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TOP EVENT/FEATURE STORIES OF 2012 ...



McHUGH SEES 'SCIENCE BEHIND THE SOLDIER'

The Honorable John McHugh, Secretary of the Army, learned more about what service members wear, eat and carry during a March 15 visit to the Natick Soldier Systems Center.

<http://1.usa.gov/GEXjae>



'LARRY THE CABLE GUY' SEES NATICK TECHNOLOGY

When it comes to turning out the finest equipment in the world for American servicemen and women, no one else can "Git-R-Done" quite like the folks at the Natick Soldier Systems Center. That's what "Larry the Cable Guy" discovered Nov. 8.

<http://1.usa.gov/Sjenc>



BOSTON PROGRAM HELPS VETERANS REACH HOME

It's not easy to reach home in baseball. That journey can be even more difficult in real life for Afghanistan and Iraq veterans who return to their loved ones with the so-called "invisible wounds of war."

<http://1.usa.gov/WLAbDD>



RESEARCHER RECEIVES TOP WHITE HOUSE AWARD

A young researcher from the U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine has received top honors for scientific excellence. Dr. Maria Urso will receive the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers in a July 31 ceremony.

<http://1.usa.gov/M6WaSe>



DREAM COMES TRUE FOR NATICK SOLDIER

In New England, Red Sox Nation is a way of life. For an Army specialist, who grew up in Portsmouth, N.H., as the daughter of a church organist, and a huge Red Sox fan, Memorial Day 2012 is something Erin Jones will never forget.

<http://1.usa.gov/NiCVkF>

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NATICK SOLDIERS, EMPLOYEES HELP SOUP KITCHEN

Soldiers and employees from Natick Soldier Systems Center have been assisting the "Miracle Kitchen" for years. Outreach from the base began in 1998 with Combat Feeding Directorate employees, and the NSSC community has participated ever since.

<http://1.usa.gov/UGwgSN>



NSSC WELCOMES VETERANS

On a normal day at the Natick Soldier Systems Center's dining facility, Soldiers mull in and out, get their lunch and go back to their place of duty. Recently, the DFAC was filled with stories of the past as 12 Natick veterans visited for an Armed Forces Day luncheon.

<http://1.usa.gov/MV9Lui>



FOR NATICK SOLDIER, ARMY TRULY IS HOME

Many Soldiers have called the Army their home over the years. Few have meant it more than Staff Sgt. Sharalis Canales of the Natick Soldier Systems Center. You see, when Canales enlisted in late 2005, she had no home.

<http://1.usa.gov/zcKMZV>



BATHALON SAYS GOODBYE TO USARIEM

Thirty years can pass quickly when you have been blessed to do something you love. Just ask Col. Gaston Bathalon, who put the finishing touches on his three-decade Army career Aug. 24, the date he relinquished command of the U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine.

http://www.army.mil/article/85228/Bathalon_says_goodbye_to_USARIEM/



SEVENTH-GRADERS BECOME SOLDIERS FOR A DAY

One day, you're a seventh-grader. The next day, you're a Soldier -- well, temporarily, that is. Students at Monsignor James J. Haddad Middle School were beginning to study the Civil War when their gymnasium was invaded March 30 by six Soldiers from the nearby Natick Soldier Systems Center, who brought history to life for a few hours.

<http://1.usa.gov/TygrAz>