

# VTNG Public Affairs

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## Message from the State PAO

Hello Local Leaders of Vermont!

My name is Mike Arcovitch, and I am the State Public Affairs Officer for the Vermont National Guard. I previously taught and coached at Burlington High School from 2007-2016. I've been in the Guard for over six years. I was hired into this position in July of 2017.

The public affairs office of each state plays many roles. One of them, arguably the most important, is telling the story of the Soldiers and Airmen that serve. I seek to use this newsletter as a consistent document that you can rely on to get information about who we are and what we do. I understand that the military can be confusing.

You are receiving this because you are key communicators in our communities. Our story can't be told to every Vermonter without your help. Guardsmen are Vermonters - we live, work and contribute to communities across the state. I hope this newsletter serves as a method to tell the stories of all our service members.

Thank you for all you do to make Vermont an amazing place to live. I hope you enjoy our newsletter.

**\*\*Mark your calendars for the 2018 Soldier Showcase to be held on 8/9 Sept!\*\***



U.S. Army Spc. David Pasciuto, sniper, Charlie Troop, 1st Squadron, 172nd Cavalry Regiment, 86th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Mountain), Vermont National Guard, fires an M110 semi-automatic sniper system at Camp Ethan Allen Training Site, Jericho, Vt., May 9, 2018. Soldiers with C Troop, 1-172nd CAV, and Charlie Troop, 3rd Squadron, 71st Cavalry Regiment, 10th MTN DIV, trained in preparation for the Army sniper course. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Avery Cunningham)

## Upcoming Events

86th IBCT annual training - June @ Ft. Drum

Aviation Deployment Ceremony - June 14 @ Army Aviation Support Facility, South Burlington

Blood Drive - July 14 @ Camp Johnson

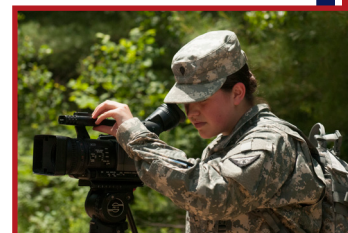
## Soldier Showcase - September 8-9 @ CEATS, Jericho

**\*\*Certificates for professional development hours will be provided for educators upon request\*\***

## AFSC Highlight

### 46S - Public Affairs Specialist

**Job:** They help create and disseminate the Guard's stories through news videos, news releases, feature articles, Web-based material and photographs. By researching, interviewing, recording, and writing releases and articles, they present the Guard to the military and civilian media.



**Training:** AIT follows basic training and there Soldiers do a combination of classroom and practical training to learn the principles, techniques and skills required to perform the duties and functions of public affairs specialists. Soldiers acquire college credits in journalism, news writing, and graphic design.



## MEET YOUR GUARD

This edition of Meet Your Guard focuses on Sgt. David Paquette, an 88M truck driver with Detachment 1, Garrison Support Command, who is also a native of Essex, Vt. Paquette and his unit worked with the Senegalese Army to build and repair a firing range in Senegal. -By Officer Candidate Nathan Rivard

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## A soldier in camouflage gear is lying prone on a grassy field, aiming a rifle. A sandbag is used for support. In the background, there are trees and a line of small white structures.



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PFC Tyler Mead  
PFC Matthew Bento  
PFC Eddie Watts  
PFC Quinten Beam  
PFC Calli Vangorden

SGT Bradley Montgomery  
SGT Nicholas Carmichael  
SGT Cody Dolloff  
SGT Daniel Rousseau  
SGT Maximillian Shisler  
SGT Keanan Thompson

SSG Shawn Allen  
SSG Wayne Herrmann  
SSG Samantha Davis  
SSG Timothy Baldwin  
SSG Yolande Allen  
SSG Hillary Ward

SFC Justin Laramie  
SFC Stephen Applebee  
SFC Peter Craig  
SFC Erik Bailey



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