of peace through strength and Secretary Hegseth's focus on restoring the warrior ethos, rebuilding the military and reestablishing deterrence," Nordhaus said. "Recruits are proving they're energized to contribute to that."

In March, the Army National Guard launched a new marketing campaign to attract young people to part-time service. The campaign, "Uncommon is Calling," highlights the dual lives of Guardsmen, who balance civilian careers with essential roles during emergencies and national crises. It emphasizes the unique opportunities for personal and professional growth available within the Guard.

Striking the civilian-military balance is exactly what attracted Spc. Bruno DaSilva, 1060th Transportation Company, to the Massachusetts National Guard.

"Outside of the National Guard, I have my own company ... I'm in the insurance business," DaSilva said. "In the National Guard, I can serve my country and run my business at the same time."

The Army Guard has focused most of these marketing ads online and on digital streaming services, with some spots airing on traditional television.

Army Col. Timothy Smith, chief of the Army National Guard's Strength Maintenance Division, said the campaign has helped deliver new awareness of the opportunities of serving in the Army Guard.

"The branding refresh of 'Uncommon is Calling' brings a fresh perspective to the unique dual mission of the Army National Guard," he said. "The campaign highlights the most uncommon, exciting, and meaningful part-time job out there: serving in the Army National Guard."

Army Pvt. Ethan Walling enlisted in the Virginia National Guard this summer to serve as a motor transport operator. He said serving in the Guard will fulfill a lifelong dream.

"It has always been my dream to be in the military," Walling said. "Since I was seven years old, I would play with my miniature Army men, and I would always tell my mom that I was going to join one day. After talking with a National Guard recruiter and hearing that I could receive federal and state benefits, I knew that the Guard was my calling.

"The National Guard has been nothing short of a family since the beginning, and I believe I have finally found the perfect balance between serving my country, supporting my community, and pursuing my personal goals," he said. "Joining has given me purpose, pride, and opportunity, and I am excited to see how this journey will continue to shape my future."

Smith also credits the recruiters in every state, three territories, and the District of Columbia—collectively known as "the 54."

"Our recruiters' dedication across the 54 drives this success," Smith said. "Their hard work is the bedrock of our readiness. The organization has made recruiting and end strength priorities because if you can't fill your end strength, you can't be ready. They're tied together. Our readiness starts with our recruiters."

The Army National Guard has eclipsed 328,000 Soldiers in end strength, the total number of authorized service members needed to meet mission requirements. Smith highlighted the Army's Future Soldier Preparatory Course as another initiative that has also helped the Army Guard attract potential Soldiers.

Through the FSPC, the Army provides focused academic and fitness instruction for those who have the desire to work hard to achieve Army standards. The program is a bridge to basic training and ultimately assignment to a unit. To date, almost 7,000 Army National Guard recruits have successfully entered basic training through the FSPC.

In March, Nordhaus and Senior Enlisted Advisor John Raines visited the Future Soldier Prep Course at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, to meet with National Guard cadre and trainees.

"Military service is entirely voluntary," Raines told a group of trainees who had successfully completed the program. "You have shown your dedication to joining our team.

"We're a team of teams," he said, "and we need every committed American who wants to serve, even if they aren't meeting the standards when they make that decision. This program helps them reach their potential and ensures we

have high-quality Soldiers in our formations, because the standards won't change."

Raines also praised the Army Guard's Recruit Sustainment Program, established in the mid-2000s to reduce attrition and prepare recruits for basic combat training and follow-on advanced individual training. Army National Guard recruiting and retention battalions operate RSP sites in every state, territory, and D.C.

"Everybody has a place in the National Guard," Raines said. "We will find you a place where you can serve your community, your state, your territory or District and our nation."

The Air National Guard has also beaten its fiscal year recruiting goals and is on track to surpass 105,000 Airmen by the end of the fiscal year. Air Force Col. Daniel Curtin, director of Air National Guard Recruiting and Retention, said recent Air Guard recruiting success is driven by numerous indicators.

"It's a lot of things," Curtin said. "We've had 19 consecutive months of year-over-year increases in new accessions. The recruiting environment is strong...and we have worked diligently to establish a culture of excellence and opportunity that appeals to potential recruits. The results are evident."

Curtin explained that the Air Guard is working to centralize recruiting efforts within each state, territory, and D.C. Previously, Air National Guard recruiting operational alignment varied. Some operated under a wing, or a force support squadron, while others worked under a state's joint forces headquarters. Now, Air Guard recruiting headquarters will operate as separate flights or squadrons, dedicated solely to recruiting and retention.

"The biggest thing we are trying to do is create a structure where you have a single officer that is responsible for the recruiting force in that state or territory," Curtin said. "It is a formally appointed commander responsible for recruiting. That's probably the most important thing that we're driving out of this, because that allows us to do a lot of other things.

"The most important initiative in FY25 is the strategic investment in personnel and infrastructure, specifically the funding of 150 temporary recruiting support positions and 210 temporary Unit Manning Document positions," he said. "These roles have been critical in enhancing recruiting operations, including production activities, marketing, medical support, training and administrative efficiency. By bolstering the recruiting command structure and providing targeted resources, the ANG has created a robust framework that directly supports its historic accession achievements.

"The other great thing is it standardizes everything into a very organized structure that allows recruiters to focus on recruiting," he said, "and they're doing a great job across the enterprise to grow our force."

Nordhaus said he is excited for this year's recruiting numbers and emphasized that the National Guard needs to maintain this momentum.

"The source of our strength is the fearsome deterrence of our warfighter talent—the men and women of the National Guard," he said. "While we exceeded our goals with historic levels of recruiting this year, we cannot take our foot off the accelerator. We must continue recruiting the next generation of elite warfighters while retaining our most skilled and talented Soldiers and Airmen."

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Blending cyber warfare skills with traditional Soldier tasks, Connecticut Guardsmen joined counterparts in Massachusetts to compete in the 126th Cyber Protection Battalion Commander's Cup, a high-stakes, multi-domain competition that tested their physical, technical, and tactical readiness.

The event brought together Soldiers from across the 126th Cyber Protection Battalion, with teams representing the battalion's cyber warfare, cybersecurity, and headquarters companies. Over the course of seven timed challenges, participants demonstrated the versatility required of today's cyber Soldiers.

The competition began with a map and radio task that required Soldiers to identify a grid location, program radios, and conduct a simulated call-for-fire. They then moved into a direct-fire exercise that combined rapid response, casualty evaluation, and a technical operations scenario. A third challenge tested their ability to operate in a nuclear, biological, and chemical (NBC) environment.

Physical endurance and marksmanship were also put to the test. Competitors pushed through a demanding obstacle course before heading to the range for M<sub>17</sub> pistol qualification. A "mystery task" introduced a simulated exfiltration scenario that demanded adaptability and teamwork under pressure.

The final stage shifted to the battalion's core mission with a Cyber Capture the Flag exercise. Soldiers defended networks, identified vulnerabilities, and solved technical challenges in real time, bringing the competition full circle from traditional Soldier skills to advanced cyber operations.

When the scores were tallied, the winning team included Staff Sgt. Crawford and 1st Lt. Powers of the 146th Cyber Warfare Company in Massachusetts, along with Staff Sgt. Morales and Pfc. Finch of Detachment 1, 146th, in Connecticut. Morales and Finch traveled north to compete alongside their teammates, highlighting the battalion's close cooperation across state lines.

Events like this reinforce the 126th Cyber Protection Battalion's ability to operate seamlessly in both physical and digital domains. By combining Soldier tasks with cutting-edge cyber training, the Connecticut National Guard continues to prepare for missions at home and abroad in an era where cyber and conventional threats increasingly converge.



first-ever JEC Symposium

Story by Timothy Koster

The Connecticut National Guard's Junior Enlisted Council hosted its first-ever JEC Symposium at Camp Nett on Sept. 20, 2025 to help mentor, train, and educate junior non-commissioned officers to lead more effectively in a modern military environment.

The event, which was open to NCOs from both the Connecticut Army and Air National Guards, included speed mentoring sessions, break out sessions, as well as the first presentation of the Connecticut National Guard's new academic and physical fitness state ribbons for academic and fitness excellence.

"This year was the capstone of a busy and rewarding run, from [Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States] 2024 to the Legislative Workshop in February, to our June Caucus, said Army Staff Sgt. Emma Faucher, enlisted vice president of the JEC in a blog post on the National Guard Association of Connecticut website. "Each event deepened my connections with like-minded leaders, and the 2025 conference not only strengthened those bonds but also introduced me to even more people passionate about making a difference. Being surrounded by that kind of energy is infectious and I want more Soldiers and Airmen to experience it next year."

Additionally, the symposium also exposed attendees to the

Overwatch Project, a 501(c)3 organization on a mission to empower veterans with tools and resources to help combat veteran suicide.

On Sept. 1, 2025, the Connecticut Military Department published General Order 2025-1, Connecticut Military Department Awards Program, outlining the requirements for the state's new fitness and academic awards.

For a Connecticut Guardsman to qualify for the physical fitness ribbon, he or she must obtain 90% in each event of the Army Fitness Test or a score of 100 with no exemptions on the Air Force Physical Fitness Assessment.

For the Academic Achievement Ribbon, a Guardsman must either be a distinguished or honor graduate, or earn a spot on the commandant's list of a military education course, or complete a civilian college degree-producing program from an accredited institution.

At the symposium, a total of 40 Soldiers and 17 Airmen earned the Academic Achievement Ribbon and 1 Soldier and 3 Airmen earned the Physical Fitness Ribbon.

The mission of the Connecticut National Guard Junior Enlisted Council is to boost the morale of troops and to give junior enlisted Soldiers and Airmen a voice, provide opportunities to lead, and create a bridge between junior NCOs and leadership.



### Connecticut Military Department

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The Connecticut Military Department (CTMD) is partnering with the Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) to offer webinars throughout October in honor of Cybersecurity Awareness Month. These sessions will highlight important cybersecurity awareness topics to help strengthen organizational and individual defenses against today's cyber threats.

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- October 1st, 2025: Cybersecurity Awareness Overview
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QUANTICO, Va. — Secretary of War Pete Hegseth today announced a series of 10 new directives aimed at strengthening the War Department's people and culture during an in-person speech in Quantico, Virginia, to the U.S. military's most senior leaders.

The wide-ranging, 45-minute speech before nearly every O-7 and above nonstaff military officer and senior enlisted leader from the joint force covered multiple topics, including the implementation of military equal opportunity and equal employment opportunity reform; changes to grooming and fitness standards; a review of hazing, bullying and harassment definitions; a reduction in mandatory training requirements, and others.

"Good morning, and welcome to the War Department, because the Department of Defense is over," Hegseth said, noting the recent rebranding of the department emphasizes the military's requirement to ensure peace by preparing for war, and that the American people deserve a military that will win any war it chooses or that's thrust upon it.

"The topic today is about the nature of ourselves; because no plan, no program, no reform [and] no formation will ultimately succeed unless we have the right people and the right culture at the Department of War," Hegseth told the group.

He added that, in his eight months on the job, he has learned the best way to take care of troops is to give them good leaders committed to the War Department's warfighting culture.

"Not perfect leaders [but] good leaders; competent, qualified, professional, agile, aggressive, innovative, risk taking, apolitical [and] faithful to their oath and to the Constitution," Hegseth emphasized.

Stating that the military has been forced to focus on the wrong things by misguided politicians for too long, Hegseth said that he's made it his own mission to uproot the obvious distractions that have made the War Department less lethal in past years.

"The new War Department's golden rule is this: do onto your unit as you would have done onto your own child's unit ... Standards must be uniform, gender-neutral and high. If not, they aren't standards, they're just suggestions," Hegseth said.

He then began announcing some of the new directives the War Department will begin implementing, starting with changes to fitness standards.

The secretary announced that active component service members from all branches now must execute two annual fitness tests, with one being the already existing fitness test and the other being either a combat field test for combat arms personnel or a CFT or regular fitness test for non-combat arms personnel.

He also announced that active-duty service members are to perform physical fitness training every duty day, and that National Guard and reserve component members must continue to take at least one fitness test annually.

Additionally, Hegseth said that warfighters in combat-related occupations must execute their fitness test at a gender-neutral male standard with a score of 70% or higher.

"It all starts with physical fitness and appearance. If the secretary of war can do regular, hard PT, so can every member of our joint force," Hegseth said.

Moving next to grooming standards, Hegseth announced that beards will be no longer authorized.

A memo on that topic released in conjunction with Hegseth's speech explains that service members with facial hair-related medical exemptions will have one year to seek and execute a medical treatment plan to resolve the condition.

"Simply put, if you do not meet the male-level, physical standards for combat positions, cannot pass a PT test or don't want to shave and look professional, it's time for a new position or a new profession," Hegseth said.

He next announced that the War Department will begin undertaking a full review of the definitions of "so-called 'toxic leadership,' bullying and hazing," in order to re-empower leaders to enforce high standards without fear of reprisal.

"Leading warfighters toward the goals of high, gender-neutral and uncompromising standards in order to forge a cohesive, formidable and lethal Department of War is not toxic," Hegseth said, adding that actual toxic leadership entails endangering subordinates with low standards, among other definitions.

Hegseth also announced the implementation of a military equal opportunity and equal employment opportunity reform, also intended to re-empower leaders to pursue high standards without fear of potentially unjust reprisal.

"We are attacking and ending the 'walking on eggshells' and zero-defect command culture. A risk-averse culture means officers execute not to lose, instead of to win," he said, adding the same goes for risk-averse non-commissioned officers who are afraid to enforce high standards.

"We are liberating an Inspector General process — the "IG" — that has been weaponized, putting complainers, idealogues and poor performers in the driver's seat," Hegseth said, adding that being a racist or sexual harasser is wrong and illegal, and that punishment for such actual infractions will be "ruthlessly enforced."

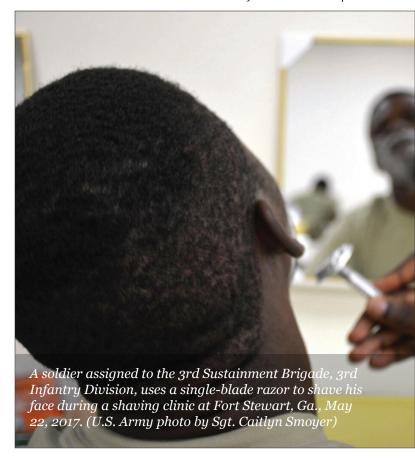
Hegseth then announced that the War Department will be making changes to the retention of adverse information on personnel that will allow leaders with forgivable, earnest or minor infractions to not be encumbered by those infractions in perpetuity.

He also said that promotions across the joint force should be based only on merit.

"We'll promote top performing officers and send those faster [while getting] rid of poor performers more quickly. Evaluations, education and field exercises will become real," Hegseth said.

He also announced a reduction in the high level of mandatory training that service members have to take annually.

"Less PowerPoint reviewer online courses, more time in the motor pool and more time on the [shooting] range," he said.



The secretary told the assembled leaders that all 10 of the directives the War Department was rolling out are designed to empower them.

"These directives are designed to take the monkey off your back and put you, the leadership, back in the driver's seat," Hegseth told the group.

"Move out with urgency, because we have your back, I have your back and the commander in chief has your back," he said.

Hegseth's remarks were followed by remarks from President Donald J. Trump.

### Directives Announced by Secretary Hegseth

- Adverse Information Policy
- Department of War Military Education and Training Standards 60-Day Review
- Grooming Standards for Facial Hair Implementation
- IG Oversight and Reform: Enhancing Timeliness, Transparency, and Due Process in Administrative Investigations
- Military Fitness Standards
- Modern Workforce Management
- Policy Memorandum Revision Special Selection Review Boards
- Reduction of Mandatory Training Requirements to Restore Mission Focus
- Review of Hazing, Bullying, and Harassment Definitions
- Requirement to Formally Present Purple Heart Medals and Valor Decorations

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#### **Connecticut National Guard Promotions and Retirements**

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Sgt. Ian Rodriguez Lorenzo

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Sgt. Cody Fox

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Sgt. Walter Morton

Sgt. Paris Daniels Spearman

Sgt. Maximilano Godinez Robles

Sgt. Bryan Klippel

Sgt. Kurt Chambers

Sgt. Adam Eikleberry

Sgt. Ryan Peterson

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Sgt. Mirian Kamladze

Sgt. Javier Latorre

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# The Connecticut National Guard Foundation Inc Announces Scholarship Recipients for 2024 – 2025 Academic Year

The Connecticut National Guard Foundation, Inc is pleased to announce it has awarded scholarships to the following recipients for the 2024-2025 academic year.

**Benalcazar, Natalie:** PFC Natalie Benalcazar is a member of the 1048th Transportation Company, CT Army National Guard. She lives in Danbury, CT and is a 2023 graduate of Danbury High School. She is a sophomore at the University of Connecticut, pursuing a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing. Her career goals include a career in nursing and rehabilitation, with her ultimate goal of becoming a Nurse Practitioner.

**Garcia**, **Joseph**: Joseph is a SPC in the 141st Ambulance Company, CT Army National Guard. He lives in Stamford, CT. Joseph is a 2023 graduate of the University of Connecticut, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. He is currently attending Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine. His ultimate goal is to serve in underrepresented communities as an Emergency Medicine Physician.

**Moffat, Paige:** Paige is the daughter of SFC(Retired) Reisha Moffat, former member of the CT Army National Guard. Paige lives in Washington, DC and is a 2023 graduate of The College of the Holy Cross, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in International and Chinese Studies. She has been accepted into Georgetown University for her master's degree, allowing her to pursue her dream of further studies and her passion on internation affairs, with a focus on US-China relations and policymaking.

**O'Neill, Katherine:** Katherine is the daughter of COL(Retired) Vincent O'Neill, former member of the CT Army National Guard. Katherine lives in North Granby, CT and is a 2025 graduate of Granby Memorial High School. This Fall she will be attending the University of Connecticut, majoring in Physiology and Neurobiology, with her long-term goal of becoming a doctor.

**SNOW, Oliver:** Oliver is the son of LTC(Retired) Kristen Snow, formerly with the 103rd Air Wing, CT Air National Guard. Oliver lives in Clinton, CT and is a 2025 graduate of Xavier High School, Middletown, CT. This Fall he will be attending The Ohio State University pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Astronomy. His long-term goal is to earn a Ph.D. in astronomy, with a focus on radio astronomy.

**Sullivan, Aiden:** Aiden is the son of MAJ Benjamin Sullivan, HHD 118th Medical Battalion, CT Army National Guard. He lives in East Hampton, CT, and is a 2025 graduate of East Hampton High School. This Fall he will be attending Purdue University, studying to expand and broaden his knowledge of engineering technology.

## SGT Felix M. Del Greco, Jr Memorial Scholarship(s)

The purpose of the SGT Felix M. Del Greco, Jr. Scholarship is to honor SGT Del Greco's memory by awarding annual scholarship(s) to children of Connecticut Army National Guard members who are attending an accredited undergraduate degree program.

- Baldoni, Riley from Cheshire, CT is attending Providence College.
- Rodriguez, Madison from Canton, CT is attending Keene State College.
- Sullivan, Aiden from East Hampton, CT is attending Purdue University.
- Thomas, Shamira from East Hartford, CT is attending Fordham University Rose Hill.



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