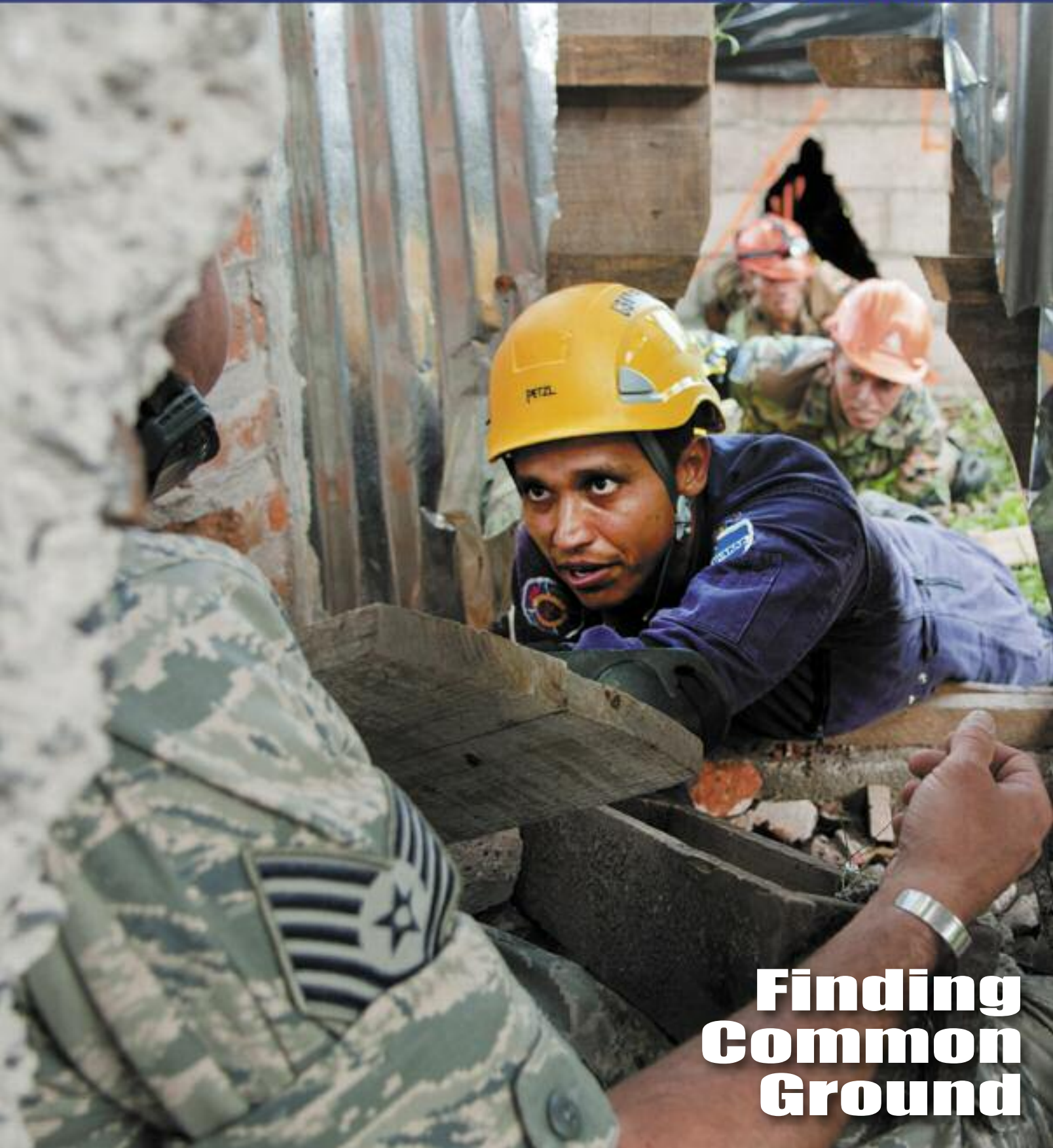


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**On the cover:** A Salvadoran firefighter approaches Tech. Sgt. Shawn Theberge of the 157th Medical Group, N.H. Air National Guard, during a training exercise at the Santa Anita Fire Training Complex in San Salvador, El Salvador, on June 28. Theberge was one of five NHANG medics who traveled to El Salvador for a search and rescue seminar with their Salvadoran counterparts on June 26-28. Photo: Tech. Sgt. Mark Wyatt, 157th ARW PA



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# Corey promoted to general

By Capt. Suzanne Lamb, 157th ARW PAO

For Brig. Gen. Peter Corey, one of the attributes of leadership is the performance of service to others.

"I fully recognize and understand that mine is a position and a responsibility, not a rank and privilege," Corey said during his promotion ceremony June 2 at Joint Force Headquarters in Concord. The New Hampshire National Guard, along with numerous family and friends celebrated the milestone, which capped 31 years of military service.

Corey, the director of the Joint Staff, joins four other general officers currently serving in the N.H. Guard.

"Throughout my career I've had the good fortune of being surrounded by talented and hard-working professionals," he said. "They taught me many things along the way. They patiently instilled in me the right Army values and ethics."

Corey's wife, Margaret, affixed the single-star insignia to his uniform during the ceremony. Chief Master Sgt. William Houghton and Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas Considine then presented Corey with his one-star flag. The ceremony also included the presentation of a personal sidearm and general officer belt by Corey's three children, Kerstin, Dana and Joe.

His previous assignment was as commander of the N.H. Army Guard's 197th

Fires Brigade. In 2010-2011, Corey led the single largest deployment of N.H. Guardsmen in recent history, deploying to Kuwait in support of Operation New Dawn. Corey deployed twice as a senior U.S. military observer on United Nations peacekeeping missions to Monrovia, Liberia, from April 2006 to January 2007, and to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from September 2007 to January 2008.

Corey is currently assigned as director of the Joint Staff, N.H. National Guard.

"As director of the Joint Staff, I serve to support the goals and objectives of the Adjutant General," Corey said. "I don't command any forces; I direct the actions of the Joint Staff."

Those actions focus on domestic operations which support the state of N.H.'s Homeland Security and Homeland Defense mission; establishing good working relationships with interagency partners such as FEMA, N.H. Fish and Game, N.H. emergency management and others; the International Affairs program, which includes the State Partnership Program; support to the NATO school; and the Office of Service Member and Family Services, formerly the Deployment Cycle Support Program.

"My charge is to ensure that the Joint Staff is trained and conducts planning and preparation so if we get called to respond to an emergency, we can do so effectively,"



Brig. Gen. Peter Corey, director Joint Staff, New Hampshire National Guard, thanks family, friends and colleagues for their attendance during his remarks after his promotion to brigadier general June 2. Photo: Tech. Sgt. Mark Wyatt, 157 ARW PA

he said. "My overall goal is to ensure that the Joint Staff is fully trained, capable and synchronized between the Army and Air so we are not tripping over each other."

Corey was also recently assigned as the deputy commander and Army reserve component integration advisor, United States Army Africa and Southern European Task Force.

"Essentially it entails 60 to 90 days a year supporting the strategic goals of the U.S. Army, Africa," Corey explained. "When I spoke to the commanding general, he said most of my time would be spent visiting units training in Africa, senior leader engagements, meetings at the Pentagon and visiting states with partnership programs with Africa."

The new brigadier general hopes to leverage his experiences from his two previous deployments to Africa to the benefit of the command and hopes his relationship with AFRICOM will provide some opportunities to New Hampshire units for training in Africa.

Corey received his commission through UNH ROTC in 1983. He then attended the field artillery officer basic course at Fort Sill, Okla., in 1984. He remained on active duty, serving in various positions throughout the United States and Europe until February 1990.

In March 1990, he joined the N.H. Army National Guard, serving in various command and staff positions throughout the organization since that time.

Corey was born and raised in Littleton, N.H. He and his wife currently reside in Whitefield, N.H. ♦

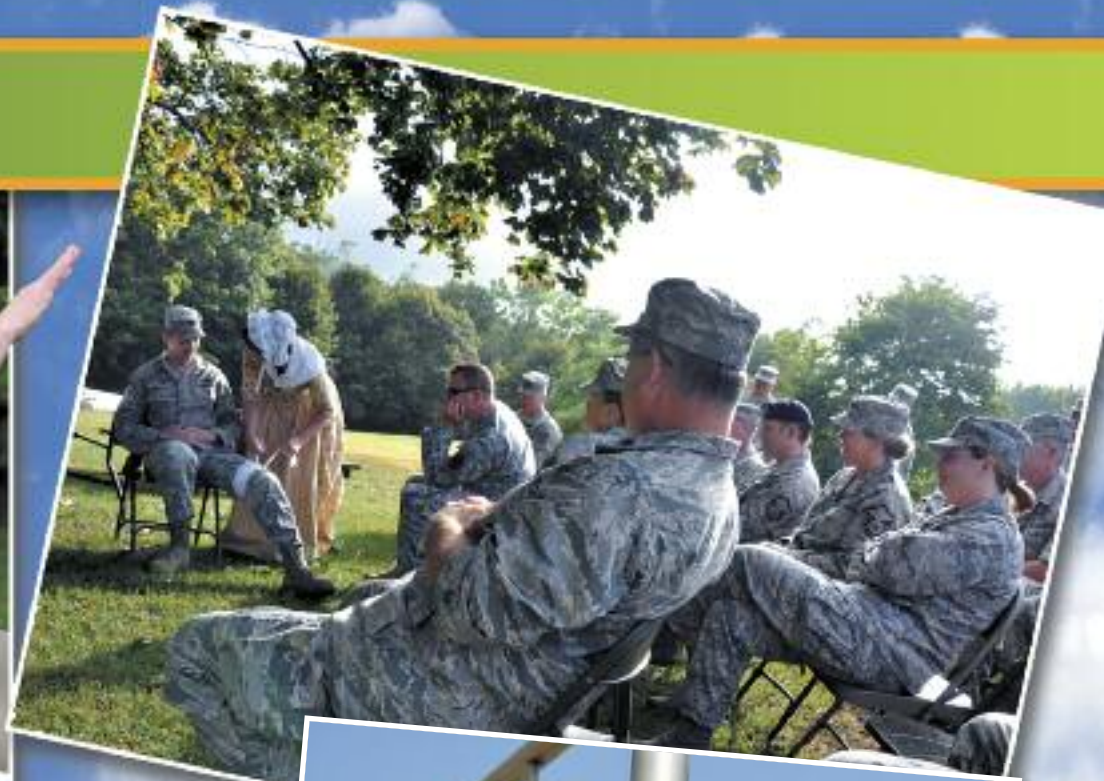


Col. Peter Corey, center, prepares for his promotion to brigadier general with his wife Margaret Corey during a June 2 ceremony at Joint Force Headquarters in Concord. To his right are Maj. Gen. William Reddel III, the Adjutant General of the NHNG, and Brig. Gen. Craig Bennett, the commander of the NHARNG.. Photo: Tech. Sgt. Mark Wyatt, 157 ARW PA

# The road to revolution

*About 50 soldiers and airmen participated in the New Hampshire National Guard Heritage Tour on Aug. 17 and 18. Similar to a staff ride, the educational field trip for both enlisted and officers retraced the beginnings of the American Revolution and roots of the modern day militia. It included visits to Fort William and Mary, Bunker Hill, Lexington and Concord, and The Battle of Bennington. Photos by Maj. Greg Heilshorn, State PAO*





# 157th medics find common ground in El Salvador



Story and photos by Tech. Sgt. Mark Wyatt,  
157 ARW PA

Five medical personnel from the New Hampshire Air National Guard traveled to El Salvador to participate in an emergency search and extraction subject matter expert exchange between the two countries June 26-28 as part of the State Partnership Program.

More than 20 members of the center of training peace operations, or Ceopaz, a Salvadoran Army unit responsible for search and rescue operations; Green Cross, an all-volunteer team of emergency medical technicians; and local firefighters and commandos exchanged best practices with the medics from the 157th Medical Group.

The team traveling from N.H. is part of the chemical biological radiological nuclear high yield explosive enhanced response force package – CERFP.

“While working in El Salvador, it was equally challenging to teach a multi-cultural audience the concepts of the New England CERFP model,” said Capt. Rex Rubin, a search and extraction operations manager for CERFP.

The week began with two days of classroom instruction at a Salvadoran Army



Air Force Master Sgt. Sandy Roberts simulates a victim during a search and extraction mass casualty exercise at the Santa Anita Fire Training Complex in San Salvador, El Salvador, June 28. Manuel Nejamin Cortez Hernandez, (in green outfit), a volunteer emergency medical technician with Green Cross, takes command of members of the Salvadoran Army during the extraction exercise.

base, followed by a third day at a local fire training center practicing search, extraction and patient recovery in a debris field.

“Rarely do I get an opportunity to work in an environment where I can give back to the community in a way that there is tangible evidence that I have done

something for the better,” said Rubin.

“As Guardsmen, we seem to be most challenged in times of great need and are able to rise to meet unforeseen situations. It’s a great feeling.”

Rubin’s team presented such topics as personal protection equipment, approaching “clean” and “dirty” incident locations, use of simple triage and rapid transport triage, patient care and movement concerns, hot zone and clean triage concerns, cervical spine precautions, CERFP flow of events in a search and rescue and a hands-on explanation of first responder responsibilities in assessing patients upon arrival at an incident.

Tech. Sgt. Shawn Theberge, a member of the New England CERFP team and a fire fighter from Maine in his civilian job, said the opportunity was something that doesn’t present itself often.

“It was a dynamic exchange of experiences between how we treat patients in the United States upon reaching an incident scene and how emergency personnel here approach patients in El Salvador,” said Theberge. “Many of the more experienced first responders here asked several questions based on their experiences that were outstanding.”

According to the Ceopaz commander, the chance to participate in a bilateral exchange of information similar to this as part of the El Salvador exchange program



Tech. Sgt. Shawn Theberge provides training on the M-9 bag and the patient treatment applications that are available during a provider training exchange with members of the Salvadoran Army and other local civil authorities June 26.





Senior Airman Alexa Schimmel, 157th Medical Group medical technician, acts as a pregnant mass casualty victim during an exercise at Santa Anita Fire Training Complex, June 28. Nelson Alexander Rivas Bueno, left, a Green Cross volunteer, assumes the command during the scenario with members of the Salvadoran Army search and rescue team. N.H. Air National Guard members traveled to El Salvador to participate in a chemical biological radiological nuclear high yield explosive enhanced response force package exchange with local authorities.

with the N.H. National Guard is a critical element to the success of his soldiers.

“It’s very important we work together and exchange ideas in order to be successful,” said Col. Juan Bustante, Del Ceopaz commander. “We then work



Senior Airman Alexa Schimmel, right, demonstrates to Salvadoran soldier Carlos Alfredo Garcia Duran how personal protective equipment is used in an environment that may contain hazardous material as Tech. Sgt. Michael Dame assists June 26. Five medical personnel from the N.H. Air National Guard traveled to El Salvador to participate in a chemical biological radiological nuclear high yield explosive enhanced response force package – CERFP – exchange with local authorities.

together and exchange ideas with local civil authorities to help local people who are suffering.”

For members of the team from New Hampshire, the opportunity to share their experiences with another culture

was something that will not soon be forgotten.

The New Hampshire and El Salvador state partnership program, which began in 2000, averages several exchanges annually. ♦

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# Learning from each other

Story and photos by Capt. Suzanne Lamb,  
157th ARW PAO

Four airmen from 157th Security Forces traveled to Lourdes, El Salvador, in August to participate in an all-female law enforcement exchange as part of the New Hampshire National Guard's State Partnership with the Salvadoran military.

The three-day workshop focused on military police tactics and techniques. Thirty-one officers and enlisted soldiers from the Salvadoran army, navy and air force traveled from bases around the country to attend the event at the Ceopaz military base in Lourdes.

"This information is very important for us," said Maj. Armida Aguilar, a nurse in the Salvadoran army. "We receive basic instruction in security, but not the specific techniques."

The techniques demonstrated during the exchange included overcoming head, chest and choke holds.

"These skills and techniques give me the confidence I need to do my job," said Senior Airman Heather Gagnon of the

157th Security Force Squadron. "I am excited to be here to share the information and to learn from the Salvadorans as well."

The 31 Salvadoran participants traveled from around the country to attend the event at the Ceopaz military base. It was a rare opportunity for the women to practice skills together. Females make up only 5 percent of the Salvadoran military.



1st Lt. Carolina Marengo of the Salvadoran army demonstrates a physical security exercise with Senior Airman Heather Gagnon of the N.H. National Guard during a joint exercise in Lourdes, El Salvador.

*"There are only 16 women in the entire Salvadoran air force ... Without this event, I would never have the opportunity to work with women from the other Salvadoran armed forces."*

– 1st Lt. Maria Elena Mendoza

"There are only 16 women in the entire Salvadoran air force," explained 1st Lt. Maria Elena Mendoza, the first female fixed-wing pilot in the Salvadoran military. "Unlike the army, we do not have female enlisted. I do not work often with other women. Without this event, I would never have the opportunity to work with women from the other Salvadoran armed forces."

Female Salvadoran soldiers are an increasing presence in security patrols in



New Hampshire Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Devin Godfrey, left, and El Salvador Air Force 1st Lt. Maria Elena Mendoza practice defensive rifle drills during a three-day exchange in Lourdes, El Salvador, Aug. 8.

El Salvador, supporting the national police in the search for drug trafficking. Salvadoran culture does not support physical contact between male soldiers and female suspects. Females are vital to ensure that suspected female traffickers are thoroughly searched.

“I am so impressed by the professionalism and skills of these soldiers,” said Airman 1st Class Devin Godfrey of the 157th Security Force Squadron. “The Salvadoran military does not have the resources we have, but the techniques they use are just as effective as ours.”

During the exchange, Pvt. Marily Rodriguez Mendoza of the Salvadoran army demonstrated a technique for controlling a suspect during a search without the use of handcuffs.

“The compliance and control technique made me completely immobile and off balance,” said Senior Airman Autumn Clarke. “She had full control of me, and I couldn’t resist. I was shocked that could be done without the use of handcuffs.”

The N.H. Air Guard demonstrated defensive rifle and weapons retention drills. Their Salvadoran counterparts appreciated the exposure to new skills.

“We don’t want to resort to the use of weapons during patrols,” said Mendoza. “We receive on-the-job training in physical defense and apprehension, but do not have the opportunity to spend time practicing skills in this type of setting. This will help us for sure.”

In October 2012, Maj. Aguilar and 1st Lt. Diana Reyes, a military police officer in the Salvadoran army, will deploy to Afghanistan for six months with a joint team of El Salvador Army and N.H. National Guard members. The NATO mission will include mentoring and training the Afghan National Police.

“This training is a great refresher,” said Reyes. “The practice makes me feel more confident to apply these techniques, both in the military and, if necessary, in my civilian life. Now I hope I can teach others as well.”

For the female airmen of the 157th Air Refueling Wing, the opportunity to attend the event is an honor.

“These women are making history in their country, and we get to be a part of it,” said Clarke. “We are working with the first female pilots in the Salvadoran air force, and a graduate of the first Salvadoran military college class to admit women. These women are so humble; they don’t realize how special they are.” ♦



From left, Col. Ricardo Palomo, chief of public affairs for the Salvadoran Army, Hampstead firefighter Gordon Campbell and battalion chief Fred Heinrich (in the Sked®) practice evacuating a simulated injury during a hazardous material demonstration at the Hampstead Fire Department on Aug. 1. Palomo and two other senior officers from the Salvadoran Army’s humanitarian response unit visited New Hampshire as part of the N.H. Guard’s State Partnership Program. They received an overview of Guard capabilities and how military and civilian agencies cooperate during state emergencies.

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# A hidden gem with regional appeal

By Sgt. Brian Gordon,  
114th Public Affairs Detachment

Nestled in a densely wooded section of eastern New Hampshire, one of the most important training schools in the N.H. Army National Guard goes largely unnoticed. The Regional Training Institute is a facility that offers local, cost effective and high quality training in courses that are needed by a large number of N.H. Army National Guard soldiers.

The RTI is located at the N.H. National Guard Training Site in Center Strafford, N.H. The site is a 100-acre training area covered in fields, woods and wetlands. It also boasts classrooms, barracks, simulators, a dining facility, a drill hall, and outdoor training environments such as a land navigation course and an urban training area.

“We teach a number of courses here, including military occupational specialty qualification classes, combat lifesaver and Army basic instructor, as well as officer candidate and warrant officer candidate courses,” said Master Sgt. Lore Ford, operations NCO for the 195th Regiment. “The MOS classes that we give, unit supply specialist and fire direction specialist, are especially useful because they apply to the state of New Hampshire. New Hampshire is largely an artillery state, and everyone needs supply.”

There is an RTI in every state, with many offering specialized MOS training. The New Hampshire RTI is staffed by members of the 195th Regiment, N.H. Army National Guard.

Lt. Col. Brian Phillips, commander of the RTI, said that it is good for both the



Regional Training Institute instructor Capt. Martin Isabelle instructs Officer Candidate School students at the RTI in Center Strafford on May 18. The RTI is a National Guard training school offering local military occupational specialty qualification, leadership and other classes to New Hampshire and other National Guard soldiers. Photo: Staff Sgt. Brian Gordon, 114th PAD

state of New Hampshire and the individual soldier to have the RTI located in the state. He said that significant savings occur when you don't have to send a soldier out of state to receive training, not to mention the reduced travel time.

The RTI also trains soldiers from other states who need skills that may not be available in their home state, but are taught in New Hampshire.

“We represent the New Hampshire Guard to the country,” Phillips said. “Because we're a regional school, we can instruct anyone; active component, reserve or National Guard. Their impression of the New Hampshire Army National Guard

is what they see from the instructors here at this unit. The graduates go back to their home states and their units, and they still contact some of our instructors for support as subject matter experts.”

During the weekend of May 17-20, the RTI hosted nearly 80 officer candidate students from around New England who were participating in the second phase of the three-phase Officer Candidate School. On a series of warm, sunny days the students were trained and tested on a variety of leadership skills, such as giving operation orders and leading squads under fire.

Officer Candidate Shawn Macdonald of Northwood, N.H., said that he enjoyed applying the leadership theory he had learned in the classroom, and learning to implement the theory in the field.

“There's a big difference between talking about operations orders and actually issuing one out here,” said Macdonald.

The instructors at the RTI have a wide range of experience, coming from various branches of the Army, such as artillery and military police. As a group, they enjoy their work and are enthusiastic about the opportunities at the RTI.

“This is a really good program that is supported and funded well,” said Master Sgt. Bryan Laflamme, NCO platoon training officer. “The best decision I've made in my career was to come work at the RTI.” ♦



Officer Candidate School students participate in a field leadership exercise at the RTI in Center Strafford on May 18. The RTI is a National Guard training school offering local military occupational specialty qualification, leadership, and other classes to New Hampshire and other National Guard soldiers.

Photo: Capt. Brooks Hayward, 114th PAD

# Those broad New England accents

By Maj. Greg Heilshorn, State PAO

By accident one day eight years ago, we discovered Steve Mumford's blog "Baghdad Journal," a striking collection of drawings and dispatches from the Iraq war. Mumford was on his fourth trip to Iraq by then, traveling throughout the country as a freelance artist documenting the war from the perspective of the Iraqis and U.S. troops.

The New Hampshire National Guard had seven units – more than 1,100 soldiers and airmen – deployed at the time. Most of them were in Iraq. In one particular entry from August 2004, Mumford was in Baqubah at the same time a company from the 2nd Battalion, 197th Field Artillery, was there training Iraqi policemen.

Mumford wrote:

This New Hampshire National Guard company is actually from a field artillery battalion, but they've been reassigned as military police. They get a little wistful when they hear orders for artillery strikes for the gunners at FOB Gabe over the radio. Nevertheless, many of them have jobs in law enforcement, and they're taking on the challenge of training the Iraqi cops.

Being from Boston, I love hearing their broad New England accents against this backdrop of date palms and dry, dusty streets. Even their names remind me that America hasn't lost all of its regional flavor: John Uran, Walter Hand, Robert Cone, Christopher St. Cyr – names like that conjure for me a distant time of small Northeastern towns with cold winters, where people can trace their ancestry over many generations in the same spot.

Sgt. Jon Fouts enthusiastically opens the police academy class one morning with a booming "Aaaalrighty, then!" which, as part of their informal ritual, the Iraqis shout back at him. Fouts is a burly, jovial man with a huge gap-toothed grin. A natural actor, he holds the attention of his audience of some 50 policemen, singling them out for questions, joking about the number of weddings they always seem to be attending, and miming drunkenness while discussing punishments for such crimes as public intoxication or selling liquor to minors. Even when they don't get his jokes, which the translator strains to keep up with, the Iraqis enjoy Fouts' physicality and volume.

Next he launches into the topic of ethics, posing difficult scenarios in which he tries to make clear that an individual's personal ethics should be distinguished from the law. With the cops paying him close attention, Fouts tries to drive home two points: that the cops' role is to protect the public, and that when called upon to perform their duties, they will sometimes feel fear, and that's okay. It's hard to make out how foreign these ideas are to the Iraqis; the day before, there was an animated class discussion in Arabic about human rights. The cops were concerned about their parking spaces. They have to park a short distance from the building to protect it from car bombs, while the police chief and his deputy get to drive right up. The cops wanted to know if this was a violation of their human rights. Their officers made it clear that it wasn't.

We had always wanted to publish the dispatch along with an interview with Mumford. He had captured the essence of our New Hampshire Guardsmen, and we were impressed with his unique approach. He used an ancient pen and ink method very much in the vein of Homer Winslow, who was embedded with the Union Army during the American Civil War.

Mumford graciously responded to a series of questions and a request for high resolution copies of his drawings from the time he spent with 2nd Battalion. But we've never published them until now, nearly a decade after our units received orders to mobilize.

Outside of the fine art community, Mumford was not well known until ABC News named him its "Person of Week" on Dec. 17, 2004, dubbing him a "combat

artist." In 2007, he returned to Iraq to document the grueling pace of an Army hospital. Last year, Harper's Magazine featured his drawings from Afghanistan where he was embedded with Marines in 2010 and 2011. They were printed with a selection of Homer's Civil War engravings that originally appeared in Harper's Weekly. Mumford's "Baghdad Journal" was eventually published as a book.

*Why did you decide to go to Iraq?*

When I was younger and just starting out as an artist, I traveled for a year in South America, drawing and painting, mainly in the Amazon region of Peru, where I traveled by foot and canoe among the Mayoruna Indians. In a way my drawing in Iraq came back to that method, drawing directly from life in a situation that fascinated me. I'm a huge fan of the paintings of Winslow Homer, a New England artist of the 19th century. He was "embedded" with the Union army during the Civil War, sending drawings back from the front to Harper's Weekly. Afterward he made some beautiful paintings about what he saw. I wanted to do something similar with this war.

This is the first time that I've been embedded, and my family has no history in the U.S. Army. I came to Iraq because there was a war on. I was always interested in the Vietnam War, and wondered if anyone who had been there was making



realist narrative painting about the experience. The art world is divided into so many genres that often ignore one another. Grand history paintings were still considered high art 100 years ago.

My ambition was to try to bring this kind of dramatic narrative from historical events back into the contemporary art dialog. I wanted to start from direct experience – so I went to Iraq to draw. In 10 and a half months in Iraq, I spent a lot of time not embedded, but simply drawing on the streets of Baghdad, drawing Iraqis drinking tea, playing soccer, cleaning the streets, hanging out in art galleries! I didn't want to just represent the military experience.

*You have made four trips to Iraq between 2003 and 2004. How long do you stay?*

I guess they averaged between two and four months each, with about the same amount of time back in the U.S. I didn't plan to make four trips, but I just kept finding that there was still stuff I wanted to see and draw. I'm pretty sure I'm done at this point and will start back to working in my studio, using the drawings and photos as the basis for paintings.

*What are your views on the war in Iraq? Have they changed since you've spent time in country?*

I was against the war at the beginning, but my views became more nuanced when I got there and discovered how happy many Iraqis were that Saddam was gone. Also, I have a lot of faith in the military and the professionalism of the soldiers. It's a far cry from the Vietnam movies I grew up with!

*What insights have you gleaned from your time in Iraq both with the military and with the locals and how each views the war?*

Well, I saw a slow realization on both sides that this would have to be a long and difficult process. The Iraqis definitely expected a quick fix, and they were disappointed. The soldiers were surprised at how little initiative the Iraqis showed to help rebuild their own country. Tribalism is a huge problem there, where a lot of Iraqis don't know how to think in terms of the greater good of the country. But I think both sides are learning to cope with reduced expectations and work with the situation as it is.

*How did you hook up with New Hampshire's 2nd Battalion? From your journal entries, we gather you enjoyed your visit.*

I believe I spent seven or eight days with the NHNG. It was a great surprise



to hear the famous New England accent in the middle of Iraq, especially nice since I'm from Boston. Listening to Sgt. Jon Fouts' lectures to the Iraqi cops was hilarious. A lot of times American jokes and sense of humor don't translate well for Iraqis, but Fouts had this physicality to his jokes that really cracked the Iraqis up, especially when he was making fun of them for partying too hard at weddings (they go to a lot of weddings), or miming getting drunk. He'd have them in stitches. They probably never got lectures like that under Saddam. But he always brought the joking back around to serious points about human rights, personal morality and the duties of being a policeman.

*Describe your approach to creating artwork. Would you call yourself a writer as well?*

I like writing but I don't think of myself as a writer. I don't have any plans to keep writing, but I'll probably always find my way back to it from time to time. This is the first time that I've written for publication accompanied by my art. Sometimes I'd start a drawing in ink and then add some color. Sometimes I'd do full watercolors, first sketching out the composition in pencil. When I was doing pen and ink, I'd start right in with ink to keep the drawing fast and spontaneous. I prefer to work from life, and I'd typically spend from one to two hours on a drawing. Sometimes it was impossible to finish a drawing, or even to start one (for example, inside a moving Humvee). In that case I'd take a digital photo and work on the drawing from my laptop. I have nothing against

using photos, but it's simply not as much fun.

Mostly, I love to draw people doing things – an action taking place that tells the viewer about daily life, whether from an American or an Iraqi perspective. It's challenging to draw when you're in a situation where no one expects someone to sit down and start drawing. This tension can be very energizing. On the streets of Baghdad, I'd usually get an audience, something I'm not accustomed to in my studio, obviously. It takes some getting used to, but if you go with it, you start to feed off the energy of the other people.

On one patrol, the soldiers ended up chasing and arresting several suspects; while we waited for a house to be searched I drew the soldiers and suspects. One Iraqi was adamant that I not draw him, but his brother volunteered! I had to work very fast, which cuts out a lot of extraneous detail. It's a powerful experience, both in terms of drawing and recording a historical event. This last part is important to me. I'm conscious of being somewhere where crucial political events are unfolding, and minute-to-minute decisions have big consequences. There will be thousands of photographs after this is over, but little art related to the war. Art shows a subtler side to these events, reflecting things more subjectively. The means I employ are thousands of years old; they're all about the human touch.

I think my art will add something unique to the historical record, and hopefully, broaden the possibilities for contemporary artists. ❖

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Six new officers from the New Hampshire National Guard's Officer Candidate School were sworn in at the New Hampshire State House by Lt. Col. Roy Hunter on Aug. 21. The new lieutenants are, from left, 2nd Lt. John Skiff, 2nd Lt. Patrick Glennon, 2nd Lt. Peter Krauklin, 2nd Lt. Michelle Warren, 2nd Lt. Shawn McDonald and 2nd Lt. Thomas Hossfeld. The traditional OCS program is a 16-month course of instruction conducted from April to August of the following year and is divided into four phases: Phase 0 is designed to prepare officer candidates for the OCS program; Phase 1 is a 15-day annual training period held in June; Phase II is conducted one weekend per month for 13 months; Phase III is a final 15-day annual training period, culminating in graduation and commissioning. Upon successful completion of Army National Guard OCS, the candidates are commissioned second lieutenants. Photo: Maj. Christine Tebbetts

# Performing the complex choreography of a 9-line

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Robert Brown, 114th PAD

“Send a 9-line!!”

A 9-line, or call for medical evacuation, is the radio call no soldier wants to make, but all must be prepared for. The soldier who makes it performs the first step of a complex choreography, all of which is designed to save the lives and limbs of soldiers on the battlefield.

On April 14, a sunny and surprisingly warm day, elements of the 237th Military Police Company, the 169th Medevac Aviation Detachment, and Company C, 3/238th Aviation Medevac conducted joint medevac training at Fort Devens to be ready to perform their parts in the process. The units recently received orders to deploy to Afghanistan in 2013, so the training resonated with soldiers across the spectrum. Ever present was the real possibility of the aviators supporting the MPs during their tours in Afghanistan.

Staff Sgt. Ian Short of Newburyport, Mass., a flight medic with the 169th, directly linked the joint training with that very possibility.

“They (the 237th) are going to be one of the units we are likely covering. [It helps] to know they are actually going to be prepared for what we need [to do] when we are actually downrange ... so we can



A flight medic from the 169th Medevac Aviation Detachment directs a team of military policemen from the 237th MP Company on proper loading and carrying procedures during joint medevac training on April 14 at Fort Devens. The two units have received pre-mobilization orders for deployment to Afghanistan in 2013 and will possibly be operating in the same area.

get people to where they need to go, which is really higher-echelon medical care.”

The flight medics and crew members

provided intensive training to the military police soldiers of the 237th, familiarizing them with the Black Hawk helicopters. Next on the agenda was a series of classes designed to show them how to work as a litter team while following the crew’s lead to work safely around the aircraft.

The medevac training culminated with soldiers geared up and executing live 9-line radio reports, pulling perimeter security and loading dummy “patients” onto the running helicopter.

1st Lt. Jarryd Talbot of Manchester, 1st platoon leader in the 237th, pointed out the advantages of the joint training in the context of his unit’s recent orders to Afghanistan, noting that it removed, “the aspect of this being a new thing and then they (the soldiers) simply rely on their training.”

Sgt. Audra Vigliotte of Portsmouth, a team leader for 3rd squad, 3rd platoon, similarly observed that the first time to try these tasks should not be after deploying overseas, “when the choppers are rolling in.”

“Whenever you get an order that comes down, you definitely know you are training to use those skills in-country



Pvt. Ryan LeBlanc, a military policeman with the 237th MP Company, communicates his position as he provides security to his team during joint training with the 169th Medevac Aviation Detachment. The training, conducted on April 14 at Fort Devens, was part of their preparations for mobilization in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

that's going to directly impact how we act while in-country," Vigliotte said.

Short lent a unique perspective to the training. Prior to his assignment to the 169th Medevac, he served an active-duty tour with the 173rd Airborne Brigade as an infantryman stationed in Italy, with deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan.

"When we had somebody wounded, we felt if we could get them to the bird, they would be okay. And so it means a lot to me now to be a medevac and know that the people on the ground are counting on us providing them expert care," he said.

Short also pointed out the mutual benefits for both units, illustrating the value to the aircrews of guiding litter teams, refining their own load plans and the simple gain from teaching the skill to other soldiers.

"Teaching provides you a different angle, and I feel like I'm learning my tasks better as I'm teaching them to others. In having to articulate them so that others can understand, they really make a lot more sense in my head." ❖

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# Fazio earns Top Gun at state marksmanship match



Story and photos by Tech. Sgt. Mark Wyatt, 157th ARW PA

More than 70 members of the New Hampshire National Guard gathered at Fort Devens Aug. 18-19 to compete as the state's best during The Adjutant General's 2012 Combat Marksmanship Match.

Competing against one another, airmen and soldiers vied for coveted slots

on the N.H. Combat Squad, which will compete at the New England Warrior Challenge and The National Guard Marksmanship Advisory Council Region 1 Competition in September.

Although participants were competitive, the real goal of the shootout was to

provide valuable training that could mean the difference between life and death while deployed.

"Specifically, as the Air National Guard forward deploys more often and in a more joint environment, training on this range in this environment is much more realistic than at the combat arms training and maintenance range," said Chief Master Sgt. Matthew Collier, N.H. state command chief. "The opportunity to train here with our Army brethren and glean many of their tactics and experiences is invaluable to our airmen."

That sentiment was shared by an Army lieutenant colonel contending in this year's competition.

"The point of this competition is to build camaraderie and improve marksmanship skills. A unit generally brings a four-man team to compete individually and collectively," said Army Lt. Col. David Mikolaities, commander, 54th Troop Command. "It's both an invaluable and perishable soldier skill that is crucial in today's high ops tempo."

Retired Sgt. 1st Class Jon Worrall, who has volunteered at this event for several years, gives his time because he believes this training can directly result in combat survival.



Air Force Staff Sgt. Chris Gray, 157th Maintenance Squadron, checks the scores of another competitor during The Adjutant General's 2012 Combat Marksmanship Match at Fort Devens Aug. 19. More than 70 members of the New Hampshire National Guard competed in the annual event with winners moving on to the New England Warrior Challenge, The National Guard Marksmanship Advisory Council Region 1 Regional Competition in September.



A soldier fires his M-4 during The Adjutant General's 2012 Combat Marksmanship Match at Fort Devens Aug. 19. More than 70 members of the New Hampshire National Guard competed in the annual event with winners moving on to the New England Warrior Challenge, The National Guard Marksmanship Advisory Council Region 1 Regional Competition in September.

“This competition could ultimately save some airman or soldier’s life,” said Worrall, a veteran of the Iraq war who was medically retired from the N.H. National Guard after being struck by an individual explosive device and who now volunteers to help train Guard members.

While impressed with participation, Collier would encourage more to get involved in this event next year.

“More than just competitors gaining valuable skills here during this event, they’re going back to their units and sharing that information with other airmen and soldiers,” said Collier. “That’s why this is such an important event that we should be supporting more.”

The weekend’s top performers for combat rifle, combat pistol and overall top gun scores were as follows:

High scores for top gun, overall individual: 1st Lt. Mark Fazio, NHNG, with a score of 475; Sgt. David Whitcher, NHNG, 461; and Command Sgt. Major Jason Speltz, NHNG, 429.

High score for top combat pistol: 1st Lt. Mark Fazio, NHNG, 175.

High score for top combat rifle: Sgt. 1st Class James Austin, NHNG, 130.

High score for top team: “Don’t Call 911,” Lt. Col. David Mikolaities, NHNG; Maj. Brian Fernandes, NHNG; 1st Lt. Mark Fazio, NHNG; Command Sgt. Major Jason Speltz, NHNG, with a team score of 1,572.



Airman 1st Class Don Boyer, 157th Maintenance Squadron, shoots the M-9 pistol during The Adjutant General’s 2012 Combat Marksmanship Match at Fort Devens Aug. 19.



Winners of the Top Team Award at The Adjutant General’s 2012 Combat Marksmanship Match are, from left to right, Command Sgt. Maj. Jason Speltz, 1st Lt. Mark Fazio, Maj. Brian Fernandes and Lt. Col. David Mikolaities, all of 54th Troop Command.

For more information on the New Hampshire National Guard Combat Marksmanship Competition, contact your service representative: Air National

Guard, Master Sgt. Brian Dulin at [Brian.Dulin@ang.af.mil](mailto:Brian.Dulin@ang.af.mil); Army National Guard, Capt. Allen Corey at [allen.corey@us.army.mil](mailto:allen.corey@us.army.mil). ❖

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# Alvarez saves life during endurance race

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Wyatt, 157 ARW PA

When Senior Airman Angel Alvarez ran a 10-mile Tough Mudder race July 14 in Stowe, Vt., it was a chance to demonstrate his physical skills. What he didn't realize was it would also be an opportunity to use his medical skills, as well.

He was about three miles into his race when Alvarez, a 157th Civil Engineering Squadron firefighter who also is an emergency medical technician and firefighter in his civilian job, had an opportunity to use other skills that reunited a father with his daughter.

After stopping for a water break in humid 90-degree weather, Alvarez began hearing friends yelling his name. What happened next, Alvarez attributes to training he received as a member of the New Hampshire Air National Guard.

"My teammates were yelling my name because they knew I was a paramedic and trained in these high-stress situations," said Alvarez. "I sprinted toward a man who was down and unconscious and, I soon discovered, had no pulse."

The man, estimated to be in his mid to late thirties, had collapsed due to a suspected heat stroke.

"I performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation on the gentlemen while an off-duty EMT who had reached him seconds before performed mouth-to-mouth," Alvarez said. "We continued CPR for about six minutes before a tournament

EMT arrived on scene. They didn't have an automated external defibrillator or oxygen with them so I told them we needed one right away."

With a large crowd growing, the man's friend was yelling over Alvarez's shoulder to "please help him" as well as repeating a girl's name over and over saying, "He can't leave her."

"I was so focused on my training," continued Alvarez. "It was like I had tunnel vision. There were so many people around me talking. I just focused them out like they weren't even there."

Assuming the man had a young daughter at home, Alvarez stayed motivated to make sure a little girl didn't lose her father.

"My training with the Air National Guard helped me stay calm and really take control of the situation and exercise leadership," said Alvarez. "As a new firefighter and EMT in Nashua, I'm not put in many opportunities to lead. I defer to my lieutenant and other firefighters who have much more experience than I. However, in the Guard and as a senior airman, I have an opportunity to lead junior members. I believe that experience contributed largely to my reaction."

Finally, at about the eight-minute point, a tiring Alvarez finally got the AED and oxygen from an arriving EMT.

"When a tournament paramedic arrived on scene with the AED, we were able to revive him and bring him back,"



Senior Airman Angel Alvarez

Alvarez said. "His eyes opened, and he was moaning. We asked him if he knew where he was – which he did – and if he knew what happened – which he didn't."

As a Nashua EMT, Alvarez has responded to four individuals in similar situations and has been unable to save each.

"It's strange that I have my first save at a place I wasn't even expecting to be in that situation," said Alvarez. "It all started at Pease. My senior leaders have made sure I'm trained and prepared for these situations."

Although he doesn't think what he did was that extraordinary, he contends anyone in his situation would have done the same thing.

"I guess you would say I was just in the right place at the right time," he said. "I'm sure anyone in my shoes would have done the same thing." ♦



Military youth from across New England participate in Operation Military Kids, a camp created to engage children of military families in a series of fun activities, on Aug. 15. Hosted at Copper Cannon Camp in Bethlehem and organized by the 4-H Youth Development program and the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension, the young people spent three days participating in a variety of activities, team building exercises and personal skill-building workshops designed to help youth face the unique challenges of life as part of a military family. Assisted by the New Hampshire National Guard's Counterdrug Task Force and the NHNG Family Program, the activities were part of a series of camps hosted by UNH Cooperative Extension and were funded in part by a federal grant intended to address the ongoing needs of our nation's military families. Photo: Sgt. Rick Frost



Members from the New Hampshire National Guard Family Program and the NHNG Counterdrug Task Force compete against military youth in a game of "capture the flag" during Operation Military Kids Camp at Copper Cannon in Bethlehem on Aug. 15. This camp is one of many that provide activities for military youth across New England and to help instill necessary personal qualities for youth to face life as a military child. The camp was coordinated in partnership with the New Hampshire National Guard's Counterdrug Task Force, the NHNG Family Program, the 4-H Youth Development Program and the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension, utilizing a federal grant intended to fund programs such as this. Photo: Sgt. Rick Frost

# Payette reflects on White House experience

Story and photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Wyatt  
157th ARW PA

A New Hampshire Air National Guard civil engineer and University of New Hampshire graduate recently completed a White House internship in the Office of Public Engagement and Intergovernmental Affairs.

Senior Airman Brooks Payette was given the opportunity to attend the Truman Summer Institute after being selected as a Truman Scholar last year. The prestigious award also provides \$30,000 for a graduate education program.

“As a White House intern, I helped with scheduling rooms, assisting at events to ensure they go smoothly and that those attending events at the White House have a pleasant experience,” said Payette. “I also worked with our veterans and military families outreach liaison.”

While every day presented Payette with new challenges, it was clear what his favorite part of the job entailed.

“Helping out the White House tours with the wounded warriors was by far my favorite part of this experience,” Payette said. “Their service to this country is



Senior Airman Brooks Payette poses July 10 in the White House bowling alley during a break from his White House internship. Payette recently completed the internship in the Office of Public Engagement and Intergovernmental Affairs.

unrivaled. Additionally, their positive attitude and smiles as we toured the White House was inspiring and infectious.”

Payette said he was impressed to be working in the White House with the rich history behind it. “I have always been fascinated with presidential history and

the White House in general. Walking through the many parts of the White House was quite the experience the first time. It is truly an honor, but after a time you are running around so much you have little time to even realize where you are.”

Payette had the opportunity to be at an event that hosted distinguished visitors as part of the Truman Summer Institute.

“I got to meet Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright,” Payette said. “We also had an event with former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean on the day of the Affordable Care Act Supreme Court decision. I reminisced with him about a sit-down interview I conducted with Gov. Dean in 2003 for the Berlin Sun when he was running for president.”

“The amount of time, energy and effort that people put into this administration for the benefit of the public [is impressive],” he said. “The leadership, staffers and interns are all great people, and I am honored to say I served President Obama in both a civilian and military capacity.”

Payette was competitively selected as one of 60 recipients who were awarded the scholarship last year. He was the second UNH student to receive funding from the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation as a memorial to the 33rd president.

The Scholarship is awarded annually to college juniors with exceptional leadership potential who are committed to careers in government, nonprofit or advocacy sectors, education or elsewhere in public service.

The competitive selection process requires a strong record of public service, as well as a policy proposal that addresses a particular issue in society. Payette’s proposal, addressed to the U.S. Department of Education, urges an increase of physical fitness activities in schools to address and combat childhood obesity.

It was his interest in this that made the most significant impact on Payette this summer, the opportunity to speak to the childhood obesity problem’s most famous advocate, Michelle Obama.

“The biggest honor was meeting the first lady, getting a fashion shout-out from her and asking about her ‘Let’s Move’ initiative,” said Payette. “Its mission is to help alleviate the childhood obesity epidemic in America within one generation.”

After completing further education, the Berlin native plans to work in the area of public service aimed at addressing childhood obesity through public policy or the nonprofit sector. ❖

A recruitment poster for the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). The background is a close-up of a hand in a sandal on sand. At the top, a black banner reads "YOU'VE EARNED IT" in white. Below it, text reads "IT'S NOT THE PRICE YOU PAY TO BE A MEMBER... IT'S THE PRICE YOU PAID TO BE ELIGIBLE." In the center, four military medals with ribbons are displayed. At the bottom, the VFW logo is shown in red, with "VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS" underneath. At the very bottom, it says "FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: WWW.VFW.ORG/JOIN/ OR CALL 1-888-JOIN-VFW".



*Cathy Mcleod, an ICU nurse at Concord Hospital, controls the vital signs of a programmable manikin during a joint medical exercise at the Army Aviation Support Facility in Concord on Aug. 5. Sgt. Peter Davis, a flight medic with the 1/169th MEDEVAC Co., evaluates vital signs with the assistance of Dr. Christopher Fore, an ER physician at Concord Hospital. Photo: Staff Sgt. Brian Gordon, 114th PAD*



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