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New Air Guard General
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Legacy Bridge Program

Last year, Active Associate Representative Al Rose introduced a program that is designed to financially carry the Association through our present fiscal transition period. As we move from a system where we depended on our investments and insurance premiums to pay our Association's expenses to one that will rely on new revenue sources to cover our budget, the Legacy Bridge Program will provide the interim funds to meet budget costs until the transition is complete. Our projection is that this should occur within 2-3 years, and as such it is a closed end program.

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Air National Guard Officer Pins on First Star: Named North Carolina Assistant Adjutant General For Air

By 1st Lt. Michael Wilber, 145th Airlift Wing
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CHARLOTTE, NC – A 22-year North Carolina Air National Guardsman became the state's top Airman recently. David "Todd" Kelly, a veteran of 30 years military service, officially pinned on the rank of brigadier general during a ceremony held at the North Carolina Air National Guard (NCANG) base at Charlotte Douglas International Airport.

The promotion comes with a new assignment as North Carolina Assistant Adjutant General for Air. In this capacity, Brig. Gen. Kelly serves as the primary advisor to the adjutant general on all programs, strategic planning and operations affecting the NCANG. Additionally, he serves as NCANG commander, overseeing nearly 1,500 people in 22 units assigned to duty stations here, in Stanly County and in Raleigh.

An exuberant General Kelly declared his pride in leading NCNG's Air component, adding "thank you [to the Airmen of the Guard and supporters in the audience] for [bestowing] the honor." He recognized several friends and mentors who have guided him through the years, acknowledging their encouragement and wisdom as value-added benefits of his career.

While addressing the audience gathered for Kelly's promotion, Maj. General (Ret.) Gerald Rudisill, Chief Deputy Secretary of the North Carolina Division of Crime Control and Public Safety (the state agency that oversees the National Guard), recalled the NCANG's involvement in conflagrations around the globe over the last decade; participation in dousing wildfires; and humanitarian efforts throughout the nation.

He noted with pride and honor, the service of the men and women of the Guard and their enthusiasm to answer the call of their country by quoting former President John F. Kennedy: "The cost of freedom is always high, but Americans have always paid it. And one path we shall never choose, and that is the path of surrender, or submission."

The Adjutant General of North Carolina, Maj. Gen. Gregory A. Lusk, presided over the ceremony. Dozens of Kelly's friends, family and fellow Airmen also attended the ceremony, which took place in an aircraft hangar a few

yards from parking spots occupied by Charlotte-based 145th Airlift Wing C-130 aircraft.

Lusk asserted proudly, "Suffice it to say he's the personification of a favorite phrase of [145th Airlift Wing Command-

er] Col. McMillan's - 'Flexibility is the key to airpower.'"

Kelly, a Wilmington resident, who was accompanied for the ceremony by his wife, Renee, son Jeremy, daughter-in-law Anna, daughter Shannon Murphy, son-in-law Mark, and daughter Melissa; graduated from North Carolina State University in Raleigh in 1981. He served in Air Force active duty assignments flying C-130 and C-21 aircraft at Pope AFB, NC, and Andrews AFB, MD, prior to joining the NCANG in 1989.

Lusk added that, "Indeed, [Kelly's] career has had its share of twists and turns — all of which have made [him] a well-rounded officer with the capabilities to lead a modern, expeditionary air and space fighting force."

Kelly has spent several tours of active duty, including a variety of operational, headquarters air staff and command positions and tours in Southwest Asia supporting Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. His most recent assignments were as director, Air National Guard Forces, for Pacific Air Forces at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii and Deputy Director for Air, Space, and Information Operations, National Guard Bureau, Andrews Air Force Base, MD.

Harkening back to the words of former Air Force Chief of Staff General Ron Fogleman, Lusk added, "We are not engaged in just another job; we are practitioners of the profession of arms. We are entrusted with the security of our nation, the protection of its citizens, and the preservation of its way of life."

Then, Lusk made clear his expectation for the new general, stating, "Your task is to be the best possible steward of the resources — both material and human — the people of our state and our nation now entrust to you."

Brig. Gen. Kelly is a command pilot with more than 5,500 flying hours in four types of aircraft, most in the C-130. He is a graduate of the United States Air Force Air War College, Asia-Pacific Orientation Course, Honolulu, Hawaii, and the Syracuse University National Security Management Course.



The Adjutant General of North Carolina, Maj. Gen. Gregory A. Lusk, swears in David Todd Kelly to the rank of brigadier general during his official pinning held at the North Carolina Air National Guard (NCANG) base at Charlotte Douglas International Airport.

Soldiers, Friends, Family, Community Remembering Their Own

Story by Army Staff Sgt. Robert Jordan, 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team, Public Affairs

Photos by Army Sgt. Wayne Schutts, Joint Force Headquarters, North Carolina Public Affairs Section

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – More than 150 friends, family and fellow Soldiers joined together at the North Carolina National Guard armory, on August 6, 2011 for the dedication of a memorial to three Soldiers with the NCNG's 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 252nd Armor Regiment (252nd CAB) killed in action in Iraq May 2009.

The memorial honors Major Jason George, 1st Lt. Leevi Barnard and Staff Sgt. Paul Brooks. George joined the unit for the Iraq deployment from the Individual Ready Reserve and Brooks from the Missouri National Guard.

"These men chose to be part of something important, something bigger than ourselves, to stand against all enemies, foreign and domestic," said North Carolina Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Gregory Lusk.

The memorial centerpiece is a replica of T-Walls, large concrete walls used in Iraq to protect against attack, with a bronze plaque



Family members listen as their Soldiers are remembered at the 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 252nd Armor Regiment Fallen Soldier Memorial Ceremony.

113th Field Artillery Battalion and the 252nd CAB formed ranks, and guests and family took their seats facing the memorial located in a

small wooded area in front of the armory. The NCNG's 440th Army Band played patriotic music before the ceremony.

The ceremony began with the escorting of the families of the fallen to a row of chairs before the memorial as Soldiers stood at attention. A shroud hung over the T-wall covering the plaques bearing the names and likeness of the fallen.

Guard Leaders addressed the crowd. "(The memorial) started as a dream to recognize those who paid too high a price," said Army Col. Randy Powell, commander of the 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team, higher headquarters for the 252nd CAB.

Lusk spoke next. During his speech Lusk mentioned that earlier in the day Soldiers, friends and family shared stories of the fallen.

"As it was in Proverbs, the only true dead are those who have been forgotten," said Lusk.

Soon it was time to reveal the memorial. As the band played "Amazing Grace," two soldiers pulled the shroud free uncovering the more than 10-foot tall monument. Families of the fallen approached to touch the monument followed by Soldiers and others in the crowd.

"It is overwhelming, a fitting tribute," said Barbara Brooks, mother of Staff Sgt. Brooks. "It is your biggest fear for people not to remember."



Soldiers unveil the North Carolina National Guard's 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 252nd Armor Regiment Soldier Memorial. The memorial unveiled at the unit's armory honored battalion Soldiers US Army Maj. Jason George, U.S. Army 1st Lt. Leevi Barnard and U.S. Army Staff Sgt Paul Brooks, who were killed during combat operations May 2009 in Baghdad, Iraq. The Fallen Soldier Memorial has bronze plaques with an etching of the Soldier and a description of their service secured to a replica T-wall, a concrete barrier used to prevent attack in Iraq. Nearly 200 friends, family, and fellow Soldiers attended the ceremony. Donations from local citizens and businesses made building the memorial possible.



New Lieutenants in North Carolina National Guard

By Army Sgt. Kelsey Blankenship, 382nd Public Affairs Detachment



Officer Candidate School Class 53 President, Army 2nd Lt. David E. Bush, Jr., accepts his diploma from Maj. Gen. Gregory A. Lusk, the NCNG Adjutant General. Bush was voted as the class president by his other classmates for standing out through 14 months of grueling physical and mental training.



Army 2nd Lt. Karley A. Litaker, a graduate of Officer Candidate School Class 53, raises her right hand as she takes the oath of an officer in the NC National Guard.

FORT BRAGG, NC — Twenty-two service-members graduated from Officer Candidate School Class 53 and Accelerated Class 20 after months of grueling but rewarding training on August 20, 2011. Class 53 was a 14-month course that began with 31 Soldiers. The soldiers participated in the school during drill weekends, and the accelerated class was a 2-month course at Fort McClellan, AL.

“They took the road less traveled,” said Army Maj. Gen. Gregory A. Lusk, the North Carolina National Guard Adjutant General, during his speech to the graduates. “The choice to attend OCS is not an easy decision to make; it requires the support of family and friends,” added General Lusk.

“All of the men in my family have been drill sergeants, Special Forces, [and higher enlisted Soldiers],” said Army 2nd Lt. Barry F. Stern, a native of Greenville, NC. “I come from a long line of enlisted Soldiers, so I’ll be the first officer in my family and they’re all very excited about that.”

OCS is very challenging for the soldiers physically and mentally, but extremely rewarding and a memory they will carry for the rest of their lives, said Army 2nd Lt. Stephanie J. Bunts, of Lexington, NC.

“The most challenging part for me was physically. Being 40 it is difficult to keep up with 22-year-old guys during ruck marches,” said Bunts. “Trying to carry the ruck and the weapon on the field, it was just very challenging, physically.”

During the graduation, North Carolina Army National Guard Colonel Lawrence R.

Powell and NC Army National Guard Major (Ret) Michael A. Sprayberry were inducted in the Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame. They were awarded a plaque and will have their pictures hung in the hallways of the military academy. The two men joked about how they never imagined being inductees when they were in OCS themselves, but that it was a time they’ll never forget.



New Inductees

NC Army National Guard Colonel Lawrence R. Powell and NC Army National Guard Major (Ret) Michael A. Sprayberry were inducted into the Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame at Ft. Bragg's Military Academy, during the graduation. They smile and laugh as they remember how OCS felt like "the dog days" and the years dragged by, never imagining they would be standing here today as Hall of Fame inductees.

MAKE YOUR MARK ON THE NEW JOINT FORCE HEADQUARTERS

RALEIGH, NC — As the new North Carolina National Guard Joint Force Headquarters nears completion, the push is on again for works of art and other items to display around the building. If you have paintings or prints you would like to donate to this cause, please contact Sgt. Josh Cummings at the Office of Public Affairs at 919-664-6242 or by email at joshua.l.cummings@us.army.mil. Contribute to the historic legacy of the North Carolina National Guard by making your mark on the new headquarters building. Donate to its art collection!

Finis to a 43-year Career: Brig. Gen. Iwan Clontz Final Flight Before Retirement

By Army Staff Sgt. Robert Jordan, North Carolina National Guard Office of Public Affairs and Visual Information

MORRISVILLE, N.C.—Air Force Brig. Gen. Iwan Clontz took his last flight as an Airman in an NC Army National Guard AH-64 Apache Helicopter on July 21.

Clontz is a 43-year NC Air National Guard veteran who served as a navigator most of his career. He finishes his service as Assistant Adjutant General for Air for the North Carolina National Guard.

By Air Force tradition, aircrew fly a last “Finis” flight when they retire. The Aviators of the NC Army Guard’s 449th Theater Aviation Brigade made it happen with a flight in one of their helicopters.

“It is ironic my last flight is in an Army Guard helicopter because in college I had a ship date for flight school with the Army before I chose to go into the Air Guard,” said Clontz.

Clontz prepared for his last flight much like his first: reviewing maps, checking for flight hazards, recording radio frequencies and packing his flight harness with a radio and survival gear.

Even after more than 4,000 hours of flight experience, all aircrew are briefed before beginning any flight. While Clontz is an Air Guard navigator on an Army Guard facility, there is an easy familiarity that all aircrew share. The brief quickly became an exchange of war stories between aircrew with decades of military experience.

After the brief, it was time to check the helicopter before taking off. Hatches, radio and other electronic connections were tightened and other critical systems checked by hand.

The flight went off without incident, but upon return to the facility at Raleigh Durham Airport, fire trucks at the entrance to the flight

line sprayed water cannons over the helicopter as a salute to Clontz. This was a warning of things to come.

There is one last duty, this time by Clontz’s fellow Air Guard officers and his wife, Sharon. They walked from the flight facility to welcome Clontz’s back, each with a bottle of champagne behind their back. They surrounded Clontz and the outcome was never in doubt. He was quickly doused.

Soaked but smiling, he walked back to the flight facility one last time as an aircrew member with his wife and friends.

“All I ever wanted to do as a kid was fly,” said Clontz. “I am fortunate the Guard let me live my dream.”



Air Force Brig. Gen. Iwan Clontz, Assistant Adjutant General for Air, North Carolina National Guard, smiles as he prepares to fly his last mission as an Airman in an NC Army Guard AH-64 Apache Helicopter.

Air Force Brig. Gen. Iwan Clontz, Assistant Adjutant General for Air, North Carolina National Guard, gets doused in champagne by his wife, Sharon, after he flew his last mission as an Airman in a NC Army Guard AH-64 Apache Helicopter.



Are You a Member of EANGUS?

By Ron Hill, Chairman, EANGUS Liaison Committee

The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to promoting the status, welfare, and professionalism of Enlisted members of the National Guard by supporting legislation that provides adequate staffing, pay, benefits, entitlements, equipment and installations of the National Guard.

This organization fights for new benefits and to keep previous benefits. Even though the title says enlisted, it fights for benefits for all military members, including active duty. Each year, EANGUS works legislative issues to benefit National Guard members. Legislative goals come from the membership through the resolution process each year.

Some of the issues EANGUS fights for in Congress are to provide retired pay at age 55 or earlier, not increasing TRICARE fees or cutting any TRICARE benefits, keeping reenlistment bonuses, making sure National Guard members are entitled to the same benefits as Active Duty members.

The classes of memberships are Annual, Life, Honorary, Associate and Corporate. An Annual member pays prescribed annual dues; an annual membership may be issued to an enlisted member, active or retired, of the National Guard. Life member is any person who is qualified to be an annual member, except the individuals who may not vote or hold office. An Honorary or Associate member may not be an accredited state delegate, hold office or be entitled to vote. Corporate members are organizations with a common interest in the goals and objectives of the association.

Membership is only \$10 annually; life memberships are based on age. Please use the form below to join this worthwhile organization or you can go to the EANGUS website at www.eangus.org and sign up to join.

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Chris J, USA - Florida Everglades Participant, Spring 2011

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Brett B., USMC - North Carolina Mountains Participant, Spring 2011

2011-2012 Program Schedule

North Carolina Mountains

Backpacking, rock climbing and a high ropes course challenge in the Appalachian Mountains of Western North Carolina.

September 22nd - 27th, 2011
October 13th - 18th, 2011

North Carolina Outer Banks

Sea Kayaking along the Cape Lookout National Seashore.

August 14th - 20th, 2011

Florida

Coastal canoeing in the Everglades National Park and the Ten Thousand Islands National Wildlife Refuge.

December 4th - 9th, 2011
December 12th - 17th, 2011
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March 4th - 9th, 2012
March 12th - 17th, 2012

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Rolling Steel — NC National Guard's 1452nd Heavy Equipment Transport Company Rolls on Toward its Deployment

By Maj. Matthew Devivo, 113th Sustainment Brigade Public Affairs



SGT Sergio High from 4th Platoon, 1452nd HET Company, 113th Sustainment Brigade, conducts vehicle mounted weapons qualification at Camp McGregor, Ft. Bliss, TX.

It's a 110 degree-day with little shade in the dust blown, high desert terrain of Camp McGregor, located near Fort Bliss, Texas. But that doesn't stop the North Carolina National Guard's 1452nd Heavy Equipment Transport Company from carrying out its training requirements.

For the past three weeks, Soldiers from the Winston-Salem and Durham based North Carolina National Guard units have been at Camp McGregor executing their mobilization training events and making final preparations for their one-year deployment to Southwest Asia.

Based on the needs of the U.S. military, the 1452nd will be responsible for relocating heavy vehicles and equipment in the field via land routes. "The weather at Camp McGregor has been rough to work in, but it's exactly the same conditions [sand and heat] that we will see while deployed. It adds realism to our training," said platoon sergeant, Sgt. 1st Class Scott Wyrick of Walkertown, NC. "This is our final push before we deploy and our teams are geared up and ready to get the job done."

The training and certification for the 1452nd runs the breadth of Army transportation tasks: securing all types of large vehicles and equipment onto trailers for movement,

field expedient and general maintenance on vehicles, convoy security and response operations, transportation flow management and much more.

The 1452nd previously deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II in 2004-2005. Approximately 75 percent of the unit's current service members have deployed once to Southwest Asia, and for some, it will be their third deployment. "The company is training hard and their motivation is high because we all know that thousands of troops still in harm's way are relying on us to move and deliver the equipment and supplies they'll need to accomplish their missions," stated company 1st Sergeant, Jeff Crisco of Matthews, NC. He is responsible for the over 285 Non-Commissioned and Enlisted Soldiers

assigned to the 1452nd. "Our units' veteran non-commissioned officers are doing exceptional work getting all our Soldiers ready for what lays ahead."

The temperature drops to a "cool" 85 degrees as the hot sun sinks below the desert floor. The Soldiers of the 1452nd take a well deserved break from training and relax and eat their dinner. "Tonight is going to be exciting," stated Sergeant Sergio High, from Mount Pleasant, NC. "We'll be conducting night fire qualification on our vehicle mounted weapons systems, and after this we are one step closer to going downrange." The 1452nd is scheduled to deploy this fall.



Staff Sergeant Derrell Wiggins, 1st Platoon, 1452nd HET Company, 113th Sustainment Brigade, instructs fellow Soldiers on heavy equipment loading procedures at Camp McGregor, Ft. Bliss, Texas.

2011 Annual Training in El Salvador

CPT Scott Browne, Commander, 878th Engineer Company (Vert.)

The 2011 Annual Training (AT) mission in the Central American country of El Salvador was a mission that is sure to be talked about for years to come by the Soldiers of the 878th Engineer Company (Vertical) based in Kings Mountain, North Carolina (NC), with a detachment in Forest City, NC. 878th's higher headquarters is the 505th Engineer Combat Battalion. The AT mission was part of US Army "South's Beyond The Horizons (BTH) 2011" mission. 878th's Soldiers were engaged in the BTH mission for three 2-week rotations. The three rotations spanned a four month window from February to June. First, in February, 878th set up the BTH mission's base camp and headquarters at FOB Poligano, for all future rotations to use. Second, in May, the main body of 878th performed major construction tasks in two different locations near San Vicente. Third, in June, 878th closed out FOB Poligano.

The teamwork, training, and cultural awareness attached to the mission made the AT a most memorable and valuable experience. Sergeant Brenda Brown, a carpentry and masonry non-commissioned officer, recently stated that "going to El Salvador and seeing the people made me realize how fortunate we are and how we sometimes take the little things for granted."

The 878th and various other units forged a cohesive team that executed numerous construction missions. These units included the 258th, 429th, and 725th Engineer Detachments based out of Butner, NC. Several Soldiers of the 621st Engineer Detachment, based out of Gastonia, NC provided invaluable survey support as well. Further, every day, all of the Soldiers worked side-by-side with El Salvadoran military-engineers. The combination of Soldiers from various units into a cohesive team was critical to the success of a widely varied mission. Only a cohesive team can manage a 15 cubic-meter concrete pour using a trailer mounted concrete pump in the El Salvadoran summer time heat. Further, the civilian

acquired skills of many of the Soldiers, provided a professional touch and invaluable expertise to much of the work accomplished.

The training available was the gold-standard for the engineers. During the May rotation, the engineers shifted between two main job sites: Caminos and Agua-Agria. The Caminos job site was located nearly 5 miles

from FOB Poligano. The Caminos site consisted of a large multi-building school compound where over 550 students are educated. 878th executed four primary construction tasks at Caminos.

First, 878th continued the construction of a 40-foot by 35-foot, 13-course concrete masonry unit, or block-type, building. This building was designed to serve as a multi-classroom building with two interior storage closets. Prior to 878th's arrival, past rotations completed laying two-thirds of the 13-courses, or rows, of blocks. Upon laying over 300 remaining blocks, the 878th engineers turned their attention to the critical and hazard filled task of truss-emplacement. 878th employed a thorough risk management plan and ultimately assembled, emplaced and installed six 42-foot trusses which spanned the length of the building. The trusses serve to support the roofing which was scheduled to be installed by a future rotation.

Second, 878th improved the grounds immediately surrounding the newly constructed block-building. The improvements consisted of constructing a French drain on the back side of the building and other drainage improvements along the building's sides. On the main

entrance side of the building, 878th completed an 8 cubic-meter concrete pour that was carefully sloped to facilitate drainage needs.

Third, 878th provided valuable improvements to water basins within the school-compound. The basins are frequently used by teachers and other school-staff. The main improvement included installing a roof over the basins that added protection to the basin itself and the basin's users.

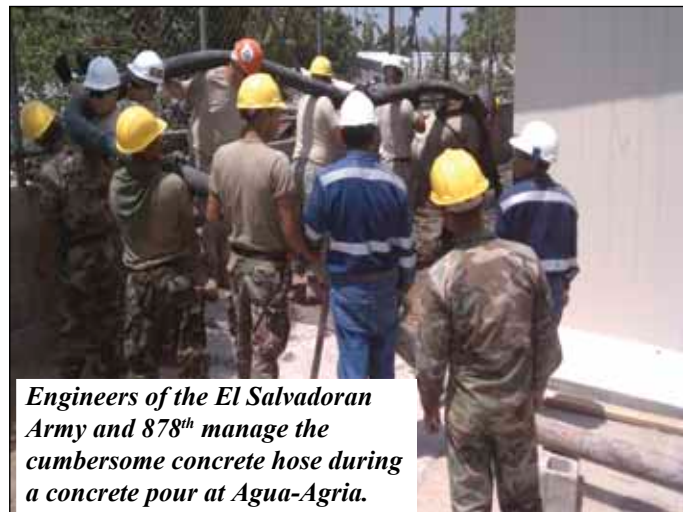
The fourth construction task at Caminos involved a major upgrade to the existing latrines. The existing latrine facilities consisted of open-air ground toilets. The new latrine facility consisted of

a fully enclosed multi-stall latrine. 878th's plumbers installed toilets, sinks, piping, and cabinets among other fixtures. Further, 878th plumbers evaluated, analyzed, and solved problems they encountered as engineers are

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878th Engineers at the Caminos job site execute the truss-emplacement task with the assistance of an El Salvadoran contracted crane.



Engineers of the El Salvadoran Army and 878th manage the cumbersome concrete hose during a concrete pour at Agua-Agria.

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Where:
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Grand Dunes,
Myrtle Beach, SC

Who:
All Members and
their Spouse/Guests

Why:
Visit with old and
new friends, conduct
NCNGA business,
and maybe take a
stroll on the beach
or shopping at one
of the many Myrtle
Beach outlet malls!

*(Convention info will
be published in the
Dec/Jan issue of the
Tarheel Guardsman
and on our web site,
www.ncnga.org.)*



130th FMCO – Combat Patch Ceremony

The Former War-Time Service Shoulder Sleeve Insignia Ceremony for the 130th Financial Management Company was conducted on 21 June 2011 at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. This ceremony, often referred to as the “Combat Patch Ceremony,” is intended to recognize a Soldier’s participation in combat operations. In attendance at the ceremony were members of the unit’s higher headquarters from North Carolina, to include the 113th Sustainment Brigade Commander, Colonel David L. Jones and Command Sergeant Major William P. Gill, who were in Kuwait to conduct a Leader’s Recon visit.

The Siler City-based unit was mobilized in March, 2011 to Kuwait in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The 27-Soldier unit commands financial management detachments and provides financial management support to units deployed to Southwest Asia. While deployed, the 130th Financial Management Company, commanded by Captain Agata Tyson, is assigned as a subordinate unit of the Tennessee Army National Guard’s 230th Sustainment Brigade. Lieutenant Colonel Steven D. Barney, Commander of the 230th Special Troops Battalion, presented unit members with the “Combat Patch” of his brigade headquarters.



**Group Buying
Program
Participants**

Nana’s Soul Food Kitchen -
10% off. 2908 Oak Lake Blvd,
Charlotte. 704-357-3700.

Wingate Hotel - State Arena –
\$79 per night. 6115 Corporate
Ridge Rd, Raleigh. 919-847-
7383 or go to:
<http://tinyurl.com/WingateRateNCNGA>



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**5th Annual Engineer
NCNGA Educational Foundation
Scholarship Golf Tournament
in Honor of
SFC Danny Hunter's Retirement**

Format: 4-Man Scramble
Where: River Oaks Golf Club
When: Friday, 21 October 2011
Time: 8:30 Shotgun Start
Entry Fee: \$70.00



Please make plans to join us on 21 October 2011 at River Oaks Golf Club to honor SFC Danny Hunter for his retirement from the Mooresville National Guard unit.

Entry fee includes golf, cart, beverages, food, door prize tickets, and two mulligan's each. Tickets will be put into the raffle box for door prizes when entry fee is paid. Lunch will be served immediately after the round.

Prizes will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place teams. All par 3's will have a closest to the pin prize, and we will also have a long drive prize. Hole sponsorships may be purchased for a \$50 donation. Fees and donations are tax deductible.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit the North Carolina National Guard Association Educational Foundation (NCNGAEF). The first \$500 raised will be used to purchase a brick in the NCNGAEF "Walk of Honor" at JFHQ in Raleigh in honor of SFC Danny Hunter's retirement. All additional funds raised will go to the NCNGAEF General Endowment Fund.

Sign up as a foursome or individuals will be paired up. Make checks payable to Mike Sherrill, 2100 Robinwood Road, Gastonia, NC 28054. The address for the golf course is River Oaks Golf Club, 233 Broken Arrow Dr, Statesville, NC 28677. Phone: (704) 883-8724.

Player A _____
Player B _____
Player C _____
Player D _____

The scholarships listed below were inadvertently omitted from the August/September issue.

NCNGA Educational Foundation, Inc.

General Scholarships - \$800

Michaela D. Boyd of Concord – Catawba College
Daughter of Mr. Michael J. Boyd, 145th LRS
and Beverly D. Boyd of Concord

Justin E. Ferrell of Durham – Appalachian State University
Grandson of Mr. John W. Goss - Associate Member

Savannah J. Garner of Asheboro – UNC at Greensboro
Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Steven W. Garner – Associate Member

Sera O. Henry of New London – Campbell University
Daughter of Ms. Mandi Rogers – 263rd CBCS
and Mr. George E. Henry, III of Oakboro

Sasha M. Jones of McLeansville – UNC at Charlotte
Daughter of Craig Jones – HHC 30th STB (-)

Dexter M. Ly of Catawba – Appalachian State University
Son of Mr. & Mrs. Randy M. Ly – Co A FSC 505th EN BN

Alexandra G. Mangum of Morganton – UNC at Asheville
Grandaughter of Glenn Lowrance, Jr. – Associate Member

Elliott T. H. Powell of Graham – UNC at Pembroke
Son of Mr. & Mrs. LaMonte Powell – Associate Member

Laurin E. Rainey of Henderson – Campbell University
Grandaughter of Linwood H. Ivey – Associate Member

**SECU Foundation/NCNGA Educational Foundation
Scholarship - \$10,000**

Victoria A. Huggins of Lumberton – UNC at Pembroke
Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Charles (Terrell) Huggins –
HQ 139th Regiment

**SECU Foundation/NCNGA Educational Foundation
Scholarship - \$5,000**

Janelle E. Bobak of Morganton – Western Piedmont
Community College
Grandaughter of Ernest A. Epley – Associate Member



Social Network or Scam Network?

By Barbara Bennett, Investor Education Specialist, Secretary of State Securities Division

Facebook[®], Twitter[®], MySpace[®] and the other Web-based social network services can shrink the world and help everyone stay connected. Hooking up with long-lost friends from high school or previous duty stations is now easier than ever. Social networks and blogs also provide opportunities to connect with people who share a cultural background, language, profession, hobby, or any other common interest, which may introduce you to new friends. Unfortunately, this also creates the perfect breeding ground for Affinity Fraud.

These scams exploit the trust and friendship that exist among people who have something in common. When chatting with others who appear to have similar interests, your guard may be down. The presumed common bond promotes comfort and trust because of the “You can trust me, I’m just like you,” atmosphere. Be careful with whom you share your personal information – including financial information or concerns.

The SEC’s website provides this shocking example of Affinity Fraud via social networking. “On October 6, 2010, the SEC obtained a temporary restraining order and emergency asset freeze against Imperia Invest IBC (“Imperia”) for defrauding more than 14,000 investors worldwide. The complaint alleges Imperia raised in over \$7 million, \$4 million of which was collected primarily from deaf investors in the U. S. Imperia defrauded investors by soliciting funds via the internet.” Group commonality within their internet social network spelled financial disaster for thousands of deaf people who enthusiastically joined this modern mode of chat that put them on an equal playing field with the hearing world. Obviously scammers have no scruples. They will abuse the trust of anyone!

The Internet has been called the greatest money-making machine for scammers ever seen. According to the Federal Trade Commission, the amount of money lost to Internet-related fraud jumped from over \$112 million in 2002 to over \$265 million in 2004 – all **before** Facebook[®] was generally available to anyone other than university students!

With the Internet becoming a common part of daily life for increasing numbers of people, it should be no surprise that con artists have made cyberspace a prime hunting ground for victims.

Depending on what research you read, about 86% of 18-29 year olds use social networking sites, as do 61% of those 30-49, 47% of 50-64 year olds and 26% of persons over 65. Many

scammers search networking sites to specifically target military personnel who are away from home – across the country or around the world. Loneliness, boredom or anxiety can give the scam artist just the emotional opening needed to manipulate even an intelligent, financially savvy individual by portraying themselves as a caring, concerned friend.

Please visit or site: <http://www.secretary.state.nc.us/sec/brochures.aspx> for information about internet fraud. Or the North American Securities Administrators Association’s great Web site at http://www.nasaa.org/Investor_Education/Investor_Alerts_Tips/1681.cfm.



FORT BRAGG REGIONAL VACCINE HEALTHCARE CENTER

The Fort Bragg Regional Vaccine Healthcare Center (FBRVHC) is one of four sites that belong to the National Vaccine Healthcare Centers Network. Additional sites are housed at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Wilford Hall/San Antonio Military Medical Center, and the Richard E. Shope Naval Medical Center. The FBRVHC is sponsored by the Department of Preventive Medicine at Womack Army Medical Center. The original Vaccine Healthcare Centers Network arose as a collaborative effort between the CDC/National Vaccine Program Office and Department of Defense (DoD) in support of the DoD immunization and readiness mission. The continued evolution of the Vaccine Healthcare Centers Network has led to a formal integration of its centers with the Military Vaccine Agency.

What We Do?

Active duty, reservist/guardsmen, and DoD employees/contractors who are mobilized may have to receive mandatory vaccinations which allow them to be medically and militarily ready to perform their duties. The Fort Bragg Vaccine Healthcare Center provides expert immunization clinical consultation, service for warrior care, military readiness, and emergency preparedness. Our mission is to enhance vaccine safety, efficacy and acceptability within the Military Health System through programs and services that provide expert clinical consultation, care, safety surveillance, education, and research.

How We Help You

The FBRVHC is able to see individual service members, beneficiaries, reservists/guardsmen, DoD employees/contractors, and retirees for:

- Vaccine side effects or adverse events (mild to severe)
- Vaccine exemption concerns
- Medical issues after previous vaccines
- Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) reporting

The FBRVHC can support the primary care provider with:

- Medical consultation and evaluation of a referred patient
- Inpatient consultation for vaccine related cases
- Expert telephone and email consultation for providers
- Email digital photo and case reviews

We are located in Building 1-2539 on Hamilton Street. Our telephone number is 910-432-4015. Office hours are 7:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. For assistance after hours, weekends, and holidays, please call 1-866-210-6469.

**Looking
for
Photos**

Can you help me? I am looking for pictures of SFC Thomas Timberlake. His son goes to my church and he has never seen any pictures of his dad when he was in the National Guard. I know the first unit he was in was in Zebulon, at that time it was Btry A 113th Field Artillery. Next unit was the 30th Support Group in Durham. Please look through your old pictures, and if you find any of SFC Timberlake, write something on back and send them (or a copy) to me. I will put this in a book form and give to his son, Darryl. My address is Harry Chamblee, 1833 Shepard School Rd, Zebulon NC 27597. Thank you for any assistance you can provide.



2011 NCNGA Discount Ticket Order Form

Carowinds/Kings Dominion - Valid at either park - \$30.00 for ages 3 & up.

Parks close 30 October

(**Carowinds** Gate prices – Adults - \$51.99 - ages 3-61 & at least 48” tall.

Junior/Senior - \$24.99-ages 3-61 & under 48” tall or 62 & older: Children under 3-FREE.

Kings Dominion Gate prices – Adults - \$56.99 - ages 3-61 & at least 48” tall.

Junior/Senior - \$32.99 - ages 3-61 & under 48” tall or 62 & older. Children under 3-FREE.)

Busch Garden’s Military Appreciation Days - Tickets \$39 for ages 3 & up.

Valid Through 30 October

Busch Gardens 2 Days of Fun - Tickets \$58.00. Valid Sept. 10 - Oct. 30, 2011 ONLY

ANHEUSER-BUSCH “HERE’S TO THE HEROES” TRIBUTE

Single Day’s FREE Admission to Anheuser-Busch Parks for active military & 3 direct dependants. Register online @ www.herosalute.com or at the park entrance plaza with DOD photo ID.

Quantity	Total \$
Subtotal	
Credit Card Fee	+\$2.00
Total Due	\$

Type of Payment: ___ Check ___ Money Order ___ Master Card ___ Visa

Make checks or money order payable to NCNGA. A fee of \$23 will be charged for any check returned due to insufficient funds or a check written on a closed account. If checks remain unpaid, Commanders will be notified.

Credit Card Information: Account # _____

Exp. Date: _____ 3 Digit Security Code: _____

Name on Card: _____

Signature: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

**When ordering tickets,
please allow one week
for delivery**

Mail tickets to: Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

To order tickets, send check, money order, MasterCard or Visa information to:

NCNGA, 7410 Chapel Hill Rd, Raleigh, NC 27607 or call 919-851-3390, ext. 2 for Kathy Ford

Tickets — *The NCNGA pays for tickets as they are sold; we are unable to provide refunds if tickets are unused.

*Tickets are mailed the day the request is received. *Ticket info is also on our website: www.ncnga.org

Questions about tickets? Call Kathy Ford at the NCNGA office @ 919-851-3390, ext. 2



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Tarheel Retiree Homecoming 2011

FOR: Army and Air National Guard Retirees

DATE: Friday, December 2, 2011

TIME: 1000 HRS

LOCATION: New Joint Force Headquarters, 1636 Gold Star Drive, Raleigh, NC 27607

EVENT REGISTRATION: 0900-1000 HRS

INCLUDES: Mission update; benefits seminar; various information stations; luncheon; social time; And a tour of the new building.

REGISTRATION: Send the form below *and* a check for \$15.00 *per person* payable to "NCNG Retiree Luncheon" on or before 25 November 2011 to:

JFHQ-NC-PAO-CR
ATTN: Tarheel Homecoming
1636 Gold Star Drive
Raleigh, NC 27607

Registration Form also available on the NCNG Public Website at:

<http://www.nc.ngb.army.mil/index.php/retirees/>

NOTE: Seating is limited to 450; please make your reservation as soon as possible.

QUESTIONS: Contact the following personnel with questions:

MSG Velma Evans	Office: (919) 664 - 6000 x46843	Cell: (919) 612 - 5421
MAJ Chris Marchese	Office: 919) 664 - 6000 x46996	Cell: (919) 741 - 7599
Maj Richard Dryer	Office: (919) 664 - 6000 x46530	Cell: (919) 612 - 9702

The National Guard

2011 NCNG TARHEEL HOMECOMING

Registration Form

Attendee Name and Rank (RET): _____

Guest Name (s): _____

Please provide the following

Mailing address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Home or Cell Phone: _____

Questions and/or comments to MSG Velma Evans at (919) 664-6000 x 46843; MAJ Chris Marchese at (919) 664-6000 x46996 or Maj Richard Dryer at (919) 664-6000 x46530 .