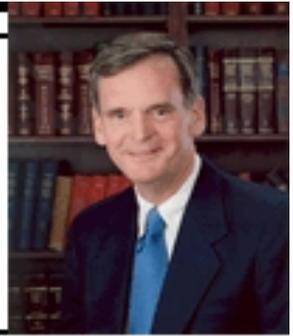


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GREGG JOINS SENIOR COMMAND OF NEW HAMPSHIRE NATIONAL GUARD FOR PERSONNEL UPDATE, TOUR OF PEASE FACILITIES

PORTSMOUTH, NH -- U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH), a member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, today joined members of the New Hampshire National Guard at the former Pease Air Force Base to discuss the status of Granite State National Guard personnel stationed around the globe, as well as receive an update on the progress of military construction projects in Portsmouth. New Hampshire National Guardsmen and women are stationed around the world, including Southwest Asia, the Middle East and Kosovo. Joining Senator Gregg was New Hampshire Adjutant General Major General John Blair, Assistant Adjutant General Brigadier General John Weeden and Chief of Staff Colonel Richard Duncan. Through his position on the Senate Appropriations Committee, Senator Gregg has been able to secure funding for a medical training facility, the army aviation support building and upgrades on the KC-130 tanker motion simulator and indoor virtual weapons range at Pease.

Senator Gregg stated, "New Hampshire currently has over one thousand National Guard and military Reserve personnel on active duty, not only in New Hampshire and across this country, but around the world. We should take great pride in the fact that fellow Granite Staters are playing such a vital role in our national security plan. They continue to do a tremendous job keeping our country safe and ensure our freedoms both at home and abroad."

Senator Gregg has sponsored legislation in the 108th Congress to alleviate many of the pressures faced by active duty Reserve and National Guard personnel and their families. One such measure allows for members of the military to deduct travel expenses related to their military service for which they were not previously reimbursed, including an above-the-line deduction for U.S. armed forces reserve members relating to unreimbursed travel expenses. And to ensure that primary employment of members of the Reserve or National Guard is uninterrupted, Senator Gregg has also sponsored measures to allow expenses in connection with services as a member of the reserve component to be deducted and employers will be allowed a credit against income taxes with respect to employees participating in the reserves. This includes a similar component for members of the reserves who are self-employed. Another bill supported by Senator Gregg will alleviate the current delay in the payment of the Selected Reserve reenlistment bonus for mobilized members of the Reserve.

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