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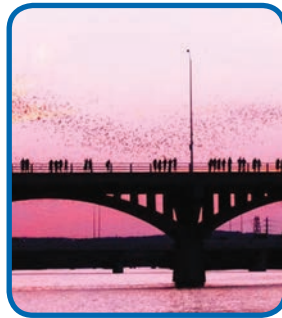
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On the Cover: NGAT President, LTC Kenn White (left), presents General Joseph Lengyel, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, with a Texas flag flown over the Alamo in his honor for being the guest speaker at the NGAT Conference.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Summer is upon us!

I hope you are looking forward to outdoor events with family and friends and a relaxing summer vacation. Along that effort, NGAT continues to provide activities that allow our members to share time with their families. For the second year now, NGAT is hosting our second annual bat cruise here in Austin, Texas. This event was an enormous success last year and we are proud to be able to create new programs that families can enjoy! This event sells out very quickly, so sign up now...Did I mention that the bat cruise is free for life members?

Our March conference was a resounding success with a lot of positive feedback. Our Golf Tournament raised over \$6,000 for the NGAT Educational Foundation and our silent auction helped raise funds for the Texas National Guard Foundation to support future NGAT projects for TMD Soldiers and Airmen. We will continue to provide dynamic guest speakers in the future as well as good entertainment.

A few months ago, the board participated in a strategic planning workshop. We will be finalizing our plan and deploying that plan out to the membership prior to the upcoming March '19 conference. We are streamlining our committees, looking at innovative programs in the coming years, and will be proposing some Bylaw changes. Our membership has leveled off since conference ended and we are looking at ways to connect with younger Airmen and Soldiers. One key step we are taking is a survey to our members and nonmembers in the coming months to address the needs of this younger

generation. Also, we believe we have hit a sweet spot with the cost of our Life Membership and it will remain at \$100 in the foreseeable future.

On the legislative front, NGAT is supporting several Air and Army initiatives. We are working with the TAG's legislative team to actively support the National Guard Promotion Accountability Act, Aviation Restructuring Initiative (ARI), Controlled grade Authorizations on GSAB full time manning, and Title V issues with the current NDAA. On the Air side is the Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base Firing Range, I.D card machine and personnel at Ellington Field, Running track at Ellington Field and an active Associate MQ-9 Detachment at the 147th ATKW. Look for details on these initiatives on our web site.

I am proud to serve as your President, but even more proud to serve during this historic time in NGAT's history as we prepare to celebrate our 60th Anniversary this coming March. The stability and longevity of this organization over the past 60 years is a result of NGAT's strong purpose and mission. The Association continues to thrive because of those who served on the board of directors today and in the past, the staff (some who have been with NGAT for 30 years or more), and trust and confidence by the leadership of the TMD. What a great milestone to achieve. ★

Kenn White, LTC
NGAT President



CPT ALFRED CRANON addresses the membership to proclaim the accomplishments of the 149th Fighter Wing during the NGAT Mad Minute at the NGAT Conference in Montgomery, Texas.



NGAT PRESIDENT LTC KENN WHITE swears in the newly elected members of the NGAT Board of Directors during the business session of the NGAT Conference.

GENERAL JOSEPH LENGYEL, CHIEF OF THE NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU takes a moment to pose for a photo with the NGAT staff and conference volunteers who worked the NGAT Conference in Montgomery, Texas Mar 23-25, 2019.



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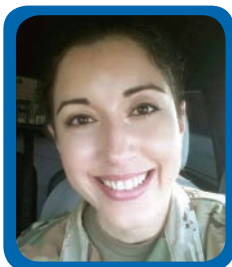


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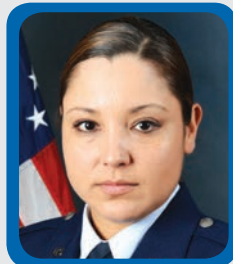
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AIR NATIONAL GUARD DIRECTOR VISITS 147TH ATTACK WING

Lt Gen Scott Rice, Director of the Air National Guard, visited the 147th Attack Wing, May 18, 2018, at Ellington Field, TX. During his visit he heard from the different areas of the wing and recognized some members for exceptional performance and then held an open forum with the members of the wing. Pictured above from left to right: 147th Attack Wing Command Chief — **CCMSgt Walter Zelezniak**; Commander, 149th Attack Wing — **Col Gary Jones**; Commander Texas Air National Guard — **Maj Gen David McMinn**; Director of the Air National Guard — **Lt Gen Scott Rice**; Deputy Adjutant General of Texas — Air, **Brig Gen Dawn Ferrell**; Command Chief of the Air National Guard — **CCMSgt Ronald Anderson** and Texas Command Senior Enlisted Leader — **CCMSgt Michael Cornitius**. ★

(Photos by 147th Attack Wing Public Affairs)

T PATCH HITS A HOME RUN



It is always nice when greats support greatness as National Baseball Hall of Famer, Nolan Ryan, and son, Reese, display 36th Infantry Division "T-Patch" ball caps with Assistant Division Commander — Operations, **BG Patrick Hamilton**, at a charity fishing event by Round Rock's own,

Gail "Big Boy" Hester. This annual fishing trip fundraiser organized by Hester raises about \$20,000 each year for the local YMCA and the chamber. ★

147TH ATTACK WING VISIT TEXAS HISTORY



Commanders and senior leaders of the 147th Attack Wing visited the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site in La Porte, Texas to walk the battleground and relive the famous battle for Texas Independence. ★

36TH ID HEADQUARTERS BUILDING MAKEOVER

The 36th Infantry Division headquarters building at Camp Mabry (Bldg 75) is getting a fresh look after years of planning. The 100,000-square foot building was built in 1975 and although there have been several minor upgrades over the years; this is the first full-scale renovation of the building that is part of the State of Texas Army Revitalization program. The timeline for completion and units moving back in is scheduled for some time in 2019. ★ *(Photos by MSG Michael Leslie)*



Project Manager Tom Loftis (far right) discusses the progress of the building renovations in a classroom in building 75 at Camp Mabry with LTC Zebadiah Miller (far left), Project Manager for Construction & Facilities Management Office (CFMO), CPT Derek Ruschhaupt, 36th ID SGS (center left) and 36th Infantry Division Deputy Commander — Operations, BG Patrick Hamilton (center right).

PROJECT MANAGER



The 36th Infantry Division Deputy Commander — Operations, **BG Patrick Hamilton** (right), checked on the progress with project manager, Tom Loftis in the building 75 drill hall. ★

FROM COMBAT BOOTS TO A CROWN



Congratulations to Texas Army National Guard soldier and newly crowned Mrs. Texas Galaxy, **SSG San Juanita Escobar**.

SSG Escobar was crowned Mrs. Texas Galaxy on March 10, 2018 and is a member of HHC 386th Engineer Battalion. In July she will represent Texas against dozens of competitors from all over the world. As Mrs. Texas Galaxy, she focuses on highlighting suicide prevention for veterans and spreading awareness. ★ *(Photo by SGT Steve Johnson)*



★ LEADERSHIP CHANGES ★



BG Anthony Woods
Deputy Commander
Texas State Guard



COL Miguel A. Torres
Commander
Texas Joint Counterdrug Task Force



COL Robert T. Hastings
Commander
Texas State Guard
Army Component



LTC Jamey L. Creek
Commander
Training Center Garrison Command

CORNITIUS NAMED COMMAND SENIOR ENLISTED LEADER



CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT MICHAEL E. CORNITIUS JR. has been selected to serve as the Texas Military Department Command Senior Enlisted Leader at Camp Mabry in Austin, Texas. He is the principal enlisted advisor to The Adjutant General for more than 19,000 Army and Air enlisted personnel in the Guard and State Guard. His responsibilities include advising The Adjutant General on all matters affecting the readiness, training, professional development and effective utilization of assigned enlisted personnel and coordinating with the joint headquarters staff, commanders, and senior personnel on administration and implementation of command policy.

Chief Cornitius entered the U.S. Air Force in 1988 and served as a certified Secure Communications Specialist. He was then assigned to the 1882nd Communications Squadron at Bergstrom Air Force Base, Texas. Without a break in service, Chief Cornitius enlisted in the Texas Air National Guard in 1991, and started his assignment as a traditional guardsman. He served on numerous deployments and homeland missions including CORONET NIGHTHAWK to Panama in 1997 and 1999, as well as Operations SOUTHERN WATCH in 2000 and NOBLE EAGLE in 2001. In addition, Chief deployed to Iraq twice, in 2005 and 2007, following the 9/11 attacks in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

In 1995, Chief Cornitius was selected as a member of the Lead Standardization Team responsible for training all weapons load crews. Since then, he has held various positions to include Group Quality Assurance Weapons Inspector, Weapons

Element Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge and Wing Weapons Manager. He was the direct link for the Air National Guard as the National Guard Bureau Systems Program Office Contact field representative for any weapons related issues on remotely piloted aircraft. He has been a member of the wing EET/WIT team since 2003 and in September 2013, he was lead for the wing's first inspection under the new Air Force Inspection System coordinating essential aspects of the inspection with both internal and external inspectors. Chief Cornitius held positions as the Command Chief Master Sergeant for the 147th Attack Wing, Ellington Joint Reserve Base, Texas and the State of Texas Air National Guard Command Chief Master Sergeant, Camp Mabry, Texas prior to his current position.

Chief Cornitius has been employed with the Houston Fire Department for 26 years. As a City of Houston firefighter, he was selected by district chiefs to become one of the first Incident Command Technicians to work hand in hand with the district chiefs on fire scenes in directing fire ground operations. He has also been an active member of the League City Volunteer Fire Department since 2001. In 2002, he was elected by the department membership to serve as a station captain responsible for the training of all members assigned to Station 5, and held this position for 11 years. Chief Cornitius belongs to numerous committees within the League City Fire Department with many of these contributing directly to the goals and career paths of the department and personnel. ★

NGAT MINUTEMAN AWARD

2018 NGAT MINUTEMAN AWARD PRESENTED TO COLONEL KURT L. LESLIE

COLONEL KURT L. LESLIE WAS PRESENTED WITH THE 2018 NGAT MINUTEMAN AWARD at our annual conference because of his outstanding military service to the Texas Military Department and the National Guard Association of Texas at the state and national level. Colonel Leslie is from Crosby, Texas and began his military career by entering the active-duty Air Force as an enlisted member on July 23, 1980. During his enlisted career, he was a Crew Chief on various fighter aircraft and served as an Aircraft Maintenance Instructor. He separated from active duty March 31, 1988 and joined the Texas Air National Guard at Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base in Houston before being commissioned as a second lieutenant on April 20, 1995. In 2005 & 2007 he deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom at Balad Air Base. In 2007 he helped raise over \$9,000.00 for Wing projects as the Wings Special Funds Manager and volunteered to become the 147th Fighter Wing's 90th Anniversary Celebration Project Officer. In 2008 Leslie deployed to College Station prior to Hurricane Ike as Troop Commander to set up an Air Hub prior to Hurricane Ike. He was also the Wing Coordinator for FEMA during the aftermath of Hurricane Ike which provided assistance to over 10,000 local area residents during a 3-month period. He volunteered to serve meals to the local community



in Galveston after Hurricane Ike for over thousands of victims. Colonel Leslie is the 149th Maintenance Group Commander headquartered at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland AFB. He is responsible for command, control and supervision of maintenance personnel tasked with the responsibility of providing maintenance support for all assigned F-16 aircraft. Colonel Leslie has been a strong advocate for NGAT and the Texas Air National Guard at the national level for many years. He is the Maintenance Vice-Chair of Combat Air Force for the Air National Guard, which is part of the Air Directorate Field Advisory Council that advises the Air National Guard Director on personnel and readiness programs. He also serves on the National Guard of the United States Association (NGAUS)

Combat Air Forces Task Force, which provides a conduit between the Air National Guard staff and elected officials. For the past eight years Colonel Leslie has been the primary coordinator for the NGAT Conference Golf Tournament where he has raised over \$4,000 for the NGAT Educational Foundation. Colonel Leslie's distinguished service to both the Texas Military Department and the National Guard Association of Texas uniquely qualifies him for the Minuteman Award. ★

CHIEF OF THE NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU ADDRESSES THE NGAT CONFERENCE

ATTENDEES AT THE 59TH ANNUAL NGAT CONFERENCE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR GENERAL JOSEPH LENGYEL, Chief of the National Guard Bureau speak in a open forum. This gave our members the opportunity to hear firsthand what is going on in the National Guard today. Attendees were also given the opportunity to ask questions of the Chief during a question and answer session.

Later in the evening at the NGAT Conference Awards Dinner, General Lengyel served as the keynote speaker where he shared stories of his time in the Texas Air National Guard and spoke about the incredible Soldier and Airmen that he meets every day across the United States. ★ (Photos by SrA Kara Addition)



GENERAL JOSEPH LENGYEL, CHIEF OF THE NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU poses for a photo with **CCMSgt (Ret) Don Smither (left)** and **CCMSgt (Ret) Oren McClure (right)** prior to the awards dinner. Both Chiefs served with General Lengyel when he was in the Texas Air National Guard.



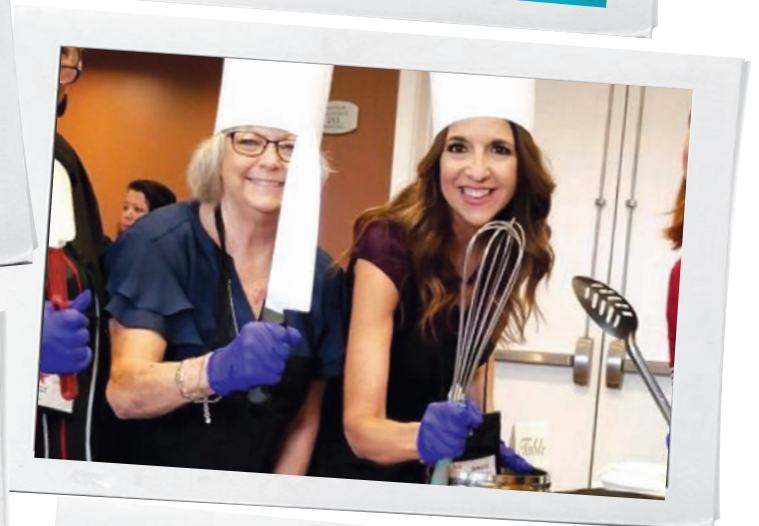
MAJ GEN JOHN NICHOLS (LEFT), ADJUTANT GENERAL OF TEXAS catches up with **General Joseph Lengyel, Chief of the National Guard Bureau** after the NGAT Awards Dinner.



NGAT CONFERENCE PHOTO ALBUM

For more photos from the NGAT Conference
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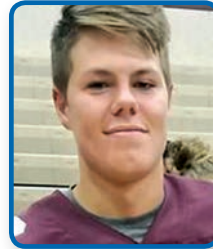


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WIL HRBACEK

Son of CSMgt Scot W. Hrbacek



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— \$2,000

LOGAN HUNT

Son of Col Michael J. Hunt



USAA SCHOLARSHIP

— \$1,000

MELANIE S. MEYER

Spouse of MSgt Jonathan W. Meyer



LEWIS O. KING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

— \$2,000

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Son of Col Gary D. Jones



LTC GARLAND PARRISH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

— \$750

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Member of 136th Airlift Wing

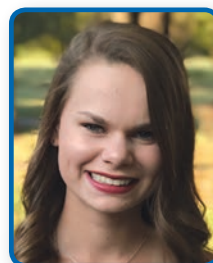


TXNG RETIREES SCHOLARSHIP

— \$1,500

OLIVER R. MINTZ

Son of LTC Oliver F. Mintz



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— \$750

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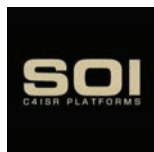
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THE 1-141ST INF REGT HELD A DEPLOYMENT CEREMONY ON APRIL 16, 2018 AT JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO — FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS.

Task Force Alamo is set to deploy to the Horn of Africa to take over duties from their Texas sister, the 3-144th Inf Rgmt.

(Photo courtesy of the 36th Infantry Division)



TSGT WILLIAM NORTEN AND SRA BRYAN ROBLES,

both weapons team members assigned to the 149th Fighter Wing, set the safeties on a set of five hundred pound bomb on the wing of an F-16 Fighting Falcon during Coronet Cactus at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz. May 2, 2018. *(Photo by SSgt Agustin G. Salazar)*

COMMAND CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT OF THE AIR NATIONAL GUARD, CCMSGT RONALD ANDERSON takes a major group photo of himself and **Lt Gen Scott Rice**, Director of the Air National Guard with members of the 147th Attack Wing during their open forum at Ellington Field in Houston, Texas.



SRA AIRMAN BRYAN ROBLES, A WEAPONS TEAM MEMBER ASSIGNED TO THE 149TH FIGHTER WING, sets the safety on a set of five hundred pound bomb on the wing of an F-16 Fighting Falcon during Coronet Cactus at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz. May 2, 2018. *(Photo by SSgt Agustin G. Salazar)*



D WITH THE GUARD ★

(LEFT) PFC DOMINIC NEDZELSKY, A MEMBER OF CHARLIE TROOP, 1-124TH CAV RGMT represented Texas at the Regional Best Warrior competition held at Camp Robinson, Little Rock, Arkansas. Although he did not win the competition, he did his best for the great state of Texas by completing the competition and giving it his absolute all!



COL MARK BECKLER, COMMANDER OF THE 29TH COMBAT AVIATION BRIGADE, MARYLAND ARMY NATIONAL GUARD presents SSG Alvin Long with the Army Aviation Association of America 2017 Air Traffic Controller of the Year award. The award is presented annually to a selected air traffic controller who has performed or contributed commendably to air traffic control during the awards period. SSG Long is a member of the Texas Army National Guard in Co F 2-149th Avn Bn. *(Photo by CPT Penelope Haussler)*



SGT JUSTUS DENSMORE (RIGHT) A HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR FROM THE TEXAS ARMY NATIONAL GUARD'S 551ST MULTI-ROLE BRIDGE COMPANY OUT OF EL CAMPO, TEXAS took home the top honors at the U.S. Army Small Arms Championship in mid-March, 2018 at Fort Benning, Georgia. He was presented with an M1 Garand Service Grade Rifle, a picture plaque of the U.S. Army Small Arms Championship Trophy, which will be displayed at the USAMU Headquarters, and a Chief of Staff of the Army coin.

(Photo Courtesy of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit)

ILT GORDON L. ADAMS (RIGHT) A PA WITH HQ 1-124TH CAV RGMT serving in the Sinai checks the status of a patient during a mass casualty exercise.



ILT CHRISTOPHER MCCORMICK A MEMBER OF HQ 1-124TH CAV RGMT say hello to the newest edition to his remote site in the Sinai. **CPL Buzz Lightyear** will be a new sentry dog at the site.



PFC JOSHUA MORICCA ASSIGNED TO DELTA COMPANY, 3-144TH INF RGMT, completes an obstacle on "Voie de L'Inconscient" or "Path of the Unconscious", the final evolution of the initial phase of the French Desert Commando Course at the Centre Dentrainment Au Combat Djibouti in Arta Plage, Djibouti, April 23, 2018. The four-day phase is the first of two necessary to earn a coveted French Desert Commando Badge. *(Photo by Specialist 2nd Class Timothy M. Ahearn)*



MSGT VINCENT SALAZAR, AN AVIONICS SPECIALIST WITH THE 149TH FIGHTER WING, checks the data link system on an F-16 of F-16 Fighting Falcon during Coronet Cactus at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz. May 1st, 2018. *(Photo by Agustin G. Salazar)*



SOLDIERS FROM CHARLIE COMPANY, 1ST BATTALION, 19TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP (AIRBORNE), 71ST EXPEDITIONARY MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BRIGADE, 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION, conducted both high altitude low opening and high altitude high opening day and night parachute jumps during military free fall sustainment training in Arizona for two weeks in late February.



CONFERENCE WINNERS



GOLF

1st Place Col Kurt Leslie
Nick Tremps
Lt Col Larry Werbiski
Col (Ret) Jack Daniel

2nd Place Nick McGarrey — Interconnect Wiring
CSM (Ret) Randy Ransom
CSM Marrel Skinner
Lance Lammons — Interconnect Wiring

3rd Place CSM (Ret) Chris Ghromely
CSM (Ret) Ralph Borja
1SG Paul Tate — OKARNG/EANGUS
CW5 (Ret) Mark Bechtel — Envelop Protective Covers

Longest Drive — Nick Mcgarrey
Closest to the Pin — Lt Col Larry Werbiski



FUN RUN

MALES

1st Place SGT James Banks
2nd Place COL (CH) (Ret) Bruce Postma
3rd Place CW3 Frank Hinnant

FEMALES

1st Place Mrs. Franzella Reynard
2nd Place SSG Melody Perez
3rd Place CW3 Patricia Crawson



PASSPORT WINNER

50" Flat Screen Color TV — CCMSgt (Ret) Bill Maginot

SILENT AUCTION

This year's silent auction consisted of 195 items and raised over \$7,775 for the Texas National Guard Foundation. Thank you to everyone who participated and a special thanks to **Debi Steinhauser, Mireya Cruz** and **Nick Pearson** for all their arduous work with the auction.

(Photos by SrA Kara Addition)



HOSPITALITY NIGHT WINNERS

For the second year in a row the **1st Place Winner of the Best Hospitality Room was the Audie L. Murphy Warrant Officer Chapter of the USAWOA**. Their **Wild West** theme room was filled with gunslingers, tough ombres, saloon girls and a western bar complete with a wagon wheel food buffet. All visitors to the Warrant Officer Hospitality Room received individual and/or group photos during their visit.

Our **2nd Place Winner was the 71st EMIB with their Rock & Roll through the Ages** theme. Entering their room you went from a 50's Diner to a 60's Sock Hop then to a 70's Groovy kind of place and then on to the 80's Rock n' Roll. It was a place that took you back in time with lots of great music.

The **3rd Place Winner was the 36th Sustainment Brigade that featured a Under Water Rescue** theme with coral reefs and plenty of National Guardmen to the rescue.

Two other rooms that caught the judges eye were the **36th ID HHBN room that had a Monty Python and the Holy Grail** theme and the **Texas Air National Guard room that had "The Simpsons" as their theme**. As always it's hard to pick a winner because all the hospitality rooms are so creative and a lot of fun. Thank you to all the units that participated.



SPOUSES LUNCHEON SALSA WINNERS

These lovely ladies pictured below were the winners of the salsa making contest held during the Spouses Luncheon. The La Torretta chef was the official taste tester.





CONFERENCE SURVEY

✓ WORK SESSION

NGAT Breakfast/Business Session 4.37

✓ SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

Fun Run 4.55

Welcome Party 4.79

Spouse Luncheon 4.60

Awards Dinner 4.67

Professional Breakouts (average of all) 4.60

Silent Auction..... 4.68

✓ EXHIBIT HALL

Exhibit Hall rating 4.60

Visit the Exhibit Hall? 89.7% YES

✓ NGAT OPERATIONS

Do you want a guest speaker at the Awards Dinner? 98.2% YES

Are you proud to be a NGAT Member? 96.6% YES

Would you like NGAT to host a job fair? 76.0% YES

Is being able to connect to other members important? 100% YES

I am interested in attending a military ball..... 84.7% YES

I am interested in traveling with other NGAT members..... 69.9% YES

Conference was a good value? 95.7% YES

Do you plan to attend next year? 96.6% YES

✓ WHAT WE TAKE AWAY:

- The La Torretta Conference Center and Hotel was a big hit with attendees
- Spouses loved the salsa making contest at the Spouses Luncheon
- The added items to the Silent Auction was extremely popular and profitable
- Members would like to see the Association more active in legislative activities
- Continue to use the NGAT App
- Continue to have a guest speaker at the Awards Dinner
- Add a Jr Enlisted and Company Grade professional development to the schedule
- Continue to offer the License to Carry Certification class
- Welcome Party Casino Nights was a conference favorite
- Online registration continues to be difficult
- Need one combined exhibit hall space
- Better sound system for the awards dinner



SAVE THE DATE

March 29-31, 2019

American Bank Center & Omni Corpus Christi Hotel

- Unique Events
- Golf Tournament
- Bay Fishing
- National Guard Reunion
- Wine Tasting
- Fun Run

Watch the website for details!

DO YOU REMEMBER?

It's hard to believe in 1959 the television programs included "Rawhide," "Bonanza" and "The Twilight Zone." Movies included "Some Like it Hot," "Ben Hur" and "North by Northwest." Hawaii was admitted to the Union and became the 50th State.

The Boeing 707 Jet Airliner comes into service and little girls across the world fall in love with the Barbie Doll made by Mattel. NASA introduces America's first astronauts to the world including John H. Glenn Jr, and Alan Shepard Jr.

- Average cost of a new home was \$12,400
- A gallon of gas was .25 cents
- A new car would set you back \$2,200
- Movie tickets were \$1.00
- A loaf of bread was .20 cents
- And we were listening to the music of Elvis Presley, Doris Day and Frank Sinatra.

WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY!

Hope you will make plans to attend this conference to remember!

SHARE YOUR FAVORITE NGAT CONFERENCE PHOTO



FOR THE LAST 60 YEARS, NGAT has remained your loyal companion — because while you have been working for us, NGAT has always been working for you! Do you have photos from a NGAT Conference from years past? We're in search of photos from prior NGAT Conference from the past 60 years to use in a video and for display at our 60th Anniversary Conference in March 2019. Email your photos to NGAT60@ngat.org to be included at this event. ★

NGAT 60TH ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK SEND US YOUR RECIPE!

DID YOUR GRANDMOTHER MAKE THE BEST PUMPKIN PIE? Was it your dad's brisket that everyone raved about? In honor of NGAT's upcoming 60th Anniversary, we're bringing together two great traditions — food and family.

We want you to send us your family's favorite recipes and a brief story behind it. Is it a dish passed down for generations, is it that favorite meal your mom always made, or is it a new favorite you just made up yourself?



To enter visit the NGAT website at www.ngat.org for complete details. Recipes will be taken for the following categories: Appetizers & Beverages, Soup & Salads, Vegetables & Side Dishes, Main Dishes, Breads & Rolls, Desserts, Cookies & Candy, This & That. Recipes will be accepted until February 1, 2019. ★

WE'RE BACK!!

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

Details coming soon for our Halloween event to benefit the
Texas National Guard Foundation.
Watch the NGAT Website for additional details.

BATTLE FOR BEST WARRIOR IN TEXAS

THE BEST WARRIOR COMPETITION is a joint competition that provides Texas Guardsmen with the opportunity for cultural exchange as well as enhanced military capabilities in a friendly but competitive environment. This year's Best Warrior Competition brought together 28 candidates who competed in nine rated events that closely imitated real-life and combat situations.

The competition consists of several challenges over a period of four days. Competitors are expected to display proficiency in marksmanship, physical fitness, written tests, land navigation, self-aid buddy care and combat communication.

The inclusion of foreign forces is part of the Texas Military Departments State Partnership Program, which is partnered with the Czech Republic and Chile. The program facilitates cooperation across all aspects of international civil-military affairs and encourages people-to-people ties at the state level.

Of the more than 3,200 Airmen currently serving in the Texas Air National Guard, only eight were selected to compete at Camp Swift as part of the 2018 Texas Military Department Best Warrior Competition. Among the selectees, TSgt Jennifer Brown, 273rd Cyber Operations Squadron education and training specialist, stood out from her peers chosen to participate. Not just for her skills and abilities in qualifying to represent her unit, but she also was the only female competitor overall.

The overall winners will move forward and compete in a regional Best Warrior competition. All Warriors were graded on a total point merit system. This year's winners are as follows:

Best Warrior Army Winners



Pictured are the Army National Guard Winners for the Best Warrior. **SSG Henry Cody** (left) Best NCO, and **PFC Andres Sanchez** — Best Junior Enlisted.

Best Warrior Air Winners



Air Force Commendation Medals are presented to the winners of the Air National Guard Best Warrior. Pictured left to right are **Brig Gen Dawn Ferrell**, Deputy Adjutant General — Air; Best NCO — **TSgt Timothy Rooney**; Best Junior Enlisted — **A1C Kenan Whites**; and Command Senior Enlisted Leader — **CCMSgt Michael Cornitius**.



The Adjutant General of Texas, **Maj Gen John Nichols** (far right) and the Command Senior Enlisted Leader, **CCMSgt Michael Cornitius** (far left) poses with some of the competitors honored at the Best Warrior Banquet at the Texas Military Forces Museum.

PHYSICAL CATEGORY

	Best NCO	Best Jr. Enlisted
12 Mile Ruck March	SGT Wladimir Silva (CH)	CPL Damian Urrea (CH)
Mystery Event	SSgt Derek Guedes	SPC William Evans
Obstacle Course	SFC Sampson Meijia	Samian Urrea (CH)

SKILL CATEGORY

	Best NCO	Best Jr. Enlisted
M4 Qualification	SGT Hector Landa	PFC Andres Sanchez
Night Land Nav.	SSG Cody Henry	SPC Moses Diaz
Joint APFT	SGT Wladimir Silva (CH)	CPL Damian Urrea (CH)

INTELLECT CATEGORY

	Best NCO	Best Jr. Enlisted
Written Exam/Appearance Board	3 Way Tie	2 Way Tie
	SSG Juan Silva	CPL Damian Urrea (CH)
	SGT Ponce Darcos Eugeniote Letelier	CPL Popelka Stanislav (CZ)
	SGT Wladimir Silva (CH)	

(CH) Chilean Soldier (CZ) Czech Republic Soldier

BEST WARRIOR GOLF TOURNAMENT

LARGEST TO DATE

THE BEST WARRIOR GOLF TOURNAMENT IS HELD ANNUALLY TO RAISE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE ACTIVITIES, BANQUET AND AWARDS FOR THE ANNUAL BEST WARRIOR COMPETITION.

The 5th Annual Best Warrior Golf Tournament was held on Monday, May 7, 2018 at the Pine Forest Golf Club in Bastrop, Texas. This year was our largest tournament to date with 96 golfers and 18 sponsors. Special thanks goes out to Mel Hamner and Theresa Billeck-Zuniga for all of their support in organizing this annual event. This year's tournament also featured an opportunity for the golfers to win a 2018 Chevrolet Silverado from Covert Bastrop, provided that they got a hole-in-one on the designated hole. Sadly we did not have a winner but they sure had fun trying. The winners and sponsors are listed below.



1st Place — Texas Tequila Monsters
Cory Clahane, Mike Pope, Kenny Mann and Jeff Meyer



2nd Place — Old Farts
Elwood Imken, Guy Schultz, Bobby Dawson, Paul Calloway



3rd Place — The Expendables
Jay Banks, Doug Calame, Zack Meyers, Rodney Avery

Closest to the Pin (Hole #3) —

Devin Adams

Closest to the Pin (Hole #12) —

Eric Blanton

Women's Longest Drive —

Sam Blanton

Men's Longest Drive —

Doug Calame



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

TEXAS STATE GUARD ANNUAL TRAINING

THE TEXAS STATE GUARD CONDUCTED ANNUAL TRAINING IN PREPARATION OF HURRICANE SEASON at Camp Maxey, Fort Wolters, Camp Swift, Sea Star Base Galveston, and La Marque, Texas, April 26-29, 2018. Training included Shelter Management, Emergency Tracking Network capabilities, Ground Search and Recovery, Boat and Dive Operations, and Mass Casualty operations, Land Mobile Radio and Texas Interoperable Communications, and WEBEOC procedures. *(Texas State Guard Photos)*



TEXAS STATE GUARD ARMY COMPONENT SOLDIERS locate an injured victim role player during the Ground Search and Recovery training exercise during annual training at Camp Maxey, Paris, Texas, April 26-29, 2018.



SFC STEPHEN GLADWIN AND SFC JOHN BADGER, Texas Medical Brigade, demonstrate the NATO wheeled litter carrier to **Brig Gen Constance McNabb**, Commander, Texas Medical Brigade; and **MG Robert Bodisch**, Interim Commander, Texas State Guard during annual training at Fort Wolters, Mineral Wells, Texas, April 27, 2018.



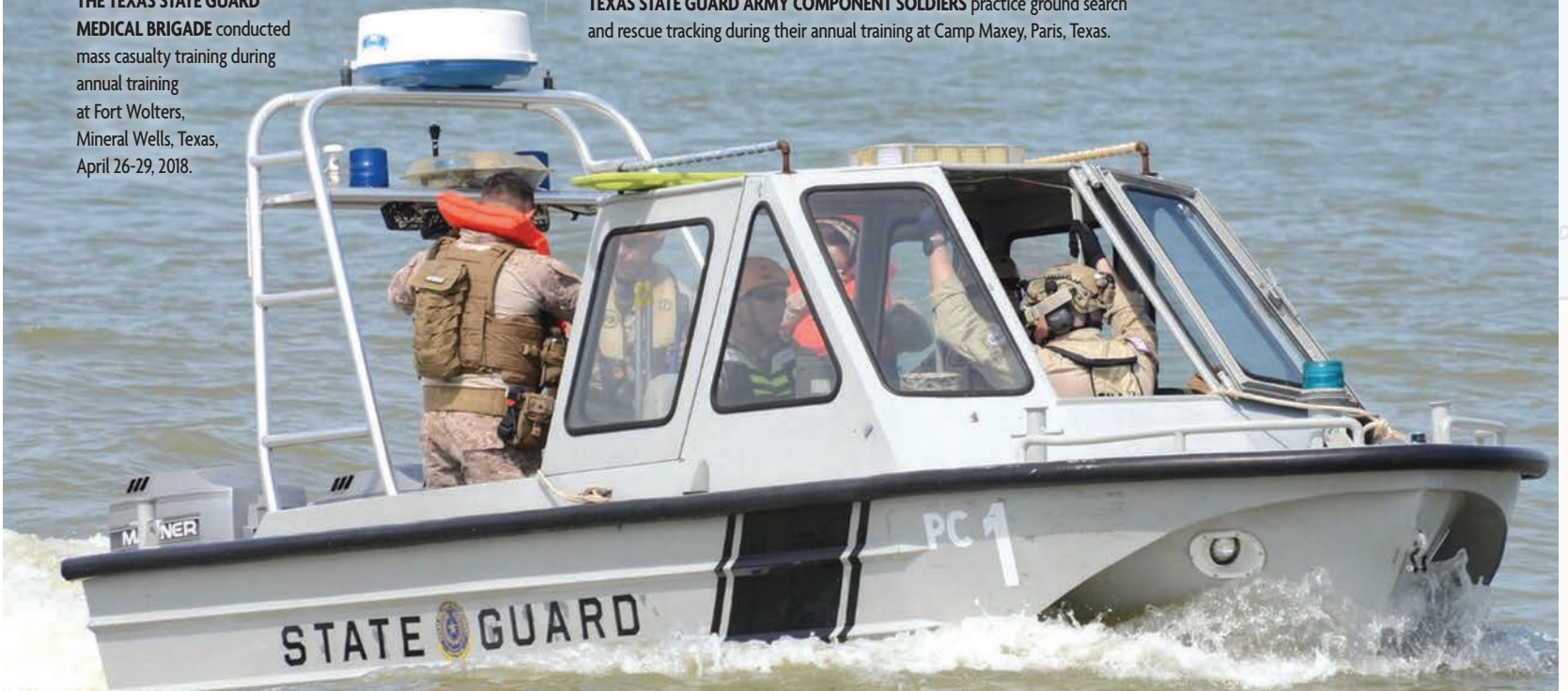
TEXAS STATE GUARD ENGINEERS trained on infrastructure assessment during annual training at Camp Swift, Bastrop, Texas, April 26-29, 2018. Engineers evaluated the structural integrity of key infrastructure elements such as bridges, buildings and a local waste water facility.



THE TEXAS STATE GUARD MEDICAL BRIGADE conducted mass casualty training during annual training at Fort Wolters, Mineral Wells, Texas, April 26-29, 2018.



TEXAS STATE GUARD ARMY COMPONENT SOLDIERS practice ground search and rescue tracking during their annual training at Camp Maxey, Paris, Texas.



THE TEXAS STATE GUARD MARITIME REGIMENT trained on water search and recovery boat and dive operations during annual training at Sea Star Base, Galveston, Texas, April 26-29, 2018.

GUARDSMEN ON THE BORDER

Original story by SFC Suzanne Ringle

TEXAS ARMY NATIONAL GUARDSMEN FROM COMMUNITIES ALL OVER THE STATE left their homes and loved ones and headed south of the U.S.-Mexico border in response to an activation by Texas Governor Greg Abbott and President of the United States, Donald Trump.

“My top priority as Governor is ensuring the safety and security of Texans and securing our southern border has always been essential to that mission,” said Abbott.

Along the 1,254-mile border, separating Texas and Mexico, more than 750 troops remain busy familiarizing themselves with the various aspects of their counterparts at U.S. Customs and Border Protection stations along the border. Gov. Abbott has agreed to increase troop strength until at least 1,400 Texas Army National Guardsmen are on hand at five CBP sectors stretching from El Paso to Houston.

The idea of using military members to bolster security efforts along the border is not new and historically it has been proven successful. During a press conference Abbott cited many examples for why he agreed to send National Guard troops south. The press conference was held in the CBP Rio Grande Valley sector, an area that has seen a rapid increase of illegal activity crossing into the U.S. where there are 450 daily apprehensions.

“The Texas National Guard will be supporting the Department of Homeland Security along the border. Texas brings a wide breadth of expertise and assets to the mission that will serve as a force multiplier wherever they are deployed,” said Maj Gen John F. Nichols, the Adjutant General of Texas.

Texas Guardsmen are taking over positions previously manned by the border control agents, such as: administrative duties, surveillance, maintenance, construction,

transportation and information analysis enables agents to focus on apprehensions.

“Supporting this operation will not impact ongoing operations or our ability to respond to a natural disaster or incident in the state,” said Nichols. An advantage to using citizen Soldiers and Airmen would be they offer a unique and additional skill set as a bonus to their military occupation specialty. “Our Guardsmen are your teachers, doctors, first responders and tradesmen who live in communities across Texas. They will bring those same skill set with them, along with military training, equipment and expertise to support our law enforcement partners and enhance security on the border,” continued Nicholas. ★



A SOLDIER FROM THE TEXAS NATIONAL GUARD scans the shores of the Rio Grande River in Starr County, Texas April 10 as part of the federal call-up to the Texas-Mexico border. Soldiers called to duty at the border support federal partners and primarily serve in observe. (Photo by SGT Mark Otte)



SOLDIERS ARE BRIEFED BY A BORDER PATROL AGENT on how they will be used during their deployment to the Texas-Mexico border.



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT conducts a press conference and visits Texas National Guard soldiers in Weslaco, Texas, April 12, 2018. (Photo by SGT Steve Johnson)



CCMSGT MICHAEL CORNIUS the Texas Military Department Command Senior Enlisted Leader visit Texas National Guard soldiers in the Rio Grande Valley sector of the Texas border, April 11, 2018. (Photo by SGT Steve Johnson)

Good Times in the Big Easy



140th Annual NGAUS Annual Conference
Aug 24-27, 2018 | New Orleans, LA



The Louisiana National Guard is excited to be hosting the 140th Annual NGAUS Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. It hasn't hosted the conference since 1977. The gathering was set for New Orleans in 2006, but Hurricane Katrina the year before left the Guard and citizens of Louisiana focused on rebuilding. In true Guard form the New Mexico National Guard stepped in that year to host the annual conference. The Louisiana National Guard is using this opportunity to give back to all those Guardsmen who came to their aid when they needed it most.



The Spouses Luncheon will feature the Louisiana School of Cooking where they will share secrets of local southern cuisine. Expect Hospitality Night to have a lot of the New Orleans influence. The Mardi Gras Ball at the convention center will end the conference. The suggested attire, of course, is Mardi Gras attire.

The conference is also packed with keynote speakers, professional development, unique events and access to the largest defense industry trade show geared toward the National Guard.

So, what is planned for the NGAUS Conference? PLENTY! The conference will get started with the Company Grade/Warrant Officer Mixer at the Hard Rock Café at the entrance to Bourbon Street. There are plans for a Mardi Gras-themed parade during the opening ceremonies and the Governor's Reception will be at Mardi Gras World, a 300,000-square-foot warehouse where floats are made for Mardi Gras parades. This event will also include four bands while award-winning chefs offer local delicacies and a whole lot of Gulf seafood.



Registration is \$180 per person and includes the registration fee, business sessions, professional development, governor's reception, company grade/warrant officer mixer, exhibit hall admission, hospitality night and the states dinner. Registration now open on the NGAT website. Texas has been assigned the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel located within walking distance to the French quarter, Jackson Square and Harrah's New Orleans Casino and a short trolley ride to Bourbon Street. Room rate are \$114 per night plus tax. ★



STO RETIREES

CALLUCUTE



WHY DID TRICARE FOR LIFE PRESCRIPTION CO-PAYS GO UP?

Story By Amy Bushatz, Military.com

Military members and retirees, including Tricare for Life users, are used to slight drug price co-pay increases year over year. But when fees for 90-day supplies for prescription drugs received through the system's mail-order pharmacy, Express Scripts, went from free to \$7 on Feb. 1, many Tricare for Life users said they were blindsided. They had been told they would be largely exempt from a series of major Tricare changes rolled out Jan. 1, including higher co-pays and enrollment fees.

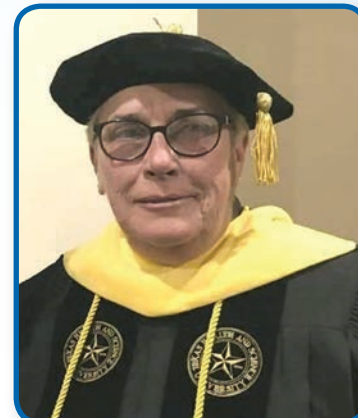
So why were they now being billed for drugs that had been free? The answer is that the Feb. 1 drug price increases and the Jan. 1 Tricare changes are entirely unrelated. But Tricare for Life users still wondered where, exactly, these changes came from. That history lies in the 2018 National Defense Authorization Act, and a section that makes permanent a protection for military survivors against a measure known as the "widows tax."

That measure required that any money received from the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) by a new widow or widower whose spouse died from a service-related cause be offset dollar-to-dollar by the money he or she could receive from the Dependency and Indemnity Compensation program. The fix, which had been set to expire this year, reduced the amount of that offset. Some members of Congress wanted to make that fix permanent. But to do so, they had to find a way to pay for it — to the tune of about \$1 billion a year.

The funding solution? Raise pharmacy fees for everyone. That pharmacy cost increase, which impacts all Tricare pharmacy users, was approved in the 2018 National Defense Authorization Act. As a result, the only places left for beneficiaries to receive medication for free are military treatment facility pharmacies. ★

DOCTOR CAROL SOLESBEE

Congratulations to NGAT Life Member, **COL (Ret) Carol Solesbee** on her recent graduation from the Texas Health and Science University where she received a Doctorate of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine. She also graduated Summa Cum Laude and Valedictorian of her class. Congratulations! ★



CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT

SGM Bob Roark (center) received the Texas Federal Service Medal and the Legion of Merit Medal from **COL Ronald Burkett** (center left), Commander, 36th Combat Aviation Brigade; with **CW5 Doug Phillips** (far left), and **CSM Robert Hartzog** looking on during his recent retirement. SGM Roark has proudly served his country for the past 33 years and is a former member of the NGAT Board of Directors and previously served as the association Vice-President. ★



FREE ADMISSION TO SEA WORLD OF SAN ANTONIO FOR VETERANS, ACTIVE MILITARY THROUGH JULY 4TH

Beginning May 24 through July 4, 2018, U.S. veterans (and active military) and up to three guests may enjoy free admission to SeaWorld San Antonio as well as other SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment properties across



the U.S. SeaWorld San Antonio is honoring U.S. veterans and their families with free admission through much of the summer holiday. "This new offer joins the ongoing Waves of Honor program that offers complimentary admission to any U.S. active duty military, activated or drilling reservist, or National Guardsman once per year, for the military personnel and as many as three direct dependents." ★



JOIN US FOR THE EANGUS Conference 2018 August 11-16, 2018 | Charleston, WV

We will be returning to Charleston, West Virginia for the 2018 EANGUS National Conference, 11-16 Aug 18 (11 and 16 Aug are travel days). You can register for the conference by going to www.eangusconference.org. The registration fee is still \$150/person but will increase to \$200/person on Jul 2, 2018, so if you plan on attending, be sure to register before then. Put these dates on your personal and professional calendars!

NGAT will be staying at the **Holiday Inn Express** located right across the street from the Charleston Civic Center where the conference is being held. Daily rate is \$110 per night plus tax and includes breakfast and free Wi-Fi. **With all of EANGUS Area IV in this hotel it should be a lot of fun.**

You don't want to miss hearing from the **National Guard leadership** and learning about what EANGUS has been doing for you. In addition to many of the fun activities planned EANGUS has a **trade show that features equipment, military venues and educational opportunities** geared toward the National Guard. It's a magnificent event and we hope that you will join us. Register at www.ngat.org/eangus.htm.

EANGUS Membership

In order to become an EANGUS member you must be a member of NGAT. EANGUS membership is open to enlisted members of the Texas Army & Air National Guard. Annual membership is \$11.00 per year or a life membership is \$110. **A small price to pay for a lifetime of support.**

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Live Your Mission. Make it Your Brand.

Story By ILT Allegra Boutch

IN OUR SOCIAL MEDIA OBSESSED WORLD, everyone and their pet has a personal brand. It's the public-facing reputation you make for yourself or what people remember you by. As military service members, we chose our brand when we put on the uniform and promised to live the mission and values of our organization. When we wear the uniform, we should feel pride, but also remember that we were issued it so we could be easily identified.

Military public affairs professionals have an acute awareness of how individuals on-and-off duty affect the military's public reputation. As a Public Affairs Officer (PAO), my job is to help our leaders make informed decisions and assist the civilian media to document and communicate the actions of the service. In this article, I'll list some of my own experiences where the actions of service members affected our public standing. It matters, because that character and public reputation can help us win wars, save lives and build morale.

It isn't optimism, but observation that leads most of us to say we work with the best human-beings in the world. As the Executive Officer for the 100th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, last year I had the privilege of leading a team of incredible soldiers who reported on incredible individuals. We began the year at Camp Williams in Utah, at Cyber Shield 17, an annual exercise that included members of the National Guard from 44 states and territories, the U.S. Army Reserve, state and federal government agencies, nongovernmental organizations and private industry.

The two-week exercise was designed to assess participants' ability to respond to cyber incidents. Over the weeks, we saw civilians, soldiers and government agents work together to ensure that government and civilian infrastructure was safe against cyberattack. While it's our job to defend our nation, what struck me was most of the guardsmen and reservists on this mission were also members of local law enforcement and civilian emergency response. These citizen-soldiers worked week and weekend in their communities, and when we published our stories their communities noticed.

It figured that my own soldiers did so well at their jobs that we were invited a few months later to provide public affairs support to Saber Strike 17 in Pabrade, Lithuania. While the potential threat during Exercise Cyber Shield 17 was invisible and unknown, in Lithuania, it was very real, and just next door. Exercise Saber Strike 17 was a NATO



THE WARRANT OFFICERS are a prime example of how they live their mission and make their brand. We are proud to have all of them as members of this Association. (Photo by S/A Kara Addition)

exercise hosted by four Eastern-European countries, including Lithuania, and designed to promote regional stability and security while strengthening partner capabilities and fostering trust in our Baltic allies. The exercise, which combined 20 partnered nations, focused on building interoperability and improving friendships between our allies.

What started as a public affairs mission turned into something larger however when our presence as public affairs soldiers became key to mission success. Just as it was important for us to foster these friendships, it was also important for us to show locals across the participating countries that U.S. support does not waver. During a Field Day hosted for local Lithuanians, the number of "thank you's" and hugs U.S. Soldiers received was enough to win any heart. But it was only with the realization that less than 30 years ago Lithuania was still under Soviet rule that the soldiers really began to understand how much their presence was appreciated.

During the exercise, we were able to bring hope because the U.S. Army and the U.S. Soldier is still seen in the world as a refuge for

those in need. So, when Hurricane Harvey hit Houston, people stranded by the flood water knew to look for camo. The 100th MPAD helped document soldiers rescuing Houstonians from their homes. My own duties also included embedding members of the media with soldiers, so they could help report the soldier story.

Through tragedy and uncertain times, service members need to be the figures our communities and allies can look to for help. When soldiers defame the uniform and our mission by behaving dishonorably, they are crippling the people we serve. It may be hard to correct a friend's behavior, or take seriously staunch memos about how to behave, but the United States is still an example to the world, and our members of the military need to be as well. ★

*Live your mission.
Make it your brand.*

★ TAPS ★

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PLANNING CALENDAR

(As of May 1, 2018)

2018

13	Jun	Mabry Mixer, TXMF Museum, Austin, TX
14	Jun	U.S. Army Birthday/Flag Day
4	Jul	Independence Day (NGAT Office Closed)
11-16	Aug	EANGUS Conference, Charleston, WV
17	Aug	NGAT Bat Cruise, Austin, TX
19-20	Aug	NGAT Board of Director Meeting, Georgetown, TX
24-27	Aug	NGAUS Conference, New Orleans, LA
3	Sep	Labor Day (NGAT Office Closed)
11	Sep	Patriot Day
8	Oct	Columbus Day (NGAT Office Closed)