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NJNG provides security for Pope's visit

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When Pope Francis arrived in Philadelphia Saturday, Sept. 26, New Jersey National Guard Soldiers and Airmen were already on mission providing a safe and secure environment.

Approximately 200 Soldiers of the A and B Troops, 1st Squadron, 102nd Cavalry and Airmen of the 108th Air Wing provided security at the Benjamin Franklin Bridge, which crosses the Delaware River between Camden and Philadelphia, for the historic religious leader's visit to Philadelphia, while the Pennsylvania National Guard covered the city.

"Our mission is to provide an extra set of eyes for law enforcement and the Cav has the tools to do that for this state mission of providing military support to civilian authorities," said Lt. Col. Jeffrey Brownlee, task force commander.

The 102nd Cavalry mission for the



Senior Airman Tyler Martin, left, 108th Wing, New Jersey Air National Guard, observes pedestrians crossing the Benjamin Franklin Bridge, located between Camden, N.J., and Philadelphia, while Spc. Andrew Howard, 1st Squadron, 102nd Cavalry, New Jersey Army National Guard, monitors the Camden, N.J., waterfront through a long range advanced scout surveillance system mounted on a Humvee Sept. 26, 2015.

state is to serve as a quick reaction force during a state of emergency since the organization has such tools such as the long range advanced scout surveillance system,

which has the capability to track suspicious activities or packages at a great distances. In addition, personnel were provided with a secure cell phone system that tracked assigned tactical vehicles and personnel on the ground during vehicle and foot patrols.

On Friday, shortly after 10 p.m., Guard personnel in Humvees joined Delaware River Port Authority personnel and shut down vehicle traffic across the Benjamin Franklin Bridge and blocked closed toll booths.

There were certainly safety concerns during the entire operation but early Saturday morning people crossing the bridge both ways were either exercising, walking or taking pictures. Many Guard members performing their security duties became local diplomats having their pictures



Sgt. Angel Otero, left, Pfc. Nicholas Del Vecchio, center, and Sgt. Patrick Nimer, all with the 1st Squadron, 102nd Cavalry, on security duty at the Benjamin Franklin Bridge Sept. 26, 2015.

Cover photo

Soldiers with the 1st Squadron, 102nd Cavalry, on a roving patrol provide security on the Benjamin Franklin Bridge, located between Camden, N.J., and Philadelphia, Sept. 27, 2015. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)

It's great getting out and do something like this by helping out our state making sure everyone is safe and everything is going right without any incident.
Pfc. John Rowe, 1st Squadron, 102nd Cavalry



Senior Airman Kristine Rodriguez, left, Airman 1st Class Engel Placencia-Valdez, second from right, and Staff Sgt. Shaquan Williams, all with 108th Wing, coordinate with the Camden County Police Sept. 27, 2015.

taken with families or taking pictures of individuals who wanted to see a military Humvee up-close.

For Airman 1st Class Derrick Flitcroft, a KC-135 Stratotanker crew chief, he was impressed with the security mission operations.

“It seemed to be put together quite fast. But it was certainly well organized,” Flitcroft said of the assigned schedules, accommodations and meals.

Guard members from the 108th Wing and the 102nd Cavalry used three assembly locations to launch operations – the Delaware River Port Authority, Campbell’s Soup headquarters, Camden and the Battleship New Jersey where personnel slept on the fantail of the historic ship. The headquarters for the Cavalry operations was the National Guard Armory in Woodbury, normally home to the 1st Battalion, 114th Infantry.

While most of the activities focused in and around the road area around the Benjamin Franklin Bridge, Guardsmen

were also prepared to support traffic congestion issues that could have occurred on roadways leading to the Walt Whitman Bridge area.

While serving on his first state active duty mission by guarding the toll plaza at the Benjamin Franklin Bridge, Pfc. John

Rowe of the 102nd Cavalry summed up the mission:

“It’s great getting out and do something like this by helping out our state making sure everyone is safe and everything is going right without any incident.”



SEA ADDRESSES SENIOR ENLISTED CONFERENCE

New Jersey State Command Chief Master Sgt. Vincent P. Morton, left, talks with Command Chief Master Sgt. Mitchell O. Brush at Joint Force Headquarters, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., Sept. 30, 2015. Brush is the Senior Enlisted Advisor for the National Guard Bureau. "We got back to leading" was Brush's message when he addressed more than 100 New Jersey Army and Air National Guard senior enlisted members at the Joint Training and Training Development Center. "We bring Main Street to wherever we are. It is our civilian jobs that make us what we are." He stressed the need to tell the Guard's story of warfighting, homeland defense and state partnerships to anyone and everyone. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Matt Hecht/Released)



80 graduate from boot camp

By 1st Lt. Gustavo D. Limo, New Jersey National Guard



Eighty New Jersey Veterans recently graduated from boot camp at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.

It wasn't that kind of boot camp. It was a rigorous academic boot camp over five weekends created to prepare Veterans for the Project Management Professional (PMP) certification, a globally-recognized accreditation that boosts salaries and creates job opportunities for professionals in many industries.

The course was offered through a partnership between the New Jersey Na-

tional Guard and the New Jersey Institute through a U.S. Department of Labor grant aimed at allowing workers to gain skills needed to gain or upgrade employment in high-growth industries or key economic sectors.

The PMP credential is the most important industry-recognized certification for project managers.

The event organizers noted that many military Veterans are a good fit for careers in project management because of their leadership skills and their abili-

ties to communicate, manage costs and control quality.

One of the key architects of the joint PMP curriculum was Army Reserve Maj. Courtney Bethea, who deployed to Iraq in 2004-2005 as a signal officer and is now a senior project manager for the U.S. Department of the Treasury and an adjunct professor at NJIT.

It was the seventh time the National Guard and NJIT combined to offer the PMP course and additional courses may be offered in the future.

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 Moorestown Mall medal ceremony Oct. 6
 11 a.m., (Lord & Taylor Court)
 400 Route 38, Moorestown, NJ, 08057

Oct. 8
 South Jersey Veterans Resource & Opportunity Fair
 All Wars Memorial Building – Atlantic City
 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
 1510 Adriatic Ave., Atlantic City, NJ 08401

Oct. 10
 Stand Down Of North Jersey
 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
 John F. Kennedy Pool and Recreation Center
 211 West Kinney Street, Newark, NJ 07102

Oct. 15
 "Life after Service Conference"
 Vineland National Guard Armory
 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
 2560 S. Delsea Drive, Vineland, NJ 08360

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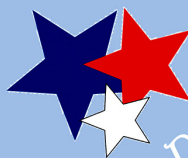
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