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## FAMILY LEGACY

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Their Grandfathers Fought in WWI  
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41st TAG: Brig. Gen. Todd Hunt  
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## **On The Cover:**

Brig. Gen. Allen Boyette, North Carolina National Guard (NCNG) Assistant Adjutant General, Sustainment, Lt. Col. Norman Walls, the State Training Officer, and Brig. Gen. Todd Hunt, NCNG Assistant Adjutant General, Maneuver, hold photos of their grandfathers on Nov. 10, 2019, while standing on the land in Nauroy, France, where they served in the NCNG's 30th Infantry Division during WWI. The NC Guardsmen traveled to Nauroy for the unveiling of a new monument honoring the 30th Inf. Div.'s involvement in breaking through the Hindenburg Line and changing the course of WWI. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Mary Junell)

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## **Where is SFC Jordan?**

Can you find the tiny version of Sgt. 1st Class Robert Jordan hidden among these pages? Our well loved photojournalist is hiding somewhere in the Hornet!



Over 100 kids, parents and volunteers of the North Carolina's USO and NCNG Family Programs, dress in their Halloween's best as they enjoyed food, candy, dancing, a costume contest, and a hay ride

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Bethesda Elementary School hosted North Carolina National Guard Soldiers for their Career Day in Durham, North Carolina, Nov. 22, 2019.



The North Carolina Statewide Botswana Committee hosted state, national and international leaders to a roundtable held at the North Carolina Department of Transportation headquarters in Raleigh, North Carolina, Nov. 19, 2019.

North Carolina National Guard Soldiers and Airmen participated in Military Appreciation Day at the 2019 North Carolina State Fair in Raleigh, N.C., Oct. 23, 2019. The celebration included a parade, a short program with a speech by State Command Chief Master Sgt. David Rodriguez, and several performances by the 440th Army Band. The parade included several North Carolina National Guard vehicles.

Over 800 participants to part in the 15th annual Reindeer Dash for Cash 10 miler and 5K run in honor of Captain Christopher Cash on December 8, 2019. The Reindeer Dash for Cash is dedicated to keeping the legacy of Christopher S. Cash alive and is a fundraising event to benefit the Captain Christopher Cash Memorial Foundation of NC, Inc.

N.C. Guardsmen, first responders, veterans and civilians came together this morning at Joint Force Headquarters in Raleigh, N.C on Oct. 25, 2019, for the start of the 5th Annual Guard 2 Beach charity bicycle ride raising money for the North Carolina National Guard Association Education Fund and honoring our fallen hero Sgt. James Slape.

# News From Around the Nest



A color guard made up of North Carolina National Guard Soldiers and Airmen based out of Ramstein Germany, led a parade down the streets of Nauroy, France on Nov. 10, 2019. The parade ended at a new monument honoring the 30th Infantry Division and their involvement in breaking through the Hindenburg Line and changing the course of WWI. Photo by Staff Sgt. Mary Junell



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Story by Lt. Col. Cindi King

“We work a lot with U.S. forces,” said Capt. Samuel Camp of the British Army. “It’s important we are tied into one another’s standard operating procedures.”

Medical Soldiers from the 145th Armor Regiment, 30th Armored Brigade Combat Team, joined soldiers from the British military’s 2nd Battalion, Mercian Regiment, for medical

evacuation (MEDEVAC) training with Golf Company, 5-159 Aviation Regiment, at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, Nov. 23, 2019.

The British Soldiers were supporting Desert Warrior III, which would include operations on the ranges and live-fire training. Camp said it was important he and his team were prepared to respond to any emergency and ensure interoperability between the

British and U.S. procedures and equipment.

The Soldiers practiced what is called a “DUSTOFF,” (Dedicated Unhesitating Service To Our Fighting Forces) meaning an emergency evacuation of a casualty from a combat zone. During the training, they lifted a simulated patient on a gurney, carrying him towards the UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter and loading him inside.

U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Jose Diaz Lopez, the flight medic with 5-159 Aviation Regiment, coached the team on proper carrying techniques and how to approach and walk away from the helicopter safely.

“When we are called to respond to a nine-line, we will do everything we can to care for your patient,” said Diaz Lopez.

According to Diaz Lopez, the helicopter crew along with

the flight medics, who are critical care certified, expect to be on the ground and depart no longer than five minutes, placing safety and urgency as priorities to get the patient to higher level care.

The British and U.S. Soldiers shared some of the differences in their acronyms and discussed various procedures to signal a helicopter from the ground with panels and smoke.

“It’s always great to learn

different methods and ways people do things,” said U.S. Army Sgt. Taylor Drayer, an Ohio National Guard medic in the 145th Armor Regiment. “We were able to compare litters and how they work with our helicopters.”

“We are in a very good position to conduct our live fire exercises,” said Camp. “Everyone has been so supportive working with us.”



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**The Mission of the Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) Program**

The SHARP program helps to achieve the goal of the Secretary of Defense to eradicate sexual assault and sexual harassment from the military. SHARP helps to create an Army culture where all Soldiers have the values, tools, and skills to prevent sexual violence. SHARP also provides sensitive care and confidential reporting for victims of sexual assault while holding offenders accountable for their actions.

**The goals of the SAPR Program are to:**

- (1)** Create a climate that minimizes sexual assault incidents, which impact Army personnel, Army civilians, and Family members, and, if an incident should occur, ensure that victims and subjects are treated according to Army policy.
- (2)** Create a climate that encourages victims to report incidents of sexual assault without fear.
- (3)** Establish sexual assault prevention training and awareness programs to educate Soldiers.
- (4)** Ensure sensitive and comprehensive treatment to restore victims' health and Well-being.
- (5)** Ensure leaders understand their roles and responsibilities regarding response to sexual assault victims, thoroughly investigate allegations of sexual assault, and take appropriate administrative and disciplinary action and subjects are treated according to Army policy.



Presents are laid under a tree located at the North Carolina Air National Guard Base, Charlotte Douglas International Airport, Dec. 7, 2019.

# Santa's Little Helpers

By Staff Sgt. Laura Montgomery

Socks, underwear, and headphones—that was the small list of a Holiday wish for a Badin Elementary School 4th grader in rural Stanly County, N.C.

Small and meaningful necessities such as these are lacking amongst these youth; necessities we take for granted daily.

Have no fear, Santa's helpers have arrived as men and women of the North Carolina Air National Guard Chapter 7 organization adopted the school for its annual Angel Christmas Tree project. The organization collected as many as 120 slips of papers with ages and wish

lists, attaching them to paperclip angels that were decorated on Holiday trees between the North Carolina Air National Guard Base, Charlotte Douglas International Airport, as well as the North Carolina Air National Guard Base in Stanly County.

Members of the base in Stanly County regularly visit with the Badin Elementary School students and read stories to them throughout the year. The school was ranked in the top 5 this year for growth in a North Carolina Elementary School.

In an effort to help the families of Badin Elementary School students, this year, the gifts will be given out to

the student's parents and the parents can decide whether the gifts come from them or Santa!

Money has also been collected in the event that not all angels from the trees were selected and the Chapter 7 organization would need to purchase some extra presents however, every single angel was selected! The extra money will go to help students.

Members of the Chapter 7 organization will meet with families next weekend to bring the gifts as well as set-up a fun holiday carnival to allow the families to celebrate the upcoming holidays with festivities and food.

**U.S. Soldiers with the 4-118th Infantry Regiment, 30th Armored Brigade Combat Team, North Carolina Army National Guard (attached to the 218th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, South Carolina Army National Guard) conduct gunnery training with the M2A2 Bradley Fighting Vehicle at Fort Bliss, Texas in September 2019. The 30th Armored Brigade Combat Team is mobilized for Operation Spartan Shield in the Middle East and comprised of units from the North Carolina, South Carolina, Ohio and West Virginia Army National Guard. Photo by Maj. David House**



## 30th Armored Brigade Combat Team provides armored vehicles in fight against ISIS

Story by Lt. Col. Cindi King

"We have been training for this mission and we are ready to execute it," said U.S. Army Col. Robert Bumgardner, commander of the 30th Armored Brigade Combat Team, North Carolina Army National Guard.

The 30th Armored Brigade Combat Team, nicknamed Old Hickory, recently

provided M2A2 Bradley Fighting Vehicles to support Operation Inherent Resolve and the coalition's mission to protect critical infrastructure against ISIS.

The unit was mobilized to support the 38th Infantry Division's Task Force Spartan in August 2019, training at Fort Bliss, Texas before arriving

in Kuwait. Their mission in Operation Spartan Shield is part of a rotational armored brigade combat team to assist partnered nations train and provide stability in the region.

"We are here as American Soldiers, one team, to do what our nation needs us to do," said Bumgardner. "We didn't come here to sit at watch, we came here

to be part of the fight. They needed heavy vehicles to reassure our friends and deter our foes, so that is where we are."

Old Hickory is designed to be self-sufficient on the battlefield, with more than 4,000 Soldiers headquartered in National Guard armories across North Carolina, South

Carolina, Ohio and West Virginia. Its major equipment includes the M1A1 Abrams Main Battle Tank, M2A2 Bradley Fighting Vehicle and the 155-Millimeter Self-Propelled Paladin Howitzer.

Recent combat deployments are nothing new to Old Hickory, with this being the third deployment as an entire brigade since the

terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. Their previous deployments were in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq in 2004 and 2009.

"We have a true combined arms force on the ground in support of direct operations," said Bumgardner. We as a National Guard ABCT are part of the Army's operational force and we are answering that call."

"Adding mechanized forces provides infantry, maneuverability, and firepower. All Coalition military operations are de-conflicted with other forces operating in the region, through pre-existing channels and interlocutors in order to reduce the risk of interference, miscalculation, or unintended escalation of military operations,"

said U.S. Army Col. Myles B. Caggins III, Coalition military spokesman.

Old Hickory is replacing the 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division from Fort Carson, who assumed authority of the armored brigade combat team mission in Kuwait in March 2019.

# ***Fighting***

**Members of the 145th Airlift Wing's Security Forces Squadron participate in a mock training scenario with riot equipment, while at the North Carolina Air National Guard Base, Charlotte Douglas International Airport, Thursday, November 21, 2019**

**. Members practice Baton Training in order to obtain Baton Certification, training consists of fighting a "Red Man" and shows trainees how to open and close the baton as well as where to strike when using it.**

# ***The Red Man***



# SAVE YOURSELF A TRIP TO YOUR COMMANDER'S OFFICE THIS ELECTION SEASON

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Wear your uniform at a political event

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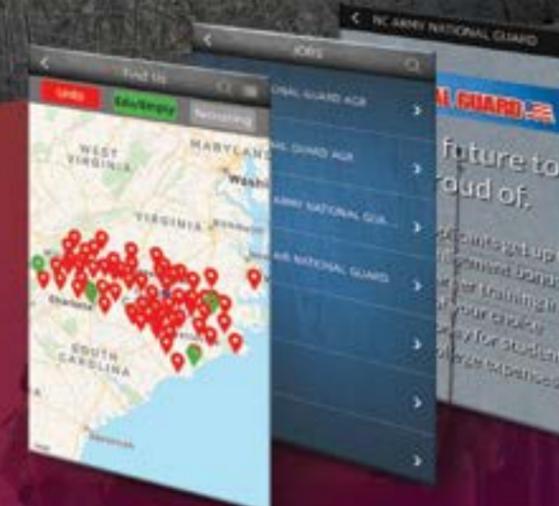
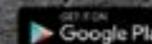
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# NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD CYBER TEAM

Story by Spc. Alonzo Clark

Photo by Staff Sgt. Brendan Stephens

The North Carolina National Guard (NCNG) is a part of the State Emergency Response Team and provides resources available to the state to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to and recover from various incidents, natural disasters, and cyber intrusions. The NCNG Cyber Security Response Force (CSRF), N.C. Emergency Management (NCEM) and N.C. Department of Information and Technology (NCDIT) work together to defend the state against

malicious cyber threats every day of the year.

The NCNG CSRF, NCEM, and NCDIT, as a part of the state cyber protection response coordinate with the Department of Homeland Security and other federal, state and local agencies when appropriate.

NC Guard's Chief Information Officer, Lt. Col. Robert Felicio, explains the details of how the CSRF interacts with state agencies.

"This response force can perform a lot of functions, some of them are preventative, and some of them are reactive," Felicio said. "From a preventative perspective, they can do cybersecurity assessments to help before attacks occur in their network environment. On the reactive side of the house, after an attack takes place, we assist in managing the response through the chaos."

The CSRF continues to be relevant by training municipalities and counties in the state finding the best solutions to implement for their particular cyber environment.

"I think an important note is when we do respond, we help to identify indicators of compromise, themes, and patterns," said Lt. Col. Seth Barun, NC National Guard's Chief of Cyber Operations. "In a recent incident within hours of sharing information with our partners, we identified six other agencies with similar malicious traffic and were able to get out in front of it before the attack."

CSRF's goal is to provide capabilities to the state response team and support the defense of state networks. Law enforcement cyber teams at the federal, state, and local level focus on the perpetrators.

"The beauty of working together is that it doesn't matter who they [local or state agency] reach out to because we all know immediately what is going on," said Tom McGrath, NC Emergency Management's Cyber Manager, who works as part of the team at the NC Information Sharing and Analysis Center -- the state's fusion center which gathers and shares information on a variety of threats. "We are able to get together when necessary to bring in law enforcement."

Felicio stresses the importance of their structure within the Cyber team.

"Our primary mission is to support state entities and get them back to pre-event conditions and help them respond and recover to the point where their services are again operational," said Felicio.

As for Felicio, the best possible solution can be addressed through help with other state partners.

"What we've seen across the country is that many malicious cyber-attacks look alike and have similar themes that can link an attack that happened in California with one in Texas or North Carolina," said Felicio. "So as a team, we can reach out to those states and try to connect those dots [themes, indicators, and patterns] and immediately share information with our local, state and federal cyber partners to collaborate on solutions."

Getting cyber protection down to the local municipality level can be challenging, but is an important role for the CSRF, NCEM, and NCDIT.

"There are plenty of tools out there that you can get for free, and when set up correctly and monitored, they are going to do the job," Barun said. "Many local agencies do not have the money in their budget for cyber protection, so we try to show them what tools to use and help them optimize what they already have because it's more than having the best equipment, it is maintaining the tools/equipment that you have and keeping the system up-to-date with patching.

Everyone gets annoyed when they have to reset their computer for patching,

but the best thing you can do for cybersecurity is to allow those controlled installs and updates to occur," Barun said."

McGrath emphasizes the need to train and interact with all the state's cyber teams.

"The important thing we say at NCEM is that during an incident is not the time you should be exchanging business cards," he said. "So, rehearsing and having productive cyber symposiums, networking with other cyber experts and documenting performance makes our state better prepared for attacks."

The future of cyber forces within the North Carolina National Guard, NCEM and NCDIT and other state agencies will grow with innovations and future advancements in technology.

"I think the senior leadership of N.C. Department of Public Safety, NCEM, the NC Guard, and NCDIT get it, and are focused on cyber," McGrath said. "It's that commitment from our state leaders knowing the importance of cyber protection and our strong partner agencies that will help protect our state from cyber threats."



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Robert Jordan

# Tarheel ChalleNge Academy

Story and photos by Sgt. 1st Class Robert Jordan

**T**wenty-six North Carolina National Guard (NCNG) Tarheel ChalleNge Academy (TCA), New London Campus, candidates completed part of their acclimation training at N.C. Department of Public Safety's Samarcaud Training Academy (STA) in Jackson Springs, N.C., Oct. 16-17, 2019.

The acclimation training prepared the youth for the rigors of the voluntary 22-week resident quasi-military style TCA program designed to instill self-discipline, give at-risk youth a sec-

ond chance at continuing their education and improve their life skills.

The day began early for the candidates on this the fourth day of their enrollment as their school bus rolls up the STA obstacle course. The greatest challenge that awaited the candidates was not just the recently constructed towers, climbing walls, beams, and other physical obstacles but the most difficult of all to overcome, building trust.

"Everyone is really pleased with the

campus and what we can offer," said STA Deputy Director of Operations William Seawell.

The candidates exited the bus and assembled in formation for the first activity of the day marching through the woods surrounding the obstacle course. This warmed up the candidates and readied them for the strenuous training ahead.

The candidates lined up and waited for the order to start. On order, they ran in pairs at the first obstacle, a climbing wall. The first young woman jumped and scrambled to the top of the wall. The next pair followed and the next.

"It (the STA course) is a great course that creates the opportunity for team building," said Melania Tuli, an instructor with TCA.

Some candidates struggled, others climbed with ease. Then

the true goal of the training occurred. Without guidance, several of the candidates ran forward to help their new friends as the rest of the candidates cheered them on.

"Let me help . . . I've got you . . . now I have something to tell mama when I get home," said the candidates among the cheers of their fellows as they passed the obstacle and moved to the next.

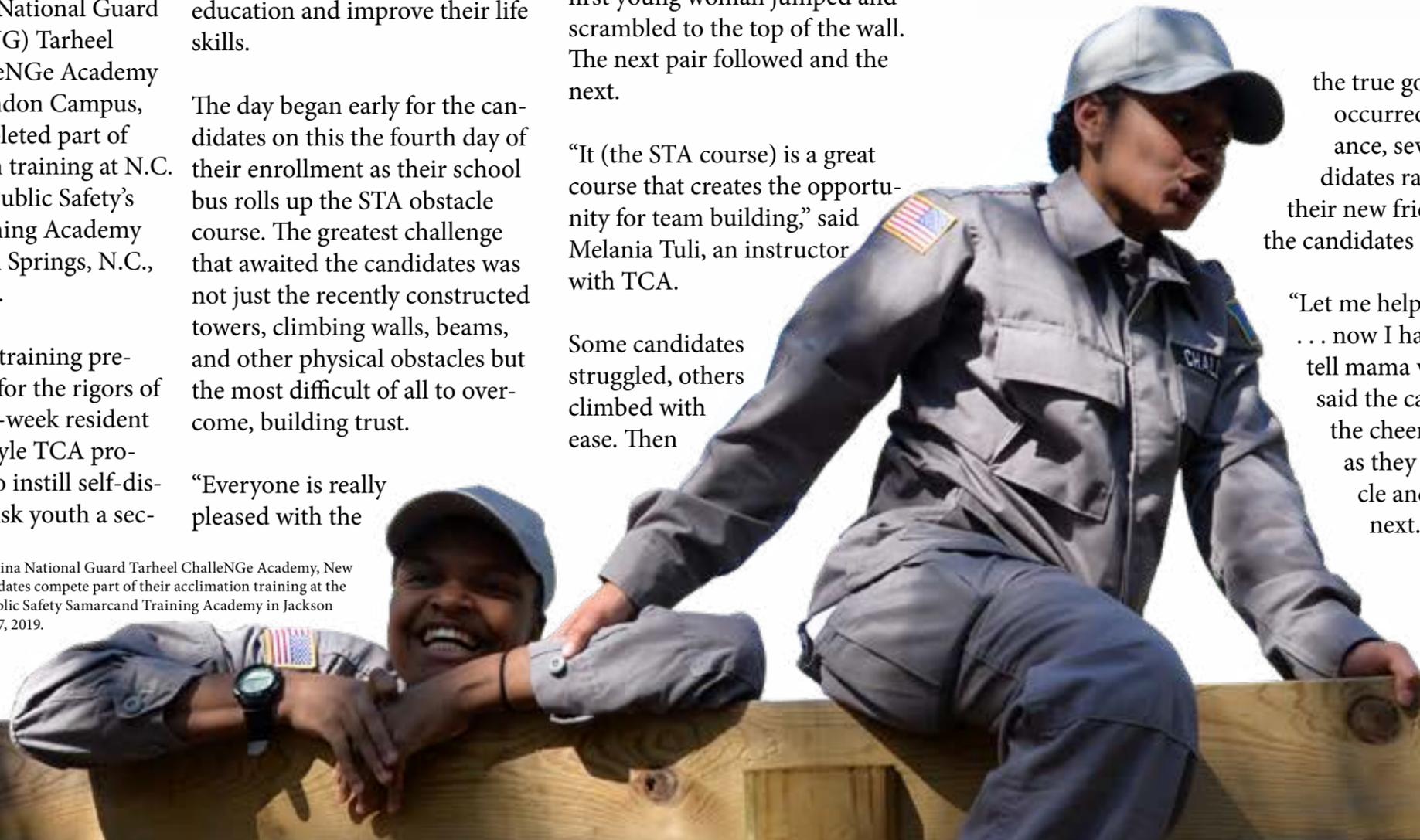
"You can't force teamwork, it is peer lead," said Tuli.

The Samarcaud Training Academy occupies 430 acres in Moore County and provides correctional basic, in-service, law enforcement basic and law enforcement advanced training since Fall 2015.

The NC National Guard sponsored Tarheel ChalleNge Academy helps build teamwork, personal growth, and development for at-risk youth who volunteer for the program. Cadets are under no military service obligation after finishing the program but several have enlisted after graduation. Since 1996, TCA has graduated over 5,600 cadets, with the vast majority continuing on the successful path instilled in them from the program in becoming productive citizens.

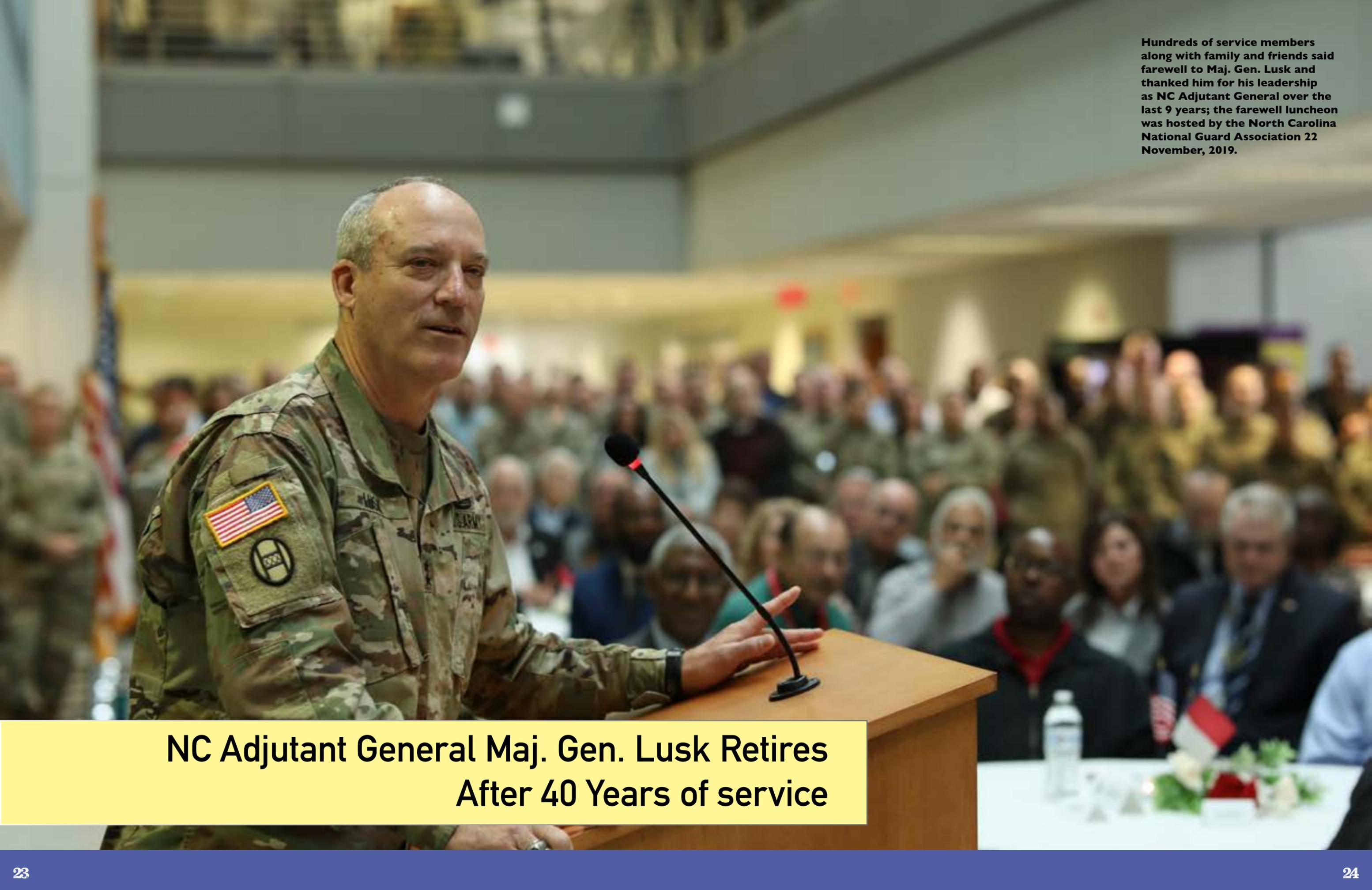


A Tarheel ChalleNge Academy candidate climbs an obstacle at the N.C. Department of Public Safety Samarcaud Training Academy, Jackson Springs, N.C., Oct. 16-17, 2019. Photo by SFC Robert Jordan.



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**NC Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Lusk Retires  
After 40 Years of service**

**Current and former service members come together for the annual Tarheel Homecoming celebration at the North Carolina National Guard's Joint Force Headquarters Dec. 13, 2019. Retirees and prior service members learned about ongoing NCG operations and retiree benefits available to them as well as enjoy camaraderie with fellow service members. During the ceremony, Vietnam Veterans (shown here) were honored with a lapel pin commemorating the anniversary of the Vietnam War.**



# 2019 Tarheel Homecoming

# 41st North Carolina National Guard Adjutant General



North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper passes the North Carolina National Guard flag to Brig. Gen. Todd Hunt, the new North Carolina Adjutant General, signifying the passing of command from Maj. Gen. Greg Lusk, the outgoing Adjutant General during a ceremony at the North Carolina National Guard's Joint Force Headquarters in Raleigh, North Carolina, Dec. 16, 2019.

(U.S. Army Photo by Staff Sgt. Mary Junell)



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(U.S. Army Photo by Staff Sgt. Mary Junell)

