

# NSSC This Week



Natick Soldier Systems Center Public Affairs Office

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# ‘Bright Future’

Army Chief of Staff visits Natick



# Commander's Call

Lt. Col. Brian Grea  
USAG-Natick Garrison Commander

## Giving thanks ...

Greetings Team NSSC,

By the time you read this, we will be very close to the celebration of Thanksgiving – a purely American holiday that started in the very state we all work in. I hope that each of you takes the time to reflect on what makes you thankful this holiday season.

This has been a hard, stressful year for many of us, with sequestration and furloughs flavoring much of the year. But comments by the Chief of Staff of the Army during his recent visit make me confident that we won't soon relive these same kinds of hardships. Additionally, it was evident that he left Natick very impressed by the work done here and convinced that it would be extremely difficult to replicate what NSSC does anywhere else in the country. We can all be thankful for that. If you haven't seen his comments, please read this week's cover story.

However, we're not out of the budget woods yet. In fact, sequestration cuts continue to deepen. But this Thanksgiving, don't dwell on what we don't have – instead, I'd ask you to be thankful for what we've got and for the ingenuity of your respective teams in devising innovative and efficient ways to use and maximize it. Working together, I know that we'll come up with remarkable solutions.

I'm personally thankful for my family, friends, health, work teammates, the freedoms that we all continue to enjoy, and the people who work so hard to keep it that way. I'm thankful to be home to celebrate this holiday, and mindful of those who aren't. Finally, I'm thankful to be part of a community that extends outside of our gates that is truly supportive of NSSC, our military and our veterans. They are working to partner with NSSC in a number of ways that they demonstrated to the Chief of Staff during his visit. It's special to be in such a community, and it makes life much easier and more enjoyable.

In closing, I wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving, and I leave you with two quotes to think about:

“Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds.” – *Theodore Roosevelt*

“On Thanksgiving Day, all over America, families sit down to dinner at the same moment – halftime.” – *Author unknown*

Thank you for reading, and thank you for what you do!



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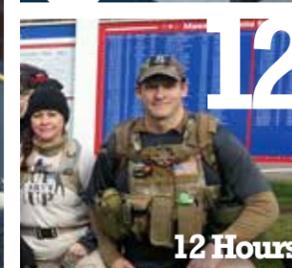


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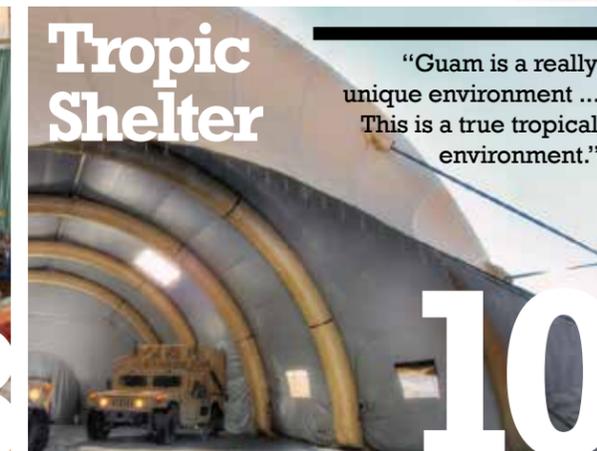
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### Combined Federal Campaign

The Combined Federal Campaign, which began Nov. 12, will continue through Jan. 15. CFC donations are tax-deductible contributions to the charities of your choice. For more information on the CFC, visit: <http://www.easternmasscfc.org>.

### Angel Tree Program

Help an Army family in need during the holidays by taking part in the Angel Tree Program. Coordinated by Army Community Service staff, the program is designed to support Soldier and civilian families, as well as unaccompanied/single Soldiers stationed at Natick.

Those wishing to support families and/or single Soldiers can choose an angel from our Angel Tree on Friday, Dec. 6 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Building 1 lobby. Unwrapped gifts should be delivered to ACS, Bldg. 38, Monday, Dec. 16.

For more information, please contact Lauren Anzivino at ext. 4946.

## Upcoming Event

### Assumption of Command

The NSSC Assumption of Command Ceremony will take place Thursday, Dec. 5 at 2 p.m. in Hunter Auditorium, with Brig. Gen. William E. Cole taking command of the installation. Dale Ormond, Research, Development and Engineering Command director, will host the event.



## In the community

### Discounted movie tickets

Looking for the perfect stocking stuffer? How about discounted movie tickets?

The Civilian Welfare Fund is making available tickets for Regal and AMC cinemas for \$10 each. For more information, contact Janice Kopacz at ext. 4205.

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Gen. Raymond T. Odierno,  
Army Chief of Staff

By Bob Reinert, USAG-Natick Public Affairs / NATICK, Mass. (Nov. 18, 2013)

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Raymond T. Odierno visited Natick Soldier Systems Center Nov. 15 to tour its facilities and learn more about the research and development done to keep Soldiers safe and provide them with a better quality of life during deployments.

Odierno was briefed on female body armor and body armor design enhancements, human systems performance, Soldier power, multi-functional fibers, vision protection, and the operational energy savings that the Army will realize from work done at Natick.

“What they do here is an incredibly important mission to the Army, as they continue to work what I consider to be our center of gravity, which is helping our Soldiers do their job,” Odierno said. “That’s something that will never change. The Army is about Soldiers. It’s about their ability to perform and conduct their mission.

“This lab is focused on how they can do that better, how they can do it with less load, how they can do it in an expeditionary manner,” he continued. “And everything that they do here adds to that. So it’s a very, very important place in the Army, and the work they do here is critical for our future.”

Odierno pointed out that Natick civilians and contractors persevered despite the recent furloughs and government shutdown.

“I wanted to personally thank them for their tremendous dedication to their mission, their dedication to our Army, and

the dedication that they bring to their job every, single day,” Odierno said. “They are a critical part of the Army. They are a critical part of the joint force, because much of the work they do here not only impacts the Army, but the other services, as well.”

Odierno learned how Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center used anthropometric surveys of Army and Marine Corps personnel, including three-dimensional scans of thousands of Soldiers and Marines, to help develop body armor designed for females. He also heard about the next generation of body armor.

At the Center for Military Biomechanics Research, he was briefed about the collaboration between NSRDEC and the U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine, known as USARIEM, to conduct basic and applied research in biomechanics, including current work on physical fatigue and cognition.

USARIEM researchers told Odierno of their work to develop gender- and age-neutral physical performance standards and predictive performance tests for several combat-related military occupational specialties.

Later, he heard about NSRDEC’s research into wireless power transmission technologies for Soldiers, fiber technologies that will respond to changes in temperature, fibers that actually can generate power, and the latest in vision protection to counteract battlefield threats.

Finally, Odierno was briefed on strides being made by Product Manager Force Sustainment Systems to reduce fuel and energy use at expeditionary base camps, which in turn will help keep convoys off the roads and Soldiers safer.

“All of these things are incredibly efficient as we look ahead, and that’s what we need,” Odierno said. “Those are the kind of technologies that we need, making our individual Soldier more effective, more efficient, better able to do (the) job.”

Odierno expressed great interest in anything that would lighten a Soldier’s load in the field, such as improved body armor.

“Having body armor that fits better and has better performance might not save direct money, but what it does do is allows our Soldiers to operate for longer periods of time without injury,” Odierno said. “That’s saving lots of money over time.”

Odierno spoke of Natick’s “bright future” and praised its “synergy” with academia and small businesses in the area.

“We couldn’t replicate that anywhere else, or it would be very difficult to replicate that anywhere else,” Odierno said. “In my mind, this is one of the key installations that we have, and it’s our only footprint in this area, and that’s important, as well, because this is such an important area for the Army. I can’t foresee any circumstances that would cause us to walk away from it.”

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Command Sgt. Maj. David Sanborn speaks Nov. 11 after the Town of Natick's Veterans Day parade.

# Honoring Veterans

By Tazanyia Mouton, USAG-Natick Public Affairs / NATICK, Mass. (Nov. 12, 2013)

Participants with ties to the Natick Soldier Systems Center were involved in three Veterans Day celebrations Nov. 11 in Natick and Wayland.

United States Army Garrison-Natick Commander Lt. Col. Brian Greata spoke at the Natick Fire Department to cap off the day, which began with former USAG-Natick Chief of Master Planning Dave Sanborn, an Army Reserve command sergeant major, speaking after Natick's parade. The Color Guard opened and closed the Wayland celebration.

“It is an honor to be here tonight, surrounded by heroes,” said Greata at the Fire Department. “Each and every one of you who wore our nation's uniform is a hero, and I thank you for your service.”

Greata went on to add that he was honored to serve as USAG-Natick commander and as a member of the community.

“We truly look at our relationship with the Town of Natick and its citizens as a partnership,” Greata said.

Greata also extended a hearty thanks to Paul Carew, director of Veterans Services for Natick.

“Here in Natick, you have a special group of people looking out for veterans and active military and their interests,” Greata said. “Paul Carew works hard every day ... on behalf of the veterans of Natick. He makes sure that your veterans get all the benefits that they deserve.”

Greata also thanked the Natick Veterans Service Council for making a donation so the Soldiers at NSSC have reliable transportation to explore town.

Greata then transitioned into the importance of Veterans Day.

“Ninety-five years ago today, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, the Armistice was signed to end the war to end all wars ... World War I,” Greata said.

Since that agreement was signed, our brave men and women have fought in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Grenada, Desert Storm, Kosovo, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

“Our nation's young men and women have answered the call of our nation every time they have been asked to and will continue to do so,” Greata said.

Some may not get an opportunity to think about what Veterans Day means to them. Greata said he had a chance to reminisce about his time in the Army.

“When I was a younger Soldier, I didn't really have time to reflect and think about (it),” Greata said. “I was too busy doing my job and trying not to mess it up, because the worst thing that I could do was let my teammates down. When you get more senior in age, rank and position, you have the perspective to realize how special it is to be a veteran.”

In closing, Greata said, “I ask you to keep our Armed Forces serving in harm's way and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Army Strong, beat Navy!”

At Natick's Veterans Day parade and celebration that morning, Sanborn, who recently returned from a deployment to Afghanistan as command sergeant major of USAG-Bagram, spoke.

“The support you've all shown for our nation's military and the veterans is strongly evident today,” Sanborn told attendees. “I'm truly honored to be standing here amongst you all today.”

Sanborn asked the audience to remember that one is a veteran for life, that the military is committed to veterans' lifelong success, and that service members can't do it alone.

“Supporting our service members and military veterans requires a team approach by our military, other government agencies and the local community,” Sanborn said. “I daresay Natick is on top of that.”

Sanborn urged a continuation of that support.

“Our veterans and families have given so much,” Sanborn said. “It is our sacred duty to maintain the trust and faith and remind them they will always remain the strength of this nation.”

Prior to Sanborn's speech, State Rep. David Linsky of Natick took the podium and said that support for veterans should be year round.

“Celebrating means that veterans get adequate health care,” Linsky said. “Veterans Day means that veterans get adequate housing. Veterans Day means that veterans should get adequate job training. And Veterans Day means that veterans should get adequate educational benefits.”

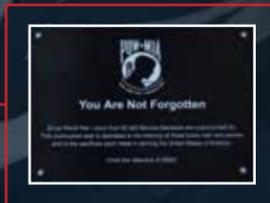
“That's the way that we as a community need to celebrate Veterans Day, not just with parades and flags.”

Carew served as emcee of the morning event.

“As I look out, I see veterans from the 'greatest generation' to the present generation of warriors, and those who served in between -- Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm,” Carew said. “Again, thank you to all the veterans and their families for (your) sacrifices.”

Today, there are still more than 83,000 American troops missing in action, according to the Department of Defense Prisoner of War-Missing Personnel Office.

That includes almost 74,000 from World War II; nearly 8,000 from the Korean War; more than 1,600 from the Vietnam War; 126 during the Cold War; and six from the Iraq War and other conflicts.



# Never Forget

**POW/MIA chair dedicated at Natick**

By Tazanyia Mouton, USAG-Natick Public Affairs / NATICK, Mass. (Nov. 12, 2013)

Darren Bean, the representative for the veterans of the Natick Soldier Systems Center, wanted to remember those who were and still are prisoners of war and missing in action.

“We worked with the garrison staff, veterans on post and different resources for veterans on how they can help,” Bean said.

Ultimately, they decided to make the chair a gift from the veterans on the installation.

“We want to provide this permanent gift of hope and remembrance for those who are POW and MIA,” Bean said.

The POW/MIA memorial is often seen in places such as parks and gardens to serve as a remembrance for those veterans.

“(The) POW/MIA issue is very near and dear to all of us veterans, because we could have been there one day,” Bean said. “We never leave a fallen comrade, and there are some that are still prisoners or die in captivity. It’s up to us to offer that symbol (of) hope and remembrance ... that they come back, and (we) remember those who haven’t come back.”

Local motorcycle group Rolling Thunder began the process to have these chairs and benches placed at dozens of cities and towns around the area. Joe D’Entremont, president of the Massachusetts chapter of Rolling Thunder started an initiative to have a chair placed at all major sporting venues in the state.

“Gillette Stadium, Fenway Park and the TD Garden all have POW chairs,” Bean said, “unoccupied seats in memorial to (those) still listed as prisoners of war and missing in action.”

The chair, made of granite, was placed outside Building 1 as a standing memorial to everyone affected.

“That way, everybody sees it, and that’s what it’s all about ... awareness,” Bean said.

POW survivor William Skipper, a man of few words spent about three years in captivity during the Korean War. During that time, he remained hopeful and steadfast. Skipper said after he wasn’t killed within the first hour of being captured, he had no fear.

Skipper said seeing another POW/MIA chair in place meant a lot to him.

“I just got my Korean War veterans magazine, and it said there were seven bodies found that were sent home in the past month,” Skipper said. “We’re still there.”



A POW/MIA memorial was dedicated Nov. 12 in front of Building 1 at Natick Soldier Systems Center. Local motorcycle group Rolling Thunder began the process to have these chairs and benches placed at dozens of cities and towns around the area.



# 800 pounds of Caring

## NSSC holds clothing drive for homeless veterans

By Tazanyia Mouton, USAG-Natick Public Affairs / NATICK, Mass. (Nov. 14, 2013)

According to the Center for American Progress, there were more than 62,000 homeless veterans on any given night in the United States in 2012. This equates to 13 percent of the entire homeless population.

Although homelessness among veterans has declined nearly 17 percent since 2009, President Obama's administration has set a goal to get this number to zero by 2015.

Here at Natick, a couple of veterans are thinking the same way.

Sarah Ross, the Human Research Volunteer program coordinator, and Darren Bean, an equipment specialist with Product Manager Soldier Clothing and Individual Equipment, wanted to do anything they could to help.

"We just wanted to give back," said Bean. "There are so many employees here, so many veterans on post, as well."

Bean added that there are more than 300 veterans on the installation and said that he and Ross, thought to put a clothing drive together to help where some are hit the hardest.

"This is supposed to be one of the worst winters, (so) we decided it was a good idea," said Bean.

Ross and Bean said the drive focused particularly on winter items such as heavy coats, jackets, gloves and boots, but added that they also received other items, like hygiene products.

Ross said oftentimes a stigma may be associated with homelessness.

"If you have a facility like the New England Center for Homeless Veterans, they have a place to go and get help, and they will have the items they need," said Ross.

She also said veterans would be able to establish relationships at NECVH to alleviate that stigma.

The clothing drive, which took place for five days with four bins placed around the installation, garnered 800 pounds of clothing and items.

"I can't believe the amount of outpouring of veteran support from civilians and veterans alike," said Ross.

Ross went on to add that even after the clothing drive ended, there were still bags of items appearing at her workstation.

"This was all in the midst of the furlough.

We all lost six days this summer," Bean said. "We actually delayed (the drive) because of the government shutdown."

And through it all, Ross and Bean said the bins remained full.

Ross said with such a good response, they would like to hold clothing drives at least twice a year.

"I think people, all too often, think there are too many resources for veterans and there's no reason to be homeless," said Ross. "Well, that may be, but unfortunately, there still are some (veterans) that may slip through the cracks, so I think this is a great way to at least raise awareness."

On Nov. 14, Ross delivered the 800 pounds of clothing to the NECHV in Boston.

"(Veterans Affairs) has done a great job in the last three years to reduce veteran homelessness," Bean said.

Ross chimed in and added, "It's because of awareness like this. Massachusetts (also) has a plan to eliminate homelessness among veterans completely."

If you would like to learn more information about the New England Center for Homeless Veterans, visit [www.nechv.org](http://www.nechv.org).

*Sarah Ross and Darren Bean sit among the 800 pounds of clothing and items donated by the Natick Soldier Systems Center to go to the New England Center for Homeless Veterans. Ross and Bean initiated a clothing drive for five days in November, which had a massive outpouring of support.*

# Tropic Shelter

**PM FSS fielding newer, more efficient tent systems to Guam**

**Any Soldier can attest to the fact that there is nothing worse than getting a new piece of equipment and then finding out that it doesn't work properly.**

John Viggato, assistant product manager for Shelter Systems, Product Manager Force Sustainment Systems, wants to make sure no Soldier is ever disappointed.

Viggato and his team are responsible for soft and rigid-wall shelters, heaters, a small portion of ballistic protection and some energy-efficient tasks.

The PM shop began to focus on Guam as an area of responsibility due to troops being stood up in that area as a task force in April.

"Events in the Pacific area started getting a little more relevant this spring," said Viggato. "That task force is the 94th (Army Air and Missile Defense Command) (Task Force) Talon . It's a Terminal High-Altitude Area Defense mission."

Viggato said the mission was initially only for 90 days, but has recently been extended.

"They need some solutions to fill that gap, so FSS started engaging with them," said Viggato.

Viggato said working in this area serves more than one purpose.

"It gives me a little bit of a purview into that AOR and relevant operations," he said.

He also said they were trying to fill gaps as best they could with shelters and other energy-efficient technologies.

"Guam is a really unique environment because of where it is in temperature and the humidity that it gets," said Viggato. "This is a true tropical environment."

The troops, currently living on Anderson Air Force Base, are working at a location that is a short bus ride away. At this location, the crew operates out of one Lightweight Maintenance Enclosure, which is another PM system that has been assigned to that unit.

Viggato said the maintenance operations are limited, because the unit has more vehicles than what they can handle with only a single structure.

"We were asked to provide the next step in capability," he said. "We are planning to provide them (with) a Forty Series Airbeam maintenance shelter."

The shelter is a 40 foot by 56 foot structure, which is completely air supported. Viggato said traditional frame tents come in sections; Soldiers have to first set up the frame, and then place the canvas on top of the tent.

"They redesigned that paradigm a few years ago, and Force Provider now has air-supported tents as a standard in that system," he said. "So you would unroll this tent, stake down the corners, hook up an air compressor, and you come back in 15 minutes and it's completely inflated."

Viggato said the supports for the new shelter system are made of fire-hose-type material about eight inches in diameter, and has a tight weave and plastic coating. He added the new structure goes up quickly and is very durable.

"We already have Airbeams as standard in Force Provider kit, but we're looking at different sizes and different applications, to include this 40-Series tent," he said. Viggato said the tent system being deployed to Guam is assisting his shop a great deal.

"We're doing research into other applications for the Airbeam, different sizes, more

specifically," he said. "We're hoping to learn a lot from (Guam's) particular situation . We're trying to outfit them with an up-and-coming, potential new piece of equipment and see how it performs in a really up-and-coming, relevant AOR."

Viggato's shop is working with Transformative Reductions in Operational Energy Consumption, or TROPEC, which is responsible for gaining the data on the new systems. Viggato said TROPEC uses instrumentation such as thermocouples, an electric thermometer device used to measure temperatures accurately, to figure out if the systems are a good fit for the unit.

"They're trying to reduce the operational energy demand, and we're working with them on a lot of different initiatives," he said.

Viggato added that as part of a TROPEC research initiative, they're outfitting a standard Airbeam shelter with all the latest energy-efficient kitting they have.

"We have the liners, solar shades, photovoltaic shades, (Light-Emitting Diode) lighting, and we want to hook up a new dehumidifier unit to it and see how it does," he said.

Viggato said the reasoning behind this technology is simple.

"We're doing it because there are troops in this AOR with a defined mission that want to increase their capabilities and quality of life," he said. "It aligns really well with where we, as a PM, are going in terms of getting smarter on that area of the world, and how our systems perform in that area."

Viggato said he and his team have gained more insight by visiting Guam.

"You learn more, develop that repertoire and relationship with Soldiers," Viggato said, "and it means a lot more to you, and you end up working harder in the long run to get the right product out there to really help the Soldiers in the field."

Viggato said if the new tent systems are beneficial in Guam, they are guaranteed to work in other areas throughout the Pacific Command.

"When we field systems down the road, Soldiers want to know that it works where they are," Viggato said. "And we want to be able to provide them that assurance, and this is one step in that process."



# 12 Hours to Awareness

By Tazanyia Mouton, USAG-Natick Public Affairs / NATICK, Mass. (Nov. 20, 2013)

On Nov. 10, Veterans Day weekend, about 200 people around the world, including Capt. Justin Fitch, the Headquarters Research Development Detachment commander, rucked for 12 hours to raise money and awareness for veterans and families who deal with PTSD and suicidal ideations and tendencies.

The campaign, “Carry the Fallen,” is part of a larger organization, “Active Heroes.” Fitch said the campaign allows for the offering of financial support, counseling and retreats for veterans in need.

On the morning of the ruck, well before the sun was up, a group of about 30 people gathered in Hopkinton with one goal in mind: ruck the Boston Marathon route to raise awareness.

“I assumed a leadership role in this; that’s not what I intended, I just wanted to be a participant,” said Fitch. “We had a lot of support from local people and friends and families of (those) ruck marching.”

Fitch added that the group received a huge amount of support from the personnel at the Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center.

“We had NSRDEC team members that had set up refreshment stands along the way ... driving back and forth to make sure everybody was medically OK,” said 1st Sgt. Brian Gemmill, HRDD first sergeant.

Gemmill joined the ruck around the nine-mile mark to show his support.

“About a good 15 or 20 people volunteered their Sunday to help, make sure people had water, make sure people had enough cold-weather gear once it started cooling down,” Gemmill said.

Gemmill also said that he didn’t intend to ruck all the way to Boston.

“Actually, all I was going to do was walk through Natick, and I had my jeep loaded up with a bunch of water bottles and bananas,” Gemmill said. “But I didn’t realize that so

Team Minuteman takes a break to snap a photo at the Fallen Soldiers Memorial at the Natick Veterans of Foreign Affairs Nov. 10. The team rucked from Hopkinton to Boston along the Boston Marathon route for “Carry the Fallen,” a campaign within the charity “Active Heroes.”

many other people were driving and supporting, so I figured, ‘I didn’t have anything else to do, might as well hang out with Capt. Fitch and walk.’”

Fitch said everyone around him helped push him along.

One participant, a 14-year-old son of a retired Army Ranger, also gave Fitch inspiration.

“I honestly thought about quitting a couple times, but I looked at this kid and thought, ‘This kid has got heart. There is no damn way I’m going to quit,’” Fitch said.

Fitch went on to say that the ruck was “definitely bigger than me, bigger than anyone there. We actually had strangers come up and start walking with us.”

Gemmill added, “In Wayland, we had about five or six people that walked with us to the end of town.”

Col. Collier Slade, military deputy of NSR-DEC, said he was pleased with the team.

“As a senior officer, it gives me great hope for the future to see this younger generation, military and civilian, so motivated and so willing to endure such a physical, painful challenge for an important cause,” said Slade. “I am proud of and inspired by Captain Fitch and the entire Minuteman Team.”

After the ruck, Fitch, who is battling stage IV colon cancer, endured three straight days of chemotherapy. It was Fitch’s 25th treatment.

“I will find out in two weeks if I can get a six-week break before I have to start it up again,” he said.

Fitch remains hopeful that he can get some form of a breather in between treatments.

Because of the success of the campaign, “Active Heroes” is allowing “Carry the Fallen” to remain open until the end of the year. To find out how to get involved, visit <http://bit.ly/1fGBxEQ>.

## THE NATICK HERALD

NATICK, MASSACHUSETTS, THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1953

### Both United States Senators and Three Congressmen Participated



Major General George A. Horkan, U.S.A. Quartermaster General, guest speaker at cornerstone laying ceremonies Saturday. Seated (left to right): Congressman Laurence Curtis, Senator John F. Kennedy, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Joseph W. Martin, Jr., Dr. Karl T. Compton, M.I.T., Congressman Harold Donahue of Worcester, Rev. Thomas E. Sweeney, pastor of St. Linus' church and Major General H. L. Peckham. Seated in second row are State Senator Charles Olson, George E. Yeo, chairman of the Natick Board of Selectmen and Col. W. B. Tonnar of Macon, Ga. Hidden behind Gen. Horkan are M.C. Brenton S. Gordon, Senator Leverett Saltonstall and Lt. Gov. Sumner G. Whittier.

## Looking back at Natick

On the 50th anniversary of the death of President John F. Kennedy, we look back to when then Senator Kennedy visited what was to become the Natick Soldier Systems Center. On May 30, 1953, Kennedy was joined by other Massachusetts elected leaders and Maj. Gen. George A. Horkan, the U.S. Army Quartermaster General for the laying of the cornerstone.

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