

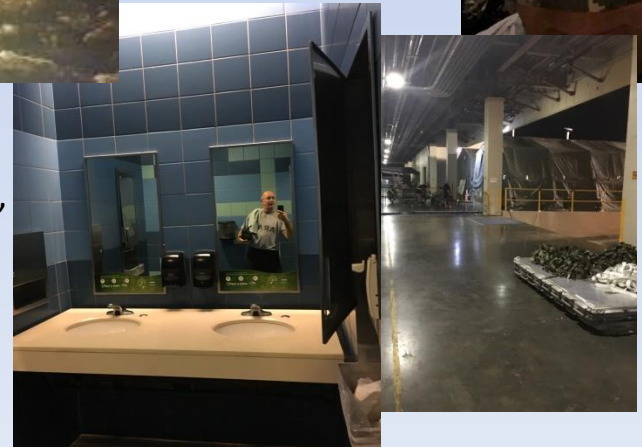
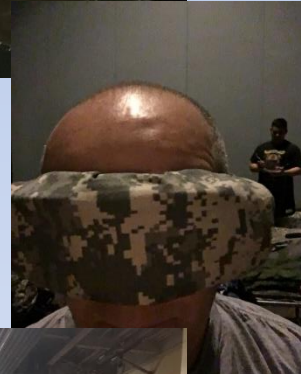
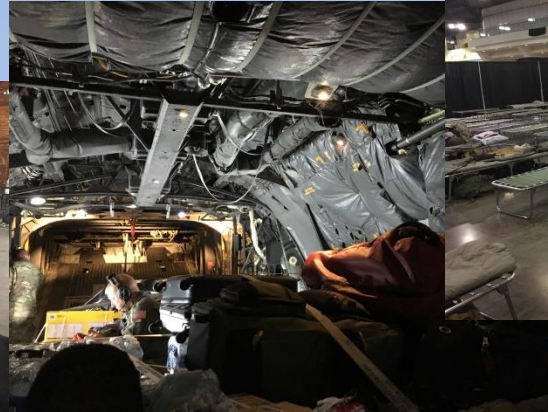
# Puerto Rico 2017



National Guards traditionally are there to help in time of natural disasters. After 9-1-01, the mission expanded with more frequent deployments overseas but the original mission remained.

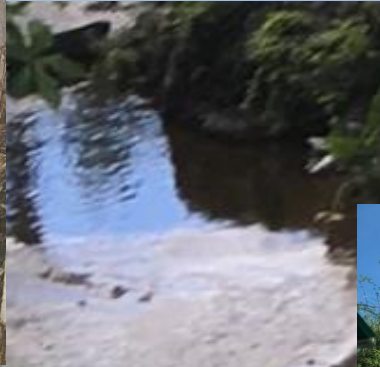
Yet, the men and women who serve can only do so in the knowledge that their employers support them. This experience would not have been possible without the support of Mercer Bucks Orthopedics. . .

Hurricane Irma and Maria struck Puerto Rico in the fall of 2017.  
It's Friday night, I'm on call for the weekend, our 1<sup>st</sup> SGT calls around 9pm: "Sir, report tomorrow morning, we are going to Puerto Rico . . ."

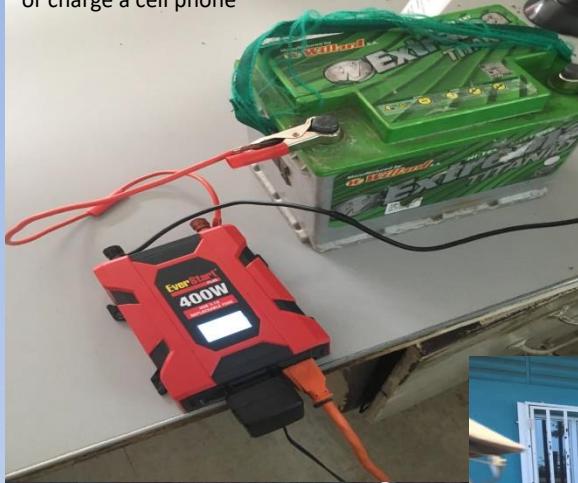


Mad dash to get co-workers to cover for me, cancel patients for next week, pack up, report to Brigade, get your shots, blood work, and just like that, 2 days later, we're in the San Juan convention center. But, no worries, we got a place to sleep, shave, and shower. Privacy is extra. Lucky I packed my goggles! I used them to sleep cause the lights never go off!

Hurricane Maria did not discriminate, rich or poor, it's all the same destruction . . . Except afterwards when the less fortunate are stuck behind . . .



American know how! Great trick to operate a fan or charge a cell phone



Waiting room "ER". The doc delivered a 7 month premature baby in the middle of the night with a flash light . . .



Ponce auditorium: Step-down for stable hospital patients, or those who need electricity for their medical equipment



Horses in Vieques Island . . .



Disaster medical relief tent, ER in a box!



Medical supplies en-route to Vieques and Culebra Islands

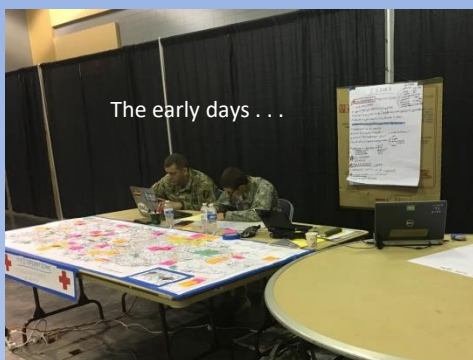


A dog's life in Vieques Island . . .



FEMA blue tarps





The early days . . .



My little world for 2 months,  
Death by PowerPoint, coffee, food,  
18+ hours days.



Medical treatment in somewhat austere conditions.  
Patient was sent to the Comfort hospital later on . . .



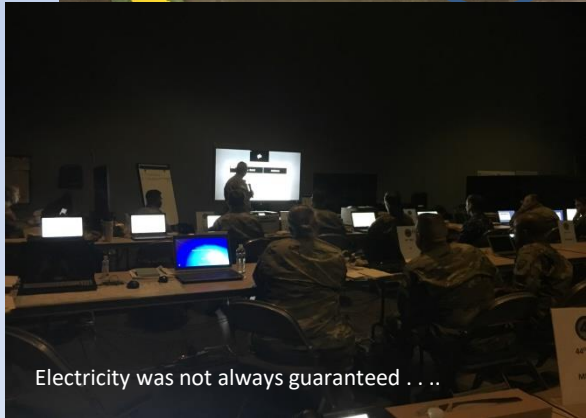
More organized!



Wire madness



Medic, chillin . . .



Electricity was not always guaranteed . . .



Breakfast was creative at times . . .



And just like that after 2 chaotic  
months it's over.  
Going home!