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Post Deployment – Back in the US

Back in the States, 1st Lt. Neil Edgar's insatiable appetite for training continued.

National Guard Joint Staff Training Course (JSTC):

Members of the National Guard are often called upon to work with local emergency responders, state and federal agencies, and federal military forces during major events occurring in their state, such as natural disasters or large-scale social events. This course provides comprehensive training and education for joint staff to support Joint Force Headquarters (JFHQ) and Joint Task Force (JTF) missions in state or federal situations.

The weeklong training courses consisted of a review of basic National Incident Management System principles, a series of compounding practical exercises and classroom instruction led by subject matter experts. During the training, instructors prepare multiple tabletop exercises based on all-hazards emergency preparedness contingencies and crisis action planning which are designed to prepare National Guard leaders and members of the Joint Staff to coordinate and integrate military and federal agencies during a disaster. The JSTC scenarios are tailored to the specific regions for National Guard Units by incorporating historical examples of local weather and other emergencies into the practical exercises.

Defense Support of Civil Authorities Course (DSCA):

The organization of the National Guard from a federal perspective - National Guard Bureau (NGB). The National Guard Bureau was created as a joint activity of the Defense Department and consists of the Army and Air National Guards. Federally, the chief of the National Guard Bureau serves as a military advisor to the president, the secretary of defense, and the National Security Council. He is a member of the joint chiefs of staff and is the Department of Defense's official channel of communication to the governors and state adjutants general on all matters pertaining to the National Guard.

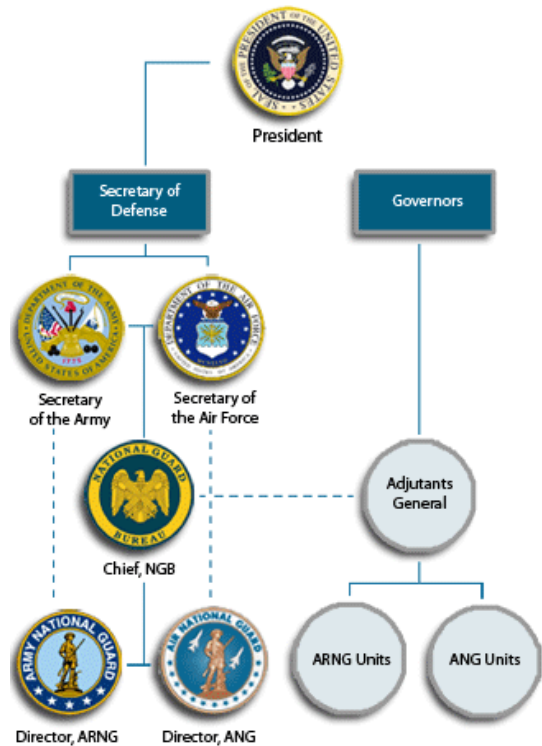
The chief is the channel of communications between the services and the 50 states, three territories (Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands and Guam) and the District of Columbia. Additionally, the chief of the National Guard Bureau reports directly to the secretary of defense on readiness and equipment levels to prepare an annual plan for response to natural disasters and terrorist events. The chief is also a principal advisor to the secretary of defense on matters involving non-federalized National Guard forces on matters discussed in this lesson and by other matters determined by the secretary of defense.



The organization of the National Guard from the state point of view. The chief of the National Guard Bureau is the channel of communication between the services and the 54 states and territories. Each state and territory has an adjutant general. Through the adjutants general, the chief communicates with the governors (United States code Title 32, sec. 314). The adjutant general is the military representative to and works for the governor.

In many cases, the adjutants general have both an air and army assistant adjutant general that reports to them. In many cases, the adjutant general is also in charge of the state's emergency management agency. The states' adjutants general do not directly report to the chief of the National Guard Bureau, but work and coordinate with him. The term state includes the fifty States, the U. S. Virgin Islands, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia.

The term governor includes the governors of the several states, the Virgin Islands, Guam, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and, in the case of the District of Columbia National Guard, the president or his designee.



Each state has a joint force headquarters. The headquarters, referred to as the JFHQ-State, provides command and control of all National Guard forces in the state or territory for the governor, or, in the case of the District of Columbia, the Secretary of the Army. It acts as a joint headquarters for national-level response efforts during contingency operations.

When operating across both state and federal responses the 2012 National Defense Authorization Act designated a dual-status commander. The intended benefit is to facilitate unity of effort between state National Guard forces and federal military forces in achieving common objectives in a disaster response or other national event. Since the National Guard is a dual state/federal force, its missions include homeland defense, homeland security, state missions and domestic missions.

DSCA Training: The Department of Defense (DOD) Support of Civil Authorities Course trains military forces, DOD civilians, contract personnel, and partner federal agency members, to successfully plan, coordinate, execute and support DSCA operations. The target audience is senior military and civilian leaders and staff members with DSCA responsibilities. The course is chartered by the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense and Americas' Security Affairs).

The course consists of three phases of instruction. Phase I, eight hours of on-line learning focused on the National Response Framework and how DOD supports Phase II, 30 hours resident instruction and practical exercises designed to put the operational principles into action Phase III, continuing education through course alumni updates.

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Much had transpired in his military career so far :

Present Assignment: JFHQ – J2, Security Officer (Joint Forces Headquarters)

Source and Date of Commission: OCS, North Carolina MA, 20 AUG 2005

Years of Active Commissioned Service: 1 Year

Total Years of Service: 14 Years

Military Schools Completed:	Year Completed
Infantry School	1997
Airborne School	1997
Air Assault School	1997
Officers Candidate School	2005
Military Intelligence Officers Basic Course	2006
Pathfinder School	2007
Sniper Employment Leaders Course	2008
Jumpmaster School	2008
Reconnaissance and Surveillance Leaders Course	2008
Combat Lifesaver Course	2009
Unit Movement Officer Course	2009
National Guard Joint Staff Training Course	2011
Defense Support of Civil Authorities Course	2011
Military Intelligence Captain's Career Course	2014

Civilian Affiliations:

NRA Certified Pistol Instructor and Range Safety Officer

Gracie Combatives Certification

Coast Guard Auxiliary Member

PADI Rescue Scuba Diver

Civilian Education:

School	Degree Received
State University of New York at Oneonta	
Logan College of Chiropractic	BS DC

US Decorations/Medals/Badges:

Bronze Star Medal

Army Commendation Medal

Army Achievement Medal

Good Conduct Medal

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Reserve Component Achievement Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters
 National Defense Service Medal
 Iraq Campaign Medal
 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
 Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M device and Bronze Hourglass
 Army Service Ribbon
 Overseas Service Ribbon
 Michigan State Broadsword
 Michigan State War on Terrorism Ribbon
 Michigan State OCONUS Ribbon
 NCNG Service Award Ribbon
 Senior Parachutist Badge
 Air Assault Badge
 Pathfinder Badge
 Expert Rifleman Badge
 Expert Pistol Badge
 German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (Gold)
 Turkish Parachutist Badge
 Physical Fitness Badge

Chronological List of Appointments:

Second Lieutenant	ARNGUS
First Lieutenant	ARNGUS
Captain	ARNGUS
Major	ARNGUS

Chronological Record of Duty Assignments:

ACTIVE DUTY

From To

Infantry OSUT Trainee	A Co 2/58 Infantry	03/97	06/97
Airborne Trainee	B Co 1/507 th PIR	06/97	07/97
Heavy Anti-Armor Weapons Crewman	511 th PIR	07/97	03/00
OIF Deployment	F Co 425 IN (ABN) (LRS)	05/09	04/10

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Officer Candidate	HQ 139 TH REGT CA	03/04	08/05
Liaison Officer	139 th ROC	09/05	01/06
MIOBC Student	C Co 306 th MI BN	02/06	06/06
TUAV Platoon Leader	A Co 30 th STB	07/06	06/07
IN Platoon Leader	F Co 425 th IN (ABN) (LRS)	06/07	04/08
Executive Officer	F Co 425 th IN (ABN) (LRS)	05/08	12/10

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Security Officer	JFHQ-J2	01/11	Present
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So, at 44 years of age with knees getting a little fragile and slowing down a bit as eventually happens to all of us, it was time to perhaps move on to a less physically demanding job. Neil chose to branch into Military Intelligence. 2010-present Neil has been working at the Joint Forces HQ (JFHQ) in Raleigh, NC in the J2 (Intelligence section). 'Joint' means Army and Air National Guard.