



# *The TAGram*

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## **New TAG Guam**

The Governor of Guam, Carl T.C. Gutierrez, has selected Colonel Jerry M. Rivera, Assistant Adjutant General for Army, as Adjutant General. He succeeded Major General Benny M. Paulino on 10 August 2002.

## **New TAG Texas**

The Governor of Texas, Rick Perry, announced that Major General Wayne D. Marty has been appointed as the Adjutant General. MG Marty was the Deputy STARC Commander prior to his appointment as Adjutant General.

*Col Kathleen Perry, NGB-GOMO (703) 607-3640*

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## **NGB Emergency Response Workshop a Huge Success**

The goal of this workshop, held 27-30 Aug in Arlington, Virginia, was to close out the Airport Security Mission and to begin identify requirements for emerging Homeland Security missions. The workshop brought together representatives from each of the 54 states and territories, NICI, PEC, TEC, and the Office of Homeland Security. Attendees reviewed in detail state requirements for personnel, training, equipment, and policy development. The states and territories have been asked to provide their specific requirements, which will then be reviewed, consolidated, and presented to the NGB leadership. An initial report is expected in mid-September.

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## **Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Civil Support Teams (CTS) Missions Growing**

From September 11, 2001 to August 26, 2002, The National Guard's 27 Certified Civil Support Teams (CST) performed a total of 694 Operational Missions. These included 151 Response Missions, which occur when a CST deploys to sample a known or suspected hazard; 74 Standby Missions, which occur when a CST provides support to threat alerts or to special events; and 469 Assist Missions, when a CST provides either capability briefs, technical assistance, mutual support, or liaison functions.

## **NGB-CS receives approval for Cutting Edge Technology**

On 21 Aug 02, COL Jim Kish, NGB-CS, presented to the Army Requirement Oversight Council (AROC) a Decision Briefing on the Analytical Laboratory System (ALS) Operational Requirement Document (ORD), resulting in the approval by the AROC of the ALS ORD.

The ALS is the replacement for the Mobile Analytical Laboratory System (MALS). Ten Phase 1 CSTs currently have the MALS, while the remaining 22 teams use the Dismounted Analytical Platform (DAP). The AROC's approval of this ORD allows the procurement process to move forward. The fielding of the ALS is critical to keeping CSTs on the cutting edge of technology. Fielding is projected to begin in the 4th quarter, FY 03.

## **Civil Support Teams Get Approval for Operational Needs Statement**

On 26 August 2002, the Army G-3, LTG Cody, approved the Operational Needs Statement (ONS) for Biological Detection, prepared by NGB-CS. The approved ONS validates the requirement for the Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) which will provide the WMD-CSTs with an enhanced capability to presumptively identify suspected biological agents.

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## **Mississippi National Guard Assists with Major methamphetamine Case**

Members of the Mississippi National Guard Counterdrug Task Force (MS-NG CDTF) recently assisted the US Customs' Jackson (MS) office in a major Methamphetamine case. The case, which also involved the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, the Gulf States High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), and the Los Angeles and Oxnard, California police departments, resulted in the discovery and seizure of a large amount of Methamphetamine and over \$25K in drug proceeds. The suspect received a life sentence for narcotics trafficking.

## **New Mexico Counterdrug Aircrew Help Develop Demand Reduction Program**

Members from the New Mexico's Air National Guard's 150th Operations Group teamed up with two members of the Drug Demand Reduction program to develop and implement a Civil Air Patrol (CAP) unit for the Van Buren Middle School in Albuquerque. The NM ANG aircrew members are assigned to the state's Counterdrug C-26 aircraft, making this the first program of its kind to directly involve C-26 crewmembers on a regular basis.

The C-26 crews teach subjects ranging from aerodynamics, aviation weather, air traffic control procedures, aircraft systems, model rocketry and the space environment, to providing hands-on training to the 45 students who elected to take the CAP. Apart from

the academic benefits, the students were able to spend several hours each week with professional caring members of the New Mexico Counterdrug Task Force who functioned as mentors as well as teachers.

*Lieutenant Colonel Cathy M. Rodriguez, NGB-CD, (703) 327-5645*

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### **Reserve Component Automation System (RCAS) Update**

The RCAS GOSC reviewed the RCAS project on 8 Aug 02. Based on the review, the GOSC approved the PM's request to go to the Integrated Product Team for a Milestone III fielding decision of Increment 7 pending successful operational test results from the Army Test and Evaluation Command. The PM will provide GOSC members with the final test results. Increment 7 adds functionality in the areas of mobilization, force authorization and modernization, human resources and safety and occupational health.

### **Distributive Training Technology Project (DTTP)**

The Minnesota Army National Guard (MN ARNG), host to an annual co-ed youth camp at Camp Ripley in Little Falls, MN, used the DTTP to enhance the campers' enjoyment of their summer experience. 210 young girls and boys came to the DTTP classrooms on-site and learned about science from researchers based at NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton, VA. Several of the sessions, entitled "Understanding Our Weather" focused on how NASA scientists use satellite imagery and other data to predict weather patterns and cloud formation. The remaining sessions, entitled "Planetary Exploration: Mars or Bust" presented an overview of the agency's robotic-exploration program for the next decade. Interviewed after each of the seven sessions, the enthusiastic youngsters were asked to rate their classroom experience on a scale of 0-10; the lowest score received was 8, and several 11s were recorded.

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### **Rhode Island National Guard hosted 20th Leapfest Competition**

The Rhode Island National Guard hosted its 20<sup>th</sup> Leapfest on 17 Aug 2002. This annual, international military parachute competition included teams from the Army, Army National Guard, Navy, Air Force, Air National Guard, and Marines as well as international competitors from Italy, United Kingdom, Germany, South Africa, Canada, Ecuador, Australia, and Poland. Although Rhode Island hosted Leapfest, it required Chinooks from the Pennsylvania National Guard and Medical Helicopters from the Massachusetts National Guard. The program is funded by the NGB Military Competitions, and had more international teams as a result of NGB International Affairs efforts through the State Partnership Program.

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## **Anthrax Vaccination to resume**

On 28 Jun 02, the DEPSECDEF signed a DoD policy directing resumption of the Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program (AVIP). The policy continues vaccinating designated special mission units and personnel involved in research and anthrax vaccine manufacturing. The policy expands the AVIP by initially resuming vaccinations to forces assigned and deployed to the Higher Threat Areas (HTA) of Southwest Asia (SWA) for more than 15 days and other personnel deemed at higher risk for anthrax exposure. Personnel who began the six-dose series previously will continue in the series where they left off.

More information on this program is found at (go to the anthrax file under the Medical section): <https://guardnet.ngb.army.mil/ARGuardnet/StarSafeFrame.asp>

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## **Personal Digital Assistants a New Security Challenge**

The Intelligence Oversight and Security Division of the Office of the Inspector General, National Guard Bureau (NGB-IGO) is reviewing regulations regarding the use of Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) within military organizations. Information provided to NGB-IGO indicates that PDA use has outpaced the ability of unit level Information Assurance Security Officers (IASOs) to accredit these systems, or has escaped necessary security attention altogether.

Security Awareness is critical given the increased use of PDAs. If you have questions or concerns regarding Information Security please contact NGB-IGO at (703) 607-2511.

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## **Conferences/Meetings/Hearings/Events**

**NGAUS**, Long Beach CA, 7-9 September

**AFA**, Washington DC, 14-18 September

**ANG Senior Leader Seminar**, Crystal City VA, 30 September – 10 October

**AUSA**, Washington DC, 21-23 October

**ANG Senior Leadership Conference**, Denver, CO, 1-5 Dec

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## **New TAGram Format**

This month's TAGram is meant to be shorter and more concise. As the new editor, I would greatly appreciate any comments or suggestions you have on this shorter version. I can be reached by email at [yalda.clegg@ngb.ang.af.mil](mailto:yalda.clegg@ngb.ang.af.mil) or at (703) 607-2260.