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## *We Remember...*



We remember the following members or the family members of the NC National Guard Association or NC National Guard Soldiers and Airmen that have passed away since our last magazine publication. Listed below are those members (and non-members), spouses and dependent children that have recently passed away. If we have missed someone, please contact Rhonda Mooring at [rhonda@ncnga.org](mailto:rhonda@ncnga.org) or 919-851-3390 ext 1.

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# Letter from the NCNGA Executive Director

As you may have already heard, I'm leaving my role as Executive Director here at the Association. My last full-time day in the office will be in early September. While I wasn't actively looking for a career change, a position presented itself that is a really great opportunity for my family and me. I will be serving as the Chief Financial Officer & VP of Administration at Piedmont Community College in Roxboro, NC.

While I'm excited about this new opportunity, there's also a big part of me that's sad to be leaving such a wonderful organization. I can't tell you how much I've enjoyed my time working at the Association and how much I value the friendships I've made and the experience I've gained over the past four years.

The leadership, membership, and staff of the Association have made coming into the office and working with our members something to look forward to every day. I'm extremely proud of what we've been able to accomplish as an Association – and through the recently formed Tarheel Minuteman Foundation, and I'm looking forward to the very bright future that is in store for the Association.

This might be the end of my full-time role with the Association, but it's definitely not the end of my personal involvement. I'm committed to remaining on hand as the search for an Executive Director begins. I'll also be an ongoing resource to the Association's staff – Erin, Rhonda, and Tim – as well as to the membership, until a new Executive Director is in place.

It's been great being part of an organization that does truly meaningful work on behalf of the North Carolina National Guard, its families and retirees. I hope you will stay in touch and reach out to me at any time.



Sincerely,

*Larry Coleman*

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# NCNGA Convention and NCNG Military Ball Registration

## 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention

Twin City Quarter, Winston-Salem, NC  
10-11 March 2023

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Registrant's Email _____		

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# Final Formation and Guard for Life Programs Provide Transitioning M-Day Soldiers with Valuable Information and Resources

*By Altasia Johnson, Staff Writer*



*Final Formation at the Joint Force Headquarters in Raleigh, NC.*

The North Carolina National Guard offers two programs, Final Formation and Guard for Life, to transitioning M-Day soldiers and their spouses/significant other, providing valuable information and resources.

Whether you are retiring, separating, undecided on continuing with the North Carolina National Guard, or want to explore other options, these programs are available to help.

In 2019, both programs were established, due to the lack of retirement or separation information and resources available to eligible M-Day soldiers.

CSM Benjamin Garner (State, Senior Enlisted Leader) along with other Sergeant Majors within the North Carolina National Guard, adopted these programs based on the feedback and success from other states National Guards. To date, the Guard for Life program has had a record 38% retention rate at a single event.

“Our job is about taking care of Soldiers. This [event] gives us an opportunity to look them in the eye and thank them for their service,” said Garner. “As senior leaders to the lowest level, we want to do everything in our power to keep them in the uniform if that’s what they choose to do. And for Retirees, we want to make sure we’ve done everything we can to prepare them for success for that next life term.”

These events are held at the North Carolina National Guard Headquarters in Raleigh, North Carolina. Soldiers and their spouses/significant other are provided lunch and various briefings by the Soldier Support Center.

## **Final Formation Program**

The Final Formation program is an event that helps retirement eligible (at least 18 years of service) M-Day Soldiers and their spouses/significant other, understand the retirement process, benefits and the Survivor Benefit Plan.

Additional representatives and briefings include Veterans Affairs, Tricare, Blue Cross Blue Shield, the Education Office and the Employment Center.

*SSG Kate Williams, the Retirement Services Office NCO, presenting at Final Formation at JFHQ in Raleigh, NC.*





*Volunteer, Darryl Jordan SSG (R), presenting information on the North Carolina National Guard Association Insurance Program at Final Formation.*

Staff Sergeant Kate Williams, the Retirement Services Office Noncommissioned Officer, ensures Soldiers have the information and resources they need as they transition to retirement.

“We just want to make sure that the Soldiers and the families, are the best informed [as] they can be [during] the retirement process,” said Williams.

The event is held five times a year. Eligible Soldiers are only required to attend once, however, if there was a long gap between attendances, the Soldier and their spouse/significant other are authorized to attend more than once.

If you’re an M-Day Soldier and would like to sign up for the Final Formation event, upcoming dates are published in the base order. If you would like more information, contact SSG Kate Williams at (984) 664-7892.

### **Guard for Life Program**

The Guard for Life program, is a workshop with various informational stations that informs M-Day Soldiers who are pending separation (within 120 days of their ETS) and their spouses/significant other, on the benefits and entitlements if they elect to separate.

Soldiers are also provided with information on opportunities and incentives to continue military service with the National Guard such as MOS retraining, unit relocation, transferring into the Air National Guard (ANG) and bonuses. Other military options include transferring to Active Duty or other military branches.

Master Sergeant Holly Mullis, the G1 Soldier Actions Branch Noncommissioned Officer in Charge, provides information and resources to ensure the Soldier is set up to make an informed decision.

“I would definitely want to encourage all the Soldiers that are in the window to [attend the workshop], because we want them to know that we really do appreciate the service that they have provided,” said Mullis. “And we still want them to be able to transition out knowing what benefits they’re eligible for.”

The workshop is held quarterly. Once the Soldier is within 120 days of their ETS, hasn’t elected to continue military service and has less than 18 years of service, they will be scheduled to attend the Guard for Life program.

If you’re an M-Day Soldier and would like more information on the Guard for Life event, contact MSG Holly Mullis at (984) 664-7506.

### **A New Insurance Benefit is Coming!**

We are excited to announce we are offering a new insurance benefit program starting January 1st. Members and their spouses of the Association between the ages of 50 and 75 are eligible to apply for this affordable coverage- for life.

If you have separated or retired from the Guard and do not have the Group Insurance plan any longer, this is the perfect insurance option for you and your spouse.

Watch for updates in the upcoming Tarheel Guardsman magazine and the Weekly Guardsman.



# 5-113th Field Artillery Participated in XCTC for Annual Training

This month, North Carolina Army National Guard Soldiers from the 5th Battalion, 113th Field Artillery participated in Exportable Combat Training Capability (XCTC) for their two-week Annual Training held at Orchard Combat Training Center in Boise, Idaho.

XCTC is a series of training exercises where an element from the First Army Division, played a major role in observing, training, and coaching soldiers throughout Situational Training Exercises (STX) and a culminating Field Training Exercise that pulled all aspects of training together. Section and platoon proficiency is something that 5-113 FA trains on constantly. The critical addition to this training exercise was the presence of oppositional force (OPFOR). Traditional training becomes significantly more complicated when the training environment is constantly contested. Observer-controllers evaluated all sections on their capabilities to react and handle multiple simulated attacks intended to increase their skills and readiness. These exercises are essential in achieving platoon readiness in preparation for the nation's call.

The unit set up a Command Post with all the equipment and staff they would normally have during deployment. From this Command Post, the Battalion Staff analyzed their enemy and developed a plan to fight a realistic enemy.

Firing Batteries and the Battalion Fire Direction Center completed Field Artillery Gunnery Tables. These tables



practice assign numbers to different stages and levels of proficiency. 5-113th competed Table I through Table XII (Platoon Qualification) which included qualifying 4 firing platoons and 5 fire direction centers and ensures that the Battalion can mass fires from multiple launchers simultaneously.

5th Battalion's subordinate units' training was exceptionally executed. Headquarters and Headquarters Battery's (HHB) main mission was to provide defensive security operation for the Battalion's Command Post to allow the Battalion Fires Direction Center to process fire missions in support of 65th Field Artillery Brigade. One key training event was a notional mass casualty event. During this, the medics triaged







precision fires and developed new tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs) while also refining established TTPs. Alpha Battery fired a total of 36 Reduced-Range Practice Rockets (RRPR) and Bravo Battery fired 24 RRPRs.

732nd Forward Support Company (FSC) was essential in Battalion sustainment and provided great support to the Battalion in its mission by providing battery-level logistical, and maintenance support in the Battalion to include providing over 7,000 gal of fuel for the battalion, 400 hot meals per day, distributing over 400 Meals Ready to Eat, drawing, securing and distributing 60 live rockets. 732nd FSC also supported HHB by providing mutual security in the form of a Quick Reaction Force called upon when the Command Post came under attack.

5-113th stood out among its peers throughout the training event. As a result of their proficiency, the Soldiers of 5-113th were also called upon to participate in some non-standard events. Army Futures Command requested to meet with and demonstrate a new system currently in design to assist with ammunition management. In addition, the nation of Morocco sent Soldiers to observe and discuss the capabilities of the HIMARS system and its value as a strategic asset. The professionalism and expertise of 5-113th did not disappoint and both of these groups were able to leave with the information they needed to execute their objectives.

Whether providing expertise, completing Field Artillery Gunnery, or tactically planning and executing combat missions, the Battalion demonstrated, once again, why it is the premier HIMARS Battalion in the Army.



and treated 4 critical patients. This event not only tested the medical section but also tested the soldiers who were combat life saver qualified on their treatment as well as the rest of the unit on evacuation, communication, tactical movement, and command/control.

Alpha Battery qualified six crews and the Bravo Battery qualified four crews on Artillery Table VI during XCTC. This brought the Battalion up to 13 crews qualified in this training year. In addition, both qualified 2 platoons each on Table XII, executed STX lanes, maintained combat power, and successfully integrated platoon operation into brigade level operation. Additionally, both supported adjacent units through



# The Navy of the North Carolina National Guard

*By CPT Kory Dearie*

Yes, you read that correctly. The North Carolina National Guard did in fact have within its ranks sailors, marines, and sea-faring vessels for much of our history! Allow me to explain. We understand today that the National Guard is the organized militia of North Carolina. Consequently, we trace our lineage to 1663 when the Carolina Charter was signed granting the colony authority to muster and train militias. Being that North Carolina has a long coastline, which was the center of population and political power until the 20th century, it only makes sense that this state's organized militia would have included naval power.

In fact, what could be considered the first foreign deployment for the North Carolina National Guard was executed by militia serving as sailors and marines. In 1740, during the War of Jenkins' Ear (a.k.a. "the Spanish Alarm," a.k.a. "the War of Austrian Succession"), North Carolina raised four companies of 100 men each to support the British in their colonial conflict with Spain. These 400 militiamen sailed first to Jamaica, arriving on January 9th, 1741, where they met up with 24,000 soldiers and sailors from Great

Britain and her colonies. The mission of this force was to wrest control of Cartagena, in modern-day Colombia, from the Spanish and establish British economic and military superiority in the Caribbean. After battling the Spanish, and yellow fever, for nearly two years the men returned to North Carolina. The Cartagena Expedition was a resounding failure from the British perspective. Records are scarce but we do know that at least one of these four companies returned home having suffered a 75% casualty rate, and it can reasonably be assumed that this number was somewhat uniform across each company.

At the onset of the American Revolution, North Carolina once again saw the inevitable need for naval power to defend its valuable coastline. On December 21st, 1775, the Council of Safety agreed to outfit three brigantine vessels as the North Carolina State Navy. The Washington, the Pennsylvania Farmer, and the King Tammany were fitted with armaments and stationed at Cape Fear, New Bern, and Edenton respectively. Unfortunately, of the many North Carolina Patriots who served in the militia, none were exceptionally



*Pictured above is the uniform of a Lieutenant in the 2nd Coast Artillery Battery from the 1890's. Members of the Naval Battalion at this time would have worn similar uniforms. This is one of the newest additions to the NCNG Museum and is currently the oldest uniform in our collection.*



eager to be sea-bound when there was glory to be won on the battlefields. The ships floated idly for lack of crew members or supplies, and accomplished very little when they were active. James Davis, one of the commissioners for supplying the vessels, wrote extensively on the derelictions of the crew aboard the *Pennsylvania Farmer*:

"With 110 men on board at the Expence [sic] of near Forty Pounds per day, upwards of six months; in the most inglorious, inactive, and dissolute state that perhaps was ever suffered in any Country... the most abandoned sett [sic] of wretches ever collected together... They have wasted near 100 pounds of powder in wantonly firing at and bringing to all Boats, Canoes, and Vessels of every sort, even Passengers in the Ferry Boat have been insulted. Capt. Thos. Shine of the Militia, with his Company on board coming up to the General Muster, was fired on and a ball passed within a few inches of his Arm."

The three vessels were sold at auction shortly thereafter, and one more, the *Caswell*, was later purchased in order to defend Ocracoke. The *Caswell* sunk in June of 1779, and the minutemen of North Carolina abandoned naval enterprise for the remainder of the War.

Retaining some degree of naval power within the ranks of North Carolina's militia may have proved valuable as the next conflicts of a fledgling independent United States, the Quasi-War in 1798 and the War of 1812, took place largely at sea. However, we would not hear of North Carolina's naval militia again until late in the 19th century. (Side note: there was of course naval operations happening in and around North Carolina during the Civil War, but in nearly all cases, these were conducted by the Confederate government as opposed to the organized militia of North Carolina).

Following the conclusion of the Civil War, all former Confederate states were disarmed and no longer permitted to raise organized militia. This changed for North Carolina with the passing of the State Guard Act of 1876-77. And so it was that from 1877-1903 the North Carolina State Guard would carry forth the mantle of North Carolina's organized militia. (The ratification of the National Defense Act of 1903, or the "Dick Act", marked the name change from the State Guard to the National Guard). On December 28th, 1887, Adjutant General Johnstone Jones received a letter from the Secretary of the Navy requesting that the state explore raising a naval militia; to include coastal defenses. The US Navy was relatively weak at this point in time, and concern over the defense of our coastlines was widespread. The first action taken in response was the construction of a sea-coast battery in 1891 consisting of two heavy guns and four mortars. The governor of North Carolina had not yet called for the enrollment of officers and sailors into an organized naval militia, so this battery was to be manned by soldiers of the 1st and 3rd Infantry Regiments. This would mark the genesis of

what would later become coast artillery batteries within the North Carolina National Guard.

Another incident in 1891, known as the Oyster Wars, would serve as a catalyst for the implementation of North Carolina's naval militia. Formerly the Adjutant General of North Carolina in 1863, now Governor Daniel G. Fowle declared "war" on oyster pirates from Maryland and Virginia. The pirates had already been ousted from the Chesapeake Bay by the aforementioned states and responded by forcibly taking control of the oyster beds in Dare, Pamlico, Hyde, and Carteret counties. The pirates, armed with Winchester rifles and 36-pound cannons, dredged North Carolina's oyster beds with impunity, and local fishermen were helpless to stop them. Governor Fowle called 50 men of Company E of the 1st Regiment to state active duty and provided them with patrol boats. Within a week, one pirate captain and his crew were arrested by the guardsmen and the remaining pirates fled back to the North.

Finally, on September 23rd, 1891, the 1st Naval Battalion Naval Artillery was organized in Charlotte. It was comprised of 101 men, outfitted with new Lee magazine rifles and divided into two batteries. In 1895 a Passaic-class ironclad monitor, the *USS Nantucket*, was transferred to the Naval Battalion.

In 1898, the Naval Battalion, now boasting an active enrollment of 303 service members, was federalized for service in the Spanish-American War. 276 of these active members were stationed at Port Royal, South Carolina for much of the war. From here they would take the Civil War-era ironclad *USS Nantucket* on patrol along the southeast coast from New River Inlet, North Carolina to Jupiter Inlet, Florida; or the area designated as the Sixth District. The commander of the Naval Battalion at this time, Commander George L. Morton, was placed in command of all Auxiliary Naval Forces within this district which put him in direct command of between 4 and 23 ships at any given time. He was unanimously elected as head of the Naval Reserve Association of the United States upon the Battalion's return to North Carolina; which preceded the conclusion of the war with Spain.

We know this because Commander Morton and the Wilmington Division of the Naval Battalion were the first members of the State Guard to respond to the infamous Wilmington Insurrection on November 10th, 1898. Lieutenant Colonel Walker Taylor, commander of the 2nd Regiment, later arrived and Commander Morton remained his second-in-command, leading the Naval Divisions from Wilmington and later Kinston throughout this horrific affair. There is much that should be expanded upon with regard to this particular incident, but so not to detract from the focus of

this brief article, I'll elect to save that story for a later forum. I would like to mention that from the inception of the Naval Battalion in 1891 until the US entry into World War I, it was commonplace for divisions of the Naval Battalion to carry out the domestic mission of the North Carolina National Guard alongside the infantry regiments. Nearly once per year throughout this period at least one division of naval militia was ordered to state active duty in order to prevent civil unrest, aid in search and rescue, or conduct disaster relief.

Upon US entry into World War I the numerous units of the North Carolina National Guard were federalized for service in Europe, and the Naval Battalion was no exception. On April 6th, 1917, 242 members of the North Carolina Naval Militia were federalized into the National Naval Volunteers. Unlike the majority of our organization's members at this time, these officers and sailors would not see combat in Europe. Instead, they would remain along the East Coast of the United States, participating in cruises and training exercises with the US Navy, while keeping the coastline secure. A report by the US Navy assessing the performance of each state's naval militia contains mixed reviews on the caliber of their conduct. One Navy Commander wrote that the sailors of North Carolina, "Showed commendable interest in the work and commendable zeal in its accomplishment. The North Carolina Naval Militia were considerably handicapped by incomplete and improper equipment". One Lieutenant wrote, "Their behavior and record is most gratifying", while another said of the engineers, "Only a few of them seemed to take any interest in things, and only a few of them showed by their work that they were qualified for the ratings which they held".

Following the end of the Great War, the naval militia would no longer appear on the muster roll of the North Carolina National Guard. This is mostly due to the fact that both the US Navy Reserve and the US Coast Guard were officially established in 1915, and grew in prominence over the following years because of the evolution of submarine and naval warfare during World War I. The nature of unrestricted submarine warfare, and the threat it imposed on the home front mandated that the defense our shores be more uniform on a national scale, rather than left to the devices and limited funding of individual states.

There are, to this, day five states with active naval militias, but they function more similarly to state militias that operate strictly on a basis of volunteer work or in the event of emergencies too grave or widespread for the National Guard to control on their own. North Carolina still recognizes the naval militia as a part of its organized militia, but it has been inactive since World War I. The Governor does have the power to activate the naval militia and to appoint officers commissioned by the US Navy or the US Coast Guard to lead it, but that is a highly unlikely scenario.

Do you have any interesting information about our history with the naval militia? Better yet, do you have any interesting artifacts that speak to this unique and little-known facet of our history? If so, you can contact the NCNG Museum at [ncngmuseum.org](http://ncngmuseum.org) or give us a call at 984-664-6544.

### *USS Nantucket*



*The USS Nantucket was first commissioned in 1863 and served the Union Navy as part of the South Atlantic Blockading Squadron. It first saw combat in the Charleston Harbor in 1863 where it was struck 51 times. After being repaired it returned to Charleston and took part in combat operations on Morris Island and Fort Wagner. This monitor held a complement of 75 men and was armed with two cannons.*





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Includes: Mission updates, benefits seminar, various information stations, luncheon, and a social time

To Register: If paying by card complete this form online at [ncnga.org](http://ncnga.org) or call the office at 919-851-3390. Otherwise, send this form and a check for \$15.00 per person payable to NCNGA on or before 2 December 2022 to:

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Note: Seating is limited to 350; please make your reservation as soon as possible  
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## 2022 Tarheel Retiree Homecoming Registration Form



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# Air and Army National Guard have Joint Engineering Training

By CPT William Landis

On March 5-6 2022 the 578th FES of the NC Army National Guard, and the 245th Civil Engineer Flight of the NC Air National Guard meet at the Regional Training Site in New London, NC for a joint engineering training. This is the second joint training event with the two units consisting of the National Guards foremost engineering experts. The units learned about each other's capabilities, and trained on CAD, rapid bridge reconnaissance, convoy operation, fire suppression, and the use of the dynamic cone penetrometer. The training gave the units that are both stationed in Charlotte the opportunity to learn about the other unit with a similar mission set, but is in a different component.



Soldiers from the 578th FES practice using the dynamic cone penetrometer



A soldier from the 245th Civil Engineer Flight practices suppressing a fire



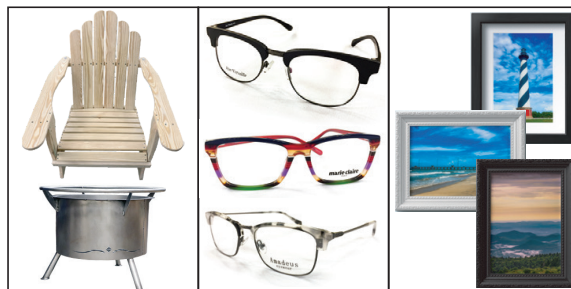
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