

MARYLAND ARMY NATIONAL GUARD RECRUIT SUSTAINMENT PROGRAM

MDARNG Recruiting Site
<http://mdarmyguard.com>

NEXT DRILL 2-3 December 2017

DRILL SCHEDULE

2-3 December 2017

20-21 January 2018

24-25 February 2018

17-18 March 2018

14-15 April 2018

19-20 May 2018

23-24 June 2018

www.facebook.com/MDARNG

RSP updates on your

smart phone text:

MDRSP to 95577

Attendance at the Recruit Sustainment Program (RSP) is **mandatory**. If you must be absent from training (illness, scheduling problems, etc.), contact your recruiter or Company RSP NCO as soon as possible. They will provide guidance for providing documentation and on making up the missed training. You will remain attached to the RSP until you have completed all of your Initial Active Duty Training (IADT). After completing IADT you will participate in a Graduation and Battle Handoff Ceremony and introduced to a representative from your Unit.



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GOLD PHASE

A COMPANY

ATTENTION GOLD PHASE:

First of all congratulations on a job well done! You are now officially MOSQ'd Soldiers!!!

What to bring to drill:

- ID/CAC card and ID tags
- ALL Medical & Dental Records
- ALL records from IET
- Naturalization Documentation (if applicable)
- Proof of Honor Grad/High PT for Recognition
- PT gear
- Report in ACU's/OCD

What to expect during drill weekend:

Saturday:

- Report to Bldg. 4229 with all records (0800-0900)
- Clothing & Equipment issue (Havre de Grace)
- Bonus/Education Benefits Counseling
- Employment briefing
- Assembly of Initial Equipment

Sunday:

- Periodic Health Assessment (PHA)
- Graduation Practice
- Luncheon with unit representatives
- Patch Ceremony

RSP GRADUATION CEREMONY 1300 Sunday 3 DEC
STARK RECREATION CENTER
BLDG E4140 AUSTIN ROAD
APG-Edgewood Area, MD 21010

You can do the following survey before drill:

Periodic Health Assessment (PHA) For PHA registration you need Your CAC card; go to:

<https://rc.mods.army.mil/MHA/pdha/DHADeploymentCheck.aspx>

Click new form on the right side of the page

First Sergeant's Message

For those of you who will be shipping in the next few months, you need to make sure you are ready for the challenges you are going to face at Basic Combat Training (BCT) and Advanced Individual Training (AIT). That means not only being physically prepared, but mentally as well. Make sure you continue to be proactive on your APFT standards, as this will help you in the future. Do not wait until drill to conduct PT, working out a minimal of 4-5 days a week will help you successfully complete Basic Combat Training (BCT) without any injuries.

Talk with your Recruiter or one of the cadre members at RSP concerning any changes since your enlistment. Some examples are: **change of address, bank account, marital status, or you have become a new parent. We also need to know about any open law violations. All of these could prevent you from shipping, if we are not aware of them ahead of time.** We are here to help you successfully start your military career. Always remember, you are the future of the Maryland Army National Guard and a member of the family. This is a life changing career and not just a job!

1SG Tina Sievers & 1SG Mark Bagley

Points of Contact

Your primary Point of contact is always your recruiter.

If you are unable to reach your Recruiter:

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Team 'N' MSG F. Cox 410-292-4530
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Report Time: 0800-0900

Report Place: Bldg 4228

First Formation: 0915 at Barracks

Drill SGT Notes

B COMPANY

Drill Sergeant

Comments:

-Greeting of the weekend when any drill Sergeant says good morning/evening/night, the phrase for this weekend which you will respond back with the proper time of day AND **“Always motivated Drill Sergeant!!!”**

Males- don't forget to shave and get a haircut prior to Saturday's check in.

Females - take off all acrylic nails, hair ties must be the same color of your hair and if wearing makeup make sure it is in a neutral color.

ALL - wear black or white socks with NO logos on the side. Bring back everything that was issued to you if this is not your first drill. You are not staying at a hotel so be sure to bring your own towel and shower shoes (flip flops) *optional...

NOTE- Random inspections will be conducted. Do not bring any unauthorized items to include; candy, weapons, iPad, sexual paraphernalia, etc... If you have a question about what is not allowed ask any NCO at check in.

ALWAYS MOTIVATED!

PHYSICAL READINESS TRAINING WILL BE THE MORNING OF SUNDAY DRILL.

Remember to bring your complete PT uniform to include white socks and running shoes for morning PT. Weather permitting.

EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE BEEN ISSUED TRADOC Pam 600-4 THE SOLDIER'S BLUE BOOK (The Guide for Initial Entry Training-IET). Don't wait OPEN it up today and familiarize yourself with everything in it! **ESPECIALLY: ARMY HISTORY-BCT Requirements THE ARMY VALUES-TNG PHASES AIT Requirements-Code of conduct-The Army Song-Rank structure-General Orders-Warrior Tasks & Battle Drills-APFT-UCMJ**

DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE GET PREPARED TODAY!

GUARDSMAN FOR A DAY

Tell your friends, family and co-workers to come out and join us for an RSP drill weekend. Help them to understand this important career decision you have made and see if they too are ready to join you living the Army Values, reaping the educational benefits and most of all **servicing your country!** Remember those individuals you bring to RSP (GFAD) that lead to an enlistment are a promotion for YOU!

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IMPORTANT NOTES:

-EVERY RECRUIT MUST HAVE AN ARMY EMAIL ACCOUNT

-EVERY RECRUIT MUST ESTABLISH A MYPAY ACCOUNT

- EVERY RECRUIT Begin hydrating for drill NLT 5 days prior to RSP drill.

INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF SUCCESS BY BEING CONFIDENT, PHYSICALLY FIT AND RESILIENT AT ALL TIMES! STUDY YOUR BLUE BOOK, ASK QUESTIONS AND FULFILL YOUR OBLIGATIONS.

NUTRITION TIPS-WARRIOR FIT-WORKOUTS

Warrior Fit Members:

The Cold Months are NOW HERE....don't forget that eating healthy, working out, and staying hydrated are still important even when it's cold outside!!

Healthy eating important!

When combined with exercise, a healthy diet can help you lose weight, lower your cholesterol level, and improve the way your body functions on a daily basis. People of different ages and activity levels have different calorie needs. How much you eat of a certain type of food, such as fruits and vegetables, should depend on your individual calorie needs. For example, a person who needs 1,500 calories per day will have food serving requirements that are different from someone who needs 2,600 calories per day. Take a look at the U.S.

Department of Agriculture's website ChooseMyPlate.gov offers good information about nutrition for children and adults.

Physical activity in the cold months is just as important!

Take five to 10 minutes and do some low level [aerobic exercise](#) like [jogging](#) in place or doing jumping jacks. That way, when you step outside, you'll already be warm! Dressing properly can also help. Wear layers so that you can peel them off as your [body temperature](#) increases. Just because there might be snow and ice outside there are always local gyms you can use as well. As long as you have your CAC card, you can access any active military gym!!

AKO (Army Knowledge Online)

Do you have an AKO account?

Do you know your user name and password?

If you cannot answer "YES" to both questions, please contact your recruiter immediately! Not only is AKO a requirement for shipping, it is also a very important communication tool that links to your MyPay, email account, training information and individual readiness.

WEIGHT CONTROL STANDARDS

Army Regulation 600-9, The Army Weight control Program, states that each Soldier (commissioned, warrant, or enlisted) is responsible for meeting service weight control standards.

On the day of your MEPS physical you met the Army weight control standards. It is your responsibility to remain in compliance. You must meet the same requirements when you ship to Basic or Advanced Individual Training.

Know your maximum weight allowed (or body fat percentage if necessary). You will be weighed on if needed, taped each month at drill in order to ensure you maintain the Weight control standard.

RSP TRAINING

RED Phase is your first drill weekend with the Recruit Sustainment Program (RSP). Red Phase weekends will teach the recruit the basics of being a Soldier in the ARNG Physical Fitness Assessment.

QUICK SHIP Phase is your first drill and only weekend with the Recruit Sustainment Program (RSP) prior to shipping to Basic Combat Training (BCT). It is a combination of the RED and BLUE Phases

WHITE Phase varies in length to cover the period between the RED and BLUE Phases and is designed to mimic the training environment you will enter at Basic combat Training (BCT).

BLUE Phase is the final drill before shipping to BCT or to Advanced Individual Training (AIT). Blue Phase also allows the Cadre one last quality check to ensure that you are Mentally Prepared, Physically Fit and Administratively Correct.

GREEN Phase is for warriors who have completed BCT and have returned to RSP prior to attending AIT. Green Phase reintegrates BCT graduates into the RSP through advanced training, and sustains Soldiering skills learned at BCT.

GOLD Phase will be your final drill with RSP. It will ensure that you are Administratively Correct to join your MDARNG Unit. You will be introduced to a member of your unit at the RSP Graduation Ceremony.

"The Soldier's Blue Book"

NOW available in the Google Play Store. It can be downloaded by clicking this link and selecting install on an Android device: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=mil.army.bluebook&hl=en> or by opening the Google Play App and searching for Soldier's Blue Book. The app provides Soldiers with a copy of The Soldier's Blue Book that they will utilize in basic training and it contains checks on learning. An IOS version of this app is not currently available for I-phones but there is a PDF file of the Blue Book (attached) that can be viewed on I-phones. It can also be downloaded from TRADOC's website here: <http://www.tradoc.army.mil/tpubs/pams/TP600-4.pdf>.

It is recommended that all Soldiers are encouraged to download the Soldier's Blue Book App or PDF upon enlistment and begin becoming familiar with the content in preparation for Basic Training.

BLUE / QUICK SHIP PHASE

All Blue and Purple Phase Warriors will need their Photo ID, SS Card, ATM Card and any change documents for the Pre-Shipper Brief and Counseling on Saturday. Verify your AKO and MyPay accounts prior to Drill.

To receive Basic Allowance for Housing you must have a copy of a lease or mortgage, with your name on it, dated prior to the date on the MEPS orders (MEPS orders are usually published 30 prior to Ship Date) The Address for the Lease / Mortgage must be the same as your orders which is the address you used for enlistment. **If there is a discrepancy – contact your Recruiter.**

CAC CARD WEBSITE: Walk through site step by step CAC installation @ www.militarycac.com

MDARNGBenefitsGuide:

www.md.ngb.army.mil/absolutenm/articlefiles/842MDARNG_Benefits_Guide_130129.pdf

Soldier Transportation Schedule

Pickup

Route 1

Cheltenham (0530) 9900 Surratt's Rd, Cheltenham, MD 20623
Glen Burnie (0630) 14 Dorsey Rd, Glen Burnie, MD 21061
5th Regiment (0700) 29th Division St, Baltimore, MD 21201

Route 2

Green Belt (0700) will be picked up at **White Oak Armory**
White Oak (0700) 12200 Cherry Hill Rd, Silver Springs, MD 20904
Ellicott City (0730) 4244 Montgomery Rd, Ellicott City, MD 21043

Route 3

Salisbury (0515) Royal Farms, 101 N. Salisbury, Salisbury, MD 21801
Queen Anne (0615) 3011 Starr Rd, Queen Anne, MD 21657
Elkton (0745) 101 Railroad Ave, Elkton, MD 21921

Route 4

Cumberland (0430) 1100 Brown Ave, Cumberland, MD 21502
Hagerstown (0600) 18500 Roxbury Rd, Hagerstown, MD 21740
Frederick (0700) 8501 Old National Pike, Frederick, MD 21701

Route 5

Westminster Armory (0600) 350 Hahn Rd, Westminster, MD 21157
Pikesville (0630) 610 Reisterstown Rd, Pikesville, MD 21208
Parkville (0700) 3727 Putty Hill Ave, Parkville, MD 21236

Privately owned vehicles: Recruits are not authorized to drive their own vehicles unless instructed to do so by their recruiter.

All vehicle keys will be secured by your phase instructor for the weekend.

HISTORICAL DATES FOR December:

5 Dec 1992 Operation Restore Hope (Somalia)
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Unified_Task_Force

7 Dec 1941 Japan attacks US at Pearl Harbor
<http://www.eyewitnesstohistory.com/pearl.htm>

10 Dec 1898 Treaty of Paris (Spanish/American War)
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Treaty_of_Paris_\(1898\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Treaty_of_Paris_(1898))

13 Dec 380th Birthday of the National Guard
<http://www.nationalguard.mil/Home.aspx>

20 Dec 1989 Operation Just Cause (Panama invasion)
<http://operationjustcause.us/>

24 Dec 1814 Treaty of Ghent (War of 1812)
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Treaty_of_Ghent

26 Dec 1991 Fall of the Soviet Union
<http://www.historyorb.com/russia/intro.php>

29 Dec USS Constitution captures HMS Java (War of 1812)
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMS_Java_\(1811\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMS_Java_(1811))

Prepare Yourself Administratively

You can help prepare yourself using the acronym **APPLE MD**. This acronym is used in screening prospects for enlistment. You must continue to meet the **Enlistment Eligibility Criteria** until you have completed **AIT**.

A-AGE you are as old as you are – nothing you can do about it. However, does your Social Security Card match your Birth Certificate? Did you enlist under the name on your Social Security Card? Remember to have your Social Security Card and State issued photo ID when you report to MEPS to ship.

P-PHYSICAL Has anything changes since you took the Entrance Physical? Have you seen a doctor or gone to the hospital? **If you have - contact your Recruiter immediately.** Do you still meet Height and Weight Standards?

P-PRIOR SERVICE This mainly affects Phase 2 Shippers (Green Phase). Do you have a copy of your Clothing Record? Do you have **everything** that was issued at BCT?

L-LAW VIOLATIONS Has anything changed since you enlisted? Did you get a Traffic Ticket? Even if it is paid – **contact your recruiter immediately** – at a minimum you will need to have the paid receipt when you return to MEPS.

E-EDUCATION Official Transcripts and Diplomas that must be in your records. Even if you have given it to your Recruiter – take a copy with you to MEPS.

M-MARRIED Did you get married since enlistment? **Contact your Recruiter immediately.** All married soldiers, even if you were married when you enlisted, should have a copy of their certified (file number and raised seal) marriage certificate when they report to MEPS.

D-DEPENDENTS Do you have any Dependents? (Spouse, children, stepchildren) You will need to have copies of Spouse's State issued Photo ID, copies Spouse's and dependent children's SS Cards. Parental Affidavits, Custody Agreements, or Family Care Plans if required. **If any doubt – contact your Recruiter immediately.** Does your Spouse and/or dependent children (over 10 years old) have a Military ID Card?

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

BAH

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MYPAY

Everyone needed to have a SF1199a Form (Direct Deposit) to Enlist. Once you have set up your AKO account you will receive information via your AKO email concerning the set up of your **MyPay** account. This is where you will find your Leave & Earning Statements (LES), W-2s and all information concerning your pay status. If you change bank account and/or have moved, you can update your information in MyPay. (Always remember to report these changes to your unit as well.) If you feel you have a pay concern, you will need to access your LES to show the concern.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Feeling Thankful

As you read this, your Thanksgiving may be little more than aging leftovers in the fridge, but as I write it Thanksgiving is yet to come. Therefore, my thoughts naturally gravitate towards that for which I am thankful. I recently was blessed by the birth of my second grandchild. I never cease to be amazed at how one tiny screaming human can come out of a larger screaming human, but somehow it happens. What's more, that grandson's birth was precipitated by an auto accident involving my daughter. I am thankful that both mother and child were spared any significant injury and that the unexpected birthdate was not too early! I'm thankful for my family, my friends, my neighbors, my church members... You get the point. The list could go on forever, and if you took the time to seriously sit down and catalog all you have to be thankful for, I bet your list could go on forever, too.

I challenge you to ponder what you are thankful for. I'll simplify the task by limiting the scope. What are you thankful for within the MDARNG sphere of your life? I'm thankful for a cadre of leadership that are patient and kind towards a Defense Force chaplain. I'm thankful for recruits that were courageous enough to devote themselves to serving their nation. I'm thankful for the way our creator can use things like RSP and our ongoing vocational experiences to continuously shape and grow us, whether we're Red Phase, or 20 years in. In a nutshell, I'm thankful for you and knowing you've got my back as a citizen of our nation. Please know, I've got your back when you need a chaplain.

Thankfully yours,

Chaplain Dowell

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Recruiting & Retention Operations SGM

Tis the season to be jolly, and a time to reflect and a time to stop and think about all that we have to be grateful for. More specifically, I am thankful for all the brave men and women who have served to "ensure we will always enjoy the freedoms all Americans have come to expect. Yet, too often we take the gifts of freedom and democracy for granted. So let us "remember that the blessings, abundance, and opportunities we enjoy here in America do not come without a sacrifice. More often than not, this is what being a Soldier is all about. Selfless Service is one of the Army's Seven Core Values. Putting the welfare of the nation, the Army and our subordinates before our own is not always easy, but it is truly rewarding. Selfless service is larger than just one person. In serving our country, we are doing our duty loyally without thought of recognition or gain. The commitment of each team member to go a little further, endure a little longer, and look a little closer to see how he or she can add to the effort is the basic building block of selfless service and what makes our organization the best in the world. So this holiday season, I would like to thank each and every one of you. May your holiday be filled with cheer, warm memories, and happiness.

"Provide The Line"

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JOB SITES

If you are looking for a job in Maryland please register at our state site:

<http://www.msccn.org/MDNationalGuard/MDJobs.html>

Once registered you will receive personal advice on resume writing and job searching. Other helpful sites:

www.usajobs.gov

<http://www.baltimorecity.gov/Government/ActsofStateLegislature/CivilServiceCommission.aspx>

www.vetjobs.com

<http://www.indeed.com/q-gateway-jobs.html>

www.recruitmilitary.com

<https://h2h.jobs/>

www.clearancejobs.com

<http://www.proudtoserveagain.com/>

<https://www.fbo.gov/>

<http://www.snagajob.com/>

For additional job information contact our state rep at (410) 576-6177

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West Point Scholarship opportunities
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