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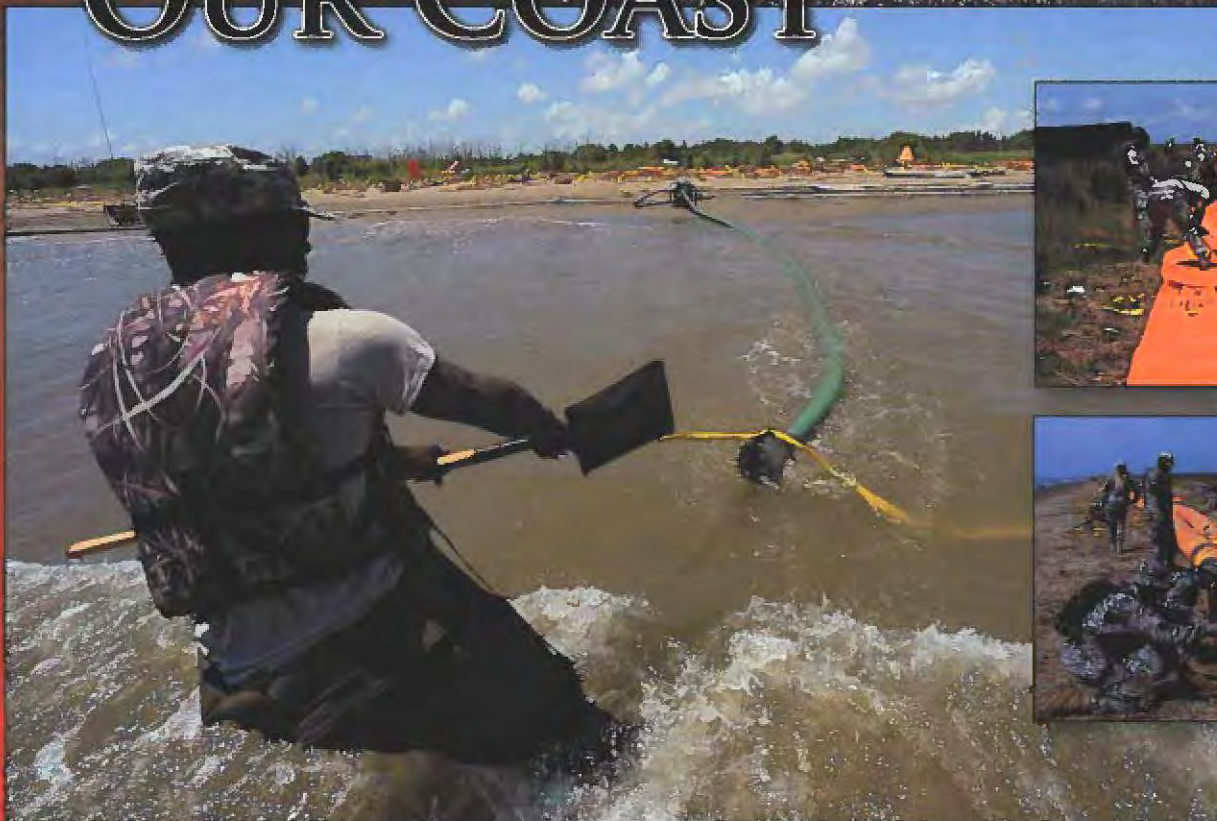
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A large-scale coastal protection project is shown at sunset. Two massive, parallel concrete or metal piles are being laid out on a dark, flat surface, likely a beach or a temporary construction area. In the background, silhouettes of workers and heavy machinery, including an excavator, are visible against the bright, orange and yellow sky. The overall scene conveys a sense of large-scale engineering and environmental protection.

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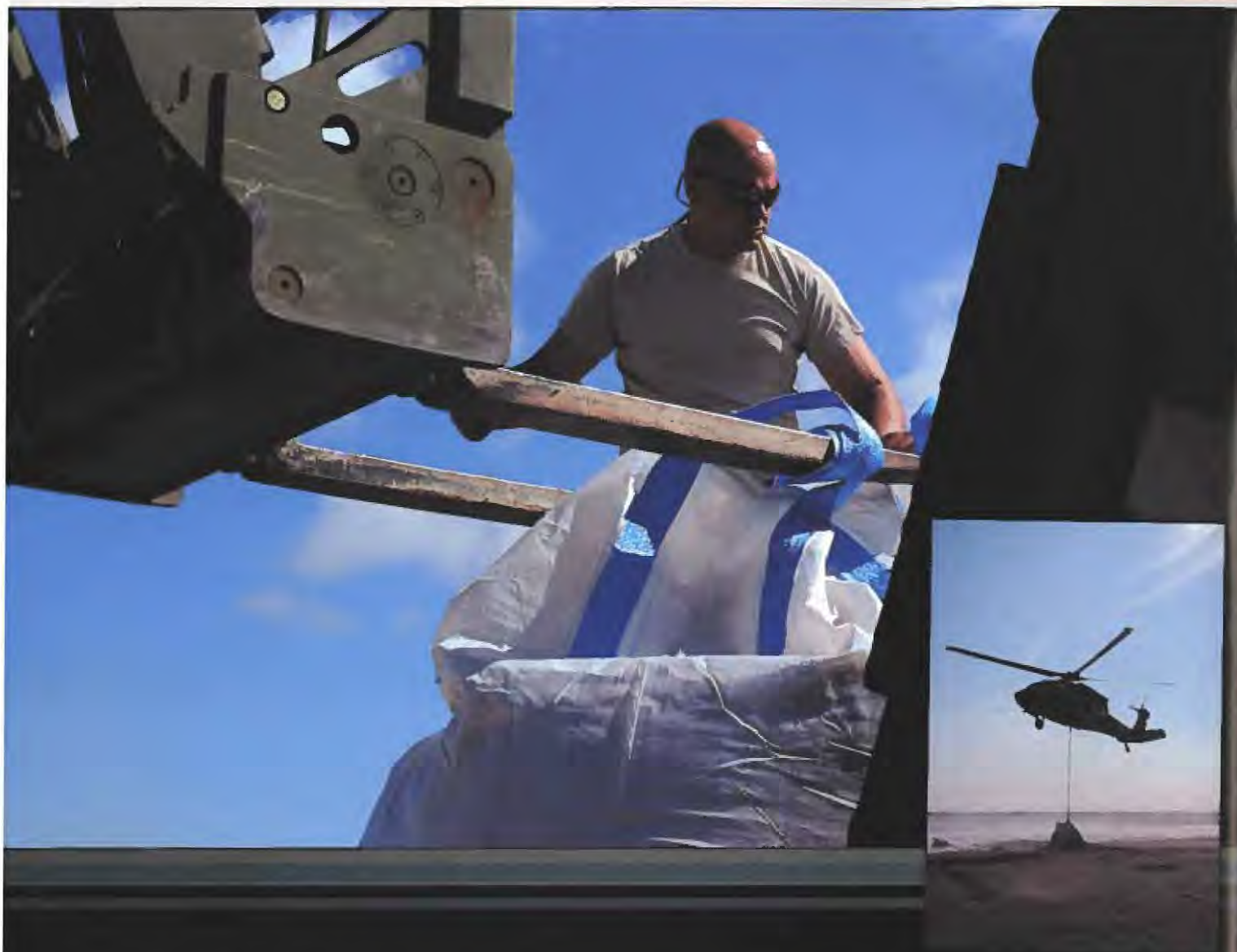


**GULF COAST
OIL SPILL
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As a result of the Deepwater Horizon oil rig explosion on April 20, a massive oil spill followed threatening wildlife, wetlands and coastal residents' way of life. Governor Bobby Jindal quickly called on the Louisiana National Guard as first responders to protect as much of the state's resources as possible.

On April 30, the LANG began prepositioning equipment and personnel in potentially affected areas along the coast. With the authorization of up to 6,000 Soldiers and Airmen, the deployed number of Guardsmen in response to the oil spill grew to almost 1,200.

The missions began with sandbag emplacement and oil boom transport,

but quickly grew to more specific shoreline protection projects, such as Tiger Dam and Hesco barrier wall erection, land bridge construction and vacuum barge ferry operations.

Tiger Dam barrier walls are comprised of a series of interlocking flexible tubes that are inflated with water to form temporary barriers between Gulf shorelines and inland areas.

Hesco barrier walls are multi-cellular wall systems manufactured from welded coated steel wire mesh and linked with vertical coils. Once erected by Guardsmen, the Hesco barrier walls are filled with sand to protect against possible oil encroachment.

The land barriers built by the Louisiana National Guard are sand and rock berms designed to reinforce and close gaps in the existing coastal protection systems.

The Louisiana National Guard has also employed military bridge systems that have been converted to transport barges to assist in vacuum barge ferry operations.

Finally, the Louisiana National Guard has been working closely with Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries and other state agencies to provide additional support to response coordinating agencies to provide greater visibility and accountability of oil spill response actions. ■

NATIONAL GUARD COMPLETES SHORELINE BARRIER NEAR VENICE

The Louisiana National Guard completed the construction of a 5 3/4 mile long Tiger Dam shoreline protection system near Venice, La., in the southwest pass of the Mississippi River Delta.

The 1023rd Vertical Engineer Company, headquartered in Oak Grove, La., constructed the barrier across a beach in the Southwest pass as a secondary line of defense to the boom line, to protect the natural marshlands from the encroaching oil.

The 1st Battalion of the 244th Aviation Regiment based in Hammond, La., airlifted Soldiers in and out of the worksite daily due to its remote location.

All of the inflatable barrier material and equipment had to be sling loaded and dropped in place by the Blackhawks.

This water diversion system, normally used for flood control, replaces sandbags and is comprised of a series of interlocking flexible tubes that are inflated with water to form a temporary dam or levee.

As work crews laid out the Tiger Dam material for assembly and inflation, other crews worked pumps to fill water into tubular sections.

Once completed, the 1023rd worked with the Florida National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 111th Aviation Regiment, to transport equipment from Southwest Pass to Venice, La.

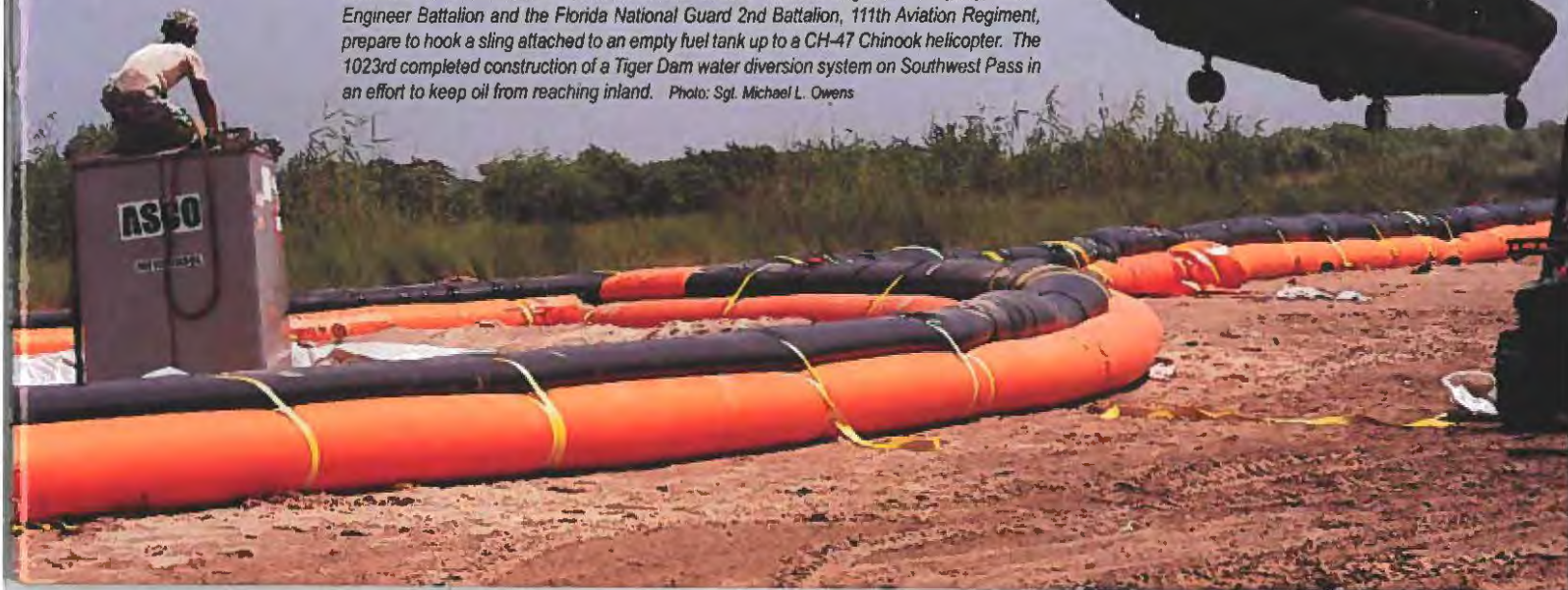
"In an effort to be prepared for any upcoming mission, we have to get our equipment transported back to home base for cleaning and maintenance," said Sgt. Daniel E. Caillouet of the 1023rd. ■

A CH-47 Chinook helicopter of the Florida National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 111th Aviation Regiment, carries an empty fuel tank from Southwest Pass to Venice, La., June 7, 2010.



Members of the Louisiana National Guard 1023rd Vertical Engineer Company, 528th Engineer Battalion, and the Florida National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 111th Aviation Regiment, load a Gator vehicle onto a CH-47 Chinook helicopter that will be transported from Southwest Pass to Venice, La.

Members of the Louisiana National Guard 1023rd Vertical Engineer Company, 528th Engineer Battalion and the Florida National Guard 2nd Battalion, 111th Aviation Regiment, prepare to hook a sling attached to an empty fuel tank up to a CH-47 Chinook helicopter. The 1023rd completed construction of a Tiger Dam water diversion system on Southwest Pass in an effort to keep oil from reaching inland. Photo: Sgt. Michael L. Owens









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AIRLIFTED SANDBAG MISSION COMPLETE ON PELICAN ISLAND



The Louisiana National Guard completed filling 8 breaches on Pelican Island in coastal Plaquemines Parish, La., June 7.

The operation, started on May 13, repaired gaps in the barrier island caused by coastal erosion by dropping large sandbags, ranging from 2,000 to 4,000 pounds each, from helicopters and should mitigate the approaching oil.

The 843rd Horizontal Company and 2225th Multi-Role Bridge Company, 205th Engineer Battalion filled the sandbags on the ground, and the 1st Battalion, 244th Aviation Regiment airlifted them in place with UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters.

The 244th, with assistance from the Nebraska, Illinois, Missouri, Mississippi and Florida National Guards, flew approximately 243 flight hours in support of this mission.

The breaches ranged from 100 to 300 feet wide each and the mission took more than 3,300 sandbags to complete. ■

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Louisiana Guardsmen return home from deployment

By Spc. Scott D. Longstreet
Unit Public Affairs Representative

After a year-long deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Soldiers from the Louisiana National Guard's 1083rd Transportation Company returned home Saturday, May 22, 2010, to reunite with loved-ones at the Shreveport Regional Airport in Shreveport, La.

"He has not yet seen his daughter," said Ginny Wadsworth, wife of Spc. Jaime Wadsworth. "It has been quite a challenge with him being away and to finally see Aubrey will be incredible."

"I am beyond words," Spc. Wadsworth said after finally seeing his daughter. "I am so glad to see her and my family. It was hard to not be able to see her but now that I am home, I am very excited and overjoyed."

Eleven-year-old Riley Wadsworth joined both her nine month old sister, Aubrey, and her mother in the celebration of welcoming Dad home.

"I will be screaming for him when I see him and hug him when he gets here," Riley said. "We are going to eat crawfish after he gets here."

Approximately 162 Guardsmen were greeted by Brig. Gen. Glenn Curtis, State Command Sgt. Maj. Tommy Caillier, and other local officials as they stepped off the plane to a crowd of cheering family and friends.

Pfc. Donald Monteleone of Metairie, La., was also one of the Soldiers returning. He quickly joined his wife Kendall and three daughters as soon as he stepped off the plane.

"We are so happy to have him home," said Kendall. "It was quite a chore with three daughters to take care of by myself. We are going to go to New York for our anniversary and much needed time together in three weeks."

Although away from family and friends, these Guardsmen focused on their jobs and relied heavily on fellow unit members.

"Our mission was to provide transport capabilities in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as part of the draw-down effort," said 1st Lt. Reginald Davis, executive officer for the 1083rd. "The withdrawal was considered one of the largest movements of manpower and equipment in our modern military history, and we were at the forefront of making that happen. Our company led the way in missions and mileage while in country, as we traveled over 1.7 million miles during the mission." ■



Spc. Jaime Wadsworth of Shreveport, La., is joined by his wife Ginny, 11-year-old daughter Riley and 9-month-old daughter Aubrey at their homecoming celebration. Members of the Louisiana National Guard's 1083rd Transportation Company were greeted by family and friends at the homecoming at the Shreveport Regional Airport in Shreveport, La. The 1083rd returned from a year-long deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Pfc. Donald Monteleone of Metairie, La., hugs his daughters Olivia and Caroline at their homecoming celebration. Photos: Spc. Scott D. Longstreet

By Sgt. Michael L. Owens
Louisiana National Guard Staff Journalist

After a year-long deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, Soldiers from the Louisiana National Guard's 204th Theater Airfield Operations Group returned home Wednesday, May 12, to reunite with loved-ones at the Hammond Army Aviation Support Facility near the Northshore Regional Airport in Hammond, La.

"The Soldiers of the 204th Theater Airfield Operations Group and their families are truly great Americans, and we are grateful to everyone who came out to show their appreciation and gratitude," said Maj. Gen. Bennett C. Landreneau, the adjutant general of the LANG. "These heroes stepped up to our nation's call to protect our freedoms, many of them on their second deployment or more, which is a testament to their patriotism and sense of duty. I'm proud of what they have accomplished, and it is great to welcome them home."

Approximately 38 Guardsmen were greeted by Governor Bobby Jindal, Landreneau, and other local officials as they stepped off the bus to a crowd of cheering family and friends.

"It's an honor to welcome these heroes home to Louisiana," said Jindal. "They were willing to sacrifice it all by putting their lives on the line to protect our nation's freedom and liberty. We are forever indebted to their service, and their valiant efforts will never be forgotten. My prayers are with the brave Soldiers and Airmen who are overseas today continuing to defend our great nation, and I look forward to welcoming them home upon a safe return."

While Jindal and Landreneau greeted each Guardsman and praised them for their service, family and friends waited anxiously to embrace their Soldiers.

"It has been a long time coming, and I have missed him so much," said Danielle Whitaker, wife of Capt. Robert G. Whitaker of Slidell, La. "As we were driving here, our son kept yelling 'go faster mommy' because he thought we were driving to the war to pick up daddy."

Although away from family and friends, these Guardsmen focused on their jobs and relied heavily on fellow unit members.

"We have worked extremely hard while deployed, and I know that we have made Louisiana proud," said Capt. Whitaker.

While deployed, the 204th provided and operated two airfield operations battalions,

one aviation battalion task force, two Air Traffic Service Standardization Elements in Iraq and Afghanistan; and two fixed-wing detachments split between Kuwait and Afghanistan.

The 204th conducted over 1.5 million aircraft movements in support of OIF and OEF, including 340 live medical evacuations and patient movements in southern Iraq and Kuwait.

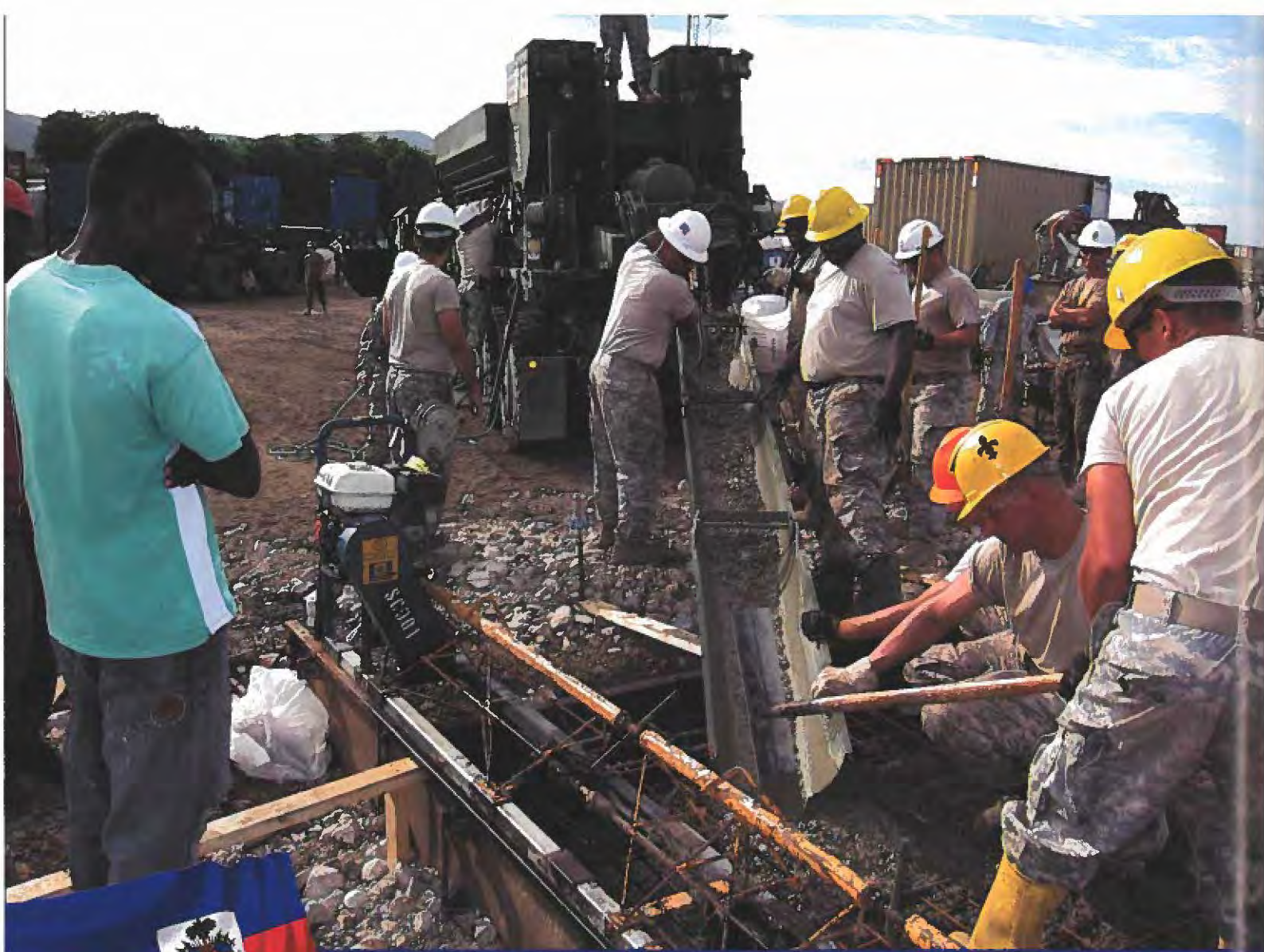
The 204th TAOG also developed the Army wide standard for airfield lighting which has currently been placed into production and fielding. Additionally, the TAOG headquarters in Kuwait developed the design for the rebuild of Patton Army Heliport at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. ■



Members of the Louisiana National Guard's 204th Theater Airfield Operations Group are greeted by family and friends.

Photo: Sgt. Michael L. Owens





Members of the 1st Rotation of the 527th Engineering Battalion begin pouring concrete for the foundation of the new National School of Mandrin, Haiti. Photo: Cpt. Eric A. Sutherland

Louisiana National Guardsmen commence New Horizons Haiti

By Col. Michael Deville, State Public Affairs Officer

MANDRIN, Haiti - The Louisiana National Guard's Task Force Kout Men held an official commencement ceremony for New Horizons Haiti 2010 in Mandrin, Haiti on Jun 15.

Kout Men means "Helping Hand" and denotes the spirit and hope that the mission brings to the people of Haiti.

The New Horizons exercise will "construct and repair classrooms, build latrines and make improvements to water wells in Lycee Louis Diaquoi, Ecole Nationale de Desronville, Ecole Nationale de Mandrin, and Ecole Nationale K. Georges," said Col. Michael Borrel, task force commander.





"Medical readiness training in Nan Poteau, Ennery, Pont de l'Estere, Saint-Marc and Gonaïves will be conducted in partnership with Haitian doctors," said Borrel.

Haiti was devastated by an earthquake in January and continues to rebuild some of its critical infrastructures.

In the upcoming months, rotational military units and personnel from National Guards units including: Louisiana, Arkansas, Oregon, Virgin Islands, Montana, Missouri, Texas, South Dakota and Indiana will participate in New Horizons Haiti.

Additionally, military members with the Army Reserves, U.S. Navy, U.S. Air Force and the Belize Defence Force will also support the exercise.



"Louisiana and Haiti have long been associated with each other through their history and culture," said Borrel. "We hope that this exercise will strengthen those ties." ■

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Louisiana Air Guardsmen deploy to Middle East

By Capt. Beverly G. Couto
159th Fighter Wing Public Affairs Officer

Airmen of the Louisiana Air National Guard's Force Support Squadron left Louis Armstrong International Airport headed for the United Arab Emirates Sunday morning, June 6.

The 12 Airmen deploying were in good spirits and excited to fulfill their 4 month mission.

Senior Airman Sheldron Jackson says that when his supervisors asked for volunteers he was very excited. Jackson volunteered right away.

Members of the FSS will be stationed at Al Dhafra Air Base in the United Arab Emirates for a four-month deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

While deployed, they will serve as services support augmentees. Their mission will be to provide morale, welfare and recreational support for deployed troops. Types of support include housing, food services, recreation and other well-being services.

The Airmen received a formal send off at an official deployment ceremony held at the Naval Air Station-Joint Reserve Base in Belle Chasse, La., on June 5.

During the deployment ceremony, Brig. Gen. Brod Veillon, commander of the Louisiana Air National Guard, said, "They have volunteered to serve our state and nation when we need them most. I have full faith and confidence in these Airmen."

The hangar erupted with applause as the Airmen stood next to their families to be recognized.

"You will serve as we are called to do, and while you're gone your families will be an extension of my family," said Maj. Elisa Blackwell, commander of the Force Support Squadron. ■



Twelve members of the 159th Fighter Wing's Force Support Squadron pose for a group photo following a pre-deployment ceremony in their honor, June 6, 2010, at the Naval Air Station-Joint Reserve Base in Belle Chasse, La., before deploying for several months to the Middle East region. Photos: Master Sgt. Daniel P. Farrell

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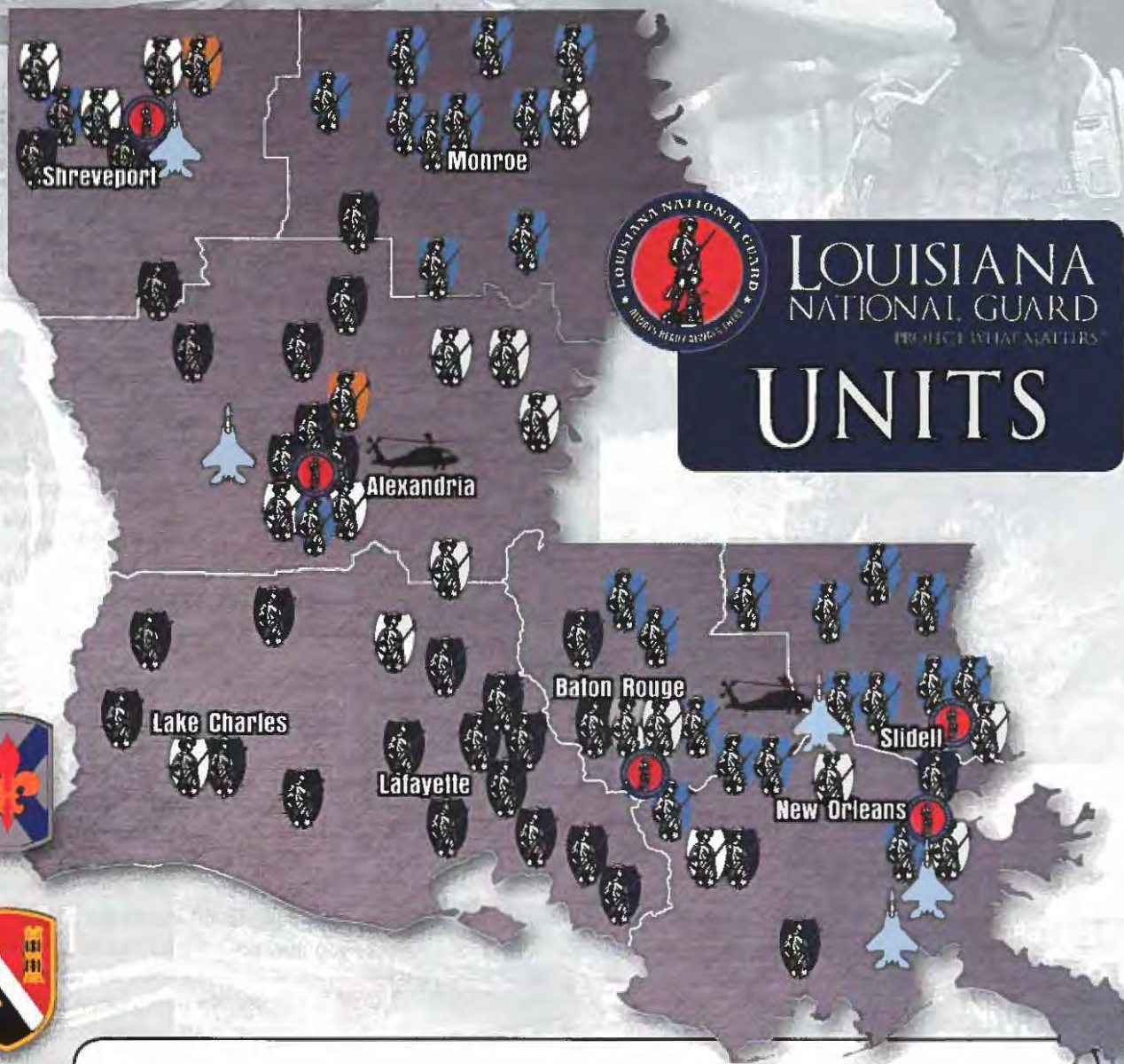


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2009 REVIEW



LOUISIANA NATIONAL GUARD UNITS



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|  61st Troop Command |  159th Fighter Wing |
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Wing

The Federal Mission is to provide trained and ready Soldiers, Airmen, and units for deployment in support of national military objectives as designated by the president of the United States.

The State Mission is to provide trained and ready Soldiers, Airmen, and units in support of state operations as directed by the Governor of Louisiana and/or The Adjutant General.

The Community Mission is to focus initiatives to enhance community relationships and provide mutually beneficial support.



Highlights

Strength:

- Approx. 3,000 Soldiers

Accomplishments:

- CMTC Opposing Force Mission (Germany)
- Belize SPP Unit & Staff Training Exchange
- Alerted for Deployment to Iraq

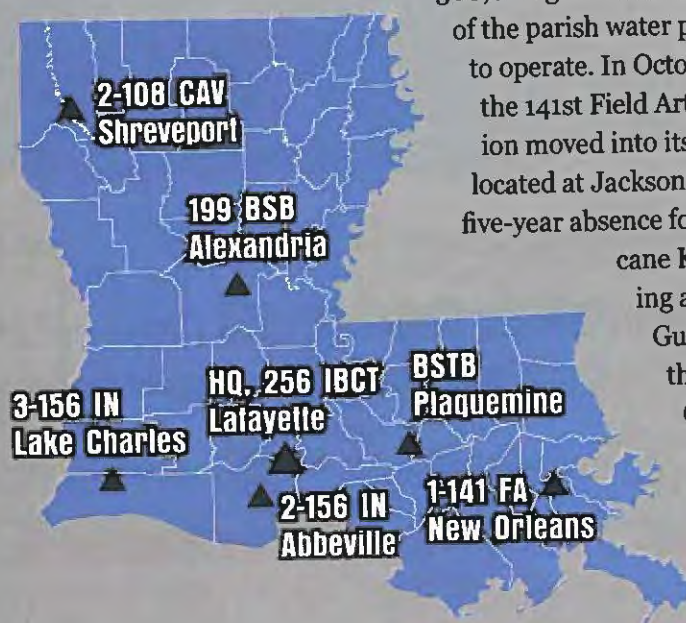
256th Infantry Brigade Combat Team



Headquartered in Lafayette, the 256th IBCT consists of the 199th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Battalion of the 108th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Battalion of the 156th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Battalion of the 156th Infantry Regiment, 256th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 1st Battalion of the 141st Artillery Regiment, and the Headquarters and

Headquarters Company 256th. The 256th has more than 3,000 Soldiers and equipment, which includes all-wheel light and heavy tactical vehicles, tactical assault rifles, light and heavy machine guns, single shot and fully automatic grenade launchers, combat shot guns, sniper rifles, TOWED howitzers and mortar systems. The 256th has more than 20 armories located throughout the state of Louisiana. They have been preparing for a yearlong mobilization beginning in January 2010, marking their second deployment in support of Iraqi Freedom. In January, 305 Soldiers from the 2nd Squadron of the 108th Cavalry Regiment participated in a 15-day overseas deployment training with the Japanese Ground Self Defense Force near Kumamoto, Japan. In June, the 199th Brigade Support Battalion successfully supported a weeklong mission assisting the citizens of Caddo Parish with the delivery and pumping of

380,000 gallons of water after one of the parish water plants ceased to operate. In October, the 1st of the 141st Field Artillery Battalion moved into its new armory located at Jackson Barracks after a five-year absence following Hurricane Katrina, returning a major National Guard presence to the city of New Orleans.





225th Engineer Brigade

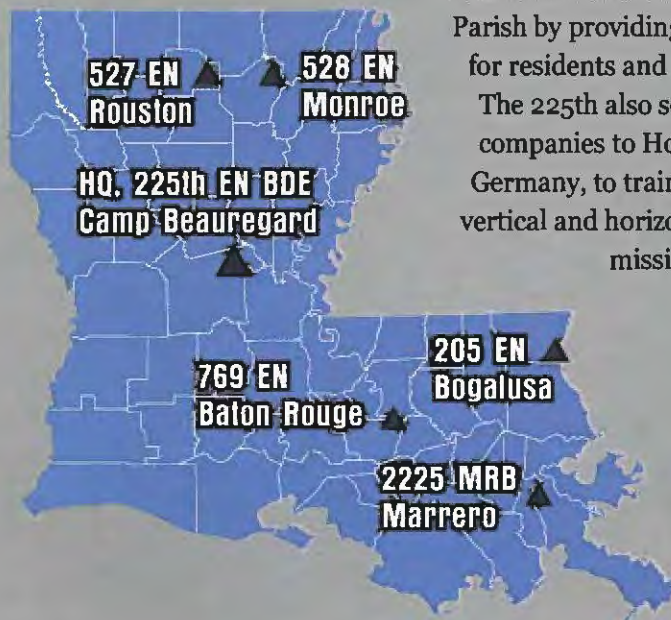


The 225th Engineer Brigade, based at Camp Beauregard, consists of a Brigade Headquarters and Headquarters Company, four multi-role Engineer Battalions, and a Survey and Design team. The 225th has more than 2,700 Soldiers and is the largest engineer brigade in the Army. Equipment in the 225th includes

high water vehicles, bridging equipment, heavy construction equipment, armored personnel carriers and transport equipment. The 225th has more than 20 armories across the state, with a new Armed Forces Reserve Center under construction in Baton Rouge. The 927th Sapper Company, 769th EN BN, completed 125 combat missions before returning home from a yearlong deployment to Afghanistan in March. The 225th EN BDE HQ completed a 400-day deployment to Iraq in November, supporting the Iraqi Security Force with training, security assistance and facility improvements. The 225th EN BDE HQ also supported the Iraqi government with infrastructure improvements including construction of schools, roadway improvements and additions to Camp Liberty. The 205th EN BN supported a flood mission in Slidell with high water vehicles, while the 527th EN BN participated in a

water relief mission in Concordia Parish by providing potable water for residents and businesses.

The 225th also sent multiple companies to Hohenfels, Germany, to train on both vertical and horizontal engineer missions.



Highlights

Strength:

- Approx. 2,700 Soldiers

Accomplishments:

- 219 Soldiers deployed to Iraq & Afghanistan
- Belize SPPConstruction Projects:
 - 3 schools & 2 latrines
- Hurricanes Gustav & Ike:
 - 107 engineering missions completed
- Flood Response to St. Tammany



Highlights

Strength:

- Approx. 60 Soldiers

Accomplishments:

- Transitioned to new operational mission
- TF Reserve & Civil Support Trainers
- New Readiness/Operations Center Opened
- New Mobile Operational Command Center (MOCC)

61st Troop Command



The 61st Troop Command, located at the Gillis W. Long Center in Carville, consists of a headquarters element and a Civil Support Team (Weapons of Mass Destruction). The Troop Command uniquely consists of approximately fifty Soldiers and Airmen with an important role in homeland security for the state. In 2009, the 61st Headquarters adopted a new mission of Task Force Reserve, providing rapid expeditionary capability to provide command and control or support for disaster preparedness and response operations. In order to effectively support local communities requiring assistance during natural disasters or man-made incidents, its new readiness center at GWLC houses a large, multi-functional operations center that also serves as an alternate command and control location to provide continuity of operations. The 62nd Civil Support Team possesses specialty Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear detection and decontamination equipment and has been called upon numerous times to assist state agencies and local authorities in identifying hazardous materials and to support high-profile special events such as presidential visits, Mardi Gras in New Orleans and the Jazz Fest.



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Highlights

Strength:

- Approx. 1,800 Soldiers

Accomplishments:

- 527 Soldiers deployed to Iraq & Afghanistan.
- 156th Army Band deployed to Belize twice this year to perform for the Belize Defense Force Parade and for the Belize Independence Day Celebration... performing for more than 27,000 total spectators in 2009.

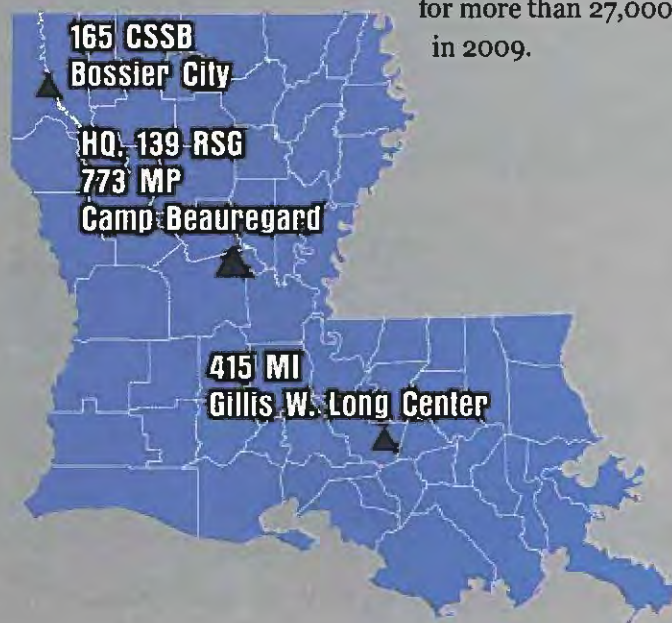
139th Regional Support Group



Headquartered in Camp Beauregard, the 139th Regional Support Group consists of a Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Military Intelligence Battalion, Military Police Battalion, Combat Service Support Battalion, an Army Band and an Expeditionary Signal Company. The 139th has more than 1,800 troops, 68 of whom volunteered

for deployments to Iraq, and has more than 15 armories across the state, with a new Armed Forces Readiness Center under construction in Baton Rouge. The 773rd MP BN, based in Camp Beauregard, had two companies participate in OIF in 2009 by providing Police Transition Teams, training and staffing to the Iraqi police and their new training academy. In May, the 1083rd Transportation Company deployed for their one-year deployment in support of OIF to Tikrit, Iraq, to provide heavy lift transportation support utilizing the M1070 Heavy Equipment Transport throughout the Iraqi theater of operations. The 415th MI BN, based in Carville, mobilized and deployed 25 Soldiers during 2009 to OIF and OEF to support missions including human intelligence collection and counterintelligence operations. The 156th Army Band deployed to Belize twice this year to perform for the Belize Defense Force Parade and for the Belize Independence Day Celebration... performing

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State Aviation Command



The State Aviation Command oversees Army aviation operations in Louisiana and consists of two armories, eight units and 800 Soldiers. Air assets include 26 UH-60 Black Hawks , 4 LUH-72 Lakotas, 2 OH-58 Kiowas and one C-12 Huron. The 204th Theater Air Operations Group deployed in support of OIF and OEF to provide command

and control, staff planning, supervision and standardization of all airfields and air traffic services within the theater. Detachment 38 returned in 2009 after deploying to Djibouti, Africa, serving as a "high priority" air taxi service for embassy personnel and commanders of AFRICOM throughout Africa and the Middle East. Their mission was to provide command and control, staff planning, supervision and standardization of all airfields and air traffic services within the theater. Returning in April, the 1/244th Assault Helicopter Battalion logged over 15,000 combat flying hours and completed over 1,000 air movement and air assault operations in support of Multi-National Corps – Iraq. For the third time in five years, they received the highest national award for operational readiness.



Highlights

Strength:

- Approx. 800 Soldiers

Accomplishments:

- 346 Soldiers deployed to Iraq & Africa
- New Aircraft: LUH-72 & UH-60 MEDEVAC
- Established the 2-244th Airfield Operations Battalion



Highlights

Strength:

- Approx. 230 Soldiers

Accomplishments:

- 2272 NCOES graduates
- 53 OCS graduates
- 835 Soldiers awarded new MOS
- Implemented Combative School
- Graduated 3 Belizeans from NCOES/ OCS

199th Leadership Regiment



The 199th Regional Training Institute, headquartered in Camp Minden, provides institutional training within assigned Career Management Fields, the Non-Commissioned Officer Education System and Officer Candidate School missions based on requirements identified by the National Guard Bureau and the Army.

The Training Regiment provides coordinating authority, quality assurance, and scheduling and accreditation oversight. Additionally, the Training Regiment provides operational, training, administrative, logistical and resource management support as required to accomplish the mission to train the Army Warrior within each respective state or territory. The Regiment is currently home to 237 Soldiers in the Louisiana Army National Guard and trains nearly 5,000 Soldiers a year. In October, the 199th broke ground on a new \$23.8 million training site located at Camp Minden. The 199th recently began instructing Soldiers under the U.S. Army Combative course material and graduated 66 Soldiers from level 1. The battalion's Warriors Leadership Course graduated 1,847 Soldiers, while the Basic Noncommissioned Officer School successfully trained 733 Soldiers. OCS commissioned 58 U.S. Army second lieutenants. The school

house was also accredited in May, receiving a passing score of 95.





159th Fighter Wing



The Louisiana Air National Guard is comprised of a Headquarters and the 159th Fighter Wing, located at Naval Air Station – Joint Reserve Base in New Orleans, totaling more than 1,500 men and women. The 159 FW consists of an Operations Group, Medical Group, Maintenance Group and Support Group, along with four subordinate geographically separated units, each with a distinct mission. The 159 FW has 20 Boeing F-15 C/Ds and a WC-130 aircraft. During 2009, the 159 FW flew a total of 3,352 hours. In addition, the 159 FW also mans an Air Sovereignty Alert unit that was scrambled a total of 16 times in response to real-world threats. In January, during one of these scrambles, the 159 FW responded to the aircraft flown by Marcus Schrenker, the pilot who attempted to fake his own death over Florida. Of the 16 ASA National Guard sites across the country, Louisiana was the most active. Approximately 21 members deployed to Air Force Central Command locations in support of OIF and OEF, with several members of the 259th Air Traffic Control Squadron volunteering for multiple out-of-cycle Air Expeditionary Force rotations to fill short falls of other ATCSs. In October 2009, the 159 FW participated in exercise “SALTIRE II”, in Antofagasta, Chile, support-

ing coalition efforts to strengthen regional military ties and integrating Airmen from Chile, the United States, Argentina, Brazil and France.



Highlights

Strength:

1,500 Airmen

Accomplishments:

- 80 Airmen Deployed to GWOT
- Participated in 2 Overseas Exercises (Israel/Hungary)
- NORAD Air Sovereignty Alert (24/7)
- Air Force Level Inspections (AFE & ORI):
 - Mission Ready & EXCELLENT Rating
- Intercepted Plane Flown by Marcus Schrenker



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Louisiana Army National Guard

Enlisted Accessions: The LAARNG achieved 101.4% of its NGB Enlisted Accession mission for TY2009 by enlisting 1,443 new Soldiers into the LAARNG against an NGB Mission of 1,423.

Officer Accessions: The LAARNG achieved 146 officer accessions during TY2009 which enabled the LAARNG to exceed its officer strength mission.

Retention: Over 72% of LAARNG Soldiers who were eligible to re-enlist and numerous Soldiers re-enlisting up to 12 months in advance chose to remain in active service with the LAARNG. During the FY09, 1,264 Soldiers re-enlisted, which is 130% of the NGB mission of 971 re-enlistment contracts.



Louisiana Air National Guard

Enlisted Accessions: The LAANG achieved 106% of its Enlisted Accession mission for FY2009 by enlisting 155 new Airmen into the LAANG against a Mission of 150.

Officer Accessions: The LAANG achieved 18 New Officer Accessions during FY2009, its most accessions in over three years.

Retention: Over 91% of LAANG Airmen who were eligible to re-enlist did so, maintaining within the top 10% of the retention rate in the nation.



Awards:

Awards below were received from NGB in FY09 for the previous FY08.

- Achievement of Retention Mission
- Achievement of Attrition Mission
- Achievement of Recruit Sustainment Program Mission
- Achievement of Enlisted Strength Mission
- Highest Retention Rate-Large State
- Lowest Attrition Rate-Large State
- Lowest Training Pipeline Loss Rate-Large State
- Summer Surge- Best Basic Combat Training Ship Rate-Large State and Overall
- LAANG 1st Qtr FY 09 - 159FW - Wing with the most Critical Accessions
- LAANG 2nd Qtr FY 09 - 159FW - Wing with the most Accessions
- LAANG 3rd Qtr FY 09 - GSU with most accessions

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ACE Guide is a resource for military students

By Randy Plunkett

My experience with Guard members is they find AARTS transcripts and CCAF transcripts hard to understand. The American Council of Education (ACE) has provided a resource guide to assist military students in understanding their transcripts. For a free PDF visit:

www.acenet.edu/Content/NavigationMenu/ProgramsServices/MilitaryPrograms/Transfer_Guide.htm

This guide answers questions the military members need to know, such as:

- What is transfer credit?
- How much transfer credit can I expect to receive for my military training?

One question I would like to address in this article is:

- What are lower-level and upper-level credits?

Many military members have attended multiple colleges and universities, taking a class here or there. In addition to their AARTS or CCAF transcript, these other college transcripts record upper-level and lower-level credits. Generally, lower-level credits refer to freshmen- and sophomore-level courses (usually designated 100- or 200-level courses); upper-level credits refer to junior- and senior-level courses (usually designated 300- or 400-level courses). Most of the courses taken by military members at various institutions are lower-level credits. Degree programs require a certain amount of upper- and lower-level credits.

When one brings these transcripts to a college or university, many of the credits are used to fill electives. The sad reality is many colleges do not consider AARTS recommended credit courses. I think the reason is the institutions are not aware that ACE hires Ph.D.s to go to Army Training Centers to professionally evaluate MOS training. These subject matter experts are the ones who provide the recommendations to ACE. I think the reason most universities do not take these courses is they are not aware of this vetting process. CCAF transcripts do fare somewhat better, because the Community College of the Air Force is a regionally accredited institution.

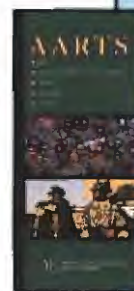
Keep in mind, the ACE guide purposely says "recommended credit" for a reason. The Council is adamant in recognizing and respecting the sovereignty of institutions. It is not their place to dictate to any institution what credit should be accepted. For this reason, students sometimes find some colleges will not accept credits from other institutions.

I encourage each of you who are interested in maximizing your educational opportunities to download the PDF and learn about transfer credits and how they apply to your educational goals. ■



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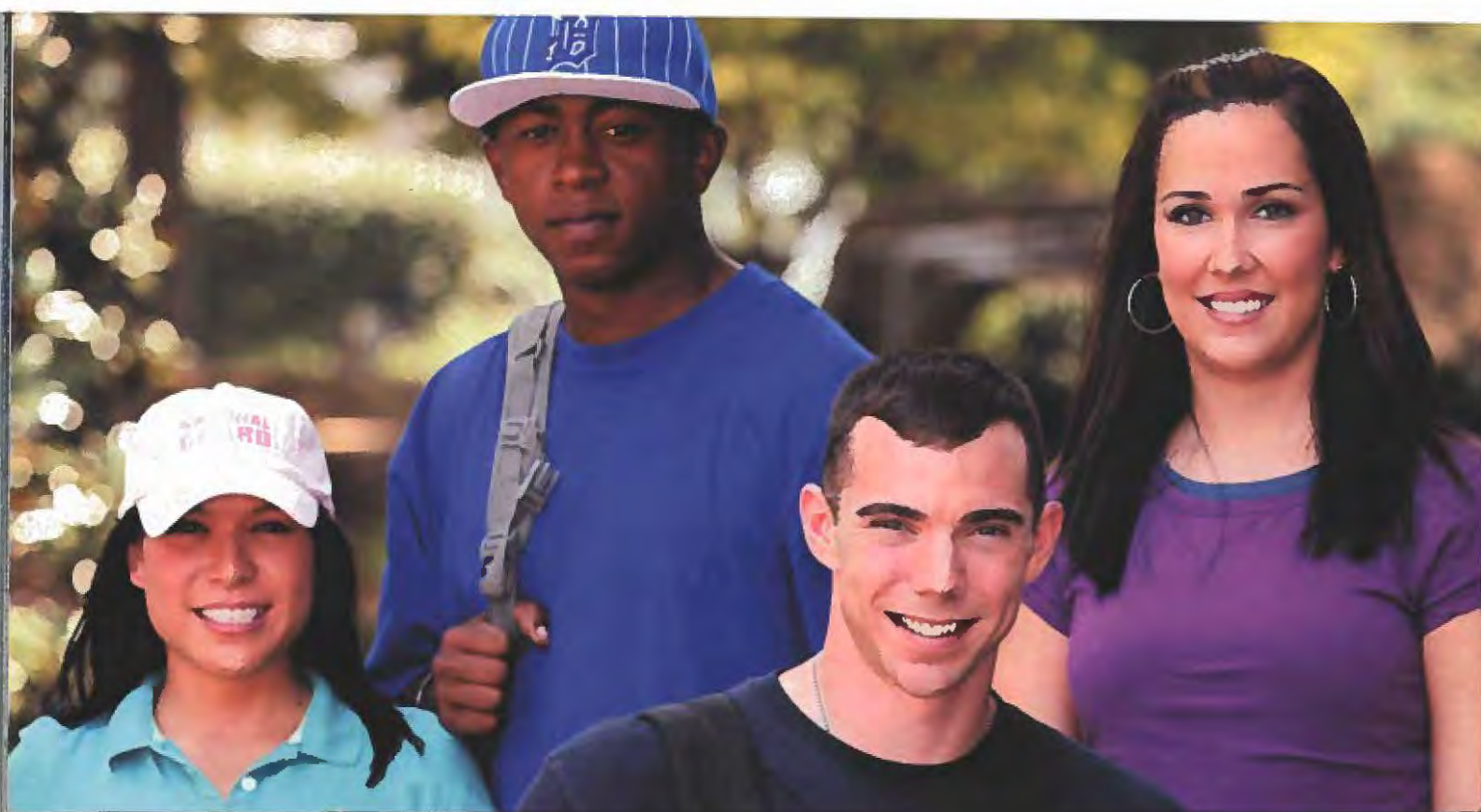
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