

#37 The All-Purpose Engineers

Members of the 192nd Engineer Battalion survey a destroyed bridge in Afghanistan.



The 192nd Engineer Battalion is headquartered in Stratford and is comprised of more than 300 soldiers with a bridge unit in Putnam, a combat engineer unit in Norwich, a well-drilling detachment in New London and two fire-fighting detachments in East Lyme. The 192nd Engineer Battalion is one of the oldest units in the Connecticut National Guard that was organized and federally recognized in May 1775.

In September of 2018, 40 members of the unit

deployed to Afghanistan to provide support for Operation Freedom Sentinel. The unit served as a battalion headquarters overseeing other units specializing in route clearance efforts.

The 192nd also saw operations closer to home when they assisted in route-clearing efforts in the wake of powerful winds from a tornado and microburst that damaged communities in the state on May 15, 2018.

Prior to that, elements of the 192nd Engineer Battalion had deployed in Bahrain in 2012 to conduct security and base defense missions. In 2006, 30 soldiers from the battalion were sent to support Operation Iraqi Freedom.