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# Soldier Spotlights



Spc. Rebecca Forman offers a blessing at the 213th Personnel Company's change of responsibility ceremony Aug. 6.



Staff Sgt. Sean Foley prepares to convoy from Fort Indiantown Gap to Philadelphia Jan. 7.

Story and Photo by Staff Sgt. Lorene Mauro

Spc. Rebecca M. Forman, born in Romania and a current resident of Philadelphia, serves as a human resources specialist in the 213th Personnel Company, 213th Regional Support Group.

"I joined the Guard to help people, be a part of something bigger than myself, to be honest," said Forman.

Forman has been with the unit for three years and enjoys being a human resources specialist because the skills translate well into

the civilian world, she said.

Forman recently delivered the invocation at the 213th Personnel Company's change of responsibility ceremony at Fort Indiantown Gap.

She is a Jewish studies major at Temple University and intends to continue rabbinical studies at Hebrew Union College in hopes of becoming a rabbi.

"If religion is important to you, you should study it to protect it," said Forman. 🇺🇸

Story and Photo by Spc. Claire A. Charles

Staff Sgt. Sean Foley, a native of Philadelphia, serves as a motor transport operator for the 1067th Transportation Company of Philadelphia.

Foley is the unit's master driver. He administers both written and driving tests to ensure that personnel are qualified to operate military vehicles such as heavy equipment transport trailers, medium tactical vehicles and palletized load system trucks.

"I like my job because I am the first

person who trains and familiarizes all the Soldiers with Army vehicles," said Foley. "I have the opportunity to become an expert on all the vehicles and share that information, which is great."

On the civilian side, Foley is a decorated police officer in the Philadelphia Police 24th District.

Foley says that the valuable skills he's learned during his 13 years of service and his deployment to Iraq service complements his civilian job. 🇺🇸

**From the desk of the Group Commander:**

It's hard to believe an entire training year has passed since I assumed command of this great organization. We have accomplished much and still have work to do. Training year 2016 was quite historic for our 213th lineage. We activated the 228th Transportation Battalion, 721st Transportation Company (HET) and Detachment 2 of the 1067th Composite Truck Company, all located at Fort Indiantown Gap. Also activated were the 252nd Composite Supply Company in Philadelphia, the 121st Transportation Company (POL) located in Johnstown and the 108th Area Support Medical Company in Allentown. Finally, we converted the 1067th Transportation Company from a Line Haul to a Composite Truck Company and the 3622nd transitioned from a Component Repair Company to a Support Maintenance Company. As you can see we have been quite busy.



In addition to all of the activations and conversion of units we were able to find time to conduct challenging, realistic and engaging collective training. The 728th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion and the 3622nd Support Maintenance Company were evaluated by First Army at Camp Dodge, Iowa, the 131st Transportation Company supported the Army Materiel Command by moving ammo from the Marine Ocean Terminal at Sunny Point, North Carolina to an Army Depot in Oregon resulting in over 84,000 accident free miles. The 213th Regional Support Group participated in Ulchi Freedom Guardian while the 109th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment provided support for Key Resolve, both in South Korea.

It is important to note that not only have we had the opportunity to perform our Federal mission but our state mission as well as evidenced by our participation in both the Papal visit and Democratic National Convention where the 213th Personnel Company accounted for a combined total of 11,000 Soldiers, Airmen, Marines and civilians who provided security for these national special security events.

2017 is shaping up to be yet another productive year. We provided support to the 28th Infantry Division's Warfighter Exercise, expect to support the 58th Inauguration in January 2017, participate in Auster Challenge located in Hohenfels, Germany just to name a few. It is quite clear to see that our most important resource are the Soldiers that proudly wear the 213th Regional Support Group patch. None of these missions would be possible if we didn't have ready and resilient Soldiers to depend upon.

Please know that the entire command team of this organization appreciates everything that you do, this includes the support and sacrifice your Family and employers make on a daily basis. This upcoming training year is going to be yet another historical year for the 213th and I couldn't think of a better time in history to lead you into our future!

# HONOR FIRST!



## From the desk of the Group CSM:

As we approach the Holidays and the close of calendar year 2016, I have taken some time to reflect back on the many significant changes this year brought to the 213<sup>th</sup> Regional Support Group's formation and the effect it will have on you, our Soldiers.

Having served the Group for many years now as a member of the full time staff in multiple assignments, I can recall back as far as 2003-2004, where we began working on the possibilities of major changes occurring in our formations in the future as Army Modularity began to unfold. Our Nation's leadership was considering the idea that the Army needed to economize our force structure to become more lethal, smaller and responsive. It became clear that there were major force structure changes ahead, and that we would be affected by that transition.

Now I look at things today and realize that some of our plans for the future are now in the past. We have lost Battalions (the 28<sup>th</sup> Personnel Services, 28<sup>th</sup> Finance, 103<sup>rd</sup> Engineer and the 154<sup>th</sup> Quartermaster Battalions) that were organized under the pre-Modularity Army models and we have added new modular formations like the 728<sup>th</sup> Combat Sustainment Support Battalion and the 228<sup>th</sup> Transportation Battalion to the Group structure. We slid our companies from one Battalion to another to ensure they had support and oversight as we flexed to change. Most importantly, we responded to the needs of our Army through mobilizations and activations without skipping a beat!

Our formations, are now even more relevant than we may have said in the past, and the Group has gone from a shrinking organization to one that is growing daily! We grew from an authorized strength of 1410 at the end of training year 2015 to our current authorization at 1746. That's quite a difference and something to be proud of. On September 1, 2016 we welcomed 5 new units, the 108<sup>th</sup> Area Support Medical Company, 121<sup>st</sup> Transportation Company (5000 Gallon Petroleum Tankers - Tactical), 228<sup>th</sup> Transportation Battalion, 252<sup>nd</sup> Quartermaster Company, and 721<sup>st</sup> Transportation Company (Heavy Equipment Transporter). What I find most rewarding for me, is to finally see the hard work of our staff, in selecting and suggesting many of the new types of units we now see joining the Pennsylvania Army National Guard coming into fruition. We made our mark in history in a most positive way, which provides new jobs and opportunities for all of you.

With this transition, our units will have much to do in the future. We are relevant, ready and have some of the finest Soldiers in the Nation within our ranks. Our new capabilities will be needed at both the State and National levels, whether it be in the face of a major winter storm or in support of our nation's defense on foreign soil. During the Holiday Season I urge each and every one of you to continue to take care of your personal readiness, whether it be making pre-mobilization plans with the family in case you're needed this winter or daily mental and physical fitness training. Be sure to spend some quality time with family and friends. Most importantly, I thank you all for the sacrifices both you and your family make to serve our Commonwealth and Nation, you are each truly special for that reason.

Both the Commander and I could not be more proud of our organization. You all truly live up to the Group motto, "Honor First!" and embody the motto of the National Guard.... "Always Ready, Always There!" 🇺🇸





Spc. Stephanie Smith and Pvt. Dwayne Cofer, both human resource specialists from the 213th Personnel Company, 213th Regional Support Group, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, scan ID cards at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa. July 25. This is part of the unit's joint reception, staging, onward movement and integration mission. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Lorene A. Mauro)

## 213th RSG Supports Democratic National Convention

Story by Staff Sgt. Lorene Mauro

**FORT INDIANTOWN GAP, Pa. —** Units from the Pennsylvania Army National Guard's 213th Regional Support Group supported multiple State, Federal and civilian agencies during the 2016 Democratic National Convention.

The DNC ran July 25 to 28, 2016 in Philadelphia and is the Democratic Party's formal event for nominating its presidential and vice presidential candidates.

The 213th Personnel Company executed Joint Reception, Staging, Onward movement and Integration operations. Unit members conducted more than 50 briefing and accountability sessions at four locations for military and civilian

personnel, said Staff Sgt. Migdalia Rodriguez, the 213th PC training Noncommissioned officer.

Sgt. Melissa McBroom, a human resources sergeant with the 213th PC, conducted JRSOI operations at the reception center here.

The 213th PC does this mission a lot, but that helps make the process better, said McBroom.


The 28th Military Police Company conducted training here during the DNC and stood ready to support local and state law enforcement, said Sgt. 1st Class Jonathan Gindlesperger the unit's readiness NCO.

The Soldiers from the 28th MP Co. received certificates for completing Federal Emergency Management Agency training, said Gindlesperger.

The Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 728th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, ran a small support operations cell located in Spring City that oversaw three truck crews from the 1067th Transportation Company.

The truck crews transported equipment from Ohio in support of the mission, said Maj. Keith McKeon, the 728th CSSB executive officer.

"The 728th CSSB was able to provide responsive sustainment support to the DNC with multiple convoys picking up and delivering key commodities throughout the event," said McKeon.

The 109th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment provided public affairs support to units located in Philadelphia. 





A fuel tanker from the newly formed 121st Transportation Company. The unit is part of the 213th Regional Support Group and is stationed in Johnstown, Pa. (Courtesy photo U.S. Army National Guard)

# 121st Transportation Company Stands Up

Story by  
Maj. Angela S. King-Sweigart

**JOHNSTOWN, Pa.** – The 213th Regional Support Group, Pennsylvania Army National Guard welcomed a new unit to its ranks on Sept. 1, 2016.

The 121st Transportation Company's mission is to transport bulk fuel using 5,000 gallon tankers. The unit will have more than 160 spaces for Soldiers to be assigned in a variety of job positions, and is looking for more members to fill its ranks.

"The majority of the positions in this unit are truck driver positions,

but we also have maintenance and supply positions," said Maj. Dan Carroll, commander of the 228th Transportation Battalion, the unit's higher headquarters. "These are great part-time positions with excellent benefits."


The 213th RSG is standing up four new units as part of a reorganization this fall. The other units are the 228th Trans. Bn., 721st Transportation Company (Heavy Equipment Transporter), and the 252nd Quartermaster Company.

"We are excited and honored to be part of Pennsylvania National Guard history," Carroll said.

An activation ceremony will be held later this fall.

Organized in 1849, the 213th RSG has a long history of providing support for state and federal operations.

The 213th RSG consists of more than 20 specialized units located throughout the commonwealth.

The units that represent the 213th RSG include finance, maintenance, personnel, sustainment, transportation, contracting, and public affairs. 



## 213TH RSG Gets Fit with FIT-P+

Soldiers from the fourth iteration of FIT-P+ practice tactical combat casualty care techniques at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa. Aug. 18. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Lorene A. Mauro)

Story By Staff Sgt. Lorene A. Mauro

**FORT INDIANTOWN GAP, Pa.** — Fifty-five Soldiers from the 213th Regional Support Group joined other Pennsylvania Army National Guard members in attending the fourth iteration of the new Fitness Improvement Training Program Plus here August 6 through 20.

Soldiers from the 213th RSG, the 28th Combat Aviation Brigade, the 28th Infantry Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion and 55th Armor Brigade Combat Team, attended and served as cadre for this iteration.

FIT-P+ is a commander-recommended 148 hour course. During the 15 day course, participants attend classes and training events geared toward a

healthier lifestyle, resiliency, and reinforcing the Warrior Ethos and Army core competencies, said Sgt. 1st Class Jon Gibbons, the Individual Training Branch noncommissioned officer-in-charge.

The course is designed to employ the Army's total Soldier concept, he said. Soldiers attend nutritional counseling and fitness classes and practice Soldier skills such as marksmanship, land navigation, Modern Army Combatives, and other individual common tasks.

Sgt. Donald J. MacKenzie, a flight medic with Foxtrot Company 1/169th Aviation Battalion, 28th CAB, 28th ID, and a medic during this iteration said there is definitely an exercise component of the

course, but it's also a lot more than that.

"I think they do a good job of getting away from just the [physical fitness] part of it," said MacKenzie.

Spc. Allan J. Hopperstead, a health care specialist from the 28th Military Police Company, 728th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 213th RSG, and a medic for FIT-P+ said, he was impressed with the classes given during the program.

"The nutrition classes really inform and help really break down plans to support fitness goals and maintain an overall healthier lifestyle," said Hopperstead.


Spc. Drew M. Workman, an information systems specialist from the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 728th



CSSB, 213th RSG and a participant in the program, said he enjoyed attending the program.

“They should make this an [annual training] for everyone,” said Workman. “It’s awesome. It feels like I’m in the Army; it was fun shooting, ruck marching and doing land [navigation]”.

The Soldiers were weighed, taped if needed, and given a diagnostic Army Physical Fitness Test at the beginning and end of the program.

The 213th RSG Soldiers lost a total of 390 and altogether the 106 Soldiers that participated in this iteration lost 727 pounds; that’s about seven pounds per Soldier, said Gibbons. APFT scores went up by about 38 points on average, he added. 



Soldiers and cadre attending the FIT-P+ conduct the two-mile run portion of the final diagnostic APFT at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa. Aug. 19. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Holly Ann Nicom)



Soldiers from the fourth iteration of FIT-P+ receive instruction on M9 pistols at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa. Aug. 16. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Lorene A. Mauro)



Soldiers from the fourth iteration of FIT-P+ practice their Modern Army Combatives skills at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa. Aug. 16. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Lorene A. Mauro)



Spc. Katelyn Loveland, from the 2nd Squadron, 104th Cavalry, 56th Brigade, 28th Infantry Division, performs sit ups while Sgt. 1st Class Victor Arocho and Spc. Duy Nguyen, both of the 213th Regional Support Group, look on. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. 1st Class Holly Ann Nicom)



Soldiers from the fourth iteration of FIT-P+ practice their combat casualty care skills at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa. Aug. 18. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Lorene A. Mauro)

# 728TH CSSB Performs Annual Training at Camp Dodge; *Hands on Experience Teaches Soldiers*

Story by Spc. Hannah L. Baker

**CAMP DODGE, Iowa** – The 728th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 213th Regional Support Group, Pennsylvania National Guard attended its annual training at here last month.

The nearly 50 Soldiers spent two weeks training in a simulated wartime environment with technology that provided new opportunities for the Soldiers to attain hands on experience in their logistics military occupational specialty.

Through the use of computer simulation, the Soldiers were given the tools to prepare for wartime scenarios in a high-intensity situation, while testing their capabilities, said Master Sgt. James Winkey, the 728th CSSB operations sergeant.

Winkey said the systems created simulated terrain maps,

which allowed the Soldiers to plan commodity requirements, and main and alternate supply routes.

The exercises provided training for Soldiers of all levels, said Winkey. Lower level Soldiers were tasked with identifying and organizing data, while more senior members of the unit attained hands-on experience coordinating supplies, planning transport routes and leading their subordinates.

Sgt. Lauren Heibler, also with the 728th CSSB, said the high-intensity training provided leadership development. Her experience assisting the executive officer communicate information to the lower enlisted Soldiers was the biggest skill the exercise taught her, she said.

Because the National Guard

only has 24 weekend-drill days a year, Maj. Keith W. McKeon, executive officer at the 728th CSSB, stressed the importance of the unit's annual training time.

McKeon said the two-week annual training period was critical, and this exercise left them exhausted but thrilled with the results.

In the two weeks the unit spent training, Winkey said he watched Soldiers transform from being unsure to taking charge with confidence.

"My section impressed me with the ability to take on a very challenging annual training while staying positive and engaged with the highest level of enthusiasm," said Winkey, "the unit took the opportunity to show their skill level while showing camaraderie, cohesion and teamwork." 🇺🇸



Leadership from the 728th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion receive a briefing during their annual training at Camp Dodge, Iowa on Aug. 23. The Soldiers used computer simulations to train on their logistics mission. (Courtesy photo U.S. Army National Guard)





Soldiers of the 108th Medical Company and the Headquarters Detachment of the 213th Regional Support Group participated in the activation ceremony for the 108th, Nov. 6 in Allentown, Pa. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Zane Craig)

## 213th Regional Support Group Activates 108th Area Support Medical Company

**ALLENTOWN, Pa.** – The 213th Regional Support Group, Pennsylvania Army National Guard welcomed the 108th Medical Company with a unit activation ceremony here Nov. 6.

The 108th Area Support Medical Company mission is to provide medical care and evacuation in cooperation with the military units in an operational theater. Approximately 78 Soldiers will be assigned to the unit in a range of positions in both medical and non-medical fields.

The unit currently has vacancies for a dentist, a radiology sergeant, a medical lab sergeant, a behavioral health specialist, a dental specialist, a culinary

noncommissioned officer, a wheeled vehicle mechanic and a signal support systems maintenance specialist.

“We’re not an entirely new unit, we were C Company, 228th Combat Support Sustainment Battalion under the 28th Infantry Division before that and we transferred over to become an area support medical company,” said Maj. Daniel S. Wise, commander of the 108th Area Support Medical Company and a resident of Red Lion, Pennsylvania.

Wise added that his company has been part of the Allentown community for a long time, so joining the 213th is really like coming home. He said he is excited to lead the unit into the future.

“When we fell under the 228th we acted more as battalion support, whereas now we fall under the 213th and we cover an area of a battlefield,” said Sgt. Maggie Shewack, a medic with the 108th Area Support Medical Company and a resident of Hazleton, Pennsylvania.

She added that the unit’s function has remained the same, except now its mission is to support a geographic area instead of certain personnel.

In addition to the 108th Medical Company, the 213th RSG activated three new transportation units and a quartermaster company as part of a re-organization this fall. 🇺🇸



Staff Sgt. James Weathers, top center, motor transport operator, shows Soldiers of the 1067th Transportation Co. how to check fluid levels as part of preventative maintenance checks and services on the M1075 Palletized Load System on Aug. 2, 2016 at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Jason Fetterolf)

# Transforming Transporters Train on Three Truck Types

Story by Sgt. Jason Fetterolf

**FORT INDIANTOWN GAP, Pa.** - Soldiers of the 1067th Transportation Co, 728th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 213th Regional Support Group, Pennsylvania Army National Guard trained on three new vehicles in preparation for transformation from a medium truck company into a composite truck company during Annual Training here July 30 – Aug. 13, 2016.

AT focused on drivers' new equipment training and preventative maintenance checks and services for the M1070 Heavy Equipment Transporter and M1000 HET semi-trailer, the M1075 Palletized Load System and the Medium Tactical Vehicle, and was led by the company's own master drivers, many with combat experience.

The HET is an 86,000 pound, 500 horsepower, 10-wheel-drive

truck able to tow the 50,000 pound M1000 semi-trailer and its payload of 140,000 pounds, moving armor such as the M1 Abrams tank. The 500 horsepower PLS is an 8-wheel-drive truck with self-loading and unloading capability and a 16.5 ton payload capacity, easily handling 20-ft. containers on standard flat racks. The MTV is an all-wheel drive, six-wheeled truck with a five ton cargo



capacity; part of the Family of Medium Tactical vehicles.

"Our HETs will be our heavy haulers of armor into the field for rapid deployment; our PLS's provide overland modular cargo support with supplies to front-line units, and our MTVs will be the final leg in many logistics chains as their light off-road capabilities can take supplies to where they are needed most," said Capt. Benjamin Curle, company commander.

As the 1067th evolves via transformation, part of its mission stays the same, while part of it changes.

"We will continue to provide real-world and training support as we have done in the past, but our platforms are no longer focused on over-the-road line haul, but rather, more specialized for supporting tactical field operations over unimproved terrain," Curle explained.

With the evolving mission, new equipment training during AT proved to be of great value in preparing the unit drivers for future missions.

"[The training has] benefitted us ten-fold... the more vehicles you know how to drive and the more experience you get on every piece of equipment, the better driver you become," said Sgt. Natalie Livingston, a master driver and six-year combat veteran from Phoenixville.

"Now they are learning more equipment in the Army which will make them better drivers and proficient on many pieces of equipment," added Sgt. John Burger, a master driver from Westminster, Md. with seven years service in the 1067th.

Furthermore, by trusting seasoned, patient master drivers to be the primary trainers, the company created an optimal environment to maximize the learning of the Soldiers.

"To me, it's priceless... the experience and the training that we are getting, you are not... normally going to get in any other way. [Trainers] can take their time with Soldiers so they really understand and get the concept of what we are trying to do," Livingston noted.

"The trainers treat you professionally and equally," added Spc. Kudzu Gasonu, motor transport operator, a native of Togo, Africa and student at the University of Pittsburgh in Bradford.

Both truck platoons spent one week on HET and HET semi-trailer training, and a second week on PLS and MTV operations, to include PLS cargo handling procedures. All motor transport operators were issued licenses or driving permits after testing.

Finally, the extensive on-road and off-road driving experiences

boosted the confidence and morale of Soldiers.

"[The trainers] went into more detail, gave more hands-on and made me more comfortable driving these vehicles, because I was very nervous [before]....," said Pfc. Sidikie Kamara, a Temple University student living in Clifton Heights, originally from Guinea, Africa. "I really felt like I accomplished something."

After reorganization Sept. 1, the transformed company will expand to one MTV platoon and one HET platoon in Philadelphia, one PLS platoon in Phoenixville, and an additional PLS platoon at Fort Indiantown Gap. The company will be reassigned to the newly organized 228th Transportation Battalion. According to Curle, the 1067th will form the nucleus of the new battalion and afford many new promotion and professional growth opportunities. 🇺🇸



Pfc. Ronald Carstetter, motor transport operator, 1067th Transportation Co., drives the M1070 Heavy Equipment Transporter on an off-road course on Aug. 10. at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Jason Fetterolf)



The newly activated 721st Transportation Company (Heavy Equipment Transporter), 228th Transportation Battalion (Motor Transport), 213th Regional Support Group, Pennsylvania National Guard's vehicles are delivered to Fort Indiantown Gap in June. The unit's mission is to provide movement of oversized and overweight cargo using large equipment movers, M1070 Heavy Equipment Transporters. (U.S. National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Lorene Mauro)

## 213th RSG Activates New Transportation Battalion and Companies

Story by

Maj. Angela King-Sweigart

### **FORT INDIANTOWN GAP, Pa.**

– The 213th Regional Support Group (RSG), Pennsylvania Army National Guard welcomed two new units here September 1.

The 228th Transportation Battalion (Motor Transport) mission is to provide mission command and supervise its four companies, located throughout the state, conducting transport operations. The 721st Transportation Company (Heavy Equipment Transporter) mission is to provide movement of

oversized and overweight cargo using large equipment movers, M1070 Heavy Equipment Transporters.

More than 300 Soldiers will be assigned to the units in a variety of job positions. Currently the units are looking for more members to fill its ranks.

“The majority of the positions in these units are truck driver positions,” said Maj. Dan Carroll, commander of the 228th Transportation Battalion. “These positions are a great opportunity for current truck drivers interested in a part-time career

with benefits.”

The 213th RSG is activating three new transportation units as part of a reorganization this fall. The other unit is the 121st Transportation Company which is located in Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

“I’m excited for the opportunity to lead these units. Their formation is now part of Pennsylvania National Guard history,” Carroll said.

Unit activation ceremonies will be held later this fall. 🇺🇸





U.S. Army Pfc. Carlos Osorio, 430th Quartermaster Company, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, places laundry bags in a Laundry Advanced System (LADS) during Combat Support Training Exercise (CSTX) 86-16-03 at Fort McCoy, Wis., August 11. The 252nd Quartermaster Company will be receiving a variety of equipment to support its mission in the upcoming months to include LADS. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. John Russell)

## 213th RSG Welcomes New 252nd Quartermaster Company

Story by Sgt. Zane Craig

**PHILADELPHIA** – The 213th Regional Support Group, Pennsylvania Army National Guard welcomed a new unit at Southampton Armory Sept. 1.

The 252nd Quartermaster Company mission is to provide general supply, class 1 perishable and semi-perishable retrograde supplies, petroleum, water, shower and laundry supplies and services to our supported units.

More than 200 Soldiers will be assigned to the unit in a variety of specialties. Currently the unit is looking for more members to fill its ranks, especially petroleum supply

specialists, water treatment specialists and shower/laundry specialists.


“The best way to describe this unit is as a large commercial distribution center,” said Capt. Samuel Coover, commander of the 252nd Quartermaster Company. “We take bulk supplies, fuel, and water, break them down into smaller quantities and push them out to the units we support.”

The 213th Regional Support Group activated the quartermaster company and three new transportation units as part of a re-organization this fall. The 252nd

will fall under the 728th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion.

“I’m excited to lead this unit. I was around to support the Hurricane Katrina mission and this company is exactly the right kind of unit to provide essential support in a domestic disaster relief operation,” Coover said.

He added that the 252nd is outfitted with state of the art water treatment and shower/laundry systems that can provide facilities for 3500 people while generating very little waste.

An activation ceremony for the unit will be held this spring. 



# Hometown News

## Soldier stories from across the 213th RSG

Army National Guard Sgt. 1st Class Lloyd T. Rose assumed duties as detachment sergeant of Headquarters Company, 728th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, during a change-of-responsibility ceremony in Spring City, Pa., Jan. 18, 2016.

He is a 2000 graduate of Jersey Shore Area High School, Jersey Shore, Pa. He earned a bachelor's degree in 2008 from Lock Haven University, Lock Haven, Pa.

Sgt. 1st Class Lloyd Rose assumes duties as detachment sergeant of Headquarters Company, 728th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, during a change-of-responsibility ceremony in Spring City, Pa., Jan. 18, 2016.



Holding his unit's flag, 1st Lt. Darrin J. Weaver of Reinholds, Pa., assumes command of the 728th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion Headquarters Company, 213th Regional Support Group, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, from outgoing commander Capt. Randall A. Hall. Both officers are 1995 graduates of Cocalico High School located in Denver, Pa.

Army National Guard 1st Lt. Darrin J. Weaver has assumed command of 728th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion Headquarters Company, 213th Area Support Group, Pennsylvania Army National Guard. Weaver took command from Capt. Randall A. Hall during a ceremony held Jan. 9, 2016, at the Spring City Armory, Phoenixville, Pa.

Weaver and Hall both graduated Cocalico High School together in Denver, Pa.

Weaver is the son of Beaty A. Miller of Rock Hill, S.C., and Raymond R. Weaver of Schaefferstown, Pa., the husband of Heather A. Weaver, and father of Madison G. Weaver and Taylor N. Weaver, all of Reinholds, Pa.

He is a 1995 graduate of Cocalico High School, Denver, Pa. He earned a bachelor's degree in 2007 from Albright College, Reading, Pa.



Army Capt. Eugene P. Ingalls has assumed command of the 28th Financial Management Support Unit as the Commander during a ceremony held Sept. 9, in Lebanon, Pa.

He is a 2002 graduate of Coudersport Area Junior Senior High School, Coudersport, Pa. He earned a bachelor's degree in 2008 from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, Pa.

Capt. Eugene P. Ingalls receives the unit guidon during a change of command ceremony at the Lebanon Valley Readiness Center Sept. 9. The ceremony symbolizes the passing of command responsibility from the out-going commander, Maj. Eric P. Turner, to the incoming commander, Capt. Ingalls.



1st Sgt. John Paul Karpovich (left), 213th Personnel Company, 213th Regional Support Group, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, hands the ceremonial sword to Sgt. Melissa McBroom, also assigned to the 213th Personnel Company, during the unit's change of responsibility at Fort Indiantown Gap on August 6. The ceremony represents Karpovich accepting responsibility for the unit and its Soldiers as the unit's first sergeant.

Army Master Sgt. John Paul Karpovich has assumed the responsibilities of first sergeant of the 213th Personnel Company during a ceremony held August 6, at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa.

He is a 1995 graduate of Hanover Area High School, Hanover Township, Pa.

Do you have a career milestone in coming up like being promoted, getting an award or reenlisting and want to share your big moment? Please let us know!

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Col. Laura McHugh, commander of the 213th Regional Support Group and Command Sgt. Maj. Matthew Hensinger led the 213th Regional Support Group through an eventful and successful 2016. (U.S. Army National Guard Photo by Sgt. Zane Craig)