

IN THE MILITARY



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Captain Suzanne Zylstra Williamson is preparing her company of 100 soldiers for mobilization training and deployment.

A resident of Milford, Pa., Williamson is a 1986 graduate of High Point Regional High School and 1994 graduate of Sussex County Community College. She completed a degree in special education at Kean University in 2002.

Williamson has been commanding Echo Company, 1-150th Assault Helicopter Battalion since June 17. Her company's mission is to support the 1-150th Aviation Battalion out of West Trenton. Echo Company includes cooks, fuelers for aircraft, mechanics for ground vehicles and vehicle drives.

She has been in the U.S. Army for 17 years, four years of which were on active duty. Her enlisted active duty job was a 91G, behavior science specialist. The remaining of her time in the military has been with the New Jersey Army National Guard. She was previously deployed in 1991 to the Persian Gulf for Operation Desert Shield/Storm.

Prior to going to active National Guard status, Williamson worked at the Hamburg Public School in a resource room for children grades K-3. She will be return to her students IN Hamburg after deployment.

Williamson worked as a drill instructor at Sussex County Community College with the Criminal Justice Program for three years and as a drill instructor with Hamburg Police Chief Jan Wright and the Hamburg Junior Police Academy for seven years. She recently gave 73 Frankford sixth-graders some basic drill and ceremony lessons.

Williamson is the daughter of James and Janet Zylstra of Culver Lake. Her husband, SFC (retired) Brian Williamson, spent 21 years in the National Guard.

Marine Corps Cpl. Roy T. Martin, son of Beth and Robert Martin of Newton, recently received a Certificate of Commendation while assigned to Weapons Platoon, Company G Battalion Landing Team 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N. C.

Martin's performance of duties, knowledge, military bearing and presence of mind resulted in his being selected as the BLT Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter for the third quarter, 2008.

The 26th MEU is currently deployed to the Navy's 5th and 6th Fleet areas of operations aboard the Iwo Jima Expeditionary Strike Group.

Martin, a 2004 graduate of Kittatinny Regional High School, joined the Marine Corps in October 2004.

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Richard M. Rave has graduated from the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash.

Cadets in their junior and senior year of college must complete the leadership development course. Upon successful completion of the course, the ROTC program, and graduation from college, cadets are commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army, National Guard, or Reserve.

He is the son of Margarita Hernandez of Mud Pond Road, Blairstown. The cadet is a 2005 graduate of Ridgefield Park Junior-Senior High School.

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Army National Guard Pvt. David Santana has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. During the nine weeks of training, Santana received training in drill and ceremonies, Army history, core values and traditions, basic combat skills and weapons training.

A 2008 graduate of Sussex County Technical School in Sparta, Santana is the son of Maritza Conde of Vernon.