



## Wisconsin's Mehling is top ARNG recruiter; to receive Sec. Army award

by Lt. Col. Pete Wyro,  
Editor

Wisconsin's Sergeant 1st Class Jerome F. Mehling has been selected as the Army National Guard Recruiter of the Year for FY89 and will be honored in ceremonies in the Pentagon June 14th.

During FY89, Mehling recruited 53 enlistees, including 45 without previous military service, and eight prior-service members for Wisconsin Army Guard units. Of those recruits, 23 were high school seniors, and the rest had graduated from high school. Of the 53, 39 scored in Mental Category I, II and IIIA on military entrance tests, while 3 scored in Mental Category IIIB.

He recruits from an area which has six high schools and is credited with helping two units in his area improve from 79 and 81 percent of authorized strength to over 100 percent for each unit.

Mehling has successfully used the High Mobility Multipurpose Wheel Vehicle, HUMMWV, or Humm-V, in presenting "shop" classes at all six high schools, and has taught career awareness classes at the high schools, also.

At the unit level, he has been involved in all activities from commanders' calls to section meetings in order to involve the entire unit in meeting its

strength needs. He has also purchased U.S. Savings Bonds from his own funds to use as incentives in his efforts with unit members.

A member of VFW Post 2260, he is active in many community activities, and especially those which provide an opportunity to draw attention to the Wisconsin Army National Guard.

Mehling is married. He and his wife, Sandra, live in Dousman, Wis. They have a son, Christopher, 20, who is a junior in college, and a daughter, Cheri Lynn, 18, who is a freshman in college.

### FINALISTS

The first runner-up for the award was South Dakota Sergeant 1st Class Scott K. Binder, whose 56 enlistments included 38 without previous military service and 18 previous military members. Binder is active in civi groups including the Boy Scouts, Knights of Columbus and Jaycees. He lives in Montrose, S.D.

Second runner-up was Sergeant 1st Class Charles R. Anderson from Montgomery, Ala. who recruited 52 non-prior service and 15 prior-service individuals for the Alabama Army National Guard.



Sergeant 1st Class Mehling

Anderson is active with the YMCA, Boy Scouts, and Big Brothers.

Third runner-up was Virginia's Sergeant 1st Class Harvey G. Hall, whose 54 enlistments included 44 without previous service and 10 who had previously served in the Armed Forces. The Shawsville, Va. resident belongs to the Lions Club, and is an alumni of Tau Delta Fraternity.

The Secretary of the Army presents awards to each of the service component's top recruiters each year in recognition of their efforts to ensure the Army meets its projected end-strength.

### Outstanding public speaker, teacher

## South Dakota's Sgt. Gillam is top Retention NCO for ARNG

South Dakota's Sergeant 1st Class Bruce F. Gillam has been named the "Retention NCO of the Year" by the Army National Guard.

Gillam joined the National Guard while a high school senior in September 1955, and volunteered for active duty following his graduation in May 1956.

When he entered active duty he volunteered for the Army's Airborne school, and ultimately earned the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Expert Infantryman's Badge, the tough to earn Ranger tab, Master Parachutist badge, Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster and the Army Commendation Medal before leaving the active Army in August 1966 and rejoining the South Dakota Army National Guard.

He is credited with reducing the attrition rate for units in his area by more than half, while reenlistments and extensions for members in his area climbed over 15 percent.

Gillam is particularly noted for his speaking and teaching abilities. "When many instructors have time to prepare and still give a dull class, Sergeant 1st Class Gillam can take any subject on a moment's notice and gives an interesting, motivated class," noted Sergeant Major Less Cummings, the South Dakota Army National Guard Retention Manager.

In the past two years, Gillam has won the Soldier of the Year award, Outstanding Instructor of the Year and Retention NCO of the Year awards.

"On the average, Sergeant Gillam gives presentations to five military units per month," noted SGM Cummings adding, "He is also an active speaker for civic and veterans groups."

"Bruce often closes the day at one end of South Dakota and opens the next day on a podium at the other end of the state which is over four hundred miles away," Cummings emphasized.



Sergeant 1st Class Gillam

According to SGM Cummings, Gillam supports 48 commanders in 38 different armories "scattered across an 88,000 square mile area." Two years ago, the same units were losing 138 personnel because of unsatisfactory performance, while the number was reduced to one in the past year, according to Cummings who credited Gillam with not only reducing the unsatisfactory discharge numbers, but with increasing the retention to 90 percent for the last fiscal year.





MAIL CALL  
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Dear Editor:

Thank you for the article "Duncan Praises 'Just Cause' Work." It is true that Air National Guard Aeromedical Evacuation Crew Members (ACEM) were placed on alert 20 December 1989, and came down off alert the same day.

However, contrary to the information in your article, ANG Tactical Aeromedical Evacuation Crews were deployed to Panama to provide real world aeromedical coverage.

If possible, could you please include this information in your next printing.

Colonel David J.E. Strate  
Chief, Health Services Management

Dear Colonel Strate:

*Thanks for bringing this additional information to our attention. We indeed welcome the opportunity to set the record straight and you'll find the story of Air Guard aeromedical evacuation involvement resulting from "Just Cause" on the next page.*

*Thanks for helping us in our efforts to be accurate and complete in telling our own members of the noteworthy accomplishments of their fellow Guard members. I am especially glad you included the anecdote about the Guard member with gumption, Tech Sgt. Kelly Gunson, who didn't wait to be asked to participate, but volunteered her services at the onset of "Just Cause."*

Editor

## Army COE awards to N.C., La., Pa. for 'soldier support'

North Carolina has been named as the 1990 winner of the Army National Guard Communities of Excellence (COE) award which is sponsored by the Army Chief of Staff.

The award is given each year to a state selected for excellence in providing support to soldiers, families, civilian employees and their communities.

North Carolina will receive \$250,000 to be spent toward constructing or improving state service facilities and upgrading customer services.

Other states receiving awards included Pennsylvania which was awarded \$150,000 and Louisiana which received \$100,000 as runners-up.

The states were selected from 22 nominations and were judged on their implementation of COE programs, facility excellence, customer service, community service and the use of the award.

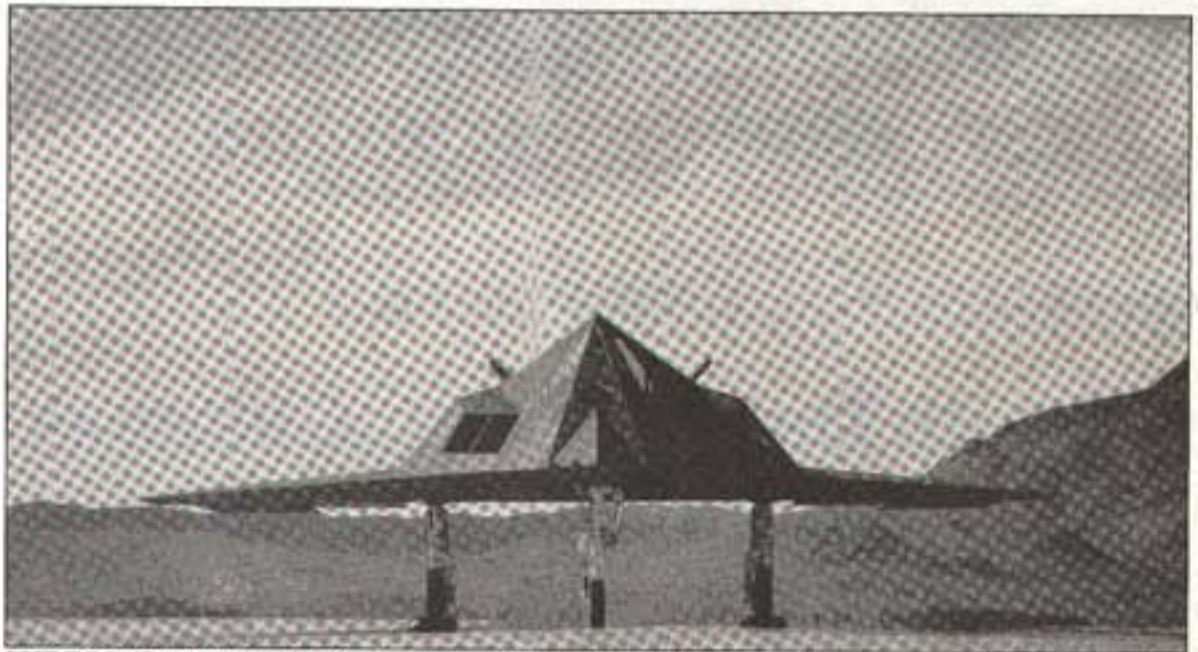
The National Guard Bureau program is based on the principle that communities should support people by providing excellent services and facilities.

## Correction

In the May 1990 issue of "On Guard" we mistakenly included data showing the average ages for soldiers and airmen on AGR status as being the average ages of all Army and Air National Guard members by rank. The data in the charts showing average ages by rank are not for the overall Army or Air National Guard and should not be used as such. We regret the error.

## LETTERS

"On Guard" welcomes letters telling us what you think, or informing us of activities of your unit which may be included in the newspaper. Letters must be type written, and must include your name and a daytime phone number where we may contact you to verify information in the letter.



**SURPRISE "STEALTH"** - From the "Skunk Works" to the front pages, the Air Force has lifted the covers on its F-117A "Stealth" fighter, which, with its unique shape and composition is almost undetectable by modern radar. Assigned to the 37th Tactical Fighter Wing at Tonopah Test Range Air Field, Nev., these fast, undetectable aircraft were successfully employed in Operation "Just Cause" during December 1989. (U.S. Air Force photo).



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# Army, Air Guard top enlisted advisors address Congressional panel

by Lt. Col. Pete Wyro,  
Editor

For the first time ever, the top senior enlisted advisors for the Army and the Air National Guard appeared before a Congressional panel to present their "state of the Guard" observations.

Appearing before the House Armed Services Committee, Army Guard Command Sergeant Major G. Steven Blackwood, and Air Guard Chief Master Sergeant Richard M. Green both emphasized the progress which had been made in their respective services in recent years while stressing the continued need for Congressional support and recognition of the important contribution the Guard makes to the national defense, the local communities, and to their employers.

"As we enter the decade of the nineties, we face the uncertainty that accompanies budget restraints and force structure reductions. Our enlisted soldiers are concerned with the rumors that continue to surface in these areas," stated Blackwood who also cautioned the law makers, "They ask for your support to ensure that the capabilities and strengths of the active and reserved forces are integrated in a cost effective manner and that mission requirements versus capabilities are considered."

Blackwood also stated, "Stabilization and continued additional full-time support for this elite cadre is a must for us to continue to sustain our readiness levels."

"Now, more than ever, our Noncommissioned Officers face many significant challenges in this new decade," stated Blackwood who also encouraged the panel to provide fair and equitable pay, and continue to provide for tough and realistic training, provide opportunities for Guard members to improve their civilian as well as military education through such programs as the Montgomery G.I. Bill. He also stressed the need to continue to provide for quality medical care for the soldiers and their dependents, and work to remove grade restrictions that inhibit assignment of full-time professionals to Army Guard units.

## AIR GUARD EMPHASIS

In his statement, Chief Green underscored the



Command Sergeant Major  
G. Steven Blackwood



Chief Master Sergeant  
Richard M. Green



fact that in recent years the Air Guard has "seen an unprecedented change -- a real upgrade -- a real improvement in the professionalism" of its enlisted corps. According to Green, this was the result of "effective recruiting, and, more importantly, in our retention of top quality, dedicated, willing and able members."

"People join the Air National Guard to be a part of the protection and well-being of our country," Green noted. "We must ensure their time spent in the National Guard is quality time, as it displaces civilian jobs or time otherwise spent with family and friends."

"Don't deny our people the opportunity to serve, the only reason they are in the Air National Guard," urged Green.

Chief Green also noted the professional development changes which have overtaken the Air National Guard noting, "Our leadership and NCO

academy classrooms have waiting lists," and that interest in attending professional military education classes continues to grow.

He also emphasized the fact that although programs such as the Montgomery G.I. Bill and the Community College of the Air Force cost money to operate, "They repay us ten-fold in a better educated, more stable, high quality person serving in our Air National Guard and contributing to the strengths of their communities."

Both Blackwood and Green stressed the state of the Guard enlisted corps has never been better. "Your Air National Guard enlisted corps has never been better," stated Green while Blackwood noted, "The (Army National Guard) Noncommissioned Officer corps is prepared to provide the effective leadership which is necessary to ensure our continued success."

## 'Top Knife' yields top-notch results

The Air National Guard's Fighter Surgeons' School, located at the 114th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron, Kingsley Field, Ore., is doing something about the human factors which have impacted on over 70 percent of Air Force Class A accidents in recent years.

Called "Top Knife," the fighter surgeon's school has answered the call for trained flight surgeons, who are keenly aware of the tremendous physiological stress and other human factors which are encountered by pilots of modern, high performance aircraft.

"Top Knife" came into being from the efforts of several people, including Lt. Col. (Dr.) Steve Moseley, who was its sponsor and advocate at Headquarters, Oregon Air National Guard, and with the University of Oregon Health Services Center.

Another prominent initiator of the program was Col. (Dr.) James Whinnery, who "breathed life into Top Knife," and was instrumental in its development, according to Maj. Randal M. Falk, Air National Guard Chief of Professional and Aeromedical Services for the Air Guard Surgeon's office. Whinnery is also recognized as one of the premier medical

authorities on the effects of acceleration on fighter pilots and is an international authority on fighter aviation medicine.

The school also provides Kingsley Field with its first full-time aeromedical support capability through the flight surgeon-student who not only performs as a student during the two-week school, but also supervises the Independent Duty Medical Technician program by overseeing the functions of the aid station at the facility. The student flight surgeon becomes the only full-time flight surgeon within a 300 mile radius of the base.





## Global Information

# New network is on the leading edge

by Capt. Phil Blahut  
Associate Editor

Around the world in seven seconds or less, without stamps! "Impossible," you say, but not the folks at the National Guard Bureau (NGB) Information Management Agency (IMA).

The very idea of doing just that, sending electronic mail and information in seconds, is about to be reality. Col. John Powers, IMA Chief, and his staff have taken the idea from paper to a funded, near operable system.

The new information management system is designed to be economical and efficient in regionally distributing data, securely. When activated, it will interconnect the NGB, USPFO's and the Defense Data Network (DDN), allowing for a total global network information system. They have labeled their creation the National Guard Network or NGNET, soon to be a high tech reality.

### INTERLINKS

NGNET by design, interlinks USPFO and National Guard computer database structures which will allow the capability for more effective management of the National Guard. Providing timely information to the senior National Guard Leadership is one of its biggest benefits.

Prior to NGNET, no similar capability existed within the National Guard. Since its inception in Jan, 1989, six regional concentrators have been delivered. A seventh concentrator has been planned but is presently unfunded. A concentrator electronically packages information for distribution through a commercial telecommunications carrier, saving time and dollars.

Change and Total Quality Management (TQM) is the philosophy at IMA. Currently, the staff is investigating product improvement plans for the future for

even greater information flow capability for the National Guard.

### SIX CONCENTRATORS

The NGNET features six concentrators located at Hartford, Conn., Washington, D.C., Springfield, Ill., Oklahoma City, Okla., Cheyenne, Wyo., and Carson City, Nev. that already have been delivered and installed.

**.....NGNET... could replace the existing AUTODIN communication system**

IMA projects the network's capability is roughly equal to transmitting a Washington, D.C. telephone directory every 2.4 minutes or equal to 15,484 typists typing 60 words per minute, simultaneously.

Using MMDFII, an electronic mail applications program which is being fielded to the USPFOs by IMA, NGNET is projected to have the capability for 8,240 electronic mail accounts. This is substantially more than the current system which is non-secure. It will also permit operations without outside interference in a "secure" environment, unlike the present system.

Current cost saving projections for the NGNET are not final, but of great significance. The capability of this advance system will allow for many years of expanded National Guard use.

### NETWORK TESTED

In April, IMA held a conference in Florida inviting Data Processing Installation Chiefs and Directors of Information Management (DOIMs) from 50 states and

four territories to observe NGNET in action. Maj. Charles A. Puchon, Jr., chief designer of NGNET, demonstrated just how efficient it was.

### .. Operational by 1990....

Puchon activated the net reaching the Washington, D.C. concentrator through a desktop computer located in the hotel in less than 3 seconds, Panama in 6-7 seconds, and an international net in Europe in 7 seconds. The 102 attendees were impressed with its speed and efficiency.

"NGNET, when connected to DDN, could replace the existing AUTODIN communications system, thus allowing users to transmit messages from their desks to worldwide locations," said Puchon.

### COMPLETION SOON

"NGNET should be operational by October 1990," said First Lt. Tina Mitchell, IMA NGNET program manager. "All that we lack to complete the system is switching circuits and system training, which is currently being conducted."

Lieutenant Mitchell, formerly with the Delaware Army National Guard, through On-the-Job Training, quickly learned design, procurement and operations of the state-of-the-art high tech system.

"I'm impressed with how much she has learned in such a short time," said Maj. Puchon. "She only has a basic background in computers and information system design. I'm confident in her management capability and the future of this program."

"It puts the National Guard on the leading edge," said Mitchell. "The opportunity exist to save a great amount of money, especially with our current electronic mail system."



# Michigan Guardsman re-lives 'Good Morning Vietnam' role

by Staff Sgt. Joe Patton  
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**COROZAL, Panama** — Some introductions to radio shows and newscasts are so familiar that they become the broadcaster's signature.

Thanks to Robin Williams' zany, virtuoso performance in the motion picture of the same name, "Good Morning, Vietnam" became perhaps the best known signature in broadcast history.

It belonged to "Good Morning, Vietnam" format originator Adrian Cronauer, whom Williams portrayed, and six other American Forces Vietnam Network disc jockeys.

## ONE OF SEVEN

The exclusive fraternity includes Sgt. 1st Class Dan Vander Myde, a public affairs supervisor with the 126th Public Affairs Detachment, Michigan Army National Guard, here for two weeks of annual training.

"Heck, there's nothing unique about me, save perhaps a name people frequently butcher and the dubious distinction of being the last to use the 'Good Morning, Vietnam' introduction," he said. "But there's something about being one of that breed that means more to me than name recognition."

The network commander at Saigon, who according to Vander Myde felt the intro to the three-hour show was unprofessional, banned the "Good Morning" format in July 1972. It was never repeated.

It marked the passing of an era, for servicemen and women from Thailand to the Philippines who tuned in religiously.

## 250,000 WATTS

"A couple of fellows told me they caught the

broadcast in Hong Kong while on leave there," said Vander Myde, today news a news director at a country music station in Muskegon, Mich. "If you can picture WLS radio of Chicago reaching everything east of the Rockies with a 50,000 clear watt signal, imagine how far 250,000 watts will carry you."

Vander Myde, who earned a Bronze Star while in the 101st Airborne Division, was sent to AFVN as a broadcast journalist after he was wounded in a mortar attack in January 1972.

Although he admits to being somewhat unconventional, Vander Myde said that neither he nor his predecessors were as irreverent or wild and woolly as the motion picture suggests.

## CODE OF ETHICS

"Our styles may have differed markedly but we were bound by a common code that forbade use of foul or suggestive language on the air," Vander Myde said. "Although done very well, the motion picture in some cases took poetic license for dramatic effect — as Cronauer himself pointed out."

Vander Myde said he stayed in hot water for breaking (deviating from) format to play what troops wanted to hear.

The seven who wailed "Good Morning, Vietnam" also included Pat Sajak, who was featured with Cronauer and Vander Myde on a "Good Morning America" segment on ABC following release of the film.

While on annual training in Panama, Vander Myde was allowed to perform a similar show on the Southern Command Radio Network labeled "Good Morning, Panama."

It was a hit, just as it was in Vietnam.

(Staff Sgt. Joe Patton, Alabama Army National Guard, is senior editor on tour with the Theater Support Element, providing training for Public Affairs Journalists and PADs on Annual Training in Central America.)



**RIGHT AT HOME** - Sgt. 1st Class Dan Vander Myde records a radio spot for release to a soldier's hometown station. Vander Myde, public affairs supervisor of the 126th Public Affairs Detachment, Michigan Army National Guard, has been in military and civilian broadcasting for 23 years. (Photo by Master Sgt. Mike Zimmerman, Theater Support Element).



## READY, AIM, FIRE!

This 155mm howitzer located in a South Korean rice paddy is manned by soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 125th Field Artillery, Minnesota Army National Guard, taking part in exercise 'Team Spirit.' They joined other soldiers from the Republic of Korea the active Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force in combined/joint operations. (Photo by Master Sgt. Charles Farrow, Minnesota Army National Guard).



**1,000 FEET UP** - This soldier and 23 other paratroopers of the 134th Infantry Long Range Surveillance Detachment, Nebraska Army National Guard, put their best foot forward to jump into "Drop Zone Husker," at the Meade, Neb., training site. (Photo by Brett Martinson).



# PMEC hosts employers and NCOs at B & I day

by Maj. Martha Smyth  
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The 33rd Business and Industry Day came to a successful ending at the I. G. Brown Air National Guard Professional Military Education Center, Knoxville, Tenn., with 51 business leaders and executives from a seven-state region attending the event, held in April.

## TRADITION

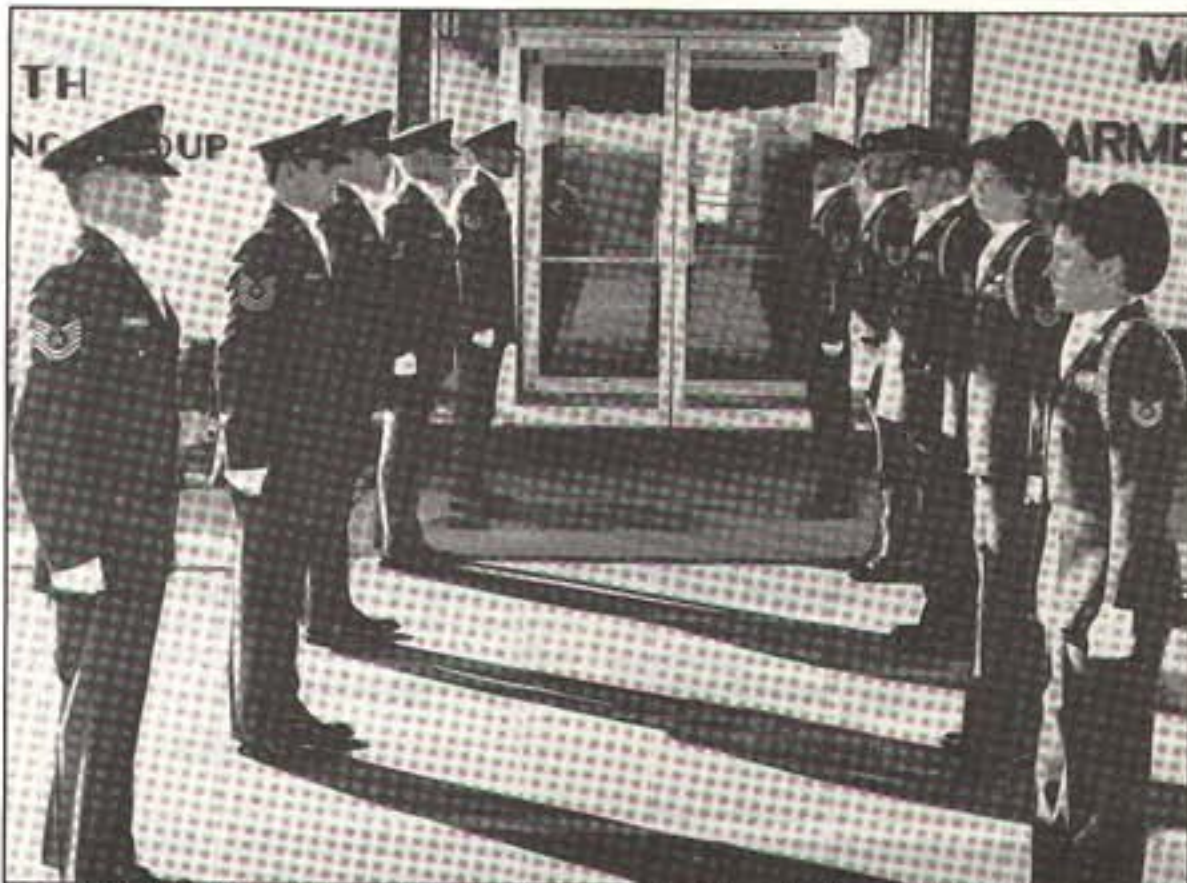
Business and Industry Day is hosted twice a year by the Air National Guard Non-Commissioned Officers

Graduate Association to permit business and industry leaders to observe their employees at the Non-Commissioned Officers Academy (NCOA), participating in their military education and to learn more about the mission of the Air National Guard.

The tradition began 16 years ago and continues with pride today. "I have been to 15 Business and Industry Days and I look forward to 15 more," said Senior Master Sgt. Jim Chumley, Vice-president for the NCOA Graduate Association.

## VITAL ROLE

The activities began with a briefing from Brig. Gen. Donald W. Shepperd, Assistant Director, Policy, Plans and Programming for the Air National Guard, where he emphasized the role of today's Air National



**LOOKING SHARP** - These Air National Guard Non-Commissioned Officer Graduates of the I.G. Brown Professional Military Education Center, Knoxville, Tenn., are demonstrating their military bearing and courtesies to their employers at the annual Business and Industry Day. (Photo by Technical Sgt. Tom Cunningham, National Guard Bureau).

Guard as the 5th largest Air Force in the world.

Shepperd explained the demanding role of the Air National Guard in the real world missions of operating side-by-side with the Air Force and Air Force Reserves.

The commander of the Professional Military Education Center, Col. Larry Martin explained to the business leaders the vital role in preparing tomorrow's total force leaders.

## SPECIAL OCCASION

After the briefings, the guests observed both an honor guard ceremony and a parade and review per-

formed by the graduating NCOA class. While there, each guest was escorted by a previous graduate of the NCOA.

This special day peaked with the graduation of 87 members of the Non-commissioned Officer Academy. Three graduates however received more than a diploma and handshakes from Gen. Shepperd.

In a surprise ceremony, Technical Sgt's. Richard E. Meyer, Kansas Air National Guard, Roland E. Lacey and William E. Porter both of the Illinois Air National Guard were promoted to the rank of Master Sergeant.

After the ceremony, the NCOA graduates and families attended an awards banquet in honor of the graduating class in which Technical Sgt. Kevin W. Young, Alabama Air National Guard was named the Honor Graduate for the class.



**TOP SUPPORT** - Attending the 33rd Annual Business and Industry Day were Brig. Gen. Donald W. Shepperd, Assistant Director, Policy, Plans, and Programming for the Air National Guard, Mr. G. Andrew Lawrence, Executive Director of the Council for Employer Support for the Guard and Reserves and (left) Chief Master Sgt. Richard M. Green, the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Director of the Air National Guard. (Photo by Technical Sgt. Tom Cunningham, National Guard Bureau).

## Worth Repeating

"Do not repeat the tactics that have gained you one victory, but let your methods be regulated by the infinite variety of circumstances."

—Sun Tzu,  
military writer

"The steady operations of war against a regular and disciplined army can only be successfully conducted by a force of the same kind."

—Alexander Hamilton,  
U.S. statesman

"A gentleman is simply a patient wolf."

—Lana Turner,  
actress

"There isn't much to be seen in a little town, but what you hear makes up for it."

—Frank McKinney Hubbard,  
humorist

"Nothing so needs reforming as other people's habits."

—Mark Twain,  
U.S. humorist





**FATHER AND SON** - Master Sgt. Carl Cannon, left, and his son Capt. Chris Cannon, relax near their C-130 aircraft following a cargo flight to David, Panama. Both are members of the 155th Airlift Squadron, Tennessee Air National Guard. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Mark Friar, U.S. Army).

## Trowell-Harris is first nurse to command ANG clinic

(MAC News Service)-An Air National Guard member is the first female nurse to command a clinic in the Air National Guard.

Lt. Col. Irene Trowell-Harris became commander of the 105th Military Airlift Group's Air Force Clinic, Steward Air National Guard Base, Newburgh, N.Y., March 1. She replaced Lt. Col. Hugh E. McGee, who is the senior air surgeon for New York Air National Guard headquarters.

Col. Trowell-Harris began her Guard career in 1963 when she joined the 102nd Aeromedical Evacuation Flight, Floyd Bennet Field, Brooklyn, N.Y. There she was a flight nurse, flight nurse instructor and flight nurse examiner and remained with the unit when it relocated to Suffolk County Airport, Westhampton Beach, N.Y.

In 1970, she became a member of the 137th Aeromedical Evacuation Flight, Westchester County Airport, N.Y. Three years later, she joined the 105th TAG's clinic and has been serving as chief nurse and a member of the Clinic Executive Management Team.

"I was surprised to be selected for the position because it is traditionally held only by doctors and flight surgeons," said Col. Trowell-Harris.

In her civilian job, the colonel is a senior staff specialist for the American Nurses' Association.

## 11 yrs. of C-130 missions bond father and son

by Spec. Tom Springer  
126th Public Affairs Detachment  
Michigan Army National Guard

COROZAL, PANAMA -- If you don't like to talk about airplanes, you probably wouldn't enjoy a Cannon family get-together.

Master Sgt. Carl Cannon and his son Capt. Chris Cannon, both from Memphis, are possibly the only father and son transport aircrew team in the Air Force. Both are members of the 155th Airlift Squadron, Tennessee Air National Guard.

"My wife warns us not to start talking about flying during Thanksgiving dinner," joked the younger Cannon, who is also a civilian pilot for Federal Express. "But there's a fraternity in the Guard that you don't get elsewhere."

### SAME AIRCRAFT

For the past 11 years, the Cannons have served aboard the same aircraft. They fly on a C-130 Hercules transport, a four engined, turbo-prop workhorse used by the Air Force to haul everything from Army paratroopers to pickup trucks.

It shouldn't be surprising that the elder Cannon, 59, feels comfortable aboard prop-driven airplanes. When he began his Air Force career 42 years ago, as a P-51 Mustang mechanic, jet aircraft were a new phenomena.

"Planes are a lot faster now so we spend much less time in the air," said Cannon, who has logged more than

15,000 flight hours. "I remember a trip to the Azores (a Portuguese Island chain) that took 16 hours. We had sleeping berths on airplanes then."

Although his Air Force career has spanned four decades, he says his son's decision to join the military was made independently.

### SIMILAR INTERESTS

"We've just liked the same things -- fishing, hunting and flying. It's kind of a nifty feeling," the elder Cannon said.

The younger Cannon, 33, came into the Air Force on the ground floor, as a parachute rigger. He later completed flight school and was commissioned as a second lieutenant.

"Some of the unit's flight engineers remember when I was a baby," he said. "That's what's so nice about the Air Guard. The people stay put -- they may stay with the same unit for 20 years."

The elder Cannon agrees.

### 42 YEARS SERVICE

"The Air Force is often at a disadvantage because people get in and out after four years," he said. "In the Guard you get guys like me who stay in for 42 years. We ought to know a little bit about what's going on."

Although he plans to retire in June, Sergeant Cannon's attitude toward flying would serve him well as an unofficial Air Force recruiter.

## Air Guard unit awards

### STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND

The Strategic Warfare Center has announced that the 141st Air Refueling Wing, Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington Air National Guard, is the recipient of the Best Wing/Unit Tactics Program Award for 1989.

This award recognizes the most outstanding unit tactics program in the Strategic Air Command based on tactics initiatives, support to the unit and contributions to tactics development.

### DOD TRANSPORTATION AWARD

The annual 1990 National Defense Transportation Association Outstanding unit awards are now being selected. Representing the Air National Guard in this years competition is the 105th Aerial Port Squadron, New York Air National Guard in the reserve component category.





Master Sgt. David M. Orange



Master Sgt. John Heller



Master Sgt. Andrew Carrillo



Tech. Sgt. Pedro Indio



Staff Sgt. Ronald A. Booth

## Air Guard names eight as its 'Outstanding Airmen' for 1990

by Lt. Col. Pete Wyro  
Editor

Air Guard Director Maj. Gen. Philip G. Killey recently presented the awards for the Air National Guard "Outstanding Airmen" awards for 1990 to eight members who were selected for their outstanding work and contributions to Air Guard readiness efforts.

The "Outstanding Airmen of the Year" included the following:

### *Master Sgt. David M. Orange, Kentucky.*

Orange left high school and enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1971, was the Distinguished Graduate from Marine Boot Camp, and completed his GED while in the Marines. He attained the rank of Staff Sgt. by the time he had was 22, and joined the Kentucky Air Guard in 1978 as a Fuel Systems technician for the RF4-C aircraft.

He was a Distinguished Graduate from NCO Academy in 1981, completed the Disaster Preparedness School with a perfect 100 percent average, and was the first Air Guardsman selected to represent Kentucky in the National Guard marathon in 1988. In 1988, he cross-trained to become a combat control specialist becoming the Honor Graduate from the course and the recipient of the Jerome Bennett Award for Leadership -- both from the same course.

He has a bachelor's degree in business administration from McKendree College and an associates degree from Watterson College, is an assistant baseball coach in his spare time and has received a Sustained Superior Performance award for his work as a technician.

### *Master Sgt. John M. Heller, Wyoming.*

Heller attended Kansas Wesleyan University, the University of California and the University of Wyoming and has a bachelors degree in philosophy and a masters degree in business administration. He entered active duty with the Air Force in 1970, working with the Minuteman 1 and Minuteman Modernized Command Data Buffer weapons systems before entering the personnel career field. While assigned to Ramstein Air Base, he was project manager for Black History Week for the Kaiserslautern community, the largest American community outside the United States. He later worked under a new program called, "Buddy Care," becoming certified by the American Red Cross as an instructor in cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR), and, later becoming a Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Techni-

cian, in 1980. His work with the "Buddy Care" program resulted in its selection as the best in Europe.

He joined the Wyoming Air National Guard after his departure from the Air Force, and was assigned to the Consolidated Base Personnel Office. In 1983, he transferred to the 187th Aeromedical Evacuation Flight where he assumed responsibility for the mobility program. In 1986, he became NCO in charge of the Mobile Aeromedical Staging Facility for the unit, which, under his leadership, received an "excellent" rating from the Health Services Medical Inspection in the Spring of 1987.

Heller was a deputy sheriff for Laramie county until 1988 and during the period was the field training officer, and a member of the Tactical Response Team, with whom he received FBI training in Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) and White Collar Crime.

He presently works for the Wyoming Emergency Management Agency as a Population Protection Planner.

### *Master Sgt. Andrew Carrillo, Jr., Utah.*

Carrillo entered the Air Force in 1973, received technical training as a Morse systems operator and served at Clark Air Base, the Philippines in August 1973 before being reassigned to Karamursel, Turkey in 1974. He served in other Air Force assignments before responding to a search for Spanish linguists in 1979 and cross training to become a cryptologic specialist. He was reassigned to Offutt Air Force Base in 1980 and remained there until 1988. During that period, he supported sorties flown for Operation Urgent Fury, the invasion of Grenada, contributing directly to the success of the operation. In 1987, he completed the Electronic Security Command NCO academy receiving the Commandant's award and the Professionalism award, and, in 1988, applied for and was selected for an AGR tour as NCOIC for operations for the 169th Electronic Security Squadron, Utah Air National Guard following his departure from the Air Force.

### *Technical Sgt. Pedro Indio, New Jersey.*

Indio joined the New Jersey Air National Guard in 1981 and was assigned to the 177th Fighter Interceptor Group. In 1983, he was assigned to an AGR tour with the unit, progressing through on-the-job training from levels 3 through 7 while earning some of the highest scores ever in the unit for his work in level 5 and 7 Career Development course final

exams. In 1987, he graduated from the Tactical Air Command Leadership school at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., and was selected to attend the Air National Guard NCO Preparatory Instructor course in April 1989. He attended NCO Academy in June 1989 and was Distinguished graduate from Class 89-3.

Indio also attends Atlantic Community College where he has completed 31 credit hours of study toward an associate degree in computer information systems, and has completed 57 credit hours toward an associate degree in logistics management from the Community College of the Air Force.

### *Technical Sgt. Kimberly Anne Sencindiver, West Virginia*

Sencindiver joined the Air Guard in April 1983, attending Medical Service Specialist School where she was among the top three graduates of her class. She performed on-the-job training at Malcom Grow Air Force Medical Center, Andrews Air Force Base, Md. where she received a Certificate of Appreciation for her work in the Department of Nursing with the OB-GYN ward. Assigned to the 167th Aeromedical Evacuation Flight upon completion of her schooling, she

quickly became Instructor Medical Technician in just two years, completed Command NCO Academy by correspondence, and enrolled in Shepherd College, Shepherdstown, West Va. to work toward an associate degree in nursing in 1988. In her first year of study,

during which she completed 40 semester hours for work, she maintained a 3.3 grade-point average which placed her on the Dean's List. She was selected as President of the Nursing Class of 1990, has been an active member of the Student Nursing Association, teaches community CPR classes, and participates in local fund raising efforts for the United Way and Cerebral Palsy Foundation.



### *Staff Sgt. Ronald Anthony Booth, California*

Booth entered the Air Force in 1981 and

(See "Air Guard Tops," page 9)



# Air Guard 'Tops' named for FY 1990

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completed administrative specialist training as a Honor Graduate at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. before being assigned to Elmendorf, Alaska in November 1981. He was twice selected as Airman of the Month while at Elmendorf before being reassigned to Barksdale Air Force Base, La. in 1983 where he received the Air Force Commendation Medal, was selected as Squadron Airman of the Quarter, and graduated as Honor Graduate from the NCO Preparatory Course.

Booth was Distinguished Graduate from Cost and Management School following his reassignment to Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., was selected as Airman of the Quarter from July to September 1985, and completed his associate degree in applied science from the Community College of the Air Force in 1986 before joining the Maryland Air Guard in December 1986. He went on to earn the Distinguished Graduate Award from the NCO Leadership School, was awarded the Air Force Achievement Medal in 1989 while assigned to the Controller Section, California Air Guard at Van Nuys where he is also a member of the Air Guard Color Guard.



*Sgt. Patrick Allen Olsen, Michigan.*

Olsen entered the Michigan Air National Guard in 1987, completed his Air Force Skills course in 14 weeks, and his five-level upgrade in only six months. Since returning to his unit, the 110th Tactical Air Support Group, he has been active in promoting the image of the unit and the Air Guard to the local community including acting as a recruiter for special events, and as a speaker to civic groups.

His efforts in converting from M-151's to the

Multi-use HUMMV's resulted in 9th Air Force ORI Teams noting his work as "the Best Seen to Date," on recent inspections. He is also a volunteer assistant coach for the boys' track team for Clare High School.

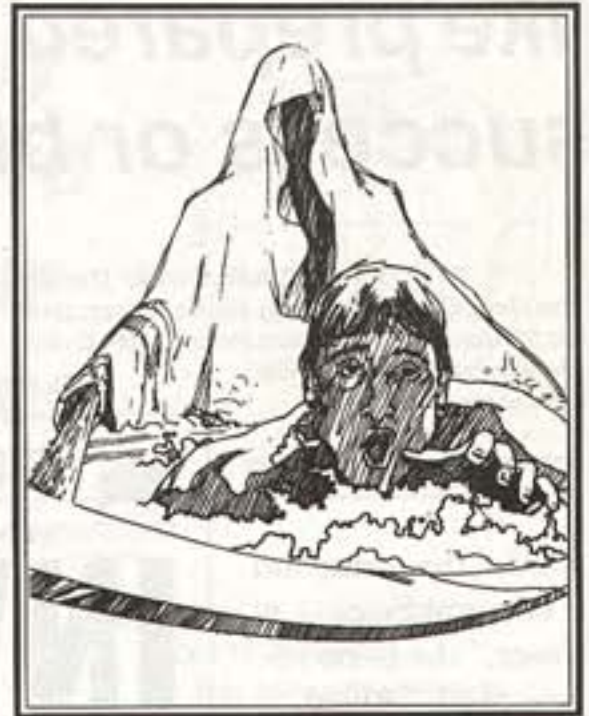
*Army 1st Class Alan Jay Tucker, Louisiana*

Tucker, the oldest of five children in a one-parent home, provides a valuable service to his widowed mother and four brothers and sisters in addition to his noteworthy accomplishments with the 214th Engineering Installation Squadron in New Orleans.

He was Honor Graduate from both his Basic Military Training and Cable Splicing and Installation schools, completed cable splicing and installation maintenance training school with a 93 percent overall average and finished his on-the-job training and achieved level-five status in half the required time. He graduated the Standard Installation Practices Training Course as Honor Graduate, and was the recipient of the Safety Management Award for Class 89-24.

Tucker is a dispatcher/computer operator for Pepsi Cola/Delta Beverage Group where he has also received praise for his innovative efforts in developing more efficient routing and delivery methods. He attends the University of New Orleans, majoring in electronic engineering while maintaining a 3.4 grade point average and is also working on an associate degree in applied electronics technology from the Community College of the Air Force.

*(Editor's Note: "On Guard" thanks Tech Sgt. Tom Cunningham, Executive NCO for the Air Guard directorate, without whom this story would not have been possible).*



## Heed the water safety warning

From the Army's Ground Accident Report, "Countermeasure," comes the reminder that "Water Sports still claim lives."

"Sports activities that seem to be the most popular are also the most lethal," reports "Countermeasure" in its March 1990 issue noting also that water sports account for over half the deaths from recreational activities each year from sports such as scuba diving, non-powered boating, diving, swimming, canoeing or rafting and power boating.

### HIGH LIKELIHOOD

Although actual accidents are relatively few, the report notes the likelihood is quite high that any water accident at all will be fatal.

While overall numbers have declined for recreational injuries since 1981, on average, three people were injured each month through participation in watery fun and games, according to "Countermeasure."

### FATAL DUO

In most instances where death has occurred from water sports, the fatal duo of water and alcohol have been present.

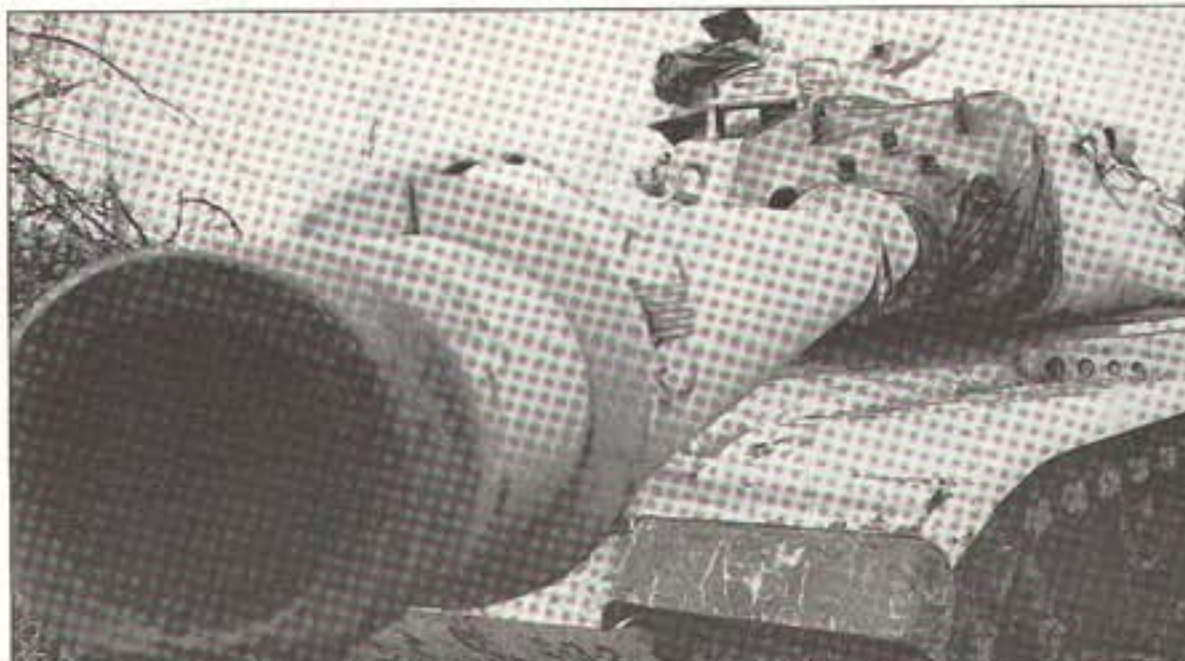
The scenario is all too familiar.

A soldier who has been drinking with friends decides to go swimming in an unauthorized area and tries to swim farther than his physical limits permit.

He calls for help, but drowns before anyone can get to him. Or, while someone is trying to save him, he panics, fights his rescuer, and they both drown.

Or, another soldier has too much to drink, takes his power boat out onto the lake, loses control and rams another boat in the process.

Stay safe, and alive. Heed the warnings.



**"BUSINESS" END** - The long "Business" end of this M60 tank from Company C, 1st Battalion, 210th Armor was captured by SPC Dave Hilton, assigned to the 42nd Infantry Division Public Affairs Office.



# 'Ike' prepared for D-Day success or blame

At 9:33 a.m., British Double Daylight Time, June 6th, 1944, Colonel Ernest Dupuy, press aide to Allied Supreme Commander Dwight D. Eisenhower, made a long-awaited announcement.

lity of command, would have been the first to acknowledge their sacrifice.

"Under the command of General Eisenhower," the press release read, "Allied naval forces, supported by strong air forces, began landing Allied armies this morning on the northern coast of France."

The first assault troops had been ashore for almost four hours when Colonel Dupuy read his brief message. It had been a long four hours for Eisenhower and his staff - and an even longer four hours for the men of the 29th Infantry Division, Virginia and Maryland National Guard.

The 29th's assault regiment, the 116th Infantry, landed at the most heavily fortified invasion beach, Omaha. But despite casualty rates of more than 90% in some units, the 116th and other units managed to hang on.

A second statement had been prepared for the press on that June day 46 years ago. That statement, drafted by General Eisenhower himself, would have announced. It read, simply...

"Our landings...have failed...and I have withdrawn the troops. The troops, the air and Navy did all that bravery and devotion to duty could do. If there is any blame or fault attached to the attempt, it is mine alone."

On the Normandy beaches, National Guardsmen died to ensure that General Dwight, "Ike," Eisenhower did not have to read those words. Eisenhower himself, who bore the heavy responsi-



**BANNER HEADLINES** - Headlines like this one from the "Philadelphia Inquirer," broadcast news of the Normandy Invasion.



## 'Ever Forward' 116th Infantry D-Day sacrifice is recalled

*"Ever Forward"* - This is the motto shown on the distinctive insignia of the 116th Infantry, composed of Guardsmen from Virginia and Maryland.

Organized in 1742, the unit fought in eight Revolutionary War campaigns. As its nickname indicates, the 116th, largely made up of units from the Shenandoah Valley, was Stonewall Jackson's original command during the Civil War.

At the Normandy landings for D-Day, June 6, 1944, the first battalion was the initial assault force at Omaha Beach.

One survivor, speaking 40 years after the event recalled the horror of seeing "...the remains of a crack battalion strewn all over the beach."

Company A, whose home station was, and still is, Bedford, Va., was particularly hard hit with over 90 percent casualties. 35 Bedford Guardsman landed with Company A. Only 15 remained at the end of the first day of the Normandy invasion.



**HELPING HAND** - Members of an American landing party help fellow soldiers whose landing craft were sunk by enemy action off the Normandy coast during D-Day -1944. (U.S. Army Historical Photograph by Weintraub)



## SHORT TAKES

### AIR GUARD AWARDS

**Master Sgt. James F. Barry**, 282nd Combat Communications Squadron, Rhode Island Air National Guard was recently named the "1990 First Sergeant of the Year."

**Maj. James E. Green**, assigned to the 184th Tactical Fighter Group, Kansas Air National Guard, has been nominated by Maj. Gen. Philip G. Killey, Director, Air National Guard for the Lt. Gen. Claire Lee Chenault award as the outstanding Air Guard technician from its tactical commands. Green will now compete against active Air Force and Air Force Reserve counterparts in Air Force-wide competition. The award is sponsored by the Air Force Association.

### SSC REMINDER

July 15th is the deadline for submission of nominations for the Senior Service Colleges. Individuals interested in attending a Senior Service College must complete their required packets and submit them through their Adjutants General to arrive at the Army National Guard Military Education Branch by the deadline.

### "OFFICIAL PHOTOS"

The National Guard Bureau Office of Public Affairs does not maintain copies of chain of command photos for President George Bush, or the Secretaries of Defense, the Army, or Air Force. Nor does it maintain copies of photos of the respective chiefs of staff.

Chain of command photos ceased to be a public affairs requirement more than a decade ago. Instead, the respective services maintain copies of chain of command photos for national leaders through their audio visual support agencies which also support National Guard units and commands. These are the proper offices and agencies to whom requests for national leaders, other than those in the National Guard Bureau should be referred.

In April, the National Guard Bureau Office of Public Affairs distributed copies of official photos of Lt. Gen. John B. Conaway, Chief, National Guard Bureau to the State Public Affairs Officers (PAOs) which had request them. Additional copies will be distributed to State PAOs as they identify their needs. Units seeking these official photos should contact their respective State PAOs and not the National Guard Bureau.

No photos are presently available for the Directors or Deputy Directors for the Army or Air National Guard.



## Army Guard Tour Notes



### From the Branch Chief:

*I am extremely pleased and challenged to have been selected by the Director, Army National Guard to serve as the Chief of the AGR Management Branch. As many of you know, I am returning to the branch following an assignment as the Executive Officer of the Operations and Training Division (NGB-ARO). I am looking forward to one of my favorite pastimes -- working with and for people.*

*I pledge to all of you the best support possible from both myself and our staff. I will continue to keep you posted on tour information in future editions and invite any comments and suggestions to better serve you.*

F. Thomas Tucker  
Major  
Chief, AGR Management Branch

### COMPUTER PERSONNEL NEEDED

Opportunities for Army National Guard, both M-Day, or "Traditional" Guardsmen, persons on Title 32, or Title 10 AGR assignments with computer programming backgrounds, trouble shooting or systems analysis experience are currently available at the National Guard Bureau.

Interested M-Day or Title 32 personnel should contact their Support Personnel Management Officer (SPMO) and inquire about Title 10 AGR Tour Announcement #9-90, date February 28, 1990. Title 10 personnel in these assignments should contact Maj. Jerry W. Smith at Defense Systems Network (DSN), formerly referred to as "autovon" 289-1443, or commercial at (703)756-1443 for more information.

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### 1990 TOUR ADVISORY REVIEW PANEL

Tour Advisory Panel Reviews (TARPs) for 1990 for colonels, lieutenant colonels, majors, and for continuation tours have been completed with the results mailed to each officer indicating that individual's standing. Comments or questions concerning the TARPs should be referred to CW4 C.J. Abel, Army National Guard Personnel Center, NGB-ARP-CT, 4501 Ford Avenue, Alexandria, Va. 22302-1450, or by calling DSN 289-4821 or commercial (703)756-4821.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Now is the time to start preparing for the 1991 TARPs by keeping your records at NGB-ARP-CA and NGB-ARP-CT up-to-date.

### TOUR ANNOUNCEMENT

Nominations are invited from qualified NCOs and specialists in administration or personnel positions. Duty positions will be with the National Guard Bureau in the Military District of Washington, or at the Professional Education Center, North Little Rock, Ark.

For more information, contact your SPMO or Military Personnel Officer to obtain a copy of Title 10, Long Tour Announcement #12-90.

(Army Guard Tour Notes is prepared by Maj. Jim Hardin who is assigned to the Tour Management Branch, Army National Guard Personnel Center. Questions concerning these notes may be referred to him at, commercial, (703)756-0691, or DSN 289-0691.)

## Former Eagle Scouts sought by association

1990 has been declared "Year of the Eagle Scout" by the Congress of the United States and a search is on for former "Eagle" scouts whose addresses may be missing from the files of the National Eagle Scout Association.

The Department of Air Force has encouraged Air Force general officers, including Air National Guard generals on active duty to seek their re-involvement in Eagle Scouting.

James A. Lowell, Jr., Chairman of the National

Eagle Scout Association invites interested individuals to contact him at 1325 Walnut Hill Lane, Irving, Texas 75015-2079 for more details.

Persons wishing to identify themselves as "lost" former Eagle Scouts should send Lowell a photograph, the year of their birth and the date they were awarded Eagle Scout rank. In return, the association will enroll them on a complimentary basis as a Life Member of the association.



# Alaska gears up for activation of ANG Air Rescue unit

(MAC NEWS SERVICE) - The Air National Guard's newest search and rescue unit is anxious to "get their gear and get flying."

Members of the 210th Air Rescue Squadron (ARS) of the Alaska Air National Guard are months away from their official unit activation. Guard officials expect the ceremony to take place during the summer of 1990.

"We're going to combine the activation of the 210th ARS with a reunion of the former 10th Rescue Group," explained Maj. Gen. John Schaeffer, Adjutant General of the Alaska National Guard.

The 10th Rescue Group members were mostly Alaskans who were recruited during World War II to provide search and rescue throughout the entire territory. When our new unit activates, they will carry the official lineage, honors and traditions of the original 10th. That's why we're already calling them the "Second 10th," according to General Schaeffer.

The new unit will be equipped with the latest search-and-rescue equipment. The first four of six MH-60G Pavehawk helicopters are scheduled to arrive in 1990. Three HC-130N Herclues aircraft will equip the unit with extended range search.

In addition to the new equipment and unit growth, Kulis Air National Guard Base has been the scene of facilities expansion.

"We're in the midst of positive growth here on the southside of Anchorage International Airport," said General Schaeffer. "Kulis Air Guard Base spans more than 140 acres. We're located in a good operational area, yet we have a good neighborhood from which to draw community support."

Guard officials expect the payroll and support contracts to add between \$6-10 million to the local economy annually.

## It's always time for security awareness

The National Guard Bureau Security Manager has issued a reminder about required SAEDA briefings in a recent Security Awareness bulletin.

SAEDA stands for Subversion and Espionage Directed against the U.S. Army. Army Regulation 381-12 and Air Force regulation 205-57 address the provisions of this counter-espionage effort.

Among the reminders from SAEDA briefings are the following situations which individuals who suspect themselves or others to be targets of espionage must report. Again, it is mandatory that the following situations be reported to the appropriate security managers or other authorities.

**Situation 1:** Attempts by unauthorized persons to obtain classified or unclassified information concerning U.S. Army or Air Force facilities, personnel or material.

**Situation 2:** Attempts by unauthorized persons to obtain information through photographs, observation, the collection of documents or other means.

**Situation 3:** All incidents where Department of Army or Air Force personnel or their dependents are subjected to questions regarding their duties, or are threatened, coerced or pressured to cooperate with any foreign intelligence service.

**Situation 4:** Any knowledge you may obtain concerning incidents of known, suspected or possible espionage or international terrorism.

**Situation 5:** Any knowledge you obtain

regarding acts of deliberate compromise of classified information either committed, attempted, or contemplated.

**Situation 6:** Non-official contacts by Department of Army or Air Force with known or suspected members of foreign intelligence services, foreign military police organizations, citizens of Communist bloc countries.

**Situation 7:** Official contacts by foreign intelligence and police when they show undue curiosity about a Department of Army or Air Force member, attempt to obtain classified information, or attempt to establish any type of friendship, relationship, whether social or business, outside the normal range of official duties.

### DO'S AND DON'TS

**DON'T** make any commitments.

**DON'T** take any money or sign anything.

**DON'T** "play" spy.

**DON'T** discuss with anyone after reporting the situation to your military intelligence representatives.

**DO** - be observant.

**DO** - get identification.

**DO** - report the incident immediately to your military intelligence representative and to that person -- only! In most cases, this will be your unit security officer.



## Airborne Association anniversary dates set

Some 30,000 Airborne veterans, active Army, Army Reserve and Army National Guard airborne soldiers are anticipated in the Nation's Capitol July 4 - 8 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of airborne operations and training by the United States Army in 1940.

Some 27 separate airborne and airborne-related associations will be holding their annual conventions in Washington, D.C. during the same period as the Airborne Anniversary celebration, sponsored by the U.S. Army Airborne 50th Anniversary Foundation, a non-profit organization, gets into swing.

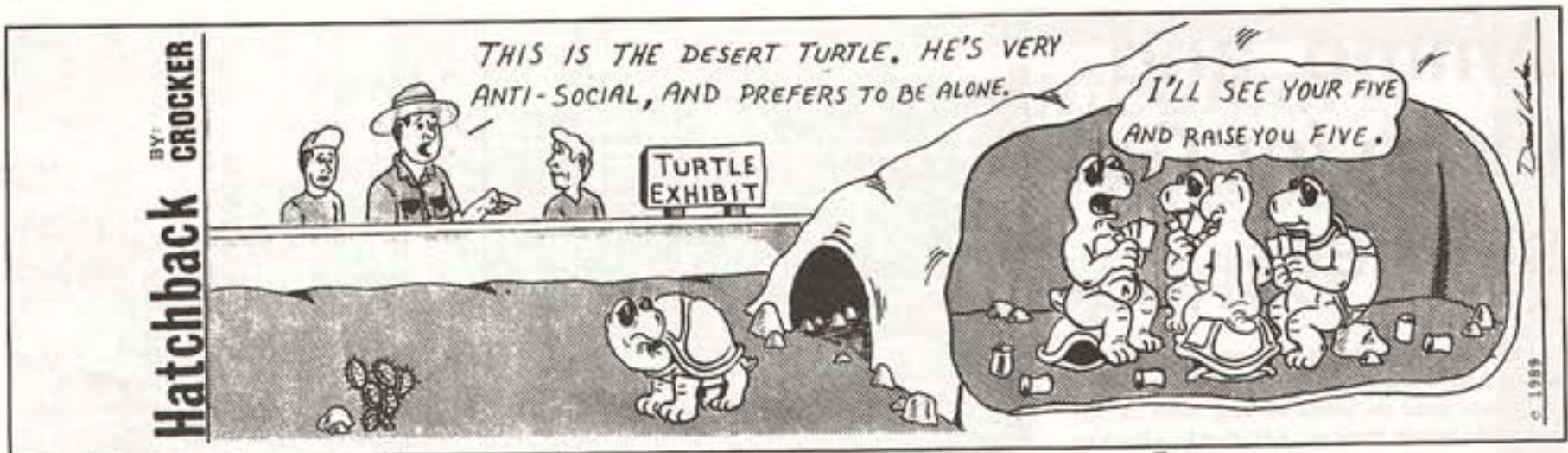
Saturday, July 7th, a major parade of Airborne association members and active, Reserve and Guard units is scheduled in the District of Columbia. In addition, a Memorial Service will be held at R.F. Kennedy stadium in which there will be a color presentation, and a formal Retreat ceremony. The public is invited to attend the memorial services.

The term, "Airborne," includes parachutists, glider and air assault soldiers from recent and past military service, Special Forces, Airborne troop carriers, Para-Marines, Navy Seals, Air Force Special Operations, Airborne Rangers, Pathfinders, and Parachute Rigger personnel.

According to the Airborne Anniversary foundation, there are some 1.75 million active and veteran Airborne men and women in the United States, all of whom today, or at some time in their past, proudly wore the wings of their specialty.

Questions on the anniversary events may be referred to Col.(Ret.) William Weber at (301)775-7733 or Mr. Bill Story at (703)620-5990.





# 'Hatchback' comic strip emerges from Guard member's gift to five year old son

by Capt. Phil Blahut  
Associate Editor

Aerodynamic in shape, lacking wheels, this object is neither a car, nor a rocket. Undressed, he looks human, and comes to life with the strokes of his artist, providing humor and another way of looking at life.

Let me introduce "Hatchback", a desert turtle creation born in December 1985, by Technical Sgt. David O. Crocker, 162nd Tactical Fighter Group, Arizona Air National Guard and his five year old son.

Crocker, a cartoonist, developed the character from his son's ideas. It was in the middle of December 1985, just before the holidays, when Sergeant Crocker's wife was admitted to a hospital for removal of a malignant cancer from her thyroid. It was a time of crisis, yet the Crocker family endured.

### SON'S IDEA

"My five year old son wanted to send his mother a get-well card, so he asked me to draw some kind of

animal for him," said Crocker. "After several attempts of drawing animals, I drew a turtle, one that was accept-

*"My five year old son wanted to send his mother a get-well card. ....thus came "Hatchback."*

able by my son. The only change he had me make was to have a removable shell."

With several creative strokes of the pen, there was "Hatchback," the rare desert turtle.

Since then, "Hatchback" has appeared in cartoon strips for an active duty Air Force newspaper, and also appears monthly in the Arizona Air National Guard

newspaper, "El Tigre." In addition, "Hatchback" has been used on tee-shirts for a fitness center in Tucson, as well as a show and tell seminar for school children within a Tucson public school.

### AWARD WINNING

In 1988, Crocker took third place overall in the annual Air Force Media Contest, which is held Air Force wide. In 1989, "Hatchback" represented the Air National Guard competing in the Air Force Media Contest.

It is amazing how a creation comes to being, and in this case, a five year old planted the seed that really blossomed. For Sergeant Crocker, he continues to create more of "Hatchback," and hopefully, a future syndication.

("Hatchback" is used with the permission of its creator, Staff Sgt. David O. Crocker).



**CARTOONIST** - Technical Sgt. David O. Crocker, assigned to the 162nd Tactical Fighter Group, Arizona Air National Guard, developed the award winning cartoon strip "Hatchback" from his son's desire to give his mother a "get-well card."





# Ammo and more for Ga. soldiers

Soldiers clad in battle dress uniform from Alabama's Army National Guard's 440th Ordnance Battalion have spent six weeks working under the Key Personnel Upgrade Program (KPUP) at Fort Benning, Ga.

The 35 guardsmen worked with live round ammunition at the Ammunition Supply Point (ASP) at Fort Benning and their active duty counterparts, the Army's 608th Ordnance Company, gaining valuable one on one knowledge.

Some of the ammunition weighed 150 pounds, not the usual inert training ammo the men worked with during weekend drill and annual training periods.

## CRITICALLY NEEDED

KPUP allows Army Guard and Army Reserve personnel to work with their active duty counterparts in a one on one basis.

The 608th strength level at 55 percent and a requirement to send 26 personnel to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Cal. left the unit critically short of personnel at the ASP and a created the KPUP opportunity.

"This KPUP tour is paying dividends in many ways," said Lt. Col. Ken Wade, the Army Guard liaison officer at the Fort Benning Directorate of Reserve Components. "It's giving the 440th personnel invaluable training in their job specialties with live ammo, it's allowing the 608th to keep their operation going as well as keeping the ammo flowing to the requesting units



**SAFETY CHECKED** - Just to be sure, Spec. Johnny Acoff (left) and Sgt. Gregory Blockton, both of Selma, inspect a vehicle for safety prior to leaving the Ammunition Supply Point at Fort Benning, Ga. The two and other members of the Alabama Army National Guard's 440th Ordnance Battalion worked at the facility assisting the 608th Ordnance Company for six weeks on KPUP.

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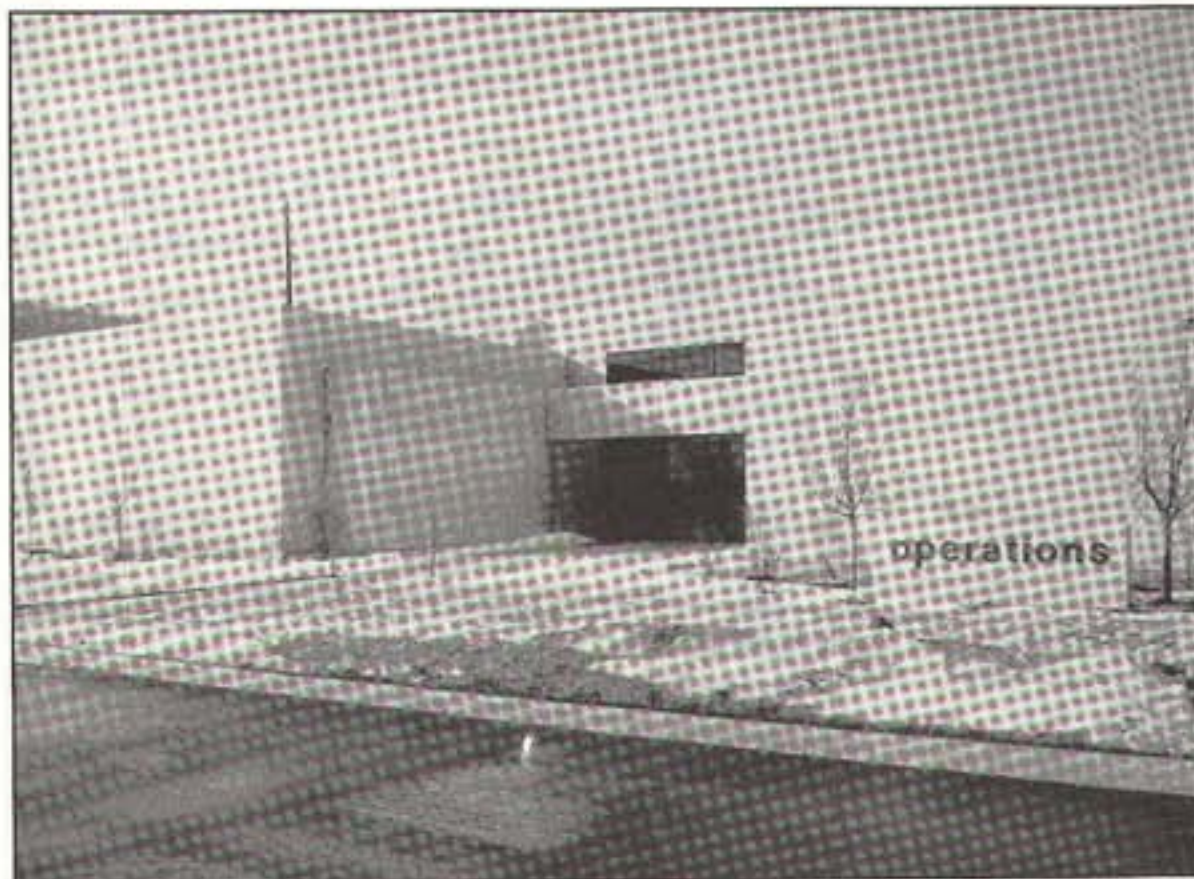
## EXECUTION

Ammunition comes into the sprawling complex from various Army depots. Anything from small arms to 155mm howitzer rounds are taken off trucks by forklift. They're counted, inventoried and put into a storage facility, either a magazine or igloo.

Personnel must design and execute plans for proper

storage, always keeping safety and Army regulations in mind. Other duties include issuing, receipting, maintaining stock, and general maintenance. They also worked at a renovation area where ammo is recycled or transferred to Property Disposal for sale.

The joint effort assured that the active and reserve components are working together as federal budget cuts affect resources, but never the ongoing missions.



**BEST DESIGN** - The 128th Tactical Fighter Wing, Wisconsin Air National Guard, Madison, Wisc. walked away with Air Force Design Awards. Three of the unit's new buildings; Operations, Supply and Squadron Operations all won. The unit was praised for its self-help programs, thoroughness and excellence of its base master plan during a recent Tactical Air Command Special Inspection.

## Nebraska ANG achieves 50,000 accident-free flying hours

The Nebraska Air National Guard was recognized for 50,000 hours of accident-free flying over the last 12 years.

The Nebraska's 155th Tactical Reconnaissance Group is only the fourth unit ever, among 91 Air national Guard flying units, and fifth among active duty Tactical Air Command flying units worldwide, to earn the safety record.

The 155th is part of the Tactical Air Command, which has over 4,000 aircraft and 193,000 people in its command.

**Think Safety  
Think Safety  
Think Safety**





### LIFE SUPPORT -

*Tech. Sgt. Holland Warren inspects a pilot's headgear and oxygen mask as part of his life support duties. (Illinois National Guard photo).*

## Illinois' Warren wins ANG Aircrew Life Support Award

Technical Sgt. Holland Warren, assigned to the 169th Tactical Air Support Squadron, Illinois Air National Guard was named the winner of the 1989 Outstanding Aircrew Life Support award.

A ten-year veteran of the Guard, Warren is a life support specialist who recognizes the demands and importance of his work.

"A pilot or crew member places total confidence in his or her life support equipment," said Warren adding, "A combat situation requires functional life support equipment -- there is no margin for error; it's got to work!"

During four years with the Air Force from 1969 to 1973, the 40-year old Warren was assigned to the Strategic Air Command and supported B-52 crews from bases in Thailand and the Philippines.

Since joining the Guard, he has participated in exercises in Alaska and Canada, as well as attending the Air Force Water Survival School, Homestead Air Force Base, Fla.

Warren is employed by Caterpillar Inc. as a tool grinder at its Mossville, Ill. plant.

He and his wife, Kristine, have two children and live in Princeville, Ill.

## ANG Aeromedical Evacuation Crews indeed supported 'Just Cause'

Contrary to previous reports, Air Guard Aeromedical Evacuation Crew Members (AECM)s indeed did provide real world support during Operation "Just Cause." Although placed on alert Dec. 20, 1990 and taken off alert the same day, Air Guard aeromedical evacuation *did participate* in the continued actions which were included in the overall operation itself.

In a message to the field, Air Guard Director, Maj. Gen. Philip G. Killey explained, "As the initial thrust of Operation Just Cause was completed, a continued requirement for aeromedical evacuation (AE) personnel was identified," noting also that "AE crews were needed to save lives and meet medical emergencies."

"Within minutes of H-hour, we had AE crews and equipment on alert and ready from Mississippi and New York," Killey noted. The Mississippi element included members of the 183rd Aeromedical Evacuation Flight, while the New York contingent was from the 139th Aeromedical Evacuation Flight.

"Well into the wrap-up we were requested to provide two aeromedical evacuation crews to deploy to Howard Air Force Base to work out of the Mobile Aeromedical Staging Facility (MASF)," noted General Killey who indicated that crews from Minnesota's 109th Aeromedical Evacuation Flight, Delaware's 142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Flight, and Wyoming's 187th Aeromedical

Evacuation Flight were tapped for the two-week rotation missions. However, a Presidential order short cut the deployments of the Minnesota and Wyoming units, so, although alerted for the mission, they were never deployed.

### VARIED RESPONSES

During their initial two-week rotations, Air Guard aeromedical evacuation teams, consisting of two flight nurses and three aeromedical technicians, provided assistance to an injured paratrooper, as well as responding to a neonatal advanced trauma life support emergency and providing three instructors in CPR for Howard Air Force Base.

By the time the second rotation was into high gear, volunteers from the 139th and the 142nd AEF's were flying medevac missions with Army personnel aboard Blackhawk helicopters from the 214th Air Ambulance detachment.

Tech Sgt. Kelly Gunson, a member of the 146th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, California Air Guard, was already in Panama at the time of the invasion and immediately reported to the 1st Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron volunteering her services.



**REALLY OPERATING** - Sgt. Vicki Bryant, assigned to the Ohio Air National Guard 121st Tactical Air Command Hospital works in an actual operating room during her two-week duty with U.S. Southern Command elements in Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras. (Photo by Sgt. Carla I. Pratt, Michigan Air National Guard).



# National Guard members dominate Lincoln marathon

by Staff Sgt. Wayne Blankenbiller  
Nebraska Army National Guard

LINCOLN, Neb.—Forget the combat boots, tanks, and airplanes. In this war, the only victor was the one who got across the finish line first. And Gordon Hyde and Kelly Watkins, both of the Utah National Guard, did just that.

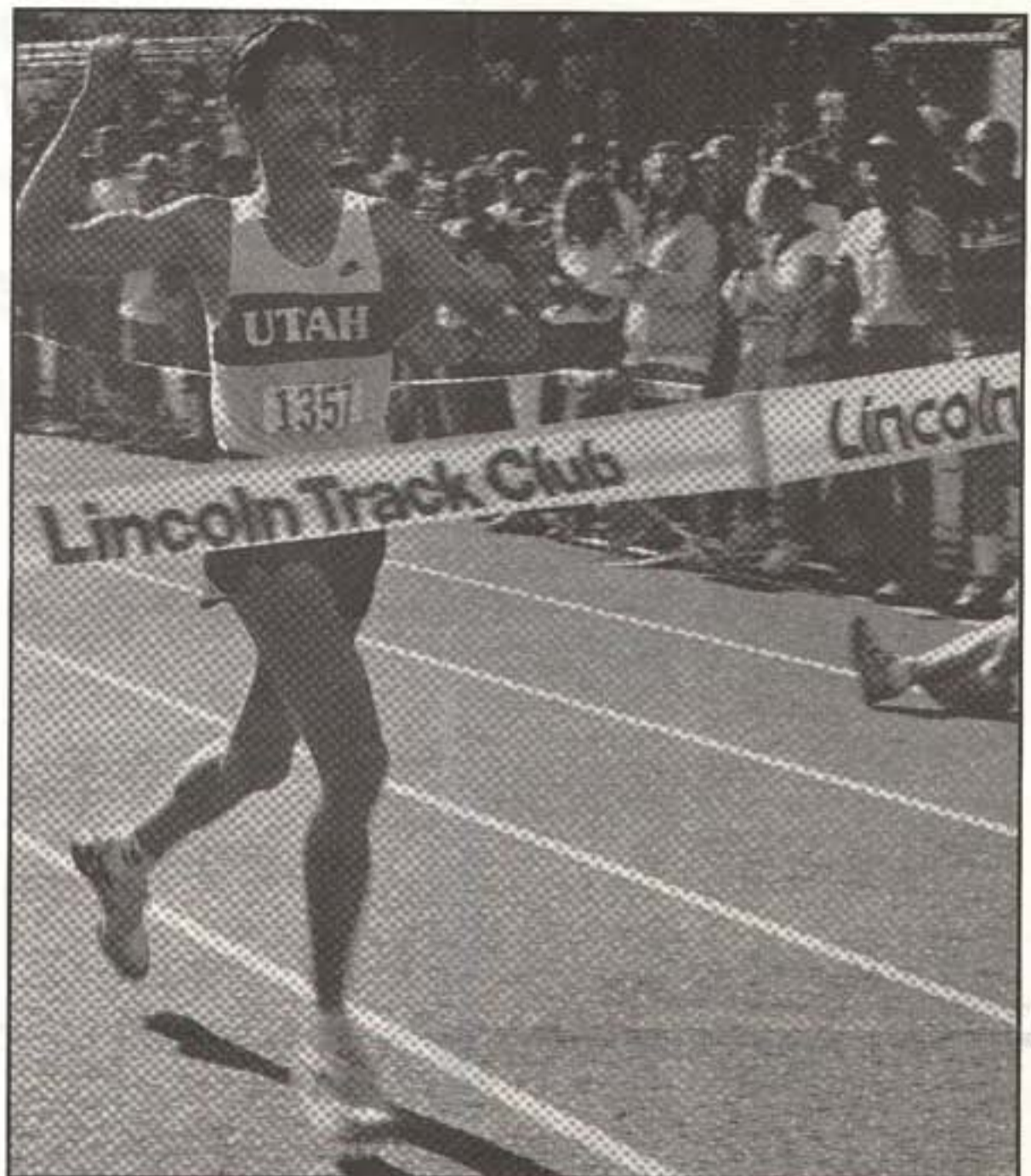
Both Hyde and Watkins won their respective divisions (open men's and open women's categories) of the National Guard Marathon Trials here May 6.

Hyde, with a time of 2:25:01.7, won both the Lincoln Marathon and the All Guard Marathon Trials. National Guard runners carried on what has become a traditional domination of the Lincoln Marathon by placing 12 in the top 20 men's division and nine places in the top 20 of the women's division.

## 26-MILE TREK

For seven years now, Army and Air National Guard members from across the United States, including some from U.S. territories have joined Nebraskans in the 26-mile trek. Some 350 Guard members participate in the National Guard's annual All-Guard Marathon Team Trials, held in conjunction with the Marathon. The Guard seeks 50 top male and female Guard runners for the All-Guard Marathon Team.

Hyde, of Orem, Utah, ran most of the race in third place behind Tim Dooling of Omaha and Jay Woods,



**CLINCHING IT-** First place overall in the 26-mile Lincoln Marathon and winner of the All-Guard Marathon Team Trials is Spec. Gordon Hyde of the Utah Army National Guard. (Photo by Harald Dreimanis, Lincoln Journal-Star. Used with permission).

defending champion and fellow Utah Guard member. Woods, weakened by the flu over the last three weeks, succumbed to the early pace and collapsed on the side of the road at mile 21.

Hyde passed Dooling at mile 24 at which time

Dooling dropped out. Hyde's nearest remaining competitor finished more than six minutes behind him.

## FIRST AND FOURTH

Watkins, of Salt Lake City, finished first among the Guard women, while placing fourth in the Lincoln Marathon women's division with a time of 3:08:26.3.

Watkins who sprained an ankle a week before and was battling bronchitis said, "I felt great until mile 23. At mile 24, the second place finisher passed me and the third place finisher passed me just at the last." But she held on to finish almost seven minutes ahead of second place Guard finisher Lynn Kuda of the Hawaii National Guard.

## GOING PLACES

"I love the competition and seeing myself improve. Running has allowed me to go places I'd never have gone otherwise," said Watkins, who was on the All-Guard team last year also.

Utah also won the team championship again this year, followed by Puerto Rico and Alaska. The team championship is calculated by adding together the times of the top three finishers from each team.

The 50-member All-Guard team represents the National Guard in marathons in Washington, D.C., and Florida, and is part of a program that promotes National Guard physical fitness and combat readiness.

## National Guard 1990 All-Guard Marathon Team results

NAME	STATE/SERVICE	TIME	OVERALL	GUARD
<b>Open Men's Category</b>				
Spec. Gordon Hyde	Utah Army National Guard	2:25:01	1	1
Spec. Ramon Ayala-Centeno	Puerto Rico Army National Guard	2:33:08	3	2
Sgt. John Snoozy	Texas Army National Guard	2:38:00	7	3
<b>Open Women's Category</b>				
Spec. Kelly Watkins	Utah Army National Guard	3:08:26	4	1
Sgt. Lynn Kuda	Hawaii Army National Guard	3:15:04	5	2
Staff Sgt. Debra Cole	Minnesota Army National Guard	3:19:50	8	3
<b>Masters Category</b>				
Spec. 1st Class Laddie Shaw	Alaska Army National Guard	2:36:35	5	1
Master Sgt. Mike Patton	Utah Army National Guard	2:40:26	12	2
Master Sgt. Dan Heimbigner	Montana Army National Guard	2:41:01	14	3
<b>Team Competition</b>				
First Place	Utah National Guard	7:56:41		
Second Place	Puerto Rico National Guard	7:59:47		
Third Place	Alaska National Guard	8:06:07		