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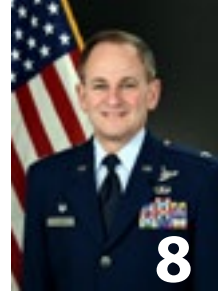
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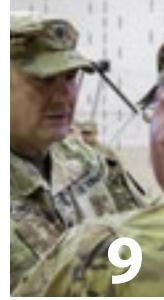
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I commissioned in 1988 and joined the Illinois Army National Guard in 1990. As I retire at the end of February, I offer some thoughts, ideas and comments on military service and leadership. Some might sound like bumper stickers, or old clichés, but I have found them to be accurate.

This is a profession - even if you are a traditional Soldier. Be a professional. Join professional organizations as a life member - do so early in your career and it's cheaper. This profession carries great responsibility, but really to only three things; Service Members, The Constitution, and the National Interest. This is best remembered as "Soldiers First, Mission Always."

"Lead by example." Wear your Kevlar, body armor, seat belt, and your wet weather gear. Right time, right place, right uniform. Get your own coffee. Clean your own weapon. Don't text and drive. Carry a notebook - write things down, especially when talking to Soldiers about issues. Be humble, don't take yourself too seriously. Practice servant leadership. Develop empathy.

"Move To The Sound Of The Guns." Understand commander's guidance and intent - in the absence of either, move out thoughtfully and sharply and figure it out. If you find a problem, you own it. Seek guidance as you can. After the chain of command remember the staff judge advocate and the chaplain.

"Process" - the Army has been around for a long time. There are not many new issues and there is probably already a process in place. Find it and follow it. Don't be afraid to give someone a second chance. Don't be afraid to smoke those who need it. Train yourself to recognize your unconscious bias. Everybody has them.

Read the Constitution. Carry a copy. You swore an oath to it. Understand the concept of National

Interest. You are never too junior to pay attention to politics - especially the budget process. Vote - it is your chance to help select your boss, and it goes to leading by example.

"Measure twice, cut once." "Aim small miss small." In plain English, pay attention to detail. Think through and try to understand the impacts of second- and third-order effects. Don't get married to the "plan." Concentrate on the desired end-state. Take time to define and understand the problem. That will get you closer to the solution.

Manage your own career - tell your boss where you want to go next. Pursue education and professional development. Do some sort of school or training every year. Don't settle for the minimum requirements. Save your paperwork - both hard copy and digital - pay, orders, awards, medical, etc. Make sure your records are always up to date.

There is no such thing as joint money. All the federal money that the Guard gets is to "Man, Train, and Equip" in support of our federal mission. That does not mean we can't do joint things. It means the services have to cooperate.

Balance - find it or fail somewhere. If you want to keep your family and your employer keep them informed and involved. Learn to prioritize, everything is important, but something has to come first for you. Remember that there is life after you leave the military. Take care of yourself - you might live longer than you think - sleep, diet, exercise, physical, mental, spiritual, etc. If you need help, get help. If you know someone who needs help, ensure they get it.



Brig. Gen. Michael Glisson
Director of the Joint Staff, Illinois National Guard

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The first report is usually wrong; don't shoot the messenger. Bad news doesn't get better with age. If it's worth doing, it's worth paying for. Evil does exist – don't forget this.

Study other cultures – this does not just apply to other countries. Study other organizations – never turn down an opportunity to work with another service. Every service, branch, and agency has its own language as well.

Words mean things. Be specific in your language. Soldiers should not be referred to as "bodies." You can't use a term like that and believe that people are our most valuable asset. There is a difference between accidental and negligent. A sergeant is different from a staff sergeant is different from a sergeant first class. Same with second and first lieutenants. Use the correct rank. It's a matter of respect. As mentioned previously, organizations have language specifics – some of the words and acronyms are the same with different meanings. When referring to the death of a service member, remember that we don't "lose" them. A Soldier might lose a piece of issued equipment. They were taken by something - training accident, suicide, combat casualty, disease, etc. If we "lost" them, there is another issue.

Digital communications are forever. If it is contentious, think about it overnight, do another edit, and send it in the morning. Think long and hard before hitting "reply all." Don't email while drinking. Social media and E-bay can also be a problem. Learn to use social media, but remember everyone is watching. Remember OPSEC. Acknowledge email. Respond as required. Use a signature block with your contact information in it. Answer the phone. Squad leaders are the center of gravity for effective communications in units.

Traditional vs Full-time. Understand the responsibilities of both and leverage them correctly. The full-time force facilitates actions. The traditional force makes the reserve component possible. People are our most valuable asset – no matter what the duty status.

National Guard vs Reserve or Active Component – if you have issues with domestic operations and state missions then transfer. Being dual-missioned is what makes us who we are.

This is a great profession to be part of. Have some fun and enjoy it. Now, go do great things. 🍷

A family affair: ILNG promotes sibling-Soldiers

By Barb Smith, Illinois National Guard Public Affairs

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – Illinois Army National Guard Soldiers and siblings, Sgt. Maj. Mary Groy and Sgt.

1st Class Larry Groy, were promoted to their respective ranks in a ceremony Jan. 31 at the Illinois State Military Museum, Springfield, Illinois.

The younger Groy, Larry, of Loves Park, Illinois, is the Readiness Non-Commissioned Officer for the 725th Transportation Company, based in

Machesney Park, Illinois. He previously served as the Training Non-Commissioned Officer for the 631st Engineer Company, based in Sparta, Illinois.

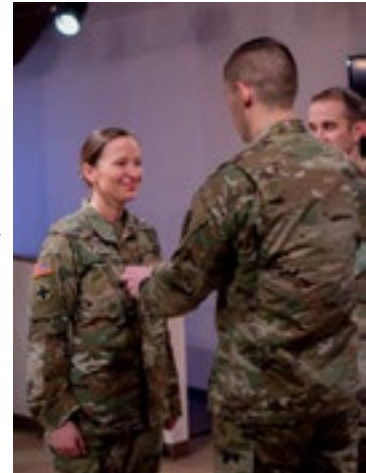
"I know the 725th is excited to have you come aboard as the Readiness NCO," said Lt. Col. Kevin Little, Director of Logistics, G-4, Illinois National Guard. "I know you bring great leadership to the position."

"My sister was my recruiter," Groy, who has 17 years of military service, said. "She has always been a great sister, leader and role model."

Little said that Mary, who has served in the Illinois National Guard for 24 years, has a long history of "knocking it out of the park."

"From your days as the Supply Sergeant with the Air Defense Artillery in Kewanee to the S-4 shop with the 108th Sustainment Brigade, you have achieved great things," he said. "You will continue to do great things as the G-4 Sergeant Major because you bring a wealth of knowledge from the field."

"I am happy Lieutenant Colonel Little gave me the opportunity to serve in this position," Groy said. "I have had a lot of great mentors throughout my career, who taught me to work hard. I was also fortunate to have Soldiers who would stay late with me to get the job done." 🍷



Answering the call: ILNG Chaplain earns distinguished chaplain's leadership award

By Barb Smith, Illinois National Guard Public Affairs

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – One of the Illinois Army National Guard's newest Chaplains graduated from Basic Officers Leaders Course Dec. 19 at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and earned the Chaplain Corps' Chaplain Emil Kapaun Award for Distinguished Leadership.

Chaplain (1st Lt.) Michael A. Rivera, Jr., of Bloomington, Illinois, enlisted in the Illinois Army National Guard in 1998 and was commissioned

as a First Lieutenant in the Illinois Army National Guard Chaplain Corps in July. Rivera serves as the Chaplain of the 44th Chemical Battalion.

The Chaplain Emil J. Kapaun award for Distinguished Leadership is presented to the student chosen by his or her peers as displaying the attributes and competencies of an Army leader, and the Chaplain Corps' sacred values, according to Melvin Slater, U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School.

The award is named in honor of Chaplain Emil Kapaun who, during the Korean War, "repeatedly risked his own life to save the lives of hundreds of fellow Americans. His extraordinary courage, faith and leadership inspired thousands of prisoners to survive hellish conditions, resist enemy

indoctrination, and retain their faith in God and country," Slater said.

"I am humbled and honored to be the

recipient of the Chaplain Kapaun Award for Excellence in Leadership during my chaplain training," Rivera said. "The reality of having my peers and the instructors identify and choose me above others for such an honorable recognition speaks to the favor of God on my life. Now comes the harder work of living up to such a prestigious award."

"Receiving this award has confirmed and affirmed 'the call' that God has on my life both in civilian and military ministry. I can clearly remember the overwhelming emotion that I experienced during my evening of reflection the day the awards were announced," Rivera said. "I owe a great deal of gratitude to my battle buddies, Chaplain Bradley Barrick, Chaplain Clint Bass and Chaplain Kenneth Brooks for being the greatest accountability partners anyone could ask for. They motivated, inspired and encouraged me to be at my best daily."

Kapaun was serving with 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment during the Battle of Unsan, Nov. 1-2, 1950. According to published accounts, as Chinese Communist forces encircled the battalion, Kapaun repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire to recover wounded men, dragging them to safety. Kapaun rejected several chances to escape, instead volunteering to stay behind and care for the wounded. He was taken as a prisoner of war by Chinese forces on Nov. 2, 1950.

As a Prisoner of War, Kapaun risked his life by sneaking around the camp after dark, foraging for food, caring for the sick, and encouraging his fellow Soldiers to sustain their faith and their humanity. Kapaun died in captivity on May 23, 1951.

For his actions, Kapaun was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor in 2013 by then-President Barack Obama. 🇺🇸



Roberts Soldier makes command sergeant major

By Sgt. 1st Class Bryan Spreitzer, Illinois National Guard Public Affairs

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – Friends and family gathered at the Old State Capital in Springfield, Illinois, to celebrate the promotion of Michael Freed to the rank of command sergeant major Jan. 12.



Freed was pinned by his wife, Susan, and his daughter Kelsey Vanagaitis.

Freed thanked the many friends and family in attendance, paying specific attention to those who mentored him and gave him the opportunity to lead.

"Take a look at me up here, if they'll make me a sergeant major, ANYONE can make it, said Freed "In all seriousness, if you want to make it, take care of your Soldiers; put them first. My mentors always told me if you're taking care of your Soldiers, you'll never be wrong."



Freed has more than 30 years of service and has held multiple positions in the Illinois Army National Guard. Most recently, he served as the

Army logistics (G4) senior noncommissioned officer at Joint Force Headquarters based in Springfield, Illinois.

Freed will now be assigned as the Command Sergeant Major for 634th Brigade Support Battalion based in Sullivan, Illinois.

Dekalb Soldier promoted to Colonel

By Sgt. 1st Class Bryan Spreitzer, Illinois National Guard Public Affairs

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – Friends and family gathered to celebrate the promotion of Jose Jaques to the rank of colonel at the Illinois Military Academy in Springfield, Illinois, Jan. 12.

Jaques was pinned by his wife, Jamie; his mother, Raquel; two children, Anthony and Allysia; and his niece Sam.

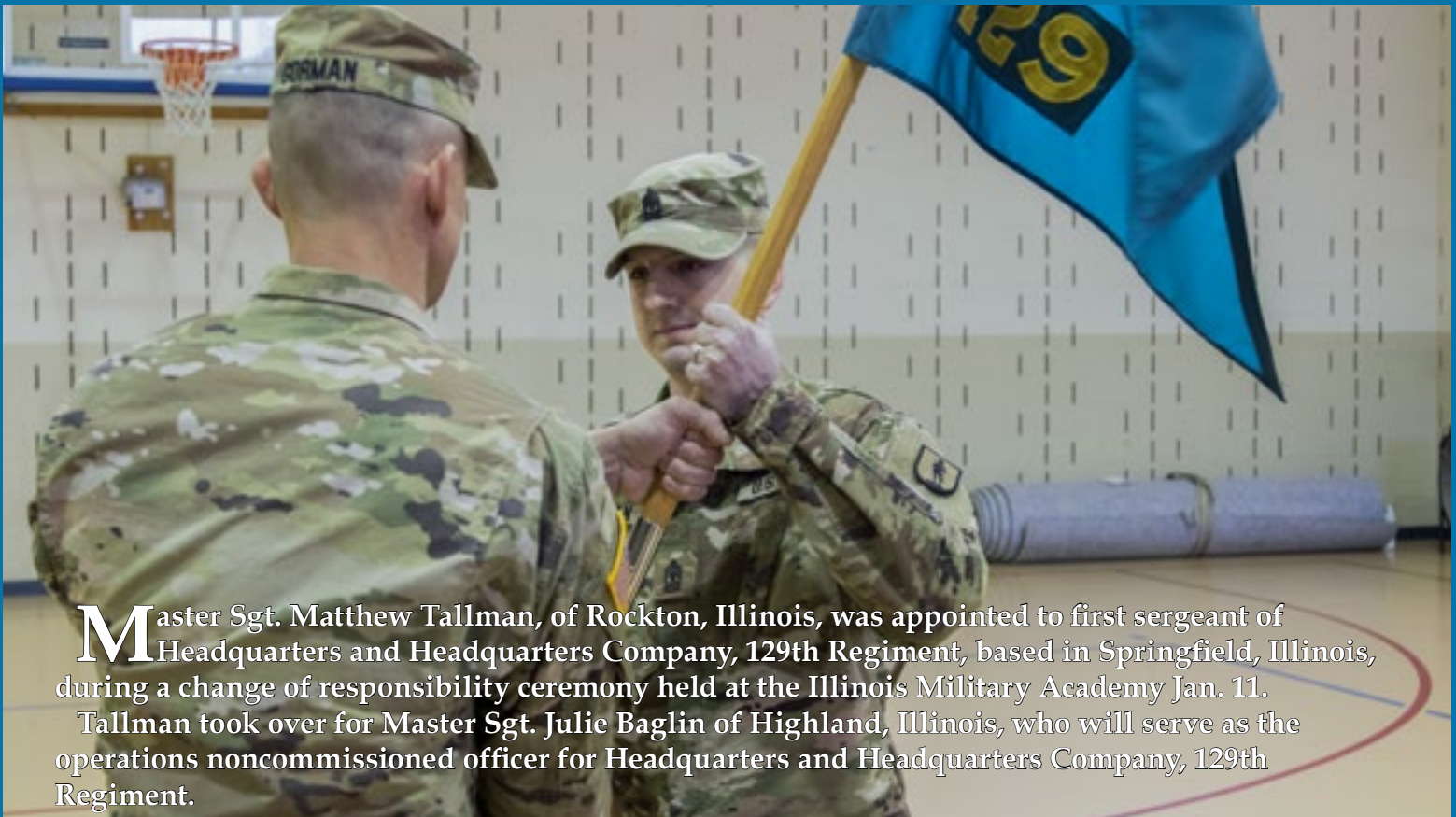
"Had you told me when I enlisted 33 years ago, I'd be standing here getting promoted to colonel," said Jaques. "I would have called you crazy. I'm grateful for this opportunity. Thank you to my mentors and to those of you in this room I've had the pleasure of serving with and leading."



Jaques has served in the Illinois National Guard for more than 30 years and has held a multitude of leadership positions. Most recently, he commanded the 6th Battalion, 54th Security Forces Assistance Brigade based in Rock Island, Illinois. With his new rank, Jaques will serve as the Army mobilization branch chief for Joint Force Headquarters based in Springfield, Illinois.

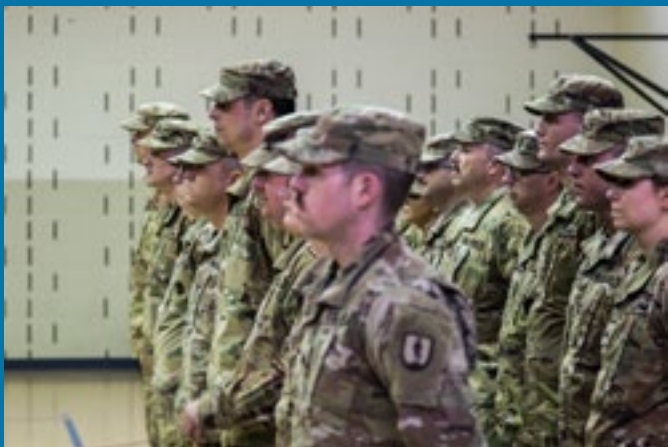
Taking the Lead:

HHC 129th Regiment welcomes new first sergeant



Master Sgt. Matthew Tallman, of Rockton, Illinois, was appointed to first sergeant of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 129th Regiment, based in Springfield, Illinois, during a change of responsibility ceremony held at the Illinois Military Academy Jan. 11.

Tallman took over for Master Sgt. Julie Baglin of Highland, Illinois, who will serve as the operations noncommissioned officer for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 129th Regiment.



Petersburg Soldier awarded MSM

By Barb Smith, Illinois National Guard Public Affairs

SPRINGFIELD, ILL. – Illinois National Guard Sgt. 1st Class Matthew P. Harris, of Petersburg, Illinois, was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal in a ceremony Jan. 30 at Camp Lincoln, Springfield, Illinois.

Harris, who enlisted in the Illinois Army National Guard in 2000, is a 42A, Human Resources Specialist at Joint Force Headquarters, and previously served in the Recruiting and Retention Battalion, (RBB).



He received the award for his leadership, dedication and initiatives to increase the RBB's efficiency in recruiting, according to Lt. Col. Darren Horton, Commander, Recruiting and Retention Battalion, Illinois Army National Guard.

"In the recruiting field, Sgt. 1st Class Harris was a rock star," Horton said. "He was a great team member and an awesome teammate. During his time at RBB, he developed many products to make recruiting in the field more efficient and better equipped." 🇺🇸

Monticello resident earns achievement medal

By Maj. Dutch Grove, Illinois National Guard Public Affairs



SPRINGFIELD, ILL. – Cpl. Cassidy Hodson of Monticello, Illinois, was awarded the Army Achievement Medal during a ceremony at the Urbana Armory Jan. 12.

Hodson is a 13F, Joint Fire Support Specialist assigned to Detachment 2 of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 122nd Field Artillery Regiment, 33rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

Hodson was nominated for the award for her work as the fire support noncommissioned officer during the training exercise Operation Northern Strike 2019. 🇺🇸

Gurnee Airman Selected to be ILANG Chief of Staff

By Maj. Dutch Grove, Illinois National Guard Public Affairs

SPRINGFIELD, ILL. – Col. James G. Silvasy of Gurnee, Illinois, has been appointed Chief of Staff of the Illinois Air National Guard and selected for promotion to brigadier general.

"Jim brings nearly 35 years of experience as a pilot and as an operational commander to this position," said Brig. Gen.

Richard Neely, The Adjutant General of the Illinois National Guard. "His experience, knowledge and leadership is the perfect fit to ensure the combat readiness and mission capability of our more than 3,000 Airmen."



Silvasy replaces Brig. Gen. William Robertson who has been assigned as the Air National Guard advisor to the 12th Air Force commander.

Silvasy, who will be promoted in March, most recently served at the Director of Operations for Headquarters, Illinois Air National Guard at Camp Lincoln in Springfield, Illinois.

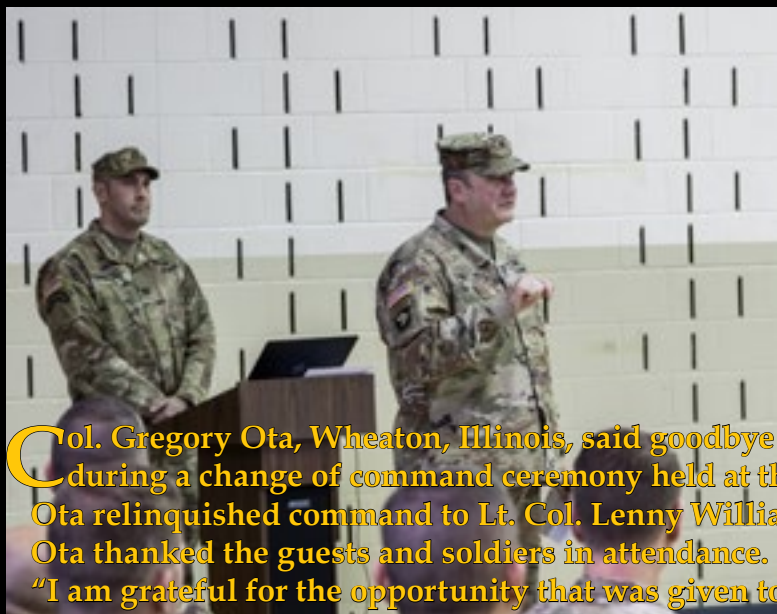
"It is an honor and a privilege to serve the professional men and women of the Illinois Air National Guard and the citizens of Illinois," said Silvasy. "I am fully committed to ensuring our readiness to conduct current missions while preparing to protect our state and nation well into the future."

As the Illinois National Guard Chief of Staff, Silvasy will be responsible for the command, control and operations of plans and programs affecting more than 3,000 Illinois Air Guard personnel assigned to flying wings, command and control facilities, and logistics, maintenance and support missions.

Silvasy began his career in the active Army after commissioning through the University of New Hampshire's Army Reserve Officer Training Corps in 1985. He transitioned into the Illinois Air National Guard in 1990 where he served as a KC-135 pilot with the 126th Air Refueling Wing. He has held leadership positions at each level including commander of the 183rd's Air Operations Group in Springfield, Illinois. He has more than 4,900 flight hours, which includes more than 150 combat hours. He is a veteran of six named operations including Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. 🇺🇸

Passing the torch:

129th Regiment welcomes new commander

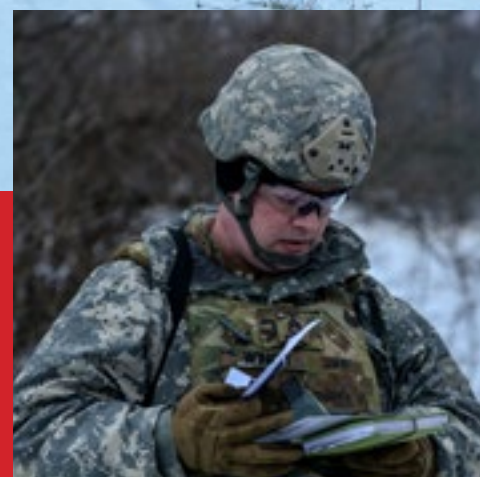
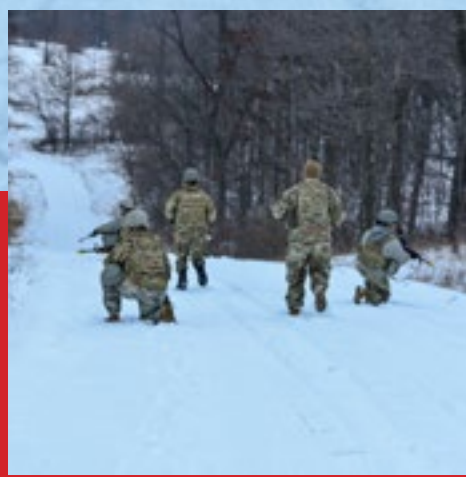
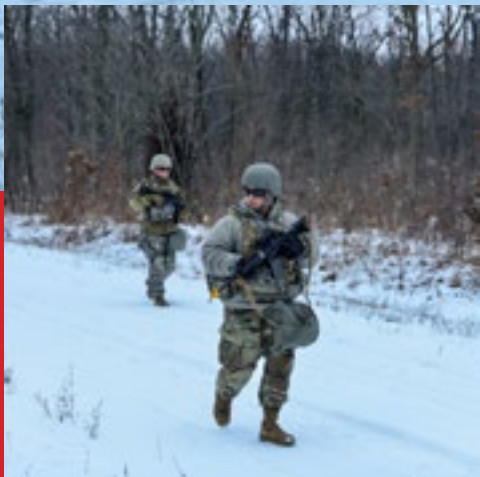


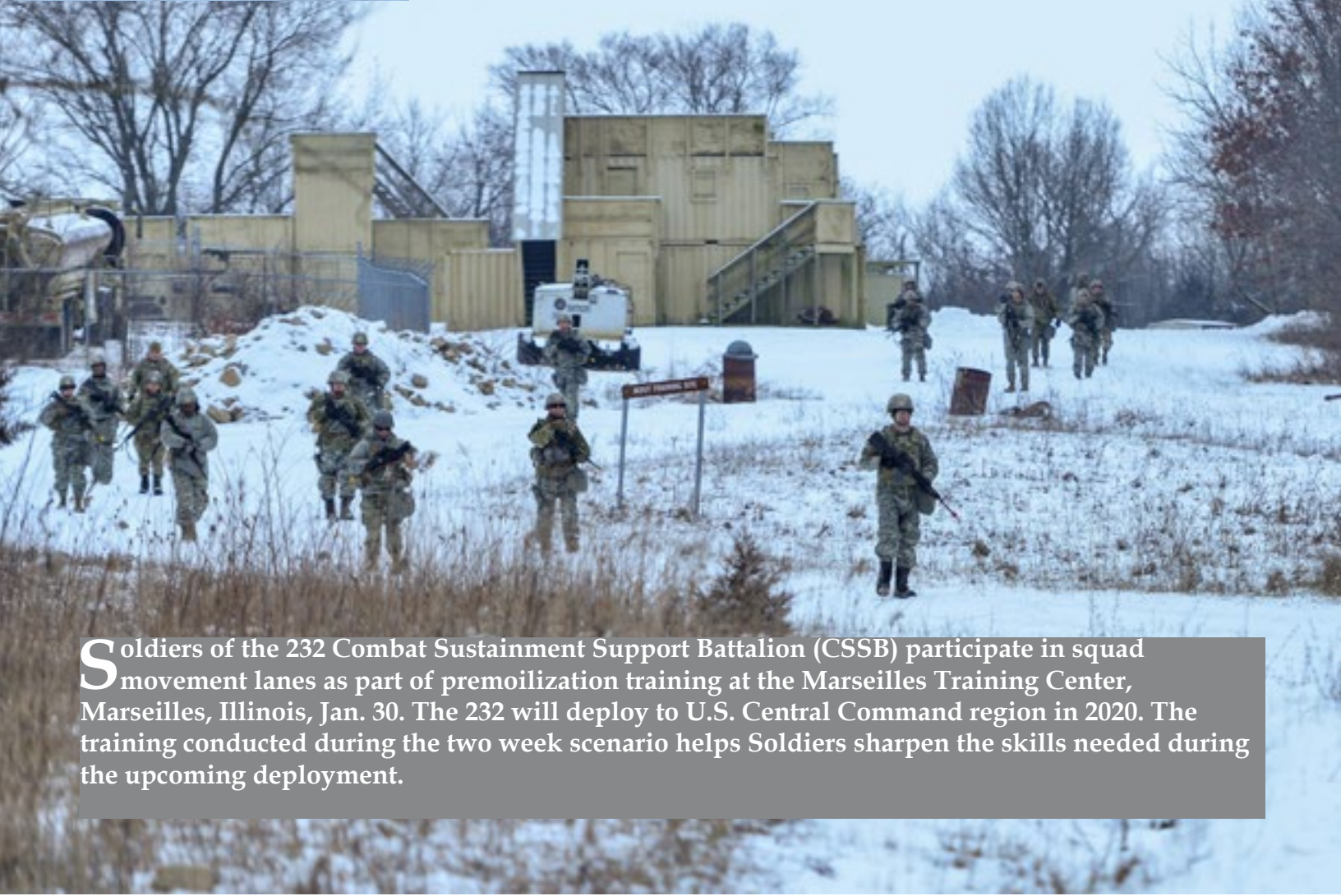
Col. Gregory Ota, Wheaton, Illinois, said goodbye to the 129th Regiment, based in Springfield, Illinois, during a change of command ceremony held at the Illinois Military Academy on Camp Lincoln Nov. 12. Ota relinquished command to Lt. Col. Lenny Williams, of Dyer, Indiana. Ota thanked the guests and soldiers in attendance. "I am grateful for the opportunity that was given to me to lead this regiment," said Ota. "It's because of your hard work and dedication that we are a nationally recognized schoolhouse for officer candidate school, drivers' training and the multitude of other courses that you execute."

Ota will move on to be the Illinois Army National Guard's Chief Information Officer (G6).

Ready to go:

232 CSSB conducts road to war training at MTC





Soldiers of the 232 Combat Sustainment Support Battalion (CSSB) participate in squad movement lanes as part of premoilization training at the Marseilles Training Center, Marseilles, Illinois, Jan. 30. The 232 will deploy to U.S. Central Command region in 2020. The training conducted during the two week scenario helps Soldiers sharpen the skills needed during the upcoming deployment.

On Guard:



The 1844th is more than just a part of the landscape in East St. Louis

EAST SAINT LOUIS, Ill. – For nearly 68 years, the building that occupies 2931 State Street in East St. Louis, Illinois has been a part of the city’s landscape.

Hundreds of drivers pass by it each day and many of those drivers most likely don’t give a second thought to the work being done inside.

But inside the East St. Louis, Illinois, National Guard Armory, the 1844th Transportation Company, which calls the armory home, transports troops and cargo whenever called upon. The unit is comprised of men and women not only from the Metro East, but others who travel across the state to be part of this organization.

“Our Soldiers come from a wide range of cultures, races, ethnicities and socioeconomic backgrounds,” said Capt. Theodore J. Tebbe, Commander, 1844th Transportation Company. “Outside of their military career, these soldiers are teachers, counselors, carpenters, truck drivers, law enforcement, and mechanics, just to name a few.”

The Soldiers of the 1844th Transportation Company, nicknamed the Road Warriors, understand how to work as a team and accomplish extraordinary feats, according to Tebbe.

“The unit is filled with motivated, highly trained Soldiers who are willing to serve their community with little to no notice,” Tebbe said. “In this past year, the Road Warriors responded to a statewide activation by the state of Illinois and helped civilian agencies conduct flood relief



operations along the Mississippi River."

The 1844th Transportation Company's 2nd Lt. Jamie Gunning was responsible for the soldiers activated during flood operations. She oversaw five different teams covering a 250 mile range from Quincy to East Cape Girardeau, Illinois.

"Our primary focus was levy patrol and monitoring and transporting supplies throughout the state to affected areas," Gunning said. "We ran support operations out of East Saint Louis, Shiloh, Scott Air Force Base, before migrating to Murphysboro."

"The activation put the unit's training and readiness to the test, and they excelled," said Gunning. "Collectively, the 45 state-activated Road Warriors logged more than 50,000 miles on their trucks and filled 300,000 sandbags for water retaining walls during the month-long activation."

The 1844th worked alongside the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA), County Emergency Management Agencies, Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), and the Coast Guard, according to Tebbe.

Shortly after completing the State Active Duty mission, eight 1844th Transportation Company Soldiers traveled to South Korea to support the 2-130 Infantry Battalion from Marion, Illinois, in conducting a joint exercise with the Republic of Korea's Army. The eight Road Warriors traveled throughout Seoul and to its north while transporting the infantry Soldiers alongside South Korean forces. The drivers conducted realistic driver's training, base and convoy defense, and medical training.

After the Soldiers who went on the South Korea mission arrived home, 62 Soldiers of the 1844th set out again, this time to participate in Rising Thunder, a joint training exercise between the U.S. Army and the Japan Ground Self Defense Force at the Yakima Training Center, Yakima, Washington.

The Soldiers spent two weeks supporting the



2-130 Infantry Battalion alongside Japanese forces. The Soldiers participated in unit-level training that reflected real-world scenarios involving improvised explosive devices, medical evacuations, vehicle recoveries, and reaction to small arms fire in mountainous terrain.

"I am incredibly proud of what our Soldiers were able to accomplish this past year. Their preparation and work ethic are impeccable," said Tebbe. "We are fortunate to have such quality Soldiers and leaders who are willing to make the necessary sacrifices, which are inherent to our organization. I hope that we continue attracting quality individuals from the

Metro East and southern Illinois with the drive and discipline to succeed and continue serving our community and nation."

The 1844th Transportation Company is always seeking prospective Soldiers.

Consider becoming a part of our team. The Army National Guard provides many benefits which include education, health, dental, retirement, and life insurance. Currently, the

1844th Transportation Company has more than 40 Soldiers who have used or are using their educational benefits, and even more who have used their military experience to secure jobs and advance within their civilian career field.

If you are interested in joining this exceptional group of men and women, contact Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Cerminn at (618) 791-9085 or matthew.j.cerminn.mil@mail.mil. 



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33rd Battles at Morotai on the Pacific Front

1944: Morotai, a jungle rainforest in the Maluku Islands near New Guinea was a stronghold for 500 Japanese troops in the fall of 1944.

Almost five months after the allied invasion of the island in September, the 130th and 136th Infantry Regiments of the 33rd Division stormed up the slopes of Hill 40, an enemy stronghold four miles inland. American troops expended most of their ammunition in the initial assault, and resupplies had to be delivered by air. On January 4th, troops of the 130th and 136th fought within a few dozen yards of the summit. On the third day of grueling uphill combat, the 130th and 136th Infantry Regiments finally gained the high ground on Hill 40. This tactical advantage allowed them to easily destroy the last remaining elements of the Japanese 211th Infantry Regiment. Eight-hundred seventy enemy dead littered the hill. Casualties for the 33rd came to forty-six dead and 127 wounded.

66th Brigade Deploys for OEF

2002: The first group of the 66th Infantry Brigade to mobilize for Operation Enduring Freedom received an official sendoff from Illinois Governor George Ryan. He said,

"The President has called you to duty, and without hesitation you have answered the call like so many patriots before you."

The 66th made up a contingent of Task Force Santa Fe, a National Guard force of 2,100 Soldiers from Kansas, Illinois, and Kentucky.

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SGT Simone Robinson succumbs to combat wounds

2009: SGT Simone Robinson, with the 634th Brigade Support Battalion, was wounded in action when a suicide bomber attacked the outpost she was at. Robinson succumbed to her wounds March 1, 2009.

19 Famous Illinois

Guardsman:

Knute Rockne

1909: Norwegian born, Knute

Rockne entered military service

as a Private in Company F, 2nd Illinois Infantry in 1909. The 21 year-old served 3 years before his discharge on April 17, 1911. Rockne became one of the greatest football coaches of all time. He coached Notre Dame for 13 years; his record there consisted of 105 wins, 12 losses, five ties, and five national championships. He had 5 undefeated seasons. Rockne died at age 43 in a March 1931 plane crash over Bazaar, Kansas. Seven others died in the crash that occurred when a faulty wing separated in mid-flight. He is buried in South Bend, Indiana.



21 The Militia Act establishes modern Guard

1903: As a revision of the Militia Act of 1792, Congress passed the Militia Act of 1903, otherwise known as the Dick Act. The Act made all males between the ages of eighteen and forty-five inactive members of the militia eligible for call-up. It did away with the 1792 Act and split the militia into two separate groups: the National Guard and the Reserve Militia. Each congressional representative had 200 Guardsmen assigned to them, and the President could now call out the Guard whenever he or she deemed it necessary. National Guard funds for weapons, equipment, and training were to be the same as that of the regular Army.

Illinois Soldier earns Medal of Honor on the Solomon Islands

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1945: In the bitter fighting on Bougainville in the Solomon Islands, Staff Sergeant Jesse R. Drowley of the American Division braved enemy fire to rescue three wounded comrades from an exposed position. After successfully moving two of the men to safety, he climbed aboard a tank to direct fire on a hidden enemy bunker. He used tracer rounds from his Thompson sub-machine gun to pinpoint the position for the tank crew. In the process he took a bullet to both the chest and left eye. Despite these wounds, he remained on the field until the bunker had been destroyed. For his heroic actions and unflinching devotion to his task he received the Medal of Honor.

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Officially deactivated, the 33rd Division ceased occupation duties in Japan 1941:
With their services no longer required, the 33rd

Infantry Division officially ceased its occupation duties in war torn Japan.

Having been in the country since shortly after the surrender the previous fall, the battle tested unit now looked forward to returning home. While in Japan the 33rd had primarily overseen the disposal of captured munitions as well as the deactivation and disarmament of Japanese military units.



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SSG Jason Burkholder and 1LT Jared Southworth killed in action

2009: Staff Sgt. Jason Burkholder, 27, of Champaign, Illinois, and 1st

Lt. Jared Southworth, 26, of Oakland, Illinois, were killed in action when they encountered an improvised explosive device in Kabul, Afghanistan. Both Soldiers were assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 130th Infantry Regiment based in Marion, Illinois. Our thoughts are with their families and friends as they remember them today.



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SGT Jessica Housby killed in action

2009: Sgt. Jessica Housby, 23, of Rock

Island, Illinois, was killed in action when the vehicle she was travelling in struck an improvised explosive device on Route Golden, in Iraq. Hosby was assigned to the 1644th Transportation Company, based in Rock Falls, Illinois.



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Illinois became the first state to offer troops in response to the sinking of the USS Maine in Havana, Cuba

1898: Two days after the explosion of the USS Maine in Havana, Illinois Governor John R. Tanner received approval from the House of Representatives to raise troops for the coming war with Spain. By April 27, the United States had declared war and Illinois had mobilized seven regiments of infantry, and one regiment of cavalry at Camp Tanner in Springfield. On April 30, a battery of artillery also mobilized. Eleven thousand one-hundred forty-two Illinois Soldiers served in the war, 276 of whom died in battle or from disease.

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Soldiers of the 130th Infantry made an unusual discovery during

the Battle of Luzon.

1945: In the fighting for the Philippine summer capital of Baguio, Company C of the 130th Infantry unearthed hidden Japanese treasure on the road to Rosario. Led by 2nd Lieutenant Charles W. Holland, the patrol discovered \$70,000 pre-war Philippine silver coins buried in a ditch. The fleeing Japanese stashed the money there in the hopes of retrieving it later. Ultimately it required six trucks to remove all of the confiscated money. The City of Baguio happily received it from the surprised Soldiers.



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SGT Schulyer Patch and Sgt Scott Stream succumb to wounds

2009: Sgt. Schulyer Patch, 25, of Galva, Illinois, assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 2nd Battalion, 106th Cavalry Squadron, based in Kewanee, Illinois, and Sgt. Scott Stream, 39, of Mattoon, Illinois, assigned to B Co., 2nd Battalion, 130th Infantry Regiment based in Effingham, Illinois, died of wounds suffered when the vehicle they were in struck an improvised explosive device in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Our thoughts are with their families and friends as they remember them today.



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