



Two members of the 157th Security Forces portray anti-war protesters trying to bust through a line of N.H. Army guardsmen during a civil disturbance exercise held at Pease. At left, members of N.H.'s Air and Army Guard along with representatives of the N.H. Department of Transportation inspect the underneath of the I-95 bridge in Portsmouth. Both scenarios were part of Granite Response, a joint military assistance to civilian authority exercise held from Sept. 12 to Sept. 14. The exercise involved more than 500 Guardsmen and 200 civilians from state and municipal agencies as well as local communities. (Photos by Amn. Curt Lenz and CPT Greg Heilshorn)

General Smith thanks NHANG



By Brig. Gen. Benton Smith

As I conclude my military career, I want to take this opportunity to thank you, the men and women of the New Hampshire Air National Guard, for making my tenure during the past two years as the Assistant Adjutant General the most rewarding and memorable tour of my career.

I assumed the position in August 2001. Shortly thereafter, we all know what happened with the tragedy of Sept 11. The organization was thrust into its greatest sustained period of intense and challenging activity that it had ever experienced in its history. NOBLE EAGLE, ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM became the everyday language of all unit members. In addition, we were asked to prove our capability to the AMC IG

team. We all know the results-we did a truly outstanding job.

Our proficiency and capability to do our job is second to none. We prove that every day. However, in my mind there is an intangible that makes our organization a bit better than any other in the Guard and that is our can-do positive attitude. Everyone I talked to just radiated with pride with what they did. It was especially impressive during the departure ceremonies.

Your professionalism and willingness to complete the mission has been inspiring.

Sure, members had concerns but everyone was always willing to do just a little bit more to make sure the mission was accomplished in the best possible manner. There is no doubt in my mind that we are the very best unit in the Air National Guard and it is because of the dedication and personal commitment of EVERY member of the NHANG.

I feel a sense of honor and a sense of humility for having had the opportunity to serve with such an outstanding group of dedicated professionals. We face an uncertain future but there is no doubt in my mind that whatever the future holds the NHANG will meet those challenges head on and be immensely successful.

You have my undying admiration and respect and again, it has been my distinct pleasure to serve with each of you.

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Maj. Gen. Simeone retires

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NEWINGTON - The Bapp Auditorium at the Air National Guard base filled with dress blues and battle uniforms as colleagues and soldiers gathered to honor one of the most illustrious servicemen on the New Hampshire Seacoast, Air Force Maj. Gen. Joseph Simeone. After a 38-year career in the military, which culminated in his earning a second star, Simeone has retired. The event mixed solemnity with celebration, starting with a flag ceremony by the 157th Air Refueling Wing's color guard. After opening remarks by Master of Ceremonies and Brig. Gen. Ken Clark, other retirees were recognized. Gen. John Blair was the first of several speakers. "Joseph Simeone has given more of himself than any officer I've ever known," Blair said. "We're fortunate that he's on our team. He understands that every rank is on loan. Each title and responsibility must be passed along to someone else. Gen. Simeone knows how to develop people."

Simeone's career began at the University of Connecticut where he attended the Reserve Officer's Training Corps. In 1965, he was a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. He completed navigator training in 1966 and served in the Vietnam War, logging more than 580 hours of combat time in the Southeast Asian Theater. He went on to command the 157th Air Refueling Group in 1987 and oversaw the transition of N.H. Air Refueling Group to a stand-alone unit when

Pease Air Force Base closed. He also led the 157th's involvement in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Clark read a certificate of appreciation from President George W. Bush, as well as a commendation from the governor. Clark then read a list of the many medals and accolades awarded to Simeone throughout his career.

In the first of several acceptance speeches, he said that in spite of all of the medals, he had not received a Good Conduct medal and wondered aloud if there was a reason why.

Blair spoke again, this time honoring Simeone's wife, Gerarda. "The spouse serves with her husband," Blair said.

Brig. Gen. Benton (Chick) Smith presented Simeone with a shadowbox containing souvenirs from his career.

"It is traditional for a retiring officer to receive a shadowbox like this. It was a difficult task to try to fit a career like Gen. Simeone's into something this size," Smith said.

In each of Simeone's acceptance remarks, he returned to the idea that the men and women who serve are the backbone of the military. His dedication to the people he led was as evident as his dedication to his country.

Simeone's final remarks were the highlight of the event. He described his early time in the military when fellow students threw eggs at him as he walked across campus to his ROTC training. "There were no yellow ribbons when we got back from Vietnam," he said.

"My sense is that this has changed for the better. These days, when I go to the airport in my uniform, citizens always come up to me, and they all say the same thing. They say, 'Tell your troops that we support them, and that we appreciate what they do.'"



Maj. Gens. John Blair and Joseph Simeone

Simeone spoke of a hardscrabble life growing up in Brooklyn, N.Y., where you had to have a biting personality to survive. He credited his wife with showing him how to elicit performance from his troops with a gentler touch. He spoke of his parents and his friends, and gave a bouquet of flowers to his wife, as well as his daughter, Stefanie.

The audience gave Simeone a sustained standing ovation, which he waved off with some difficulty. After Clark's closing words, the audience filed out of the auditorium for a trip through a receiving line.

Unit members to take part in Air Force survey

During the October and/or November UTA, all members of the NHANG will be given the opportunity to take part in an Air Force wide opinion survey. Participation in this survey is voluntary, however, for the survey to make a difference, we need as many people to respond as possible. All responses will be submitted anonymously and confidentially. If you haven't heard about this initiative yet, it's called the AIR FORCE CLIMATE SURVEY, Speak Today and Shape Tomorrow.

The purpose of this survey is to provide actionable feedback to unit commanders to improve the way we do business. Additionally, the results of this survey can be used to measure the health or "climate" of our organization by identifying organizational norms, expectations, and values, both good

and bad. It is not intended to be a quality of life or equal opportunity survey.

This survey will take approximately 30 minutes and is administered via the Internet, using a government or non-government computer. The website is <https://afclimatesurvey.af.mil> and will be up and running starting Oct. 1, continuing through Nov. 23, 2003. If you don't have access to a computer and would still like to participate, temporary computer workstations will be set-up for your use in some of the common areas. Check with your orderly room or first sergeant. Our goal is for NHANG members to take this survey during the October or November drill.

Finally, we are looking for your honest opinion(s). If you are hesitant to respond because of concerns of anonymity or repercussions,

you should know that this program has several layers of safeguards built into it to ensure complete anonymity. The software has advanced identity-masking features and a strict reporting criteria to protect the respondents identity. You do not provide your name, age, ethnic background, etc. and items such as date of birth, SSN, survey ID, password, etc., are used only to authenticate that you are a valid Air Force member and are then removed before you are redirected to the nearest survey collection site.

If you have questions about this survey or would just like to know more about it, contact your unit orderly room, CMS Jamie Lawrence X3513, or MSgt. Donna Doyle at X2461.

People Poll

Questions and pictures by
Amn. Brenda Dillon and Amn.
Lindsey Watson-Kirwin

How do you feel about the Guard's continuing role in the Middle East?



TSgt. Debbie Tzrinske (Crew Chief)

"I feel that our continuing role is necessary to stabilize the country of Iraq."



SMSgt. Mike Sullivan (Security Forces Manager)

"It is necessary. I wouldn't want to imagine what it would be like in the Middle East if we were not there."



TSgt. Lisa Sullivan (NCOIC of Immunizations)

"It is important that we are there. But for morale, the troops should be switched out."



TSgt. Philip Plourde (Medical Administration)

"I feel that we belong in the Middle East and we should do everything we can in the war on terrorism."



TSgt. James Conrad (Policies and Procedures)

"We need to continue what we are doing. I think that it is the right thing to do for the citizens in the Middle East as well as the free world."



TSgt. Barron Brissett (Supply Systems Analyst)

"It is something that we are going to be involved in for a long time. It is something that we have to do, but hopefully the United Nations can play some sort of role in Iraq."

Flu shots available during Oct. drill

By SrA. Lyndsey T Hooper

It is that time of year again, The Flu Season. Influenza, also known as the flu, is a contagious disease that is caused by the influenza virus. It attacks the respiratory tract in humans (nose, throat and lungs). The symptoms come on suddenly and may include: fever, headache, tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, nasal congestion and body aches. Complications from the flu include, pneumonia, bronchitis, sinus and ear infections.

When a person who has the flu coughs, sneezes or speaks the virus is sent into the air, then other people inhale the virus. A person can spread the flu a day before he or she feels sick, up to 7 days after the symptoms start. In the northern hemisphere, flu season is from November to April. In the southern hemisphere, flu season is from April to September.

This year's flu vaccine composition for the United States includes the following strains, New Caledonian, Moscow and Hong Kong.

There are a few reasons why and individual should not receive the flu immunization. If you have had a severe allergy to hens eggs or a severe reaction to a flu shot in the past please contact the clinic with supporting medical documentation.

We will be offering flu shots, other immunizations and the annual TB test during the October drill. In addition, individ-

uals who are due other medical requirements will be able to complete them at the same time. Wear a uniform that allows easy access to your upper arm. You will be directed to the appropriate area when you enter the clinic waiting area. Scheduling for squadrons and flights will be assigned at the commanders meeting before the September UTA. Flu shots may be scheduled on the October drill provided we have serum.

Otherwise, we will offer it in November. If you have any questions please call the clinic at X2340.

First to Respond

By TSgt. Philip Plourde

ALOHA...During the Medical Squadrons most recent deployment to Tripler Medical Center in Hawaii, we had two-student medics rise to the scene as "First Responders." In a fully staffed army hospital, SSgt. Scott Ellis and SrA. Robin Partello were the airman on the scene when a staff employee fell to the ground as he was walking through the medical center. SSgt. Ellis and SrA. Partello quickly aided the staff employee by practicing what they had been taught during CPR training.

They quickly realized that they were in a real world situation where an older gentleman had fallen to the ground and lost consciousness. He stopped breathing and did not have a pulse. In a matter of seconds,

SSgt. Ellis and SrA. Partello activated EMS and started CPR on the patient. They expeditiously regained a pulse and saved a life while taking charge of the incident in this army installation.

SSgt. Ellis and SrA. Partello met the challenge in a real-world event. They not only helped save a life, but they also represented the 157th NHANG and Medical Squadron as a professional, knowledgeable partner in the armed services.

MAHALO and hats off to SSgt. Ellis and SrA. Partello.....

Tidbits on the Medical Squadron

TSgt. Casey Tollman completed the academic portion of her Physician Assistant training and graduated on Aug. 22. TSgt. Tollman is now off to Nellis Air Force Base to complete her clinical rotation.

We have several new medics in the Medical Squadron: Sandra Chabot, Meagan Kincade, and Rachael Blanchard. The clinic's deployment to Hawaii went wonderfully. Everyone received excellent training at Tripler Army Medical Center, where the Army side of the house was very much accommodating to all of our training needs. We think we saw Chief Hall tearing up the rug doing the Hula Dance with some Natives.

We have a new State Air Surgeon, Lt. Col. David Stevenson. Lt. Col. Stevenson recently returned from National Guard Bureau, where he completed his State Air Surgeon Certification.



157th Medical Squadron on the road

Family Program has active September

Family Readiness Program
By Bonnie Rice

Thanks from the Family Program

The Family Program would like to thank the Olive Garden in Newington for its recent "Family Reunion" dinner provided to SSgt. Ray Martin of the Security Forces. He and his family were treated to a dinner to recognize their sacrifice for his deployments since 9/11. SSgt. Martin deployed to Kuwait for 110 days and was deployed to Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland for 4 1/2 months. The Wing leadership was asked to choose a member who should be recognized for his sacrifice to family and his service to country. Of the many deserving airman, SSgt. Martin was chosen.

September Drill Results

The proud winner of the bike raffle was Joe Doherty of Maintenance. Amn. Dick Filliettaz was the winner of the Skill Jigsaw and 16-piece blade set; the Skill Saw went to MSgt. Kevin Turner. We also had a surprise donation of three Summer Value Passes to Attitash Bear Peak. They were donated by: Clear Channel Broadcasting (WHEB/WERZ/WQSO). The winner of the Attitash tickets was MSgt. Peter Gibb of Security Forces.

The Family Program would also like to thank our Lead Wing Volunteer, Ann Hyland Hebert, for all her time in organizing and working our October Family Program Raffle. And also, thank you to April Rice for helping to sell raffle tickets. Thank you to everyone who purchased a raffle ticket. The proceeds of the raffles are very important to the Family Program. With the funds raised from our raffles, we are able to provide deployment receptions as well as return receptions for our deploying members.

New Family Program Public Folder

Be sure to check out the new "FAMILY SUPPORT" folder. This folder holds lots of useful information that you should take the time to read. The folder is full of dis-



SSgt. Ray Martin and his wife Sherry are honored with a special dinner at Olive Garden, Sept. 13. SSgt. Martin was recognized for his exceptional service.

counts and event info that would benefit both you and your family. If you would like to receive this information check out the new Pease Net connection at <https://peasenet/index.htm> and add your name to the Family Program mailing list.

Quilt Raffle

The Family Program received a beautiful quilt made and donated by Mary Andrews, a state representative from Maine. The quilt will be raffled off. We will visit each section with it, offering tickets. Proceeds from the tickets will benefit the Family Program. The drawing will take place during Commander's Call in December. Please be sure to get you tickets.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Erin of MWR will be here Oct. 4 from 11a.m. to 3 p.m. A current MWR pricelist of tickets is listed in the Family Support Public Folder.

ITT (Information Ticket and Tour) is located in Building H-10 basement at the backside of the building. Call (207) 438-2713 or (207) 438-1514 for information. Check out the Web site at www.mwr-ports.com for current information.

Family Program
Phone: (603)-430-3545
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Family Emergency
Hotline: 1-800-472-0328

Bascom receives first Honorary Recruiting Ribbon

By SMSgt. Shannon Tolley

SMSgt. Michael Bascom recently became the first recipient of the New Hampshire National Guard Honorary Recruiting Ribbon, a joint award established this year by the Joint Council to recognize the successful efforts of guardsmen to recruit new members.

On Sunday, Sept. 14, Maj. Gen. John Blair, the Adjutant General of the New Hampshire National Guard, presented the award to SMSgt. Bascom during a ceremony at Pease. SMSgt. Bascom was honored for bringing three new members into the Wing. In 1999, he was the Operations Ground Support Person of the Year.

"This is the strength of the organization, our people," Maj. Gen. Blair said. "It is great that you care enough not only to introduce your friends to the unit, but you have also brought in your family members, which shows that you care about the unit."

Maj. Gen. Blair asked SMSgt. Bascom what advice he would offer to other guardsmen to help recruit.

"This is the best unit to be in and just tell your friends and family about it, especially if they are in college or want to back to school," he replied. "The benefits here are great."

Currently, if a member's referral enlists into the unit he or she qualifies for the 157th Air Refueling Wing Honorary Recruiter of the Year Award given at Commander's Call at the end of the year.

There are many members of the Wing who are close to qualifying for the new recruiting ribbon, according to the recruiting office.



Maj. Gen. John Blair awards the New Hampshire National Guard Honorary Recruiting Ribbon to SMSgt. Michael Bascom, Sept. 14. (NHANG Photo)

The National Guard Bureau has also recognized that "word of mouth" is a valuable recruiting tool and has adopted a nation-wide program that awards backpacks, day planners, jackets and other items as incentives.

MSgt. Michael Dagget, recruiting office supervisor, said the new award is a nice thank you from the recruiters and

command for helping keep the unit mission ready.

"Just talk up the benefits, make people aware, bring us the names, and we can do the rest," he said.

For more information on this program or to refer someone to the unit, call the recruiting office at extension 2798 or 1-800-257-9368.

Promotions

To Airman

Lindsay M. Lassonde

To Airman First Class

Matthew Ham

Denice M. Perriccio

To Senior Airman

Alfred A. Pelletier

William J. Cowie

Justin D. Beaudry

Nathaniel Bragdon

Steven J. Jameson

Alexander N. Smith

Emilio N.M.N. Garcia

To Staff Sergeant

Jennifer E. Smith

Jeffrey A. Clark

To Tech Sergeant

Joseph P. Garvin Jr.

To Chief Master Sergeant

David N. Camire

Counterdrug Youth Event

Who: NH National Guard Youth between the ages of 8-16

What: A Corn Maze Adventure

When: Oct. 5.

Where: Bus locations of Pease or Concord

Price: Youth 8-12 cost is \$4, Youth 13 - Adult is \$6 a person.

Payment must be received prior to the event. Payment should be mailed to SSG Janet Dow, NH National Guard, Counterdrug Task Force, 4 Pembroke Road, Concord, NH 03301.

The Pease bus will leave Building 145. at 9:15 and return at 3:30 p.m. Bring a bag lunch.

The Concord bus will be departing from the Armory at 10:30a.m. and returning around 1:30p.m.. Bring a bag lunch or snack.

Check out their Web site at CornMaze.com



Guard Talk

by SMSgt. Valerie Morgan
Wing Human Resource Advisor

Guard Talk welcomes your submissions. If you have something interesting or a special event that you'd like to share, please give me a call at tel: (603) 430-3151, fax: 430-2456 or drop a line to 157 ARW/HRA, 302 Newmarket Street, Pease ANGB, NH 03803-0157E-mail address: valerie.morgan@NHPEAS.ANG.AF.MIL

- Congratulations to **Donna and Chris Murphy** (Former SFS) on the birth of their second child, **Megan Elizabeth**, who arrived on May 21. They have an older daughter, **Nora**, who is 3. Chris served as an enlisted member with the 157th Security Forces Squadron from 1994-1999. He then joined the Active Duty United States Marine Corps and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in August, 1999. He is currently serving as the Movement Control Center OIC inside the Tactical Logistics Control Center in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. Chris, Donna, and the girls make their home in Kailua on the sunny Island of Oahu where the beach is about 1/4 mile from their house. Chris is presently a First Lieutenant who was selected for promotion to Captain in May. Good to hear from you, Chris! Please stay in touch and best wishes to you and your family.
- **Dennis Webster** (RET MXS) is retired from his civilian employer, Verizon. He lives in Nashua and operates a lawn service on the side. He's an avid gardener and tells us, "I'm the envy of the neighborhood." Dennis served as a Traditional Guardsman in the Engine Shop and Maintenance Control, and retired in October, 1991.

- **John Meehan** (RET MXS) lives in Hooksett and has been a teacher at Youth Development Center (YDC) in Manchester for the past five years. He has two grandchildren, **Megan**, 2, and **Walker**, 1. His wife, **Rita**, is a property manager in Concord. John's hobbies include running and biking, and keeping in shape for the grandkids! John served as a Traditional Guardsman in the Maintenance Squadron and retired in 1995 as the Avionics Officer.
- Congratulations to **Cadet Matthew Cyr**, son of **Meg and Gary Cyr** (RET HQS) who was named to the Dean's List and awarded the Silver Star for excellence in academics at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, New York. Matt graduated from Dover High School in 2001. He plans to graduate from West Point in 2006 and be commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army.
- **Don "Spanky" Spanks** (RET MXS) is a buyer at Axcelis Technologies in Beverly, Mass. He lives in Gloucester, Mass., with his wife, **Diane**. Diane has been a nursery school teacher for the past 27 years at Goose Cove Nursery School. Spanky enjoys woodworking and mountain bike riding. He looks forward to the NHANG Retirees Reunion every year. He served as a Traditional Guard Engine Shop

Mechanic in the 157th Maintenance Squadron. Spanky and fellow NHANG Retiree **Harold "Butch" McKenna** (RET MXS) served in the same outfit in Vietnam from 1966-1967. Both will attend a reunion in Charleston, South Carolina next month.

- **Cindy Halliday** (RET MSF) recently purchased a new home in South Paris, Maine. It's an 1890 pristine Victorian style house with a huge barn, located near Norway, about 45 minutes Northeast of Fryeburg. Cindy is very busy these days with the house, gardening, and volunteer duties. She is a Foster Mom volunteer for the American Eskimo Rescue League out of Massachusetts. She provides a wonderful home for these dogs until they are permanently placed. Cindy retired last January as the full-time Readiness NCO in the Mission Support Flight.
- A very fond farewell is extended to **Michelle Willbrandt** (MSF) who is moving back home to Manheim, Pennsylvania this month. Michelle joined the NHANG in 1997 as a Traditional Guard member in the Customer Service Section of Personnel. She was then selected for the full-time Personnelist position in the Orderly Room of the Logistics Squadron. She was subsequently hired for the position of Personnel Relocations NCOIC, and most recently, the Career Enhancement NCOIC. We wish Michelle the very best as she embarks on her new journey in life. She served the NHANG well, and was a very well respected NCO. She will be missed by all of us....

**THAT'S ALL FOR THIS TIME,
FOLKS! SEE YOU IN NOVEMBER!**

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