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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
Maj. Gen. Courtney P. Carr

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The Indiana National Guard leaders are on a mission to improve the health and wellbeing of its members through the new Army Wellness Center.

Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Courtney P. Carr with the state’s senior enlisted adviser, Command Sgt. Maj. James Gordon have worked passionately to bring the center into existence here in Indiana for service members and their families.

Carr, the commander of the Indiana National Guard, believes the presence of the center will have a positive long-term influence on our Guardsmen wellness and the organization’s readiness.

“From a readiness standpoint, nearly 20 percent of our force isn’t passing their physical fitness test, we can’t send them to schools, promote them, or reenlist them. This affects our strength and readiness because we are losing service members. However, we’d like to see long term lifestyle changes, that will have a positive impact on the Soldiers and their families from a wellness perspective,” said Carr.

To help encourage service members to take full advantage of the center, Carr is calling on his senior leaders to go through the assessments themselves; in hopes that the leaders will pass on the benefits and further encourage their own soldiers to utilize this resource.

“We want make sure that leadership understands the capability and models the behavior. We want them to model the behavior and get their troops and their families engaged,” said Carr.

Carr and Gordon have gone through the process themselves. Carr said that he has already seen an improvement in his health.

Jared Harper, the wellness center’s director noted that the center is not just for those struggling with their weight or passing their physical fitness test, but said all soldiers can benefit from the services provided.

“Whether participants are struggling with height and weight, have individual health and wellness goals, are APFT failures or are passing with a 300, I envision all service members utilizing the wellness center to help provide the baseline education necessary to achieve physical fitness and sustainability in health and wellness,” said Harper.

Gordon said the assessment has helped him think in new ways about the type of exercises he should be doing, as well as being more conscious of his caloric intake.

“When you get your body assessment combined with the counseling from the educators, it really gives you an overall assessment of your wellness and your fitness, with a way ahead,” said Gordon.

The center focuses on physical improvements, weight management, and stress reduction.

“The Camp Atterbury Wellness Center utilizes state-of-the-art wellness technology that can help oneself gain a better understanding of our own physiological needs. Through the Wellness...
Centers assessment and education process, our clients will be better empowered to meet their health and wellness goals leading to a sustainable health lifestyle,” said Harper.

The leadership of the Indiana National Guard wants what’s best for their service members and the Guard as a whole, through a representation of good health and wellness.

“In the end if our Guardsmen and their families are healthier, then this will have a lasting impact on our service members and the organization,” said Carr.

The center opened at Camp Atterbury in October as a part of the larger operating, Resilience Campus.

Army Wellness Center
(317) 247-3300 ext 64325

By Sgt. 1st Class Lasima Packett
Indiana National Guard Public Affairs
April 6, 1917 was the first day of the United States involvement in WW I. With 135,000 Hoosiers serving in the war, and 3,000 paying the ultimate sacrifice, this event will layout a statewide plan to educate Hoosiers and honor these service members.

Scheduled highlights
Governor Eric Holcomb is scheduled to attend, a guest speaker from the Indiana National Guard, and WWI Re-enactors.

Indiana Agri-Business Development Teams (ADT) Exhibit Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony
April 8, 2017 at 11p.m.
Spruance Hall

In an effort to tell a different side of the military story the IWM will host an exhibit highlighting the ADT. Guest will include former members of the ADT, and also guest speakers from the Indiana National Guard.

“We like to tell the stories of ordinary Hoosiers doing extraordinary things.”

J. Stewart Goodwin, Brig Gen, USAF (Ret), Executive Director, Indiana War Memorials Commission
Governor Eric J. Holcomb’s 2017 Next Level Legislative Agenda

**Make Indiana a magnet for jobs**

We must continue managing our finances with the discipline we’ve shown for the past 12 years, while making investments that grow our 21st century economy and nurturing entrepreneurship, innovation and technology. Governor Holcomb’s plan calls for making $1 billion available for innovation and entrepreneurship over the next 10 years and includes $4 million in the state budget to build on the success of Indiana’s Regional Cities Initiative.

**Create a 20-year plan to fund roads and bridges**

For Indiana, “Crossroads of America” is more than a motto: It’s a mission. Governor Holcomb is committed to passing a long-term plan that preserves what we have, finishes what we started, and invests in new projects to take our state to the next level. The state must increase revenue to achieve this goal, and the governor is open to a menu of legislative options this session to fund a long-term plan for our state’s infrastructure.

**Develop a 21st century skilled and ready workforce**

Indiana needs an education system that challenges and prepares students to fill and succeed in high-demand, high-wage jobs. Governor Holcomb’s plan calls for giving more students a great start by doubling investment in the state’s pre-K program—and by giving more Hoosier adults the step up they need to a better career with grants that cover the cost of workforce training and certificates.

**Attack the drug epidemic**

Since 2000, deaths from drug overdoses have increased 500 percent, and Indiana ranks 15th in the country for overdose fatalities. Governor Holcomb’s plan attacks this problem on all fronts: prevention, treatment and enforcement. From giving locals the authority to implement programs that stop the spread of HIV and Hepatitis C, to limiting controlled-substance prescriptions and refills, to increasing penalties for those who commit pharmacy robberies—Governor Holcomb’s plan is comprehensive and seeks to align local, state, and federal efforts for maximum impact.

**Deliver great government service**

“It ain’t sexy, but it’s my job.” Governor Holcomb is committed to ensuring our tax dollars are being used responsibly and efficiently. He’ll set goals and use data to track state agency progress and tackle problems. Further, his legislative agenda calls on the state to take care of those who serve and protect us by giving Indiana State Police a well-deserved pay raise.
Major General Denton retires after 32 years of service

By Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Runser
Indiana National Guard Public Affairs

On Feb. 5, 2017, at Camp Atterbury, a retirement ceremony was held for Maj. Gen. Ivan E. Denton a post he commanded from 2012 to 2014.

Maj. Gen. Denton, a Paoli native, began his service with the Indiana National Guard in 1982 and four years later served with the elite 75th Ranger Regiment. He is 1 of only 850 men to conduct a combat parachute assault onto the International Airport in Panama during Operation Just Cause.

During the ceremony, Denton expressed his gratitude and thanked his family for their support throughout his military career.

“I’m so thankful for all of the opportunities afforded to me throughout my career,” said Denton. “I owe much of my success to those I served with and especially my family.”

Denton is married with three children, Allison, Joe and Robbie. His wife, Kimberly, is an instructional coach for an elementary school in Fairfax County, Virginia where they now reside.

“Ivan has done so much for the men and women of this organization, Indiana, and the nation,” said Maj. Gen. Courtney P. Carr, adjutant general of Indiana. “We are excited for this next phase of his life and thankful for his continued work, serving veterans at the national level.”

His previous assignments include 1st Battalion 293rd Infantry Regiment Commander in Iraq, recruiting and retention battalion commander and 219th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade Commander in Iraq.

Denton served in multiple full-time leadership roles in the Indiana National Guard throughout the state. From 2014 through 2016 he served as the National Guard Bureau’s director of manpower and personnel at the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia.

He has numerous decorations and awards to include the Ranger Tab, Combat Infantryman’s Badge, Combat Parachutist Badge, Legion of Merit and Bronze Star.

His retirement was effective Jan. 1, 2017, and he will be transitioning to the Department of Labor’s Veterans’ Employment and Training Service in Washington where he will continue to support those who have served the nation.
Hoosiers, Nigeriens forge new partnership

By Capt. Megan Laycock
Indiana National Guard Public Affairs

The Indiana National Guard and the Republic of Niger signed a state partnership agreement during a ceremony held in Niamey, Niger, Jan. 23, 2017.

Maj. Gen. Courtney P. Carr, adjutant general, Indiana National Guard, and Gen. Seyni Garba, joint chief of staff of the Niger armed forces, made the state partnership official during a signing ceremony attended by representatives from the U.S. Embassy in Niger, the Indiana National Guard, Nigerien armed forces, U.S. Army Africa Command and Indiana University.

“The Indiana National Guard continues to develop relationships across the spectrum of Department of Defense agencies and civil authorities serving as a catalyst, joining communities to uniformed services,” said Carr.

The State Partnership Program is in its third decade of unique partnership building and contributes significantly to enduring relationships that enhance security cooperation and interoperability.

“For the Forces Armée Nigerien, it will build and strengthen its already impressive military training institutions and security operations,” said Eunice S. Reddick, U.S. ambassador to Niger. “For the Indiana National Guard, the partnership offers a chance to increase readiness, interoperability, and regional expertise.”

The Indiana contingent, led by Carr, traveled to Niger for the signing as part of the official delegation responsible for finalizing the agreement with Niger.

Prior to the official signing the Indiana delegation was led by personnel from the U.S. embassy throughout the area to visit numerous sites to include cultural and military locations. The Hoosier service members met with Niger officials for three days discussing unique service capabilities and program overviews.

The State Partnership Program links a unique component of the Department of Defense, a state’s National Guard, with the armed forces of a partner country in a cooperative, mutually beneficial relationship by means of tailored, small footprint, high-impact security cooperation engagements that foster long-term enduring relationships with U.S. friends and allies around the world.

“The National Guard State Partnership Program is an innovative means to bring together a state’s National Guard with that of a partner country,” Carr said. “It enables the Indiana National Guard to leverage whole-of-society relationships and capabilities to facilitate broader interagency engagements spanning the military, economic, education and sociocultural realms.”

Carr also highlighted existing partnerships with several of Indiana’s prominent universities.

“We have a history of partnering with academia, and I’d like to thank Indiana University for joining us on this trip” said Carr. “The work your organization does at home and around the world is amazing, and we’re thankful for the interest you have shown in this new partnership.”

Niger is Indiana’s second state partner. The Slovak Republic and Indiana started their partnership in 1994. Since its inception, the Indiana National Guard has completed a variety of exchanges with Slovakia, ranging from humanitarian assistance and disaster relief to maintenance, emergency management, engineering and Army and Air Force aviation focusing on interoperability and security focused exercises.

The State Partnership Program helps partner nations leverage the full breadth and depth of U.S. defense and interagency capabilities from within the state-country relationship facilitating mutual cooperation across all aspects of international civil-military affairs.

“State partnerships, like here in Niger, demonstrate the relevance of the Indiana National Guard and have a positive, lasting impact on security cooperation, stability, and the future well-being of the U.S. and partnered nations,” said Carr.
Indiana National Guard Supporting
58th Presidential Inauguration

By Sgt. 1st Class Lasima Packett
Indiana National Guard Public Affairs

The Indiana National Guard provided 150 service members to the nation's capital to perform duties in support of the 58th Presidential Inauguration. The Soldiers and Airmen were from different units and specialties to include Military Police, Communications, Logistics, Medical, Public Affairs, and the Civil Support Team.

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The Hoosiers largest element came from the more than 140 military police from Indiana’s 81st Troop Command. The military police assisted local civilian authorities with crowd management in and around D.C. metro stations among other activities. Their efforts ensured that hundreds of thousands of spectators were able to move around smoothly and safely during inauguration events.

The Indiana National Guard works hard to provide trained service members ready for any mission and the inauguration was no different. Indiana is proud of this moment to take part in an event of this stature, and to contribute to such a significant part of the democracy of our nation.

“Obviously there’s a giant sense of pride, and it’s an honor to have been selected for this — leading these soldiers. The inauguration is an historic event, and everyone definitely has a sense of pride about it,” said 1st Lt. Jeff Merritt, the military police task force commander.

Hoosier Guardsmen also supported the Joint Task Force-D.C. public affairs mission, with troops from the Army and Air National Guard. Sgt. 1st Class Lasima Packett, 38th Sustainment Brigade along with two Airmen from the 122nd Fighter Wing, Master Sgt. Darrin Hubble and Staff Sgt. Rana Franklin were on that team.
The Indiana National Guard promoted its state command chief warrant officer during a ceremony in Indianapolis, Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017.

Chief Warrant Officer 5 Chris Jennings, a Brownsburg resident, received his new rank from his wife, Lisa, their twin daughters, Ashley and Kaylee, and Indiana’s Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Courtney P. Carr.

Carr spotlighted Jennings' technical acumen and leadership prowess calling him an impeccable leader who sets the example for others to follow.

“The warrant officers are the experts in their respective areas. So here we have Chief Jennings, not just the expert in his specific field, but he has risen to the pinnacle in the rank of warrant officers,” said Carr. “So that speaks to his technical expertise in avionics, but also in the leadership in his development of the warrant officer corps.”

Jennings during his speech likened success to a good recipe for brownies.

“If you don’t use all the ingredients that the recipe calls for, you get some nasty tasting brownies,” said Jennings. “In the military we need all the proper ingredients too. We need soldiers of character to serve with. We need leaders and mentors to challenge us.”

Jennings also said the recipe includes the citizens of the United States and family support.

“Our recipe also includes a strong homefront so we have a rock to stand on,” said Jennings. “We need an anchor and people worth fighting for. We are here because of the people, and we need them to be here for us as well.”

Jennings, who has served nearly 35 years in the military and is a two-time combat veteran, has been the Indiana command chief warrant officer since April 2016.

Carr said that promotions are not only recognition of past soldiers’ achievements but also potential for their future endeavors.
Hoosier, Korean War vet receives Ambassador of Peace award on 87th birthday

By Sgt. 1st Class Jeff Lowry
Indiana National Guard


Marion M. “Bud” Mason, an Indianapolis native, earned many commendations for his three-year military service to the nation, but today he got another on his 87th birthday, more than 62 years after he retired.

“It’s always special for me to stand in front of men from this period of our nation’s history and recognize them for their efforts,” said Carr, who pinned Mason with the peace medal. “It’s a powerful reminder of the sacrifice our fathers and grandfathers made on our behalf.”

The Korean Ambassador of Peace Medal was originally presented to veterans who served in the U.S. peacekeeping force in Korea after the conflict ended. South Korea now awards the medal to all eligible veterans who served during the Korean War from June 25, 1950, to July 27, 1953.

“I was honored to serve. I love this country, and I always will,” said Mason.

Mason’s brother, Donald, made a trip from Texas to join in the ceremony. He received the peace medal in August, and he and Marion’s daughter, Renee Justice, were instrumental in making sure his brother received his too.

Prior to joining the military, Marion worked for the Allison Division of General Motors for two years. He then enlisted in the Army on Jan. 23, 1951. Mason was an Army paratrooper and served with the 7th Infantry Division in Korea. His final Army assignment was at Fort Benjamin Harrison, and he retired as a corporal in January 1954.

Mason’s other decorations and awards include the Combat Infantryman’s Badge, Parachute Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Sharpshooter Badge, National Defense Medal, Korean Service Medal with three bronze service stars, United Nations Korea Service Medal, Korean War Service Medal, Army Presidential Unit Citation, Army Meritorious Unit Citation and Korean Presidential Unit Citation.
Retired Brig. Gen. Danny Bill Callahan
November 7, 1943 – February 8, 2017

Danny enlisted in the Indiana National Guard on December 1, 1963. He then served the next 38 years with dedication and honor to the United States Armed Services acquiring the rank of brigadier general. He also worked as a program manager for the General Electric Corporation in Bloomington for 38 years.

Danny is survived by his loving wife Melissa Eades Callahan, son Troy Callahan, daughter Trisha Callahan and her husband Jason as well as his brother Terry Lee Callahan.
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