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<http://www.me.ngb.army.mil/retiree.htm>

We are continuing to update our mailing list to include all MEARNG retirees. **If you know any retiree(s) who are not receiving the newsletter, please send their name and address to a member of the Retiree Council or e-mail us.**

Please advise us of mailing address changes . If you do not wish to continue receiving the newsletter, contact a council member.

COMMENTARY This is the thirty- fourth Retiree Newsletter, normally published in Apr, Aug and Dec. Our purpose is to keep you informed and provides you a continuing sense of belonging to the Guard after retirement. We hope the newsletter helps accomplish that purpose.

Information is furnished through various sources, and is only made available in this newsletter for your information. Information and comments contained in this newsletter is intended solely for the personal interest of the recipient and should not be considered as an endorsement. If you have an item you would like considered for publication, please send it to the MEARNG Retiree Council, Camp Keyes, Augusta, ME 04333

NOTE:

This newsletter and all previous issues of the newsletters can be found on the following web site: this is a new change for retiree page

Continuation of Newsletter The Retiree Council has decided to **continue the Retiree Newsletter to spouses of deceased retirees** when the spouse requests it. Many items in the newsletter may prove valuable to the surviving spouse.

New Members: Membership is open to retirees of all ranks and gender from all parts of Maine. If you or a retiree you know are interested, please contact a Council member. Retired NCOs should consider getting involved to have their concerns surfaced and to demonstrate they are still an active member in military affairs.

****RETIREMENT BENEFITS AND** ****SERVICES****

Veterans and next of kin may now obtain a copy of the DD-214 on line at <http://www.vetrecs.archives.gov> POC is Lyn Krout at 410-306-1755.

Important TRDP Benefit Information for Guard/Reserve Pre-Retirees and Retirees

National Guard and Reserve personnel who elect to enroll in the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) within 120 days after retirement are eligible to skip the 12-month waiting period normally required for certain TRDP benefits (such as crowns, bridges, and braces). All new enrollees seeking to obtain the waiver should submit a copy of their retirement orders along with their enrollment application.

It is important to note that as with all new retirees, the 120-day period during which a “gray area” retired Reservist or Guard member can enroll in the TRDP to qualify for the 12-month waiting period waiver begins with his/her retirement effective date, **not the date he/she reaches age 60.**

Eligible retirees and their family members can find answers to their questions about the program as well as enroll using Delta Dental’s dedicated TRDP web site at www.trdp.org or by calling the toll-free number at (888) 838-8737.

The Army has expanded to retired Soldiers eligibility for the \$1,000 recruiting referral bonus. This newest recruiting incentive pays retired Soldiers a \$1,000 lump sum for referring applicants who enlist, complete basic training, and graduate individual advanced training. Certain rules apply. The referral may not be an immediate family member and the Retired Soldier referring may not be serving in a recruiting or

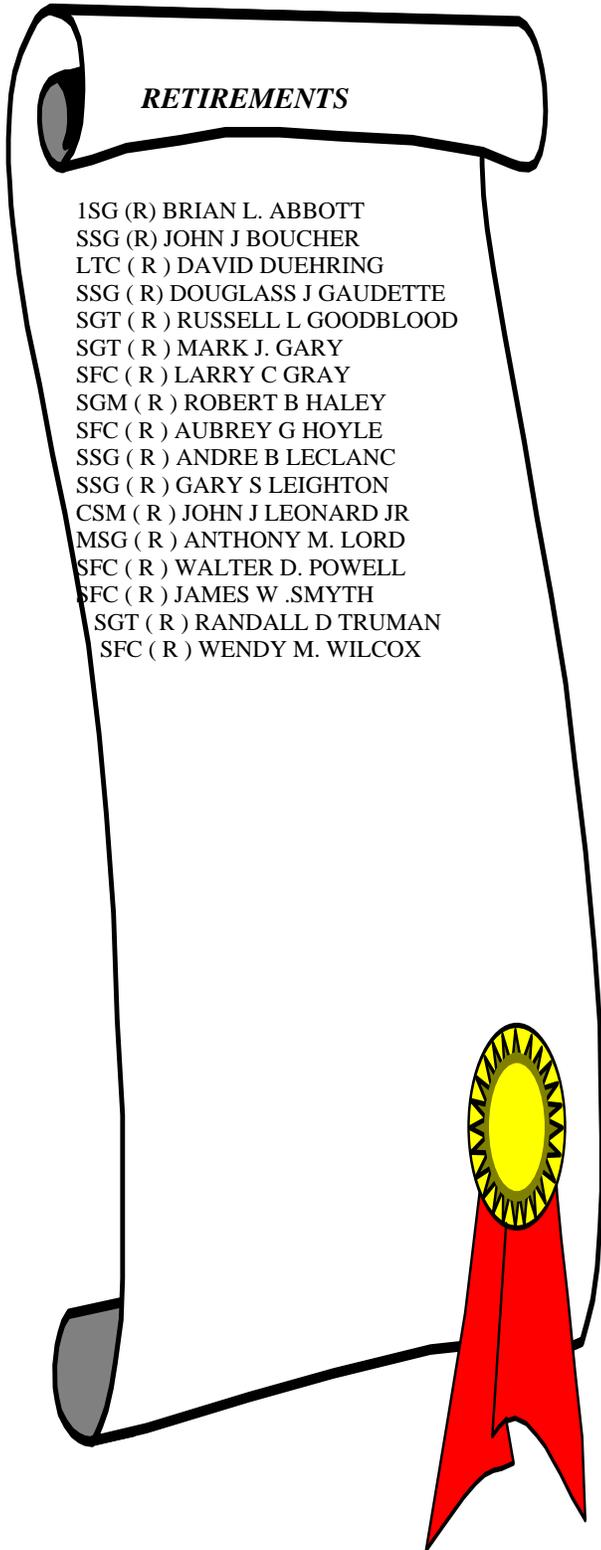
retention assignment or as a Junior ROTC instructor. For more information about this pilot incentive program, retirees should call

1-800-223-3735 extension 6-0473, visit

<http://www.usarec.army.mil/smart> or contact their local Retiree Services Office. For referrals to the Army National Guard referring retirees should call 1-800-GOGUARD (1-800-464-8273) or go to <http://www.1800goguard.com/esar>.

WANT TO EARN AN EXTRA \$2,000, \$4,000 OR MORE?? LEARN ABOUT G-RAP The Guard Recruiting Assistance Program. Who qualifies? Any traditional M-Day soldier and now RETIREES. See bulletin in this issue for more info. Interested retirees should contact Major Gilman at (207) 626-4323 or lance.gilman@us.army.mil Major Gilman will set up and informational briefing, questions and answer session and assist you in signing up if you so desire to be a recruiting assistant.

****TRANSITIONS****



RETIREMENTS

- 1SG (R) BRIAN L. ABBOTT
- SSG (R) JOHN J BOUCHER
- LTC (R) DAVID DUEHRING
- SSG (R) DOUGLASS J GAUDETTE
- SGT (R) RUSSELL L GOODBLOOD
- SGT (R) MARK J. GARY
- SFC (R) LARRY C GRAY
- SGM (R) ROBERT B HALEY
- SFC (R) AUBREY G HOYLE
- SSG (R) ANDRE B LECLANC
- SSG (R) GARY S LEIGHTON
- CSM (R) JOHN J LEONARD JR
- MSG (R) ANTHONY M. LORD
- SFC (R) WALTER D. POWELL
- SFC (R) JAMES W .SMYTH
- SGT (R) RANDALL D TRUMAN
- SFC (R) WENDY M. WILCOX

*(**Any names that are not on this list, was not done intentionally, please advise.)*



TAPS

- LTC (RET) WANDA M CARMICHAEL
- SSG (RET) ANTHONY H. "TONY"
CHAVARIE
- COL (RET) EUGENE HART
- 1ST (RET)ROLAND A. LaCOURSE
- CPT (RET) WALDO E. PRAY
- SFC (RET) Earl "UKIE" L.RODGERS
- MSG(RET) RALPH E. McINNIS

It is suggested that the Headquarters at Camp Keyes, Augusta, Maine be made aware of a deceased retiree. Upon receiving notification, word will be disseminated to Staff and Units of the Maine Army National Guard. This will enable any active guard member who may have served with the retiree to pay their condolences. Person to call is the Directorate of Personnel at 207-626-4536



We will never forget

Volunteers welcome in helping to conduct Military Funeral Honors

The POC is:
Mr. Frank R. Norwood, MSG (Ret)
Military Funeral Honors Coordinator
1-800-958-5967
207-626-7822

Maine Military Funeral Honor Program

Since October 2004, the Maine Military Funeral Honor Program has performed 1619 Military Funerals. According to the Maine Veteran's Administration, Maine will lose 3800 Veterans (all branches) per year through the year 2010 with an estimated one third being Army Veterans. Retirees are welcome to participate in providing Military Funeral Honors (MFH) for Maine's Army Veterans. The rendering of Military Funeral Honors is a way to show our Nation's deep gratitude to those who, in times of war and peace, have faithfully defended our country. Funds are available to compensate certain categories of retirees and buglers. Retirees, in class A uniform will receive a per day stipend, (whether training or performing MFH). To perform MFH you will need to train with the current members of the MFH team. This could be training in a class room environment or actually watching funerals in progress. **I will not put you on the spot.** You will not be asked to present a flag to a next of kin until you are comfortable with the various tasks required of a MFH provider.

MISCELLANEOUS

WEB SITES YOU NEED TO HAVE

FOR INFO ON MEARNNG RETIREES TO INCLUDE NEWSLETTERS go TO:
www.me.ngb.army.mil/retire/retiree.htm

For National Guard Association of Maine "NGAME go to: <http://www.ngame.us/>

For Maine Army National Guard go to: <http://www.me.ngb.army.mil/default.htm>

For Maine National Guard Family Assistance go to: <http://www.me.ngb.army.mil/family/default.htm>

****UPCOMING EVENTS****

MeARNG Retiree Council Meeting Dates for 2007:

The Council meets on Tuesdays at 0900 in the TAG conference room, Camp Keyes, Augusta. Any retiree or non-retiree is welcome to attend.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>
February 13 2007	Tuesday
April 10 2007	Tuesday
June 12 2007	Tuesday
August 14 2007	Tuesday
October 16 2007	Tuesday
December 11 2007	Tuesday

All meetings at 0900 hours – TAG conference room
 Al White, Chairman

Maine Army Retiree Council Meetings – Calendar Year 2007:

(Not to be confused with the MEARNNG Retiree Council. This council is for all branches of service in Maine).

The Maine Army Retiree Council conducts meetings, at various times, which imparts information of interest to all military retirees. Retirees of all military services, and their spouses, are invited and encouraged to attend. Scheduled meetings for 2007 are as follows:

- 06 Apr 07, 1930 hrs, Air National Guard Base, 514 Mainiac Ave., Bangor, Me 04401
- 08 Jun 07, 1930 hrs, Post #31 American Legion Post, Washington St., Auburn, Me 04210
- 09 Aug 07, 1930 hrs, Maine Veterans Home, Scarborough, Me 04074
- 12 Oct 07, 1930 hrs, Post #40, American Legion Post, W6nthrop, Me 04364

For additional information relative to these meetings, contact either of the following individuals:

- CSM Edward L. Davis, AUS (Ret) (207) 469-7918, PO Box 50, East Orland, Me 04431
- CSM Estol R. "Mac" McClintock, USA (Ret), (207) 683-6121, 59 Huff Corner road, Wellington, Me 04942-8709
- SFC Harold L. Ware, AUS (Ret) (207) 642-2757, 110 Fort hill Road, Standish, Me 04084

Maine Military Historical Society Board of Directors and annual meeting dates:

The Society is looking for additional board members. If you are interested contact the Society president Dwaine Drummond at 626-4220.

Meeting dates are as follows 10 Jan, 14 Mar, 09 May, 18 July, and 14 November. Annual meeting of the Society is scheduled for 26 October 2007 Board meetings are held in the TAG conference room Camp Keyes at 1800 hours

****FOR YOUR INFORMATION****

Look for a world war 11 liberty ship to visit Portland August 16-22. Featuring 6 hour cruises, tours of 4 museums on board and much more! Stay tuned!

MILITARY TRAVEL BOOKS

Did you know that military organizations provide a wide array of reasonable RV, camping, lodging and recreational areas for active, guard/reserve and retirees .Military Living publishes three great books. a. Military RV, Camping and Outdoor Recreation b. Temporary Military Lodging (around the world) and c. United States Military Road Atlas.

All of these publications can be purchased at BX and PX facilities

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TUE-FRI 1000-1900

SAT 0900-1800

SUN 1100-1800

BANGOR AIR GUARD BASE

0900-1800 Tue-Sat

Closed Sun and Mon

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Monday-Friday 1000-1900

Saturday 0900-1800

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FAMILY ASSISTANCE CENTER VOLUNTEER FACT SHEET. SEE PAGE 9 also SEE PAGE 14 DEPLOYMENT 90+ OF OUR OWN!

Please if you have time and skills listed, and we all do GET ON THE LIST TO LEND A HAND IF NEEDED.

retiree E-Mail Addresses**



Listed below are e-mail addresses of some of our retirees. This is a way of keeping in touch, providing upcoming events and news of interest between regular issues of the newsletters. If you would like to have your e-mail address included in this list, contact al white at albertwhite@suscom-maine.net

If you change your e-mail address you will need to provide me with the change. An incorrect e-mail address can affect my distribution group for sending out e-mails. One bad address can affect the entire group. This is also a way of keeping you informed of deaths, legislative issues, family support, etc.

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Correct Mailing Address

HELP!!!!

It is imperative that we have your correct mailing address in order for you to receive your newsletter.

Please provide your correct mailing address by contacting a member of the Retiree Council or mailing it to:

Dept. of Def., Vet. & Emerg. Mgmt.
 33 State House Station
 ATTN: CWO C. Kroot
 Augusta, Maine 04333-0033

We are now up to 1,454 members str

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MILITARY RETIREES

GRAY AREA RETIREES

AND DEPENDENTS



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HERE'S WHAT'S AVAILABLE



LEGAL ASSISTANCE, HEALTH CARE INFORMATION,
SURVIVOR BENEFITS, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES,
COMMISSARIES, EXCHANGES,
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
VETERANS CEMETERIES, VETERANS HOMES,
DEERS/ID CARD RENEWALS, AND MUCH MORE.



COME AND JOIN US

SATURDAY AUGUST 25, 2007

The New Hampshire National Guard Army Aviation Support Facility
at 26 Regional Drive, Concord New Hampshire

All activities will be indoors

Photo identification card required for driver, military or drivers license

Directions:

From the East & South: Route I-93 to Exit 13 (Route 3). Take Route 3 South toward Pembroke. Left at first light over bridge onto Old Turnpike Rd. which turns into Regional Dr. Look for military helicopter on a pole on the right.

From the West & North: Routes 4 & 202 (to Concord) joins I-393. Take exit 3 off I-393 onto Route 106 South. After Target Store, take a right onto Regional Drive. Look for military helicopter on a pole on the left.



0800-0900 REGISTRATION
0900-0945 OPENING CEREMONY
0945-1400 EXIBITOR DISPLAYS OPEN



For More Information Contact: Col. (Ret.) Frank Musmanno at 603-495-3042 or muzzy@gsinet.net

RETIREE NEWSLETTER

What to do to try to keep the commissary associated with Brunswick Naval Air Station **OPEN** when the Air Station closes. I have been told to write to your Senators, and Congressman frequently requesting their assistance to keep it open.

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Family Assistance Center Volunteer Fact Sheet

Address:
State Family Assistance Center
State Armory
179 Western Avenue
Augusta, Maine 04330-0033

Wanted: Volunteers to assist families of deployed soldiers. All of us have interests/skills we are good at and want to share with others. If you want to help our soldier's families please take a minute and complete this form. With winter fast approaching the FAC would appreciate your offer to support our families in need.

Volunteer Information:

The Family Assistance Center Closest To You

Name: _____

____Augusta

Address: _____

____Portland

____Bangor

Phone: Home: _____

____Caribou

Work: _____

Cell: _____

____Statewide

Organization If Applicable: _____

Skills/Interests to share:

____ Clerical

____ Notary Public

____ Yard Work

____ Electrician

____ Plumber

____ Gen Home Maint/Repair

____ Carpentry

____ Wood Splitting

____ Auto Maintenance

____ Heating/Furnace Issues

____ Run Errands

____ Provide Transportation

____ Make Phone Calls

____ Babysitting/Childcare

____ Provide Refreshments

____ Make Phone Calls

____ Nurse/Med Tng

____ Plowing/Shoveling Snow

____ Lawyer or Legal help

____ Tax Help

____ Computer Skills

____ Support Events/Activities

____ Financial Planning

____ Crisis Comfort

____ Mentorship

____ Whatever Is Needed

Your Skills Not Listed:

Please Fax to 626-4512 ATTN: Kerry Birmingham

Army introduces new pin for retired Soldiers

The Army has created a new pin for retired Soldiers to emphasize your lifelong bond with the Army. The pin combines the Army logo with the word "retired" emblazoned above.

Why a new pin? The Army Chief of Staff's (CSA) Retiree Council recommended replacing the "Retired, Still Serving" lapel pin. The Council asked for a larger pin that could be recognized from afar, be worn on clothing other than a suit jacket, and that would show the continuing bond between the retired Soldier and the Army.

Will you get one? Over the next few months, a packet containing the new pin will be mailed to retired Soldiers. It will also include a letter from the CSA and the Sergeant Major of the Army, underlining the unending commitment between the Army and its retired Soldiers. Completing the packet will be news on the Army Strong theme and the recently increased recruiting referral bonus. It will be sent to the correspondence address on file at the Defense Finance and Accounting Service's Retired Pay Center.

The mailing will occur over four months so you may hear from retired Soldiers who receive the pin before you do. A goal is to have all pins in the mail by late spring. Be looking for your special mailing.



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WHAT CHANGES ARE IN STORE FOR UNITS IN THE MEARNNG?

The news is the MeARNNG is in transition as they move to the new AFRC in 2012. Starting this fall 52d TC becomes 120th RSG and moves. 240th EN GP becomes 52d TC and moves. 133d ECB becomes a Bn HQ's and 4 separate companies. Maine may get more MPs and a SAPPER company down the road

52d Troop Command (06)
Augusta Armory (Fall 07)

HQ 133d Engr Bn
Gardiner
Includes Survey/ Design

EN Fwd Spt Co
Westbrook

Vertical Co
Skowhegan- Lewiston

Horizontal Co
Stevens Ave-Belfast
Includes Asphalt Section

UA EN Spt C0 (-)
Caribou-Houlton- Ft Kent?

521st Trp Command (05)
AFRC, Bangor

Lt Infantry Co
Norway (Fall 07)

C/1-126 AV (Air Amb)
Bangor

Det C/3-142 AV (AIR ASLT)
Bangor

Det C/1-224 AV (S&S)
Bangor

195th Army Band
Bangor

Regional Spt Cmd (06)
Counter Drug
Waterville Armory (Fall 07)

CSS Bn (05)
AFRC , Bangor

1136th Trans Co
AFRC, Bangor-Sanford-Calais

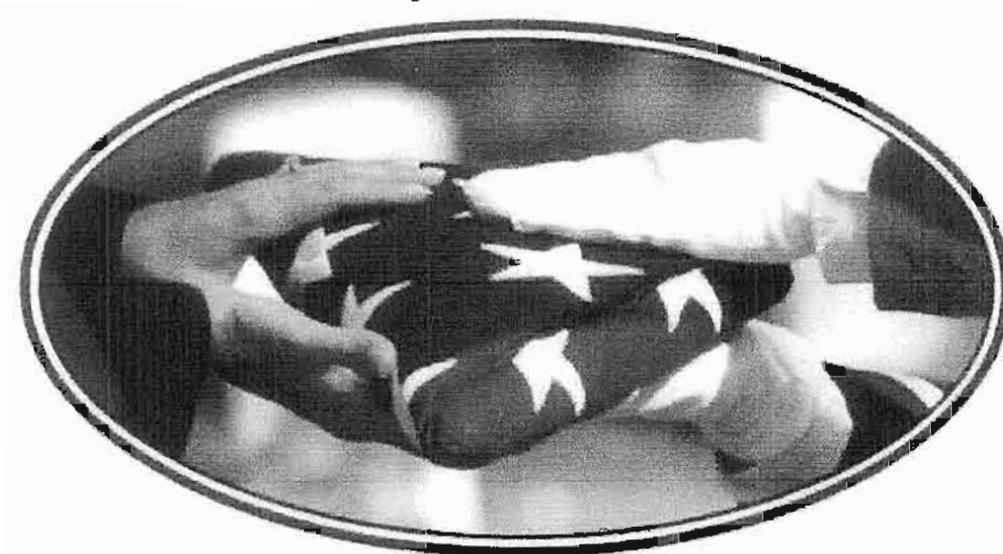
152d Component Rpr Co
Augusta-Bangor

Det 169th MP Co
Brewer (Fall 07)



VETERANS

As provided by law, ALL Veterans with an Honorable discharge from the United States Military (Active Duty, National Guard or Reserve) are ENTITLED to appropriate Military Funeral Honors.



If you have questions, please contact the Maine Military Funeral Honors Coordinator.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 16, 2007 – APRIL 22, 2007

MILITARY BUREAU

The following chart depicts Maine Army and Air National Guard units and personnel currently alerted, mobilized and deployed as well as the operation or mission they are supporting.

MAINE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD DEPLOYMENTS				
Individual/Unit	Mission	Personnel	Location	Status
133rd Engineer Battalion	Operation Iraqi Freedom	1	Camp Shelby, Mississippi w/28th Infantry Division	Re-Deploy
133rd Engineer Battalion	Multination Force & Observers (MFO) 50	1	Egypt	Deployed
133rd Engineer Battalion	Operation Iraqi Freedom	1	Home Station	Medical Hold
152d Maintenance Company	Operation Iraqi Freedom	1	Camp Victory, Iraq w/260th Military Intelligence Battalion	Deployed
152d Maintenance Company	Warrior Trainer	1	Fort Dix, New Jersey	Title 10
152d Maintenance Company	Operation Iraqi Freedom	4	Home Station	Medical Hold
240 th Engineer Group	Operation Enduring Freedom	79	Home Station	Transitional Leave
240 th Engineer Group	Operation Enduring Freedom	3	Camp Atterbury, Edinburg, Indiana	Medical Hold
286th Petroleum Supply Battalion	Warrior Trainer	1	Fort Dix, New Jersey	Title 10
286th Petroleum Supply Battalion	Operation Noble Eagle	1	Fort Irwin, California	Deployed
Company B, 3rd Battalion, 172nd Infantry (Mountain)	Operation Iraqi Freedom	1	Camp Shelby, Mississippi w/185th Infantry	Mobing
Company B, 3rd Battalion, 172nd Infantry (Mountain)	Warrior Trainer	1	Fort Knox, Kentucky	Title 10
Company B, 3rd Battalion, 172nd Infantry (Mountain)	Operation Iraqi Freedom	1	Kuwait	Deployed
Detachment 3, Medical Detachment	Community-Based Health-Care Organization (CBHCO)	2	Hanscom Air Force Base, Massachusetts	Deployed
Security Force I	Operation Iraqi Freedom	170	Home Station	Terminal Leave
Security Force II	Operation Iraqi Freedom	90	Iraq	Deployed
Total:		358		

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101 st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor	Air Expeditionary Force / Operation Iraqi Freedom	12	Iraq	Deployed
101 st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor	Air Expeditionary Force / Operation Enduring Freedom	12	Kuwait	Deployed
101 st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor	Other/ Operation Iraqi Freedom	1	Landstuhl, Germany	Deployed
101 st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor	Air Expeditionary Force / Operation Iraqi Freedom	1	Afghanistan	Deployed
101 st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor	Other / Air Reserve Component Volunteer	1	Hanscom Air Force Base, Massachusetts	Deployed
101 st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor	Other / Air Reserve Component Volunteer	1	Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, North Carolina	Deployed
101 st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor	Operation Jump Start	1	Las Cruces, New Mexico	Deployed
101 st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor	Other/Air Reserve Component Volunteer	1	Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina	Deployed
101 st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor	Operation Jump Start	5	Arizona	Deployed
101 st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor	Other/Air Reserve Component Volunteer	5	Alconbury, United Kingdom	Deployed
101 st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor	Air National Guard CAT Augmentation	1	Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland	Deployed
101 st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor	RAVEN	1	Germany	Deployed
101 st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor	Backfill	1	McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey	Deployed
101 st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor	Air Expeditionary Force / Operation Enduring Freedom	2	Eskan Village, Saudi Arabia	Deployed
101 st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor	Air Expeditionary Force / Operation Enduring Freedom	7	Al Dhafra, United Arab Emirates	Deployed
101 st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor	Air Expeditionary Force / Operation Enduring Freedom	1	Ramstein Air Base, Germany	Deployed
101 st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor	Other/Air Reserve Component Volunteer	3	Mildenhall, United Kingdom	Deployed
101 st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor	Operations Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom	170	Bangor International Airport, Maine	Activated - Home Station
243 rd EIS, South Portland	Other	1	Pease Air National Guard Base, New Hampshire	Deployed
Total:		227		

NATIONAL GUARD

RECRUITING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHAT IS G-RAP?

To maintain today's readiness and strength requirements while preparing for tomorrow's challenges, the **Guard Recruiting Assistance Program** promotes *strength from within* by recognizing and rewarding those who help the ARNG achieve its goals.

Goal: to establish a position of strength from which the Guard can achieve its accessions mission of 70,000 enlistments and meet the Guard end-strength goal of 350,000.

Guard Recruiting Assistants can earn additional income assisting ARNG recruiting efforts by identifying well-qualified men and women for service in the ARNG. RAs earn **\$2,000** for each new recruit who enlists and reports to Basic Training.

Guard Recruiting Assistants are uniquely positioned in their units and communities to identify potential Soldiers in the people they already know and associate with.

Who qualifies to be a Guard Recruiting Assistant? Any traditional M-Day soldiers and **RETIRES** can apply to become a Recruiting Assistant. The program has other eligibility limitations and qualifiers: i.e. you cannot be a family member of someone in the full time recruiter force.

Visit www.GuardRecruitingAssistant.com for complete details.

How do I become a Guard Recruiting Assistant? Qualify to become a Guard Recruiting Assistant through a simple online process. Take the first step toward earning additional income while assisting the ARNG in meeting future manpower requirements.

The Guard Recruiting Assistance Program (G-RAP) is a contracted program designed for individuals who voluntarily apply online at www.GuardRecruitingAssistant.com to become eligible to serve as a part-time Recruiter Assistant (RA). The RA applicant will be verified and hired by a contractor, not the ARNG.

Each RA will cultivate quality potential Soldiers from within their individual spheres of influence. Once a potential Soldier is identified and pre-qualified, the RA will facilitate a meeting engagement with their local Recruiting and Retention NCO (RRNCO). The triad of RRNCO, RA, and potential Soldier will then work closely to process the potential Soldier and move them towards accession. Upon enlistment, the RA will receive an initial payment of **\$1,000, with a second \$1,000** payment upon successful shipment to Basic Training.

Note: exact payment timelines vary depending upon prior service/non-prior status and availability of training seats.

MEARNG POC: Major Lance Gilman, Recruiting and Retention Commander MEARNG is the Point of Contact for G-RAP within the MEARNG: lance.gilman@us.army.mil