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### Cover

#### Welcome To Observation Post 3-9

This is part of the view that members of the 1st Battalion, 114th Infantry as part of their peace-keeping duties in the Sinai Peninsula. Photo by Maj. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth.

### Inside Cover

#### Battle Streamers

The 2nd Battalion, 102nd Armor battle streamers highlight the campaigns the unit has served in. The battalion is currently deployed to Iraq. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA.

# TAG's Message

*By Maj. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth, The Adjutant General of New Jersey*



*Members of the 1st Battalion, 114th Infantry in the Sinai, pose with Maj. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth and Command Sgt. Maj. Richard S. Adkins, Jr., with letters from elementary school students.*



*Maj. Gen. Rieth and Command Sgt. Maj. Adkins pose with members of the 2nd Battalion, 113th Infantry Regiment, Joint Task Force, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.*

**A**s we look back upon the celebration of Thanksgiving and look forward to the coming holiday season, we have much to be thankful for. As Americans, we truly have been blessed in so many ways. America too, has been blessed in many ways... none more obvious than those blessings reflected by the dedication and patriotism of the courageous young men and women serving as citizen-soldiers in our New Jersey National Guard.

This is the third year we celebrate Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanza and the New Year with troops deployed in various Homeland Defense and Homeland Security Missions.

Once again, our thoughts and prayers go out to those serving on the front lines of freedom; protecting us; protecting America from threats both foreign and domestic. Once again the precious gifts of liberty and freedom are being preserved only by virtue of the service and sacrifice of our fellow citizen-soldiers and airmen who so generously have placed duty to state and nation before their own personal priorities. Once again, our troops are being sustained by the un-

equalled support of family, friends, and their fellow citizens here at home.

This time of year is especially difficult for the families, spouses, and children of those deployed. It's even more difficult for those serving so far from home. It's important to both families and soldiers that we let them know how much they are appreciated and how important they are to all of us. It has been tremendously gratifying to see the outpouring of support for our troops as well as our family programs. From "Salute the Troop" ceremonies to pancake breakfasts to special tributes for Veterans Day, local communities, friends, neighbors, corporate New Jersey, and our elected officials all have demonstrated their collective appreciation for those who have answered the call. This support will never waiver. Our appreciation will never fade.

To each of you, from me, my family, and from our entire extended National Guard Family, we thank you for all you are doing and wish you a most blessed holiday and a new year that may finally bring peace to us all. 🌟



# Family Appreciation Day Held

*By Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA*

Family Appreciation Day was held on Aug. 21 following the Youth Camp Closing Ceremony at the National Guard Training Center at Sea Girt.

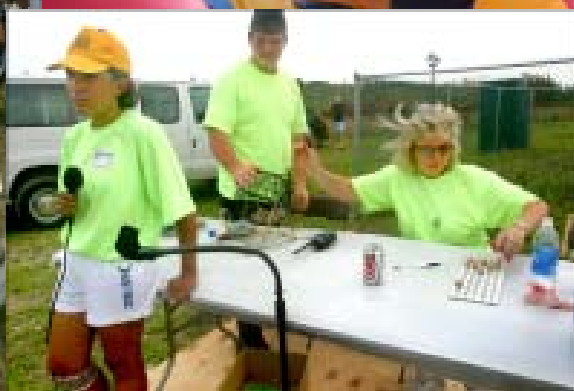
More than 6,500 Guardsmen, DMAVA employees and family members attended the event.

Highlights of the day included a carnival, childrens' rides, games, pony rides, clowns, bingo and a big top musical program that included Spanish, Rap and Country music; a BBQ and beach party.

There were also appearances by a USO troupe, Miss America, WWE wrestlers, the New Jersey Devil's player Ken Daneyko and the team's mascot.



**Photos  
By The  
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# Wing Welcomes Back Airmen

By 1st Lt. Luz Aponté, 177FW/PAO, photos by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, 177FW/PA

**For four hours on Oct. 2, the 177th Fighter Wing's main hangar was transformed into a World War II USO dance floor.**

The dance was to honor returning unit members who supported Operations' Enduring Freedom, SOCEUR, Iraqi Freedom and Joint Forge.

Like the memorable USO-sponsored socials of yesteryear, an orchestra provided live music as more than 500 guests - many in vintage uniforms and too young to remember the original hangar dances - took to the floor.

"This is a salute to all of our unit members, and especially the ones who have been deployed overseas fighting the global war on terror," stated Col. Brian Webster, Commander, 177th Fighter Wing, "The WWII theme was chosen to honor the members of the greatest generation. They left their jobs, joined the military, went overseas and fought a determined evil enemy in order to free oppressed people, just like we are doing today"



# 50th Finance Opens New Bank In Iraq

By Capt. Aaron Sears, Diamond Points, photo courtesy Maj. Angelo Capolupo, 50FB

**W**hat holds \$400 million, is located in Iraq, and just celebrated its Grand Opening ceremony on Sept. 15?

It's the Central Funding Facility operated by the 50th Finance Battalion - the only dedicated Central Funding facility in Iraq. It ensures fund sup-

port to soldiers for check cashing operations and casual payments. Contracting support is greatly enhanced through this mission with funds being received by vendors very quickly. Overall, Central Funding supports the strategic goals to reconstruct Iraq.

Central Funding, which was originally located in Kuwait, was conceived by Col. Maurenia Wade, Commander, 336th Finance Command (FIN-COM), to reduce costs and resources needed to provide finance support in Iraq. With the office based in Iraq, units can be served more effectively using less time, money, and resources. "In Kuwait, it was logistically burdensome," observed Maj. Angelo Capolupo, Commander, 50th Finance Battalion. "Here we're at a logistical hub."

Maj. Gen. Paul Mock, Commanding General, 377th Theater Support Command, Col. Wade and Maj. Capolupo spoke at the ceremony. Distinguished visitors in-



50th Finance Battalion in front of Central Funding in Iraq.

cluded Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum, Chief, National Guard Bureau.

Col. Wade explained what happened: "From the onset, FINCOM was faced with logistical problems of moving soldiers, money, and paperwork over great distances. When I met with these folks from the 50th, learned of their skills, as CPAs, bankers, and accountants, I immediately knew they could do the job and selected them for the mission. The fit was tailor-made." Col. Wade's decision transformed the 50th into a forward element of the 336th. She also moved the Central Funding's physical presence from Kuwait to Iraq.

Maj. Capolupo commented that his unit arrived in Iraq with not much more than a mission and a group of very motivated and educated Soldiers. "The greatest challenge," said Maj. Capolupo, "was locating a building to house the money and troops. I never had any concerns about our Soldiers' ability to get the job done."

The 50th's Command Sgt. Maj. Lawrence Kraemer spearheaded the renovation of the run-down Iraqi office building. "At first, there were more than 300 building-related items that needed to be fixed, modified, or built," said Command Sgt. Maj. Kraemer. "I delegated these tasks

to both contractors and our soldiers. After nearly five months of working seven days a week, dealing with contractor turnover, continual mortar-related interruptions, and 140 degree heat, the building was ready to move into." Several of the New Jersey Guardsmen put their civilian-acquired building skills to use modifying the building and transforming a room into a state-of-the art, 750 square foot vault.

Sgt. 1st Class Berto Diaz, Vault NCOIC, said "We're located in the most centralized place for the finance battalions we serve. Our location makes it easier for them to get here, plus the fact that they can fly here makes it safer."

Despite being on the front lines and receiving fire, 1st Sgt. Vivian Byrd is proud of her Soldiers. "It would be enough if they did this in a peaceful environment. But under constant fire, it's really impressive. I'm very proud of the job they're doing." 🇺🇸



# Mobilization Page

Compiled by the Guardlife Staff



## Finance Deploys To Iraq

*The 150th Finance Detachment (above) and the 350th Finance Detachment (below) deployed Aug. 30 and Sept. 21 respectively in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Both units trained at Fort McCoy, Wi., before deploying to Iraq. Photos by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA.*



**The New Jersey National Guard Wishes to Thank ARMS, The Salvation Army and The USO for their Support during the many Deployments and Events.**



## 3-112th Deploys To Germany

*Members of the 3-112th Field Artillery from Morristown left for Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., Nov. 29, for military police training. Once the 3-112th completes its training the unit will deploy to Germany to serve at various installations. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA.*



## That's A Lot Of Pancakes

*Members of the Family Readiness Group pose with various supporters who ran the Pancake Breakfast at the National Guard Armory at Westfield, which netted almost \$17,000 for family programs Nov. 30. Photo by Roman Martyniuk, NJDMAVA/PA.*



# Acting Governor Salutes Troops

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA


Photo of Acting Governor Codey by Roman Martyniuk, all other photos by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA.



**O**n Nov. 22, Acting Governor Richard M. Codey along with Maj. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth and various dignitaries from the public and private sector honored more than 350 citizen-soldiers at the Trenton War Memorial Patriots Theater.

Acting Governor Codey spoke about the dedication of the citizen-soldiers, the values they represented and their commitment to the state of New Jersey and the Nation.

The event, which featured an Official Deployment Ceremony and a Parade of Troops, saluted members of the 119th Corps Support Battalion, along with A and C Batteries of the 3rd Battalion, 112th Field Artillery.

This is the sixth and final Salute The Troops Ceremony for OIF 3. We look forward to the safe return of our Soldiers and welcoming them home. 

# Saluting The Troops

Story and photos by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA



**T**he largest "Salute the Troops" ceremony was held at the Sovereign Bank Arena in Trenton Oct. 9.

Approximately 4,000 family members filled the Arena to see more than 2,100 Soldiers of the 42nd Infantry Division (ID), which is comprised of troops from New Jersey, Delaware, Florida, Minnesota, New York, California, Mississippi, Rhode Island, Idaho, Pennsylvania and Vermont.

Maj. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth, The Adjutant General; hosted the event for Maj. Gen. Joseph Taluto, Commander, 42nd ID, and included performances by country western singer Jeffrey Wade Clark and the New York USO troupe. ■







# Class 48 Wins No-Bell Prize

By Officer Candidate Eric Petrevich OCS Class #48

**A**t the end of July, Officer Candidate Class #48 completed phase 1 of their training.

What was unique was they were the first class in recent history to do so without losing any candidates during this Phase.

In the past 18 years, according to the 254th Training Regiment OCS staff, National Guard Training Center, Sea Girt, no other class has completed this training phase without losing at least one Soldier. OCS candidates are free to ring the "Drop On Request" bell (DOR Bell) at any time during their training, removing themselves from the program.

The 35 candidates left Sea Girt July 17, not knowing what to expect. At Camp Rell, Conn., which hosts Phase I of OCS training for the region spanning Delaware to Maine, the Staff went to work on the New Jersey Candidates. Besides the stress portion, there was significant classroom training, along with individual tasks that each candidate had to pass in order to graduate from Phase 1. These tests included day and night land navigation courses, 25



New Jersey Officer Candidate Class #48 and the infamous DOR Bell. Photo courtesy Officer Candidate Eric Petrevich.

CTT training tasks, a 5-mile road march with 35-pound packs, numerous classroom tests and self-leadership positions. Portions of the training were conducted in a tactical scenario at Stone's Ranch, Conn.

The New Jersey candidates now face the last two phases of the OCS program, which will be at Fort Benning, Ga., and Sea Girt. They are scheduled to complete their training in June 2005.

## Jersey Guardsmen Win Sinai Force Skills Competition

Courtesy DMAVA Highlights

**F**or the first time an Army National Guard unit has won the Multi-National Forces and Observer's Force Skills Competition. And that unit happens to be New Jersey's 1st Battalion, 114th Infantry.

Soldiers from every Company within New Jersey's 1st Battalion, 114th Infantry competed in the event. The Competition is similar to the Olympics, but with events focusing on soldiers' skills. Soldiers gutted out the grueling obstacle course, five-kilometer run, steady shoot, and swim during the physical portion of the competition, and then had to follow up with the mentally challenging land navigation, first aid and general knowledge events.

The Columbian and Fiji Islands battalions provided the Battalion the toughest competition with the 1-114th winning by less than a point. Other contingents included the First Support Battalion, Australian, British, French, Hungarian, Italian and New Zealand forces.



Lt. Col. Tommie O. Bellamy, Battalion Commander (left), and 1st Lt. Luis De LaCruz (right) proudly display the trophy awarded to the Battalion. Photo by State Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Adkins.



# Hammonton Holds Parade For Soldiers

Photo and story by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA

**O**n Oct. 28, the 119th Corps Support Battalion was treated to a parade by the town of Hammonton.

Two flatbed stake trucks escorted by a Hammonton Police car drove through the downtown area and then did an approximately five-mile circuit of all the Hammonton public and parochial schools.

Following a luncheon sponsored by the Hammonton Chamber of Commerce and two veteran's groups, the Soldiers boarded a bus for Fort Dix for training prior to deploying to Iraq. 🇺🇸



## NJNG Participates In Army 10-Miler

By Maj. Jemal J. Beale, JFHQ-NJ/IG

**E**ven the frigid October morning rain couldn't stop the 20th Army Ten-Miler from unleashing more than 16,000 runners into the heart of Washington, D.C., Oct. 24.

Members of the New Jersey National Guard Running Team who completed the event were: Team Captain Master Sgt. Alex Estrada, RTSM, with a time of 1:08:19; Staff Sgt. Donald Brandinelli, RTSM, 1:13:37; Sgt. 1st Class Mike Parmigiano, 250th Forward Support Battalion, 1:15:39; 1st Lt. Sandra Tango, 50th Main Support Battalion, 1:28:29; Master Sgt. Yvonne McGuire, Joint Force Headquarters–New Jersey, Inspector General, 1:31:31; Maj. Jemal J. Beale, Joint Force Headquarters–New Jersey, Inspector General, 1:40:20; Sgt. Sarah Bernal, 50th Main Support Battalion, 1:42:41 and Staff Sgt. Barbara Harbison, 108th Air Refueling Wing, 1:53:37.

If you're interested in joining the team please contact Master Sgt. Estrada at [Alexandro.Estrada@nj.ngb.army.mil](mailto:Alexandro.Estrada@nj.ngb.army.mil) or Maj. John Sheard at [John.Sheard@nj.ngb.army.mil](mailto:John.Sheard@nj.ngb.army.mil). 🇺🇸



## Guard Serves Homeless Vets

Second Lieutenant Robert Washburn, Critical Care Clinical Nurse, 177th Fighter Wing, discusses case history with a veteran during a Stand Down at the Cherry Hill Armory Sept. 24. Members of the New Jersey Army National Guard assisted with food services, while New Jersey Air National Guard doctors, physician assistants and nurses provided medical services and assisted more than 100 homeless veterans. The veterans were provided with clothing, food, shelter, employment, medical and social services. Photo by Staff Sgt. Barbara Harbison, NJDMAVA/PA.

# A Word From The Chief

By New Jersey Command Chief Master Sergeant Paul M. Gunning

Prior to the Gulf War in 1991, the New Jersey Air National Guard deployed to established military facilities throughout the world where we felt safe most of the time.

We completed our missions successfully and with outstanding results. The Air Force knew what the New Jersey Air National Guard could accomplish.

During the past few years, our deployments have been to very austere areas with rugged conditions. We encountered an enemy different than before – an enemy who will use any means to kill Americans including women and children. Deployments have suddenly become much more dangerous for our Airmen, leading to the coining of a new term – **Battlefield Airmen**. The senior leadership of the New Jersey Air National Guard has the responsibility to provide the combatant commander with trained assets for the battlefield. Airmen must begin preparing now.

Completing your Air Force Specialty training on time at the three, five, and seven-level is critical to mission accomplishment. During your Air Force Specialty training, completion of your war skills training is a must - as you never know when higher headquarters could deploy your Unit Tasking Code. As you continue your training, insure you complete your Professional Military Education as this training provides you with supervisory and leadership skills and additional combat training, which could be very useful on the battlefield.

As you train, prepare your family and be up front with them about your military occupation. Make plans, discuss possible deployments, review your family's financial situation and always include your children.

Also, be candid with your employer about your membership, training requirements, training dates and projected mobilizations and deployments. Recognize your employer for his/her support through the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Program. Above all else, prepare yourself for the battlefield – mentally, spiritually and physically. Our new “Fit



to Fight” program is more than just professional image; it means being healthy and in shape in order to take the fight to the enemy while protecting oneself.

Military life is inherently stressful; however, stress has recently been taking its toll on our Airmen. The combat environment, numerous deployments, increased work hours, low manning in critical Air Force Specialties, continuous workloads, force restructuring, potential base closures, family and financial is-

ssues, employer concerns and worry about safety are causes of stress. It is important to know where to go for help if necessary and properly direct our Airmen when they need assistance. Commanders, Supervisors, and Airmen must be able to identify stressors and assist Airmen with coping skills.

Suicide results from an inability to cope with stress. The Air Force suicide rate is skyrocketing. Fifty-seven Air Force personnel committed suicide in the past year. Suicide prevention and life skills programs are in place, however, these programs alone cannot solve this problem. The Air Force Chief of Staff recently authored an article entitled, “Stressed Airmen – Who’s Your Wingman?” We as Airmen must never fail in taking care of our wingmen on the ground and watching out for them. Losing an Airman to suicide, an accident or an alcohol related incident is devastating to the rest of the unit. Such a loss may be preventable if intervention occurs early.

Maj. Gen. Rieth always reminds our organization that we are family, whether Airmen, Soldiers, or civilian employees. A solid family relationship is established through awareness, communication, teamwork, and sensitivity. Please remember that you are never truly alone and there are always “family” and “wingmen” standing behind you - no matter how we feel.

In closing, as we approach the holidays, please spend time with your families and thank them for their support of your service. Have a safe and Happy Holiday season and thank you for your service and remember to Look Out For Your Wingman. 🇺🇸



# 108th Participates In Nationwide Army Logistics Exercise

By Senior Master Sgt. William Kealey, 108ARW/Fuels Management Flight

In mid June, the 108th Air Refueling Wing Fuels Section joined the Army Reserves and Defense Energy Support Center (DESC) for a Quartermaster Liquid Logistics Exercise.

Army reserve units from as far away as Michigan deployed to Fort Dix, bringing their 5,000 and 7,500 gallon tactical fuel trucks and support vehicles. For two weeks they lived in tents, ate from field kitchens and delivered JP-8 fuel to Army and Air Force installations in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Fuel was transported directly from storage, as well as to and from portable bladder systems on Fort Dix.

The 108th usually receives its fuel from a contractor-run pipeline. This exercise enabled the wing to utilize alternate means of receipt, should the pipeline become unusable.



Senior Airman Karl White places a drip pan under the fuel connection during the exercise. Photo by Master Sgt. Sydney Fuchs, 108ARW/Visual Information Center.

## 108th And 177th Airmen Complete Leadership School

By Chief Master Sgt. Robert P. Hare, 177FW/LGGG

On Nov. 4, eight members of the New Jersey Air National Guard were among the 114 airmen who completed Airman Leadership School (ALS), Class 05-01 at McGee Tyson Air National Guard Base, Knoxville, Tenn.

Representing the Garden State were: Senior Airmen Poney Miller, Alfonso Mitchell-Rios and Dennis Conk of the 108th Air Refueling Wing; 177th Fighter Wing Senior Airmen Tina Chaffins, Christopher Johnson, Tequila Carter, Sonny Dagostino and Louise Jorden. Senior Airman Chaffins was among the top 10 percent of the class receiving a Distinguished Graduate Award. Senior Airmen Johnson and Jorden added to their studies by attending the Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training Workshop.

ALS is the first stage of Professional Military Education that Airman thru NCOs attend during their career. Graduating Airmen return to their unit prepared to lead and supervise work teams.

Congratulations to all the graduates.

## Change Of Command



Lt. Col. Richard Buckley (right) receives the Maintenance Squadron flag from 108th ARW Commander Col. Michael Cuniff during a Change of Command ceremony July 18. Photo by Staff Sgt. Eric Erbe 108ARW/Visual Information Center.

# Four Changes Of Command

*Compiled by the Guardlife Staff*



The Joint Training and Training Development Center, formerly the Training and Training Technology Battle Lab, received a new commander as Lt. Col. James Grant (above right) accepts the unit's colors from Maj. Gen. Rieth (left), The Adjutant General of New Jersey, Oct. 3. That same day, Col. Frank W. Dulfer (below right) incoming commander of the 254th Regiment (Combat Arms), New Jersey Military Academy, Sea Girt, received the unit's colors from Maj. Gen. Rieth (left). Photos by Staff Sgt. Robert Stephenson, Joint Force Headquarters-New Jersey Public Affairs.



On Oct. 3, Lt. Col. Joseph F. Sarama (left) assumed command of the 250th Forward Support Battalion at Brindel Lake, Fort Dix. Photo by Pfc. Daniel V. Welsh, 444th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment.



Lt. Col. Kevin Keehn (right) receives the Operations Group Flag from Col. Michael Cuniff, Wing Commander, 108th Air Refueling Wing during a Change of Command ceremony July 18. Photo by Staff Sgt. Eric Erbe, 108ARW/Visual Information Center.



# Short Rounds: Carlini Receives Stars, Ribbon Cutting And The Main



## Carlini Promoted To BG

Col. Frank R. Carlini (center) receives his general's stars from his wife Gail (left) and Maj. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth (right) during a ceremony at the Joint Force Headquarters - New Jersey (JFHQ-NJ), Fort Dix, Aug. 1. Brig. Gen. Carlini is the Deputy Commander of the JFHQ-NJ. The General, a Vietnam combat veteran, enlisted in the New Jersey Army National Guard in 1975. His previous assignments include: Operations Officer, 50th Armored Division; Commander, 1st Battalion, 114th Infantry; Executive Officer, 50th Brigade; Plans, Operations and Training Officer, Commander of the New Jersey Military Academy; and Chief of Staff for the New Jersey Army National Guard. Photo by Staff Sgt. Robert Stephenson, NJDMAVA/PA. 📷



## Open For Business

Congressman Frank LoBiondo (center), 2nd Congressional District, New Jersey, prepares to cut the ribbon officially dedicating the new Security Forces and Communications Complex at the 177th Fighter Wing Sept. 28. Observing are left to right Brig. Gen. Maria Falca-Dodson, Maj. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth, Brig. Gen. Eugene Chojnacki and Col. Brian Webster, 177th Commander. The 27,000 square foot, \$6.3 million facility will enable Communications Flight and Security Forces to support Air Sovereignty and Homeland Security missions. It was opened almost two years to the day of the groundbreaking. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, 177FW/PA. 📷



## Main Receives Award

Members of B Company, 50th Main Support Battalion, which is supporting the 1452nd Transportation Company in Iraq, received certificates of appreciation and commander's coins from Brig. Gen. Mark Hertling, Deputy Commander, 1st Armored Division, for their support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II. In addition, the unit has been authorized to wear the 1st Armor Division Combat patch. Photo courtesy 1st Lt. Donald McNamara. 📷

# 150th GSAB And 642nd DASB Deploy

Photos and story by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA



*Beginning on the eleventh day of the eleventh month at the eleventh hour, the 150th General Aviation Support Battalion and the 642nd Division Aviation Support Battalion arrived at the McGuire Air Force Base Flight Terminal. The Army Aviation unit joins the more than 3,000 New Jersey Army National Guardsmen deployed, or preparing to deploy in support of the Global War on Terror.*





# New Jersey Army And Air National Guard Enlisted Promotions

<div>New Jersey Army National Guard</div> <div>To Command Sergeant Major (E-9)</div> <div>Jose A. Reyes</div> <div>To Master Sergeant (E-8):</div> <div>Francis A. Adams William Hutnick Lisa M. Youngsang</div> <div>To Sergeant First Class (E-7):</div> <div>Juan Acevedo Paul A. Bassett William A. Bovik Ralph S. Chesney Jose E. Couselo Curtis D. Davis Andrew J. Deblock Larry S. Gallo Brian G. Holderness Dadma M. Lafrance Gregory E. Loats Peter D. McSorley Evelyn Montanez Charles L. Murphy Dionisio Ortiz Nicholas P. Perone William O. Scott Franklin A. Smith Kristina S. Sofchak Geoffrey L. Taylor Salvatore A. Voccia Robert J. Weisneck Samuel E. Weiss</div> <div>To Staff Sergeant (E-6):</div> <div>Erik M. Ariza John K. Bennett Darold Brooks Marcos J. Burgos Alfraiz Cajucum Leonard I. Cassidy Ricardo Charles Julio C. Collazo William H. Cook William J. Crawford Edwin Cruz Kendle E. Curry Jerson M. Dacanay Lewis E. Davis Rubin Diaz Erik M. Dige Kenneth G. Diklich Anthony R. Distefano Jorge A. 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