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Medical company conducts tactical field care training



U.S. Army National Guard photos by Sgt. 1st Class Cassidy L. Snyder, Illinois National Guard Public Affairs

Soldiers with the 708th Medical Company in North Riverside, Illinois, conducted tactical field care, care under fire and evacuation carry procedures at the Medical Simulation Training Center on Fort McCoy, Wisconsin, June 6. The Army health care specialists quickly assessed simulated casualties of an ambushed quick reaction force team and prepared for a helicopter evacuation. Soldiers with the 710th Area Support Medical Company's ambulance platoon were also in the training.

Soldiers look forward to becoming cooks



U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Aleah M. Castrejon, Illinois National Guard Public Affairs

Spc. Victoria Cain of Chicago, 108th Sustainment Brigade, learns baking techniques during the 92G military cook school at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield, Illinois, June 6.

Illinois honors fallen

By Staff Sgt. Amanda Nall
139th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – Brig. Gen. Daniel Krumrei, Illinois National Guard Adjutant General, laid a wreath in remembrance of servicemembers who gave their lives in combat during a remembrance ceremony at the Illinois State Military Museum at Camp Lincoln in Springfield, Ill., May 3.

The annual Illinois National Guard Fallen Heroes Ceremony honored 33 Illinois Army National Guard Soldiers and one Illinois Air National Guard Airman killed during combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan since Sept. 11.

The mood was somber as the ceremony began with a moment of silence and a prayer for the fallen heroes. With heavy hearts, Guardsmen and family members paid their respects.

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183rd FW modernizes



U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Shaun Kerr, 183rd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Brig. Gen. Daniel Krumrei, Illinois National Guard Adjutant General, is joined by (left) Lt. Gov. Sheila Simon, (right) Senator Richard Durbin, Congressman Aaron Schock, Congressman Rodney Davis, and Col. Ron Paul, 183rd Fighter Wing commander, for a ribbon cutting ceremony at the 183rd in Springfield, Illinois, May 2.

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The Premier State Joint Force within the National Guard

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The Illinois National Guard is a Joint Team of Citizen Soldiers and Airmen Ready to Help our Neighbors, Protect our State and Defend our Nation.

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Personal -- Professional
Organizational -- Ready
Responsive -- Accountable
Resilient -- Relevant



Illinois Guardsmen compete in Region IV Best Warrior competition

By Staff Sgt. Aleah M. Castrejon
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SPRINGFIELD, III. – Two Illinois National Guard members began their week by participating in the Region IV Best Warrior competition May 12 through 16 at Camp Ripley in Minnesota. The Soldiers competed against 14 individuals from other states, testing the competitor's physical and mental strength as an all-around Soldier.

Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Tallman of Rockton, Illinois, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 33rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion and Spc. Jacob Bultmann of Peoria, Illinois, Company B, 33rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, were both first time regional competitors.

The competitors were accompanied by a sponsor who quizzed the Soldiers and created scenarios to prepare them. The sponsor is generally a higher-ranking noncommissioned officer (NCO) with experience in the competition. Sponsors also support and help with any issues throughout the competition.

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First time Region IV Best Warrior competitors, (left) Spc. Jacob Bultmann of Peoria, Illinois, Company B, 33rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, and (right) Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Tallman of Rockton, Illinois, Headquarters Company, 33rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, move as a team through a mock town May 14 at Camp Ripley in Minnesota.

126th ARW receives award

126th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

SCOTT AFB, III. – The Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (AFOUA) has been awarded to an Illinois Air National Guard unit at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois.

The 126th Air Refueling Wing is receiving its sixth AFOUA citation, covering the period of Oct. 1, 2011 through Sept. 30, 2013.

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Calling all creative minds!

The Suicide Prevention Office has announced a t-shirt design contest.

[Click here for rules and information](#)

Illinois Soldiers recognized at marksmanship competition

By Staff Sgt. Aleah M. Castrejon
Illinois National Guard Public Affairs

SPRINGFIELD, III. – Brig. Gen. Daniel Krumrei, the Illinois National Guard Adjutant General presented awards at the 43rd annual Winston P. Wilson (WPW) competition at Camp Robinson in Little Rock, Ark., May 8.

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Competitors Wanted!

2014 Adjutant General's Match
Aug. 7-10 in Marseilles

[Click here for official match program](#)

PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD

- Guard sponsors Warrior Dash
- Soldiers participate in Chicago Memorial Day parade
- ILNG, NFL host high school athletes at leadership event
- Illinois Soldiers participate in multinational exercise in Germany
- Chicago Bears, Illinois Guard host NFL 7-on-7 championship
- Illinois National Guard recruits lend hand for Earth Day
- Illinois leaders attend Total Force Army Workshop
- 108th conducts MOUT training

Lincoln's Challenge breaks ground, graduates class



U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Sarah Pherrigo, 183rd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Brig. Gen. Daniel Krumrei, the Adjutant General, along with Gov. Pat Quinn broke ground on a major construction project to modernize the Lincoln's Challenge Academy campus in Rantoul, May 24.

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U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Rudolph Deiss, 182nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Lincoln's Challenge Academy held a graduation ceremony for approximately 260 cadets from Class 42-14 at Rantoul Township High School in Rantoul, Illinois, June 14.

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Company A, 405th Brigade Support Battalion in Streator, Illinois trained for future operations at Camp Atterbury, Indiana
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Illinois National Guard demonstrates collaborative partnerships geared toward assisting sexual assault victims

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126th civil engineers provide service to community

By Senior Airman Brian Earll
126th Civil Engineer Squadron

CAMP HINDS, Maine – The 126th Civil Engineer Squadron (CES) recently returned from a training mission to Camp Hinds in Raymond, Maine.

The 300 acre Boys Scouts of America (BSA) camp, maintained by the local Pine Tree Council, provides mentorship and service to hundreds of young men who attend every single year.

The 126 CES took part in the Department of Defense's Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) program. The program brings all facets of DOD together to provide necessary training while providing a service to local communities.

While at Camp Hinds they constructed an expeditionary encampment for future Marine and Army Reserve units, as well as other Guard units.



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Tech. Sgt. Andrew Sink and Staff Sgt. Gary Boicourt, members of the 126th Civil Engineer Squadron, cut boards for the washer and dryer assembly at Camp

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Military police company receives reaction force training

By Staff Sgt. Aleah M. Castrejon
Illinois National Guard Public Affairs

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – Soldiers from the 233rd Military Police (MP) Company in Springfield, Ill., received National Guard Reaction Force (NGRF) training at Camp Lincoln in Springfield, Ill., April 24. Soldiers were trained on proper techniques of deploying a taser, which included a real-life demonstration. The training also required Soldiers to subdue their opponent after being sprayed with Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray.

"The Soldiers accomplished non-lethal weapons training in support of the NGRF mission," said Chief Warrant Officer 3 John Chepulis.

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Staff Sgt. James Kollins sprays Oleoresin Capsicum on Staff Sgt. Joshua Crawford at Camp Lincoln in Springfield, Illinois, during National Guard Reaction Force training April 24.

BEST A12 returns home



U.S. Army National Guard photo by Capt. April Hawes, Illinois National Guard Public Affairs

Approximately 20 Soldiers with the Bilateral Embedded Staff Team (BEST) A12 stand in formation after returning home from Afghanistan May 9 to the Bloomington Armory.

Illinois teams with employers

By Spc. Ian Withrow
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PEORIA, Ill. – Members of the Hero2Hired (H2H) program, a Department of Defense initiative aimed at helping unemployed veterans find jobs, teamed up with Goodwill's Veteran Services program to host a job fair at the Goodwill Commons building in Peoria, Illinois, June 5.

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Air National Guard Band of the Midwest kicks off summer tour

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Hanging up their boots after 20+ years of service

- **Col. Richard Nyalka**
126th Air Refueling Wing
- **Lt. Col. James Murtha**
183rd Fighter Wing
- **Lt. Col. Frederick Schilb**
183rd Fighter Wing
- **Maj. George Mell**
126th Air Refueling Wing
- **Chief Master Sgt. Larry Gilmore**
182nd Airlift Wing
- **Sgt. Maj. Yvette Lopez**
108th Medical Battalion
- **Senior Master Sgt. Robert Jones Jr.**
182nd Airlift Wing
- **Master Sgt. Jerry Kraemer Jr.**
HHC, 404th Manuever Enhancement Brigade
- **Master Sgt. Jon Ledermann**
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- **Master Sgt. Scott Todd**
244th Digital Liaison Detachment
- **Master Sgt. Christopher Brown**
183rd Fighter Wing
- **Master Sgt. John Hemberger**
183rd Fighter Wing
- **Master Sgt. Glenn Rawlins**
126th Air Refueling Wing
- **Sgt. 1st Class Luis Rivera Jr.**
108th Sustainmnet Brigade
- **Sgt. 1st Class Andrew Salemi**
Joint Force Headquarters
- **Master Sgt. Steven Schneider**
182nd Airlift Wing
- **Master Sgt. Jay Seymoure**
183rd Fighter Wing
- **Master Sgt. David Winkelman**
183rd Fighter Wing
- **Sgt. 1st Class Lisa White**
Recruiting and Retention Battalion
- **Master Sgt. Brian Wyatt**
183rd Fighter Wing
- **Tech Sgt. Steven Freundt**
182nd Airlift Wing
- **Staff Sgt. Jason Johnston**
Company B, 935th Aviation Support Battalion
- **Tech. Sgt. Brenda Stewart**
182nd Airlift Wing
- **Tech. Sgt. Anthony Wagner**
182nd Airlift Wing
- **Staff Sgt. Robert O'Quinn**
126th Air Refueling Wing
- **Senior Airman Craig Johnson**
126th Air Refueling Wing

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