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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

RDVF Members and Supporters,

We wish all a happy and healthy summer vacation season. While not in the headline news, the 42d Division is very busy with ongoing operations in the Middle East and beyond. The 197th Field Artillery Brigade (NHARNG) is in Central Command Area of Operations (CENTCOM) executing fires missions for Operation Spartan Shield (OSS). The 3-142 AVN BN (NYARNG) with elements of the 642 Aviation Support Battalion (NYARNG) is in FT Hood, TX preparing to deploy to CENTCOM AOR. The 1-182 IN (MAARNG) is mobilized in support of OSS. The 69th IN BN, reinforced with elements from the 2-108th IN and 2-101 CAV (NYARNG) is in FT Bliss, TX preparing to deploy to the Horn of Africa. HQ(-) 27th In BDE (NYARNG) is mobilizing to European Command to support Ukraine. The 369th Sustainment Brigade (NYARNG) will mobilize this fall to deploy to the CENTCOM AOR to provide sustainment operations for OSS. We ask your prayers for all Division soldiers and all soldiers deployed in harm's way.

The RDVF and the 42d Infantry Division will hold a joint Annual Dinner and Dining Out on Friday, December 2, 2022 in Albany, NY. Details to follow. The Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday December 3, 2022 at the Division Headquarters, Troy, NY. All are invited to attend.

**Rainbow!,
Never Forget!**

Paul Genereux, Chairman

Captions for all photos on this page are found on page 3.

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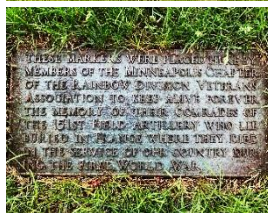
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CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER

Rev. Robert F. Weiss, S.J., Chaplain; Co. M, 222nd Inf. WWII

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them in our own lives by our fidelity to those same ideals.
AMEN.

Photos 1 and 2 - Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The Rainbow wreath was placed by SFC Adam Kelly, MN ARNG in honor and memory of the 151st Field Artillery Battalion, WWI, Lakewood Cemetery Minneapolis, Minnesota in observance of Memorial Day 2022. Photo by Bill Junco from Lindskoog Florist.

Photo 3 - The Rainbow Memorial Grove, Exposition Park, Los Angeles, CA. This is the monument to the WW 1 dead of E & F Companies, 2nd Battalion, 117th Engineer Regiment, 42nd (Rainbow) Infantry Division and all the Rainbow Dead of WW 1. The photographer who placed this bouquet is Terry Ann Krueger, niece of James G. Davis, 1204th Fire Fighting Platoon WWII and the granddaughter of 1st Sergeant Arthur C. - "Top" - Davis of "F Company", 117th Engineers, 42nd Division WWI.

In Memorial Tribute to PFC WORLEY DONALD JACKS

Company L, 232nd Infantry Regiment, 42nd "Rainbow" Infantry Division, WWII.



A Press Release from Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency on 27 June 2022:

"WASHINGTON – The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced today that Army Pfc. Worley D. Jacks, 21, killed during World War II, was accounted for June 21, 2022.

"In March 1945, Jacks was assigned to Company L, 232nd Infantry Regiment, 42nd Infantry Division. His unit was engaged in battle with German forces near Lichtenberg, France, when he was wounded and reported missing in action on March 7. His body unable to be recovered, and the Germans never reported him as a prisoner of war. On Oct. 4, 1945, the War Department declared Jacks killed in action."

[This photo and a description of eyewitness accounts to Pfc. Jacks' engagement with the enemy resulting in his serious wounding and death is found on his find-a-grave.com page, [PFC Worley Donald Jacks \(1922-1945\) - Find a Grave Memorial](#)] The 42nd "Rainbow" Division Battle Deaths, WWII booklet shows that a total of five men of L/232 were killed in action on 7 March 1945.

DACHAU MEMORIAL SITE WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY 2022

On 1 May 2022, the Rainbow Division wreath was placed in ceremony to commemorate those who were prisoners there from 22 March 1933 - 29 April 1945.

The presentation was facilitated and carried out by Ludwig Stoeckl and his wife, Evelin. Photos appearing on page three are credited to Ludwig Stoeckl.



Ludwig commented,



poor...this camp contained approximately 33,000 political prisoners of the Nazis.



“The sky was cloudy with some rain.”

On the day of liberation, 29 April 1945, the daily narrative for the Rainbow’s 222nd Infantry Regiment read: **29 April 45.** Weather cold and cloudy with occasional rain and hail storms – visibility

Memorial Day wreath-laying service at the site. The memorial is located at the former site of Camp Mills, which was the birthplace of the 42nd Infantry “Rainbow” Division during World War I, where soldiers would train prior to departing for overseas combat. (New York State Division of Military and Naval Affairs photo by New York Guard Sgt Michael Bilski).

Photo 2 – Flags-In 2022. Soldiers from the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (the Old Guard), along with service members from the U.S. Marine Corps, the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Air Force, and the U.S. Coast Guard, place U.S. flags at every gravesite at Arlington National Cemetery as part of Flags-In, Arlington, Va., May 26, 2022. On this day, over 1,000 service members placed flags at more than 250,000 headstones and at the bottom of about 7,000 niche rows at Arlington National Cemetery and the U.S. Soldiers’ and Airmen’s Home National Cemetery. Courtesy of Arlington National Cemetery; U.S. Army photo by Elizabeth Fraser

Photo 3 – The 154th National Memorial Day Observance. Service members from all armed forces branches support a Presidential Armed Forces Full Honors Wreath-Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va., May 30, 2022. Courtesy of Arlington National Cemetery; U.S. Army photo by Elizabeth Fraser

Photo 4 – Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, France. Marines from the 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division stationed at Camp Lejeune, N.C. at Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Memorial Day, 2022; photo presentation, including this one, by Béatrice Dahm.



Photo 5 – U.S. COLLEVILLE SUR MER CEMETERY D-DAY COMMEMORATION June 2022. French and international visitors attend the 78th anniversary of D-Day ceremony, in the Normandy American Cemetery, (American Battle Monuments Commission) and Memorial of Colleville-sur-Mer, overlooking Omaha Beach, Monday, June, 6, 2022. Photo by Jeremy Stuehmeyer

DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE 29 APRIL 2022 Atlanta, Georgia

From Hilbert Margol B/392nd F.A., 42nd Division WWII



“The event took place in the House of Representatives chamber at the Georgia State Capitol building.

“I was honored to be on the program. I was the only Liberator; the others are survivors. Robert (Bob) Ratonyi is the only one pictured that I know. He was from Hungary, a teenaged slave laborer. Ended up in the USA, graduated from MIT, accomplished major success in his business career. A genuinely nice person. It was a warm day – I chose not to wear a jacket, but I was probably more comfortable. At 98, I was the oldest present so felt entitled.”

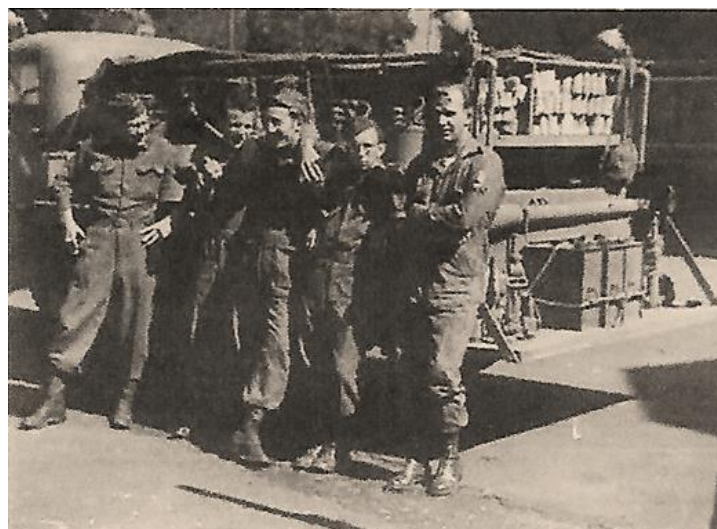
Hilbert Margol is third from the left; Robert Ratonyi is fourth from the left. Photo credit: Jerry Margol

CAPTIONS TO PHOTOS ON PAGE ONE

Photo 1 – Members of the 42nd Infantry “Rainbow” Division Association, and the 42nd Infantry “Rainbow” Division Veterans Foundation, and guests, salute during the singing of the National Anthem at the New York Army National Guard 42nd Infantry “Rainbow” Division World War I memorial, located in Garden City (Long Island), NY, on Saturday May 28, 2022, during a Pre-

Forty-and-Eights, Cigarette Camps, and That Slow Boat Home

By Patrick J. Chaisson
RDVF Historian



In the last *Rainbow Reveille*, we “introduced” readers to four World War II veterans of the Rainbow Division: Jim Derry (Antitank Co., 242 INF), Henry Clayton Rooks (Cannon Co., 242 INF), Tom Houdek (G/232 INF), and Hilbert Margol (B/392 FA). Each veteran shared his memories of what happened after the end of the Second World War in Europe when he learned he

was finally going home. We continue with some of these veterans' remembrances from their last days in Europe, telling us how they moved to a redeployment camp before finally boarding the boat for home. We also welcome Jim Davis, son of a First World War Rainbow Division veteran, who also served as a U.S. Army soldier in Europe. His story is worth hearing.



As one of the last divisions to deploy with Seventh U.S. Army, the 42nd "Rainbow" Division was selected for postwar duty with the American Occupation Forces in Austria. This did not mean, however, that all soldiers assigned to the Rainbow were forced to remain overseas indefinitely. A "point" system of priority discharges (described in the April 2022 *Rainbow Reville*) sent many long-serving G.I.s Stateside, while others with less time in service were transferred into the 42nd Inf. Div. until they earned

enough demobilization credits to go home themselves.

There were two ways a Rainbow Division soldier could leave Austria in 1945-47 for return to the Continental United States and an honorable discharge. If he had enough demobilization points, that individual would be transferred to another organization scheduled for inactivation. Other soldiers waited to follow the Rainbow home in the Spring of 1947 when Headquarters ordered the 42nd Inf. Div. Stateside so it too could be deactivated.

Henry Clayton Rooks, who served in Cannon Co., 242nd Inf. Rgt., said he was transferred to the 26th "Yankee" Division once his discharge orders came

through in the Autumn of 1945. The 26th was heading home that December, and would take care of Rooks' housing, food, transportation, and other needs during his journey with them.

He likely wore the Yankee Division patch during this time as per Army regulation, but was authorized to sew a 42nd Inf. Div. patch on the right shoulder of his uniform jacket as a symbol of his wartime service. Also adorning Rooks' jacket were two new

ribbons, the World War II Victory Medal and Army of Occupation Medal.

Transferring proud soldiers to another unit for command and control purposes during the redeployment process may have made military sense, but upset some men in the process. Jim Davis, son of a First World War Rainbow Division infantryman, was reassigned to an unfamiliar organization when his outfit, the 1204th Engineer Fire Fighting Platoon, was deactivated in September of 1945. Worse, Davis' discharge papers show his last unit of assignment as the 48th Engineer Combat Battalion – an administrative error that this determined veteran has been trying to get corrected for almost 80 years!

When time came to begin the trip home, many Rainbowmen like Hilbert Margol (Battery B, 392nd Field Artillery Battalion) boarded a French "40 and 8" railcar, so-named for the sign "40 hommes ou 8 chevaux" indicating its cargo capacity for personnel or horses. Margol, who departed Austria in the Winter of 1946, wasn't complaining about his less-than-luxurious travel accommodations. Europe's transportation network had been shattered during five years of war, and this was the best way to reach his next destination.

For newly-liberated prisoners of war like Tom Houdek of Co. G, 2nd Bn., 232nd Inf. Rgt., though, "priority" transportation meant a short plane ride instead of a train trip that sometimes took days to cross war-torn Europe. Houdek landed at a military airfield near Le Havre, France and then caught a ride to a redeployment facility known as Camp Lucky Strike for shipment home.

Many troops stayed in a camp like Lucky Strike while waiting for the vessel that would take them Stateside. Most of these "tent cities" were named after popular cigarette brands like Camp Home Run, Camp Wings, Camp Pall Mall, Camp Herbert Tareyton, Camp Twenty Grand, Camp Philip Morris, Camp Old Gold, Camp Chesterfield, or Camp Tophat in Belgium.

Lucky Strike was the largest, though, able to house upwards of 58,000 impatient American G.I.s. For those about to depart the war zone, it was described as both "seventh heaven" and complete chaos. Most soldiers spent several days to a week there, anxiously checking bulletin boards for their name to appear on the roster of an outbound troopship.

Curiously, nearly every Rainbow veteran interviewed for this article remembers the name of the vessel that brought him home after the war. For Henry Clayton Rooks it was the SS *Rockhill Victory* departing from Le Havre, while Hilbert Margol sailed on the SS *Madawaska Victory* out of Bremerhaven, Germany. Jim Davis traveled aboard the USS *Admiral W. L. Capps* leaving from Marseilles. Tom Houdek recalls that he came back on a Liberty Ship, but doesn't remember its name.

Conditions aboard the homeward-bound troopship varied, but Tom Houdek recalls "how happy everyone was that they were going home." His journey lasted five or six days, a much more enjoyable experience than the one Henry Clayton Rooks



endured. Due to a storm, Rooks said, his ship took two and a half miserable weeks to make the trip and did not dock in New York Harbor until the day after Christmas.

Returning G.I.s typically spent their first night back on U.S. soil in a reception center such as Camp Shanks, NY, Camp Myles Standish, MA, or Camp Patrick Henry, VA. They were supposed to receive a steak dinner upon repatriation, but none of the veterans interviewed for this article remembers that. (Rooks claims he did get a belated Christmas dinner after his arrival at Camp Shanks.)

From the reception center, individuals said farewell to buddies old and new before boarding a train for the military installation closest to their home of record. In Jim Davis' case this was Fort MacArthur, in San Pedro, CA, while Henry Clayton Rooks traveled to Camp Gordon, near Augusta, GA, to be processed for discharge.

At the discharge center, soon-to-be ex-soldiers underwent one last medical and dental exam and waited in endless lines before receiving their discharge papers and final pay. They were also presented with an Honorable Service Lapel Patch to be sewn onto the right chest of their uniform jacket, indicating these men were now released from service and no longer subject to military discipline. As recently-demobilized soldiers had no civilian



clothes to wear, this patch (jokingly called the "Ruptured Duck" for its flying eagle design) indicated these men were entitled to wear their uniform home.

The author would like to dedicate this work to the memory of Henry Clayton Rooks, who recently passed over the Rainbow at age 103. Before his death, Mr. Rooks and his daughter, Glenda Patterson, shared many excellent stories of his service with the Rainbow Division – some of which you see in this article.

PHOTO ONE – 1204th Engineer Fire Fighting Platoon - The End of the Road September 2, 1945 Heidelberg, Germany: A few hours after this picture was taken, the Platoon (Hunt's Section) answered its last alarm. The fire was not located.

L-R Nelson, Morris, Davis, Vosseller and Hunt; courtesy of James G. Davis and taken from his memoirs, *Fire Fighters in Fatigues; The 1204th Engineer Fire Fighting Platoon, a History*, 1st printing, copyright 1996

PHOTO TWO – "Hurry Up and Wait." Soldiers line up with mess kits and canteen cups for a meal at Camp Lucky Strike, a redeployment center for returning G.I.s located near Le Havre, France. Photo courtesy National Archives.

PHOTO THREE – Rainbow Division soldier Hilbert Margol, left, passes the time aboard SS *Madawaska Victory* on his way home from occupation duty in Austria, March 1946. Photo courtesy Hilbert Margol.

PHOTO FOUR – An image of Howard Margol (B/392 FA) aboard the SS *Madawaska Victory* en route from Bremerhaven, Germany, to the United States in March of 1946. Photo courtesy Hilbert Margol.

PHOTO FIVE – Conditions aboard troopships taking soldiers back from Europe after World War II were less than luxurious, but no one seemed to mind. They were going home! Photo courtesy National Archives.

PHOTO SIX – Honorable Discharge Insignia WWII also known as the "ruptured duck." Image is from the collection of the Air Mobility Command Museum at amcmuseum.org

Preserving Our Rainbow Legacy

In July of 1999 at the Rainbow Division Veterans reunion at Charlotte, NC, these three I/242 INF WWII veterans met with several Rainbow descendants after the Memorial Service – Dee R. Eberhart, Wilford "Bill" Shurtleff and Theodore "Ted" Simonson. They asked if we would be interested in helping to preserve the Legacy of the Rainbow Division from its beginning in 1917 and on into the future, by forming a Family and Descendants Chapter within the RDVA/RDVMF.

It was an honor to be asked and with their help and the great support of the hundreds of veterans and their wives still living at that time, in January 2000 we were granted our Charter. As Dee R. Eberhart, the last of these three men passed 'over the Rainbow' this spring of 2022, we take this opportunity to remember their mission of preserving the Legacy of the 42nd Division. Dee Eberhart was known as "the Rainbow poet," and this one from his book, *Relics of War* is both a farewell and a promise – It is followed by a poem written to Dee by Suellen McDaniel and read by Dee at her first Rainbow reunion July 8, 1999 to the assembly of WWII Rainbow Division veterans and their families.



OUR BEQUEST

*As we of this century
Fade into the morning
mist of the next,
We bequeath to you
who follow
A place of freedom,
For you to protect and
cherish,
As we did in the muddy
trenches
And frozen foxholes in
our time.*

*We bequeath to you
Tokens of our sacrifices,
In stone and stories,
Of our love of country,
These are for you, since
We will be beyond
caring.
You, who in honoring
us,
Will thus shape your
own lives.*

*As the final fragments
Of our once invincible
band of brothers,
Slip into darkness, one
by one,
You of the next century,
Accept our legacy,
And guard it carefully.
This gift, more precious
than life itself,
Is our bequest.*

Dee,
When I reread your
poem, *Our Bequest*,
yesterday, I was moved to
answer in this way:

THE RAINBOW LEGACY

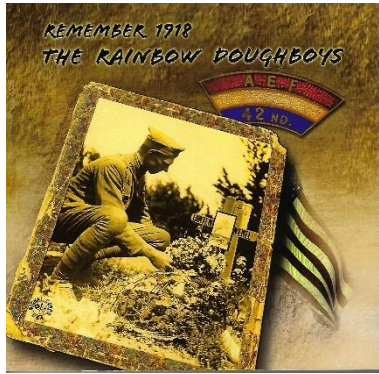
*A place of peace where values
grow
Like poppies waving to and
fro
A symbol for the free and
blessed
Of futures won by those who
rest.*

*A rainbow in the sky
proclaims
That darkness was shot down
in flames.
Like jeweled dawn, hope
taking flight
through history, slipping into
light.*

From all of us,
We deeply appreciate the
confidence and trust you
have given us.
Thank you!

A LEGACY FULFILLED

The Bequest of a WWI Rainbow Division Veteran is honored by Millennium Legacy members



As most are aware by now, French Amateur Photographer, Béatrice Dahm of Fismes, France has added to our understanding of the bond we share with France through history. Her photo presentations have graced the pages of our publications regularly. This spring, in time for Memorial Day 2022, she created a masterpiece of photo history in a book titled, *"Remember 1918 The Rainbow Doughboys."*

This is not available for sale and was meant as a gift to those who would honor and perpetuate the history displayed so beautifully within its cover. Ms. Dahm asked us to locate families of WWI Rainbow veterans and to send this to each one as her gift. So far, nine WWI Rainbow families, members of the RDVF have received a copy. In turn, they have shared with Béatrice their own WWI veterans' histories.



Just prior to Memorial Day, we sent Béatrice a gift of our own, a painting by WWI Rainbow veteran, Fred Cornelius, 167th Regiment (4th Alabama) which was presented to WWI medic and veteran, then-President of the RDVA, William S. Butts, in 1952. Fred never fully recovered from the effects of gas in the Argonne in 1918 but from his great heart,

became a prolific writer and artist, dedicated to the 42nd Division and its future until his death in April 1964. Fred was also appointed Associate Editor of The Rainbow REVEILLE.

William Butts' son, William L. "Bill" Butts, a veteran of the 42nd in the 42nd Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop WWII, passed it on to Millennium Legacy Descendants with the wish that it be preserved.

On Memorial Day 2022 at Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, France, it is clear that the gift of Fred Cornelius has found its timeless and honorable place.



Photo presentation by Béatrice Dahm

NEW YORK ARMY NATIONAL GUARD MOBILIZATION

Story by Eric Durr, New York National Guard

New York, NY, United States 06.16.2022 – Kicking off New York's largest mobilization of National Guard forces in more than a decade, 1,380 New York Army National Guard Soldiers have mobilized for deployments in East Africa and Kuwait since June 9.

Two hundred and fifty Soldiers of the 3rd Battalion, 142nd Aviation left for Fort Hood, Texas on June 9 and June 10 to prepare for a deployment to Kuwait in support of U.S. Central Command.

On June 13 and June 14, 1,130 Soldiers from New York City's 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry, along with companies from the 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry and the 2nd Squadron 101st Cavalry, which together constitute Task Force Wolfhound, held farewells marking their deployment to the Horn of Africa.

They departed for Fort Drum, New York and will train there for two weeks – meeting all of U.S.

Africa Command's training requirements. Then they move to Fort Bliss, Texas, for two more months of training before heading to Camp Lemmonier in Djibouti as a security task force.



Soldiers assigned to the New York Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry, stand at attention during a farewell ceremony held on June 14, 2022, at the Jacob Javits Convention Center in New York City. The Soldiers headed for Fort Drum, New York for training after the ceremony and will be deploying to the Horn of Africa to conduct security missions there.

(U.S. Air National Guard photo by Major Michael O'Hagan)

"When we hit the ground in Africa this September, this will be the most ready battalion in the United States Army, Lt. Col. Shawn Tabankin, the commander of the 69th Infantry, told 600 Soldiers at a June 14 ceremony at the Jacob Javits convention Center in Manhattan.

2022 is the largest deployment year for the New York Army National Guard since 2008-2009 when the 27th Infantry Brigade Combat Team deployed to Afghanistan, according to Army Maj. Gen. Michel Natali, the New York National Guard's assistant adjutant general, Army.

Along with the aviation battalion and the task force built around the 69th Infantry, the New York National Guard will deploy the 642nd Aviation Support Battalion, the 369th sustainment Brigade, the 101st Expeditionary Signal Battalion, and other small support elements to Kuwait before the fall of 2022.

The 3rd Battalion, 142nd Aviation, is an assault helicopter battalion which has companies and support elements at Army Aviation Support Facilities at Albany International Airport in Latham, New York and at Long Island McArthur Airport in Ronkonkoma, New York.

A training rotation to support units at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California in 2021 did a lot to prepare the Soldiers for a Middle East deployment, said Lt. Col. Matt Green, the battalion commander.

Originally, only one assault helicopter company and some supporting elements were slated to deploy.

But that changed in late 2021 to include both of the helicopter companies based in New York and the bulk of the battalion headquarters and support companies deploying, Green said.

The battalion's C Company is split between the Maine and Connecticut Army National Guards.

The battalion has emphasized individual readiness during weekend training, and annual training at Fort Drum, Green said. The battalion will focus on collective training and the skills needed to conduct and coordinate air assaults while at Fort Hood, he added.

The battalion launched 11 UH-60M Black Hawk helicopters from Latham and ten from Ronkonkoma following

farewell ceremonies held on June 9. The rest of the troops deployed by chartered airplane.

Task force Wolfhound, which takes its name from the Irish dog which is the official mascot of the 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry, has been training for 18 months to be ready for the mission, Tabankin said.

The COVID-19 pandemic meant the battalion didn't have the normal two-year training period to get ready, Tabankin said. This meant that traditional weekend drills turned into four to five days of training to get everything done, he said.

"Sometimes utilizing a full week down at Fort Dix, was really the only way we could meet our individual, leader, and collective training goals," Tabankin said.

In Djibouti, the task force will provide security at Camp Lemonnier, a former French Foreign Legion post used by the United States since 2002. They will also be tasked with security missions at remote locations as well, Tabankin said.

The mission requirements necessitated reaching out across the New York Army National Guard for soldiers, Tabankin said.

The 2nd Squadron, 101st Cavalry and 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry, which have units across upstate New York, each contributed 130-Soldier companies.

The task force also includes combat engineers from Binghamton's 204th Engineer Battalion, a platoon from the 207th Military Police Company, and Joint Tactical Air Controllers from the New York Air National Guard.

The 69th Infantry has a strong tradition of service in the Civil War, World War I, World War II and in Iraq in 2005, Tabankin told 600 Soldiers and 1000 family members during the farewell ceremony at the Jacob Javits Convention Center.

The 69th Infantry was manned by Irish immigrants in the days before the Civil War. Today the citizen Soldiers of the 69th Infantry include immigrants from 33 different countries who share service together, he emphasized.

"That immigrant fighting spirit, which makes true New Yorkers, and the melting pot, which makes true Americans, continues to form a foundation of strength in this battalion," Tabankin said.

Tabankin reiterated that message during a second farewell ceremony for 300 soldiers at the Nassau County Police Academy on Long Island. Major General Ray Shields, the adjutant general of New York, also spoke at both farewell events.

"We know that today is a difficult day for many as it represents the start of a lengthy absence of your loved ones to faraway places in Africa," Shields said. "But it is also a day of immense pride and love of our state and nation as these citizen soldiers deploy to protect our freedoms."

The farewell ceremony for the Soldiers for the 101st Cavalry was held on June 13 at Hobart and Smith College in Geneva, New York, while the troops from the 108th Infantry held their goodbye ceremony at Mohawk Community college in Utica, New York.

"It's never easy telling a loved one or a family member that you have to leave," said Sgt. Nicholas Murphy, a member of the 101st Cavalry's A Troop, following the Geneva event.

"Our number one priority in the Army National Guard is to keep the community safe, and then if we get called upon to deploy, to keep our nation safe." Murphy said.

New York Army Guard Troops Leave for mission to help train Ukrainian Soldiers

Syracuse, NY, United States

07.15.2022 Story by Eric Durr New York National Guard
SYRACUSE, New York – One hundred and forty New York Army National Guard soldiers assigned to the Syracuse-based 27th Infantry Brigade Combat Team said farewell to their families on

July 15, as they left on a mission that will take them to Germany to help train Ukrainian military personnel.



New York Army National Guard Soldiers of the 27th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, who are deploying to Germany as part of the Joint Multinational Training Group-Ukraine, stand at attention during a farewell ceremony at the Thompson Road Armory in Syracuse, New York on July 15, 2022. The New York Soldiers will relieve Florida Army National Guard soldiers who are currently conducting the training mission. (U.S. Army National Guard photograph by Major Avery Schneider)

The Soldiers will replace 160 Florida Army National Guard soldiers from the 53rd Infantry Brigade Combat team's Task Force Gator, who are deployed in support of the Joint Multinational Training Group-Ukraine mission.

Those troops had been training Ukrainian personnel at the Combat Training Center – Yavoriv near Lviv in western Ukraine since November 2021.

They were ordered to leave Ukraine for Germany in February 2022 prior to Russia's unprovoked and unjustified invasion. The Florida team is now leading the training of Ukrainian troops in Germany and other locations.

The farewell ceremony took place at the Thompson Road Armory, which is located on Hancock Field Air National Guard Base.

The New York team will train at Fort Bliss, Texas, before deploying to Germany. They are expected to replace the Florida team to support the Joint Multinational Training Group – Ukraine mission in September.

In 2017, the New York National Guard sent 220 Soldiers to Ukraine for a ten-month rotation training Ukrainian Soldiers at the Combat Training Center – Yavoriv.

The team was headed by the 2nd Squadron, 101st Cavalry, which is headquartered at Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, but included Soldiers from across New York.

They replaced a team from the Oklahoma Army National Guard's 45th Infantry Brigade Combat Team in November 2017. The New York Army National Guard team was replaced by Soldiers from the Tennessee Army National Guard's 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment in August 2018.

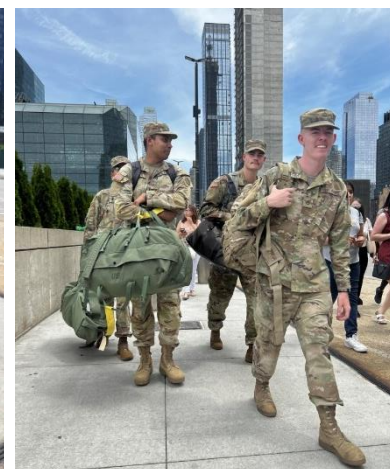
The Joint Multinational Training Group-Ukraine has been and continues to provide training and advisement to Ukrainian military forces since 2015.

United States military units support the training to strengthen relationships and affirm the United States' commitment to European partners. Army National Guard brigade combat teams provide the main support to the Joint Multinational Training Group-Ukraine mission in nine-month rotations as part of the Army's rotational model.

Other nations that have supported the JMTG-U mission while it was at Combat Training Center-Yavoriv include Canada, Lithuania, Denmark, Poland, Sweden, and the United Kingdom.

**RAINBOW DIVISION WWII DEATHS
REPORTED SINCE APRIL 2022**

BURNS, Frank W. I/242 Infantry
****EBERHART**, Dee R. I/242 Infantry
GENTRY, James Cannon E/232 Infantry
GLEN, Donald P. unit unreported
GOLDSTEIN, Sol F/232 Infantry
MATTERA, Nicholas Sebastian M/222 Infantry
MUNCH, James Lawrence K/232 Infantry
PRESCOTT, Herman W. M/222 Infantry
ROOKS, Henry Clayton Cannon/242 Infantry
SENECAL, Andrew Anti-Tank/222, Infantry
TETLEY, Robert Henry I/222 Infantry
THOMPSON, James L. 542 FA Bn/42DIV Artillery
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Olivia Mattera – 50. *In honor and memory of Nicholas Mattera, M/222 Infantry; Sally Atszewski – 5.*

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TOP PHOTO – Latham, NY, United States 06.09.2022 photo by William Albrecht, U.S. Army National Guard – Families wave to aviators assigned to the New York Army National Guard’s 3rd Battalion, 142nd Aviation, as they fly their UH-60M Black Hawk helicopters away from the Army Aviation Support Facility in Latham, New York on June 9, 2022, heading for Fort Hood, Texas. The Soldiers will deploy to Kuwait in support of Army forces in the region after training at Fort Hood. **PHOTOS L -R** by Major Michael O’Hagan, U.S. Air National Guard – **L** – New York Army National Guard Spc. Lori Gorman and Spc. Jahaira Rodriguez, both assigned to Headquarters Company of the 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry, head towards buses taking them to Fort Drum, New York for additional training following a farewell event on June 14 at Jacob Javits Convention Center in New York. The Soldiers will be deploying to the Horn of Africa in September. **R** – New York Army National Guard Soldiers assigned to the 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry head for buses taking them to Fort Drum, New York, for pre-deployment training outside the Jacob Javits Convention Center in New York, following a farewell ceremony on June 14, 2022. The battalion’s Soldiers will be deploying to the Horn of Africa to conduct security missions there.

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