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165th's Lt. Col. Roger Brooks leads the way for Patriot South 17 as the exercise director.

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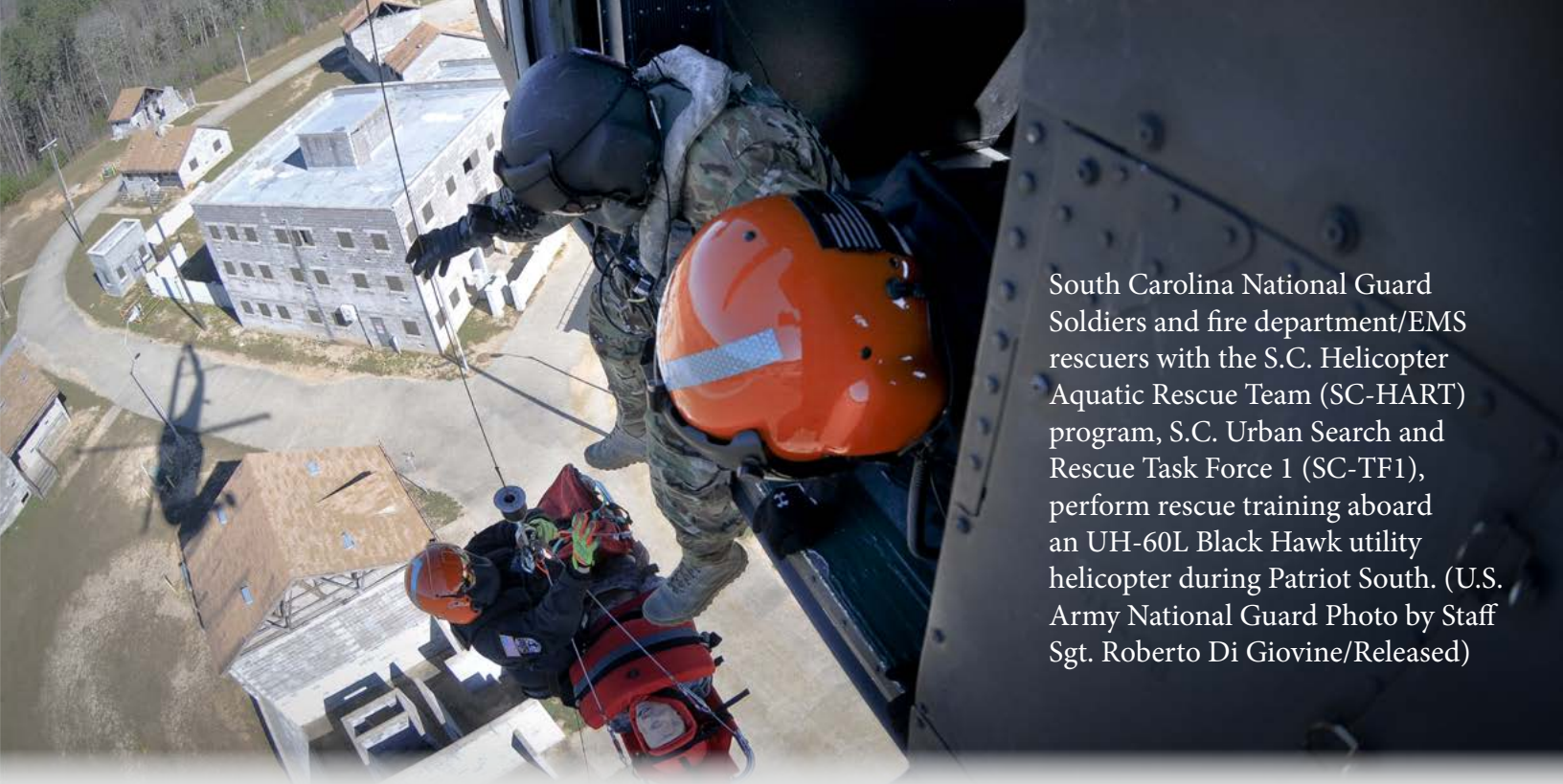
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ON THE COVER

165th Airlift Wing Security Forces Airmen conduct civil disturbance training near the flight line, Feb. 12, 2017. The training scenario was conducted in preparation for Vigilant Guard, an upcoming exercise to showcase our capabilities with local law enforcement to fulfill our defense support to civil authorities. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Amber Williams)

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South Carolina National Guard Soldiers and fire department/EMS rescuers with the S.C. Helicopter Aquatic Rescue Team (SC-HART) program, S.C. Urban Search and Rescue Task Force 1 (SC-TF1), perform rescue training aboard an UH-60L Black Hawk utility helicopter during Patriot South. (U.S. Army National Guard Photo by Staff Sgt. Roberto Di Giovine/Released)

LEADING PATRIOT SOUTH 17

STORY BY 1ST. LT. JEFFREY BEZORE

Guardsman and emergency first responders participated in the first ever Patriot South exercise in Mississippi, from Jan. 30 to Feb. 4, 2017. The exercise included 24 units from 10 states. The director for this exercise was a member of the Georgia National Guard.

Lt. Col. Roger Brooks, from the 165th Air Support Operations Squadron, was the exercise director and was responsible for the more than 500 participants from the U.S. Air Force, Army National Guard and Air National Guard units.

“Patriot is a great opportunity for Airmen and Soldiers to practice their war time skills in the domestic operations environment,” said Lt. Col. Roger Brooks. “Our goals are to provide realistic training venues and

scenarios for military and civilian Domestic Operations (DOMOPS) organizations, facilitate coordination of civilian entities and military organizations for DOMOPS and allow participants an opportunity to

self-assess essential and supporting mission tasks and capabilities.”

The exercise offers National Guard units the chance to work and support federal, state and local emergency management agencies, and first responders. The one-week exercise was focused at the Combat Readiness Training Center, Camp Shelby, and surrounding areas

of Gulfport, Miss. The exercise scenario featured search and rescue, operational communication and situational assessment.



Lt. Col. Roger Brooks, Patriot South 2017 Director with the 165th Air Support Operations Squadron, Savannah, Ga. briefs Brig. Gen. Jason R. Cripps, Chief of Staff Joint Headquarter, Nashville, Tenn. at the Gulfport Combat Readiness Training Center, Gulfport, Miss., Feb. 1, 2017. (Air National Guard photo by MSgt. Marvin B. Moore/Released)



“The biggest take away is that Airmen and Soldiers begin to establish relationships and exchange business cards in the training environment rather than at an actual incident. A recent example is the 116th Security Forces Squadron. The 116th SFS exercised and developed their DOMOPS plan in July of 2016 and was then put on notice to execute a few months later. Once people see the plan put in action in the exercise environment, they have legitimate data to utilize

for a real world response,” said Brooks.

This was the first time the Patriot exercise has been hosted outside of Wisconsin, and was a significant event for the

program.

“We expanded the program to FEMA Region IV and chose the State of Mississippi to conduct our exercise. This was not only a test for our leadership but allowed the Patriot team to validate the exercise model in a different location. The team will continue its planning efforts through the year and we will conduct Patriot North this summer at Volk Field, Wis.,” said Brooks.

Securing the homeland is one of the National Guard’s main focuses. It relies on its members to be the face of the military across the nation with its men and women serving in nearly 2,600 communities. Guardsmen live within and serve in nearly every ZIP code. In a domestic emergency response, less time and distance equals more lives saved.

“Patriot owes its success to folks like Lt. Col. D.J. Spisso and Maj. Rosemarie Guerrero. They believed in the program and gave me and our team the opportunity. Working for the NGB/ANG has provided the Patriot team a tremendous opportunity to network and see problems solved from different perspectives. There are 54 states and territories doing the job in different ways. A typical Patriot exercise has representation from 40 states, 80 units, up to 3 services and a dozen civilian organizations. This opportunity has given Guardsmen the ability to develop relationships outside of their home state,” said Brooks.



SENIOR NCO OF 2017

STORY BY SENIOR AIRMAN BRANDON PATTERSON

Senior Master Sgt. Lashonda S. Brownlee,

superintendent of the Force Support Squadron at the 165th Airlift Wing in Savannah, Ga., was awarded Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year for 2016.

Brownlee is the NCO in charge of Force Sustainment and is charged with the leadership of more than 55 personnel.

Brownlee has been a member of the Georgia Air National Guard since 1996 and deployed to Qatar in 2004 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Brownlee has a Bachelors of Arts in Healthcare Administration from Saint Leo College and a Masters of Arts in Human Resources from Weber University. She currently resides in Guyton, Georgia, with her husband and two children.



U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Shaune Choudhari take off their protective equipment after conducting civil disturbance training near the flight line of the 165th Airlift Wing, Feb. 12, 2017. The 165th Security Forces Squadron conducted various scenarios in preparation for the exercise, Vigilant Guard. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Amber Williams)



Leadership of the 165th Airlift Wing attended the annual Savannah-Chatham Day in Atlanta, a program of the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce. As the largest of receptions for Georgia's leadership, guests included Governor Nathan Deal, Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle, and members of the Georgia General Assembly. Attending from the Wing included Col. Manny Haldopoulos and Col. Pete Boone, as well as, Brig. Gen. Jesse Simmons, Commander of the Georgia Air National Guard.

The leadership presented a photo to State Rep. Carl Gilliard of his recent visit to the Wing, Presenting from L-R, Command Chief Rodney Jenkins; Commander of the 165th AW Civil Engineering Squadron, Lt. Col. Joe Zingaro; Commander of the 165th ASOS, Lt. Col. Bob Noren; Commander of the Georgia Air National Guard, Brig. Gen. Jesse Simmons; State Rep. Carl Gilliard; 165th AW Vice Air Commander, Lt. Col. Don Pallone; Commander of the 117th ACS, Lt. Col. E.B. Baker; Commander of the 165th Maintenance Group, Col. Pete Boone; 165th AW PAO, Lt. Col. David Simons; and ADC Commander, Col. Manny Haldopoulos. (photo courtesy of Casey Jones, Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce)



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SOCIAL MEDIA

In general, the Air Force views social media sites positively and respects your rights as Americans to use them to express yourself. However, by the nature of your profession, you are always on the record and must represent our core values. Air Force Instruction 1-1, Air Force Standards, outlines how Airmen should conduct themselves on social networking websites. Here are a few things to remember when communicating online via social media as an Airman:

1. You are personally responsible for what you say and post on social networking services and any other medium.
2. Consider how a post can be interpreted by the public. Be cautious about crossing the line between funny and distasteful. If you have doubts about whether you should post something, err on the side of caution.
3. Maintain appropriate communication and conduct with officers and enlisted personnel, peers, superiors and subordinates (to include civilian superiors and subordinates).

For more Social Media Tips be sure to check out the Air Force Social Media Guide:



165 AW GOLF TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY 31 March 2017 SHOTGUN START 1230L
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When: Friday, March 31, 2017 (April UTA)

Where: Savannah Quarters Country Club

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