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## Chief outlines agenda

**Davis's Deal: People, readiness, force structure and funding top concerns**

By MSgt. Bob Haskell  
National Guard Bureau

The people will come first during his four years as Chief of the National Guard Bureau, Lt. Gen. Russell Davis promised nearly 500 of his Air Guard colleagues in Houston, Texas, Aug. 28.

"People are the most important ingredient in all of what we do in the military. We've got to be sensitive to individuals, sensitive to keeping those people in our force. So we've got to treat them fairly," said Davis who listed the four areas that will occupy much of his attention as chief of the nation's 465,000 citizen-soldiers and airmen.

Readiness, force structure and funding will be his three other primary concerns, said Davis, who earlier in the month became the first African American to assume the Guard Bureau's top position.

He outlined his agenda and concerns during the Air Guard's Second Annual Diversity Conference.

The Air Guard's senior commissioned and enlisted leaders gathered at a Houston International Airport hotel to explore the best ways to implement policies for making units reflect the cultural makeup of the communities where they serve.

The weekend conference began, coincidentally, on the 35th anniversary of the historic March on Washington by 200,000 civil rights advocates.

Houston was the forum for Davis's fatherly talk about how he expects Na-

tional Guardmembers to be nurtured going into the 21st century.

• People should be accorded dignity and respect and be treated fairly, he stressed.

"I'm going to give you dignity and respect as an individual, but I also expect you to do the same for me," he said. "We can't do something for one group of folks and something else for another."

"We're going to deal with people being different than you and me," added Davis while keying on the conference's theme "Diversity is Our Strength."

A full page ad in that Friday's edition of *USA Today* focused on that theme and featured a photograph of Davis and 14 other men and women who reflect the Air Guard's multicultural makeup.

• Readiness also focuses on having people trained to take on missions wherever they are needed, he said.

"If you and I don't train our young men and women and we put them in harm's way, then we're not doing our job as leaders," he added. "The casualty rate could increase immeasurably."

• Force structure has to be defined.

"We've got to settle on where we're going to be and what we're going to do," Davis said. "It's hard for us to recruit and retain people who are unsure whether they have a job and whether they're going to have a unit."

• Funding is also a vital concern. "We've got to have a constant stream of dollar resources," Davis stressed.

Luminaries such as former Navy Secretary Sean O'Keefe and Air Force Gen. Lloyd Newton urged the Air Guard leaders to press on with their efforts to diversify the force as much as possible.

The best way to make that possible, Davis reminded the crowd, is to make sure that all Guardmembers are treated with fairness and dignity.



Lt. Gen. Russell Davis

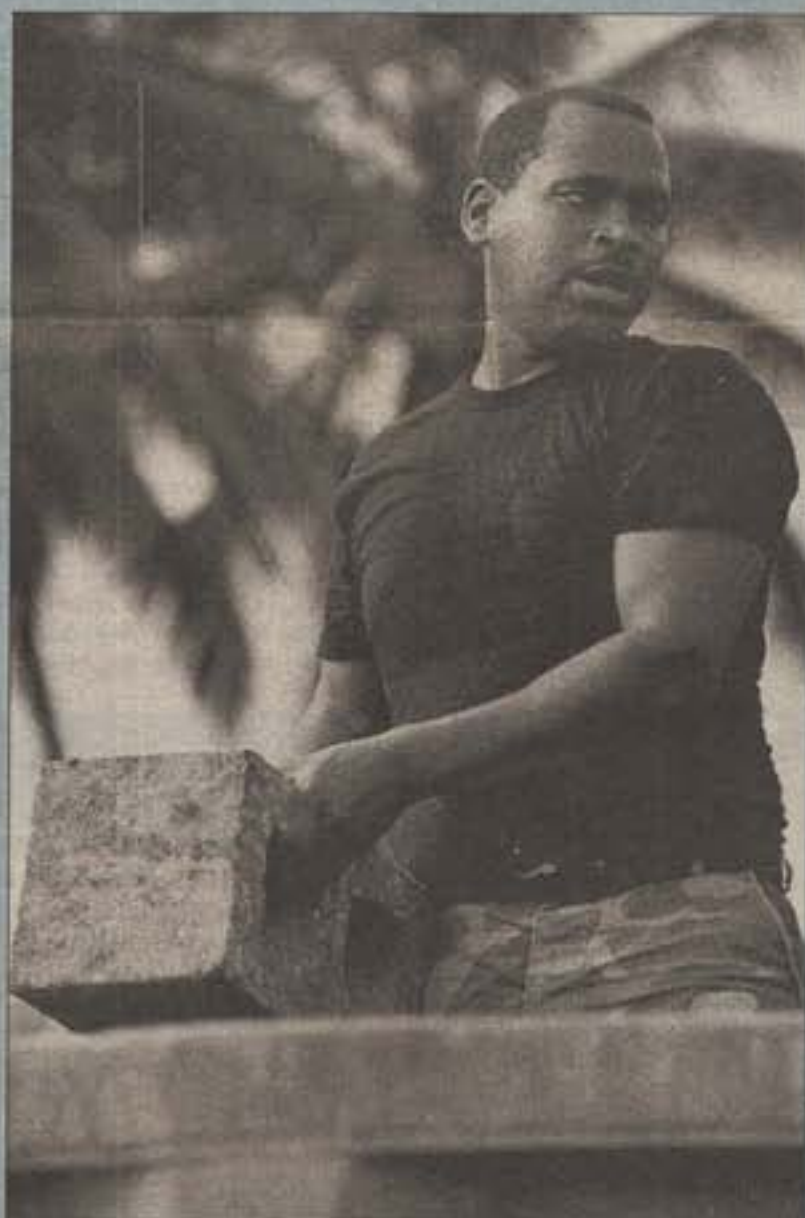


Photo by MSgt. Danelle Rodaskey-Flores

**BUILDING  
a FUTURE**

Kentucky Air Guard TSgt. John Green, a heavy equipment operator with the 123rd Airlift Wing in Louisville, recently served in Las Penas, Ecuador, helping to build a school for children. Several members of the unit's civil engineering squadron spent two weeks in the country repairing villages damaged by El Nino.





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## GUARD MAIL

### Putting out wrong Signal

I want to express my deep concern over an article (Signaling a Shift) published in the August issue.

It is well intended in applauding the performance of the 422nd Signal Battalion, but it begins on a sour note. To state: "The Army would be rendered 'deaf and dumb without the Guard'" is incorrect and does great harm toward cohesion between the active and reserve components.

The Guard and Reserve certainly have a key role in the Army's worldwide mission, but it overstates our contribution to suggest the Army could not communicate without us. It is also misleading to say 70 percent of all Signal assets are in the National Guard and Reserve. More properly it should state 70 percent of all CONUS-based Echelon-Above-Corps Signal units are reserve component. The figure for all signal assets is closer to 50 percent, with the split of 36 percent Army Guard and 14 percent Army Reserve.

The article also is incorrect in stating the 88th Signal Battalion is part of the 11th Signal Brigade. It is the 86th Signal Battalion. These errors hurt our credibility and denigrate all the good work done by the 422nd along side the active and reserve soldiers in Grecian Firebolt '98.

We would all be better served if the article had followed its own advise, which in the last paragraph, stated:

"Fourth commandment: Develop cohesion and teamwork among active and reserve signal forces ... Easy."

No, it is not "Easy," especially when our active component brethren read articles like this.

Col. Thomas Ciccariella  
Reserve Advisor, Ft. Gordon, Ga.

### Miffed at McGhee

After reading your article "Reaching Out to Teach Someone" (July), I am reminded again of how your publication always targets the Army National Guard, and conveniently dismisses the Air National Guard.

The Air National Guard has been exceptionally successful in the distance learning arena for over three years.

We, at the Air National Guard Training and Education Center at McGhee Tyson ANGB, Tenn., started our distance learning venture in 1995 by teaching the NCO Academy curriculum via one-way video (live transmission) and two-way audio. Air University and the College of Enlisted Professional Military Education approved the course and it's development as an "in-residence" academy. The Community College of the Air Force has accredited the course with the same nine credit hours the traditional "in-residence" academies receive.

To date, we have taught 11 NCO Academy classes, graduating 810 students -- including six active duty NCOs -- from 43 states at 52 separate sites. These classes have realized a cost savings of approximately \$1,700 per student.

The Army National Guard isn't the only game in town.

SMSgt. Jessie T. Black  
Tennessee National Guard

### Armed with Information

The article "Guard, Actives swap Captains" (July) is incorrect. West Virginia's 1st Battalion, 201st Field Artillery is not the first battalion on the east coast to receive the new M-109A6 Paladin. The 1-214th Field Artillery located in Elberton, Ga., is the first battalion on the east coast to receive the Paladin. A Kansas National Guard field artillery battalion was the first to get the Paladin in the entire Army Guard.

We just finished our annual training at Fort Stewart, Ga., where we completed our NET (new equipment training) with the M-109A6 Paladin and the M992A2 Field Artillery Ammunition Support Vehicle.

The 1-214th Field Artillery has a proud heritage that dates back to the Civil War. The battalion was part of the NATO Composite Force until we were selected for the Paladin in 1996.

Lt. Col. Lawrence E. Dudley Jr.  
Georgia National Guard

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## GUARD TOONS

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On stakeout somewhere in  
A dark marijuana field,  
A crack team of disguised  
Agents await their quarry.



"Sgt. Colwell, you went overboard on your disguise again ... You're leaking milk."





# IN THE NEWS

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## Iowa squadron gets 'active' commander

■ **Promoting Understanding:**  
*Touzinsky's selection just the 2nd  
for battalion-sized Guard units*

By Lt. Col. Robert C. King  
*Iowa National Guard*

With a cornfield serving as a backdrop and fighting vehicles flanking a reviewing stand, Lt. Col. Timothy Touzinsky was ushered into Army National Guard history.

He recently became just the second active duty Army officer to assume command of a battalion-sized Army Guard unit in the modern era, after being selected to lead Iowa's 1st Squadron, 113th Cavalry, a unit that fought in the D-Day invasion at Normandy.

Lt. Col. John Hennigan became the first active duty officer to command a National Guard battalion when he took the reigns of Louisiana's 1st Battalion, 141st Field Artillery, Oct. 4, 1996.

Just prior to accepting responsibility for the 650-soldier squadron, Touzinsky was sworn into the Iowa Army Guard. Lt. Col. Steven Saunders had commanded the Sioux City-headquartered outfit since 1995.

Touzinsky has served in a variety of command and staff assignments in the U.S., Germany and Korea. His most recent job was inspector general at the Army's Reserve Officer Training Corps cadet command at Fort Monroe, Va.

The selection of Touzinsky to command a National

Guard unit is in keeping with Army Chief of Staff Gen. Dennis Reimer's effort to enhance the cooperation and interoperability between the Army and the Guard.

Cross-assignments such as this, Reimer has said, provide active duty officers with first-hand experience in leading and training National Guard units. They also will provide the Guard with an opportunity to learn from the active duty officer's skills and experiences.



Photo by Maj. Allen Bloemendahl

**CHANGING the GUARD** — Lt. Col. Timothy Touzinsky (left) accepts the colors from Maj. Gen. Rodney Hannula.

knowing their leaders are enforcing Army standards."

Maj. Gen. Warren Lawson, Iowa's adjutant general, said that the opportunity to curry better understanding with active-duty field grade officers who are in a position to educate future senior leaders about the Guard's abili-

"It's the idea that I'm not here helping," Touzinsky said, "but rather, I'm part of the organization. I'm here to command and lead.

"My assignment will provide a valuable mutual benefit," he added. "The unit will benefit from what the Army has taught me. The soldiers will benefit by

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## Air Force 'transition' will affect Guard

By Sgt. Jim Katzaman  
*Air Force News Service*

In a transition from the Cold War to the 21st century era of contingency operations, Air Force leaders are moving the service toward a more expeditionary aerospace force (EAF) within the next 18 months.

The EAF, according to Acting Secretary of the Air Force F. Whitten Peters, should reduce today's extremely busy deployment tempo for Air Force people. It will also provide a more rapid, robust and flexible response capability.

The EAF will be responsive, according to Peters, "yet it will allow our people to spend more time at home and, through a strong schedule of unit rotations, all of our people — active-duty, Guard and Reserve — can plan for deployments as much as a year in advance."

Peters added that the EAF will "affect the way we think and how we organize, train, equip and sustain aerospace forces. It will also allow us to meet the requirements of the national military strategy and the challenges of a changing global security environment."

Gen. Michael E. Ryan, Air Force chief of staff, explained that the EAF will be a "significant transition in the way we do business." Since the end of the Cold War, he said, the Air Force has not been structured to efficiently meet the demands of the many hot spots around the world calling for U.S. help.

"Our forces have been overextended for several years because of a one-third reduction in manpower as contingency deployments increased fourfold," he said.

"By January 2000," Ryan added, "we'll have the mindset, procedures,

doctrine and organization to allow the most effective use of people and resources."

The EAF concept provides three key tenants, according to Ryan:

- Known, rapid response capability tailored to support a wide range of contingencies;

- Predictability and stability across the force improving morale and retention; and

- Further integration of the active, Guard, Reserve and civilian forces.

Lt. Gen. Lawrence Farrell, Air Force deputy chief of staff for plans and programs, emphasized that EAF does not move any units from their current locations.

"This is not a restructuring of the baseline Air Force," he insisted.

Instead, the EAF organizationally links forces in geographically-sepa-

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## NATIONAL BRIEFS



**FIRST STATE SIGNING** — Gov. Carper signs a bill giving Delaware Guardmembers free tuition.

### Delaware offers free tuition

Delaware Gov. Thomas R. Carper signed a bill providing education assistance to First State National Guardmembers.

The bill will ensure 100 percent tuition at state-supported public institutions. In addition, it allows attendance at private Delaware institutions at a capped rate.

In return, students must serve six years in the Delaware National Guard.

"This is a win-win piece of legislation that is very essential to the U.S. economy in that we have a high level of education because we're in a new era where technology is demanding our work force to be more educated in hard sciences," insisted Maj. Gen. George K. Hastings, Delaware's adjutant general. "This is also essential to our readiness since the military is high tech."

Delaware joins 16 other Guard states who offer 100 percent tuition assistance. It is the first state to allow Guardmembers who live out of state to use the money for schools in Delaware.

### Missouri fighter pilots pay tribute to 'Unknown Soldier'

A crew of veteran F-15 fighter pilots with the Missouri Air Guard's 131st Fighter Wing flew the solemn "Missing Man" formation at the conclusion of the interment of the remains of Lt. Michael Blazie — formerly "The Vietnam Unknown Soldier" — over Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis, July 11.

One pilot and one rear seat rider in a B-model F-15 were unit members who served as pilots in Vietnam. Another pilot was a veteran of Vietnam era while serving with the Air Force. The other two pilots were Desert Storm combat veterans, one credited with MiG kills during that conflict.



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## TRANSITION

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rated units into standing air expeditionary forces, or AEFs.

These units would launch from Air Force and Air Guard installations and be ready to fight or deliver humanitarian supplies on very short notice.

In full operation, the AEFs would at once bring predictability to deployments and at the same time bring stability to a heavily tasked force, Farrell said. This added predictability in scheduling also will help Air Guard and Reserve crews, beholden to civilian employers, better support taskings.

AEFs are already proven, according to Farrell. The Air Force launched five of them since Operation Desert Storm. However, these previous AEFs were "tailor made" individual groupings, pulled together for only one deployment.

However, the chief of staff explained that the new expeditionary concept requires a force that is "light, lean and lethal."

- Light means a reduced airlift requirement;

- Being lean means using agile combat support to operate out of austere locations with minimal resupply; and

- To be lethal, the EAF will create decisive effects and accomplish the mission effectively with minimum resources.

By January 2000, according to the acting secretary, the service will be organized with AEFs that will take turns being on call.

The overall plan calls for the individual elements of each AEF to be organizationally linked with units from stateside and overseas.

Today's widely dispersed Guard and Reserve forces would also be counted into the AEFs, getting Guardmembers and reservists engaged on a regularly scheduled basis with active units for training and deployments.

"The Air Force has always had an expeditionary mission," Ryan said, "but we need better organization to manage and train to a wide range of capabilities.

"Using AEFs," he added, "we can rapidly respond to contingencies requiring different types of assets without upsetting baseline Air Force organizations."

## Carolinians counter hurricane's wrath

### Ready and Able: Although Bonnie didn't deliver, Guardmembers did

By SSgt. Tripp Hutto  
South Carolina National Guard

Hurricane Hugo devastated the South Carolina coast in 1989. Hurricane Fran hit the North Carolina coast with a vengeance in 1996.

With memories such as these still imbedded in the minds of Carolinians, the threat of Hurricane Bonnie— inching along toward the coastline packing 100 miles-per-hour winds — was real.

Its' life-threatening potential prompted South Carolina Gov. David Beasley to call out more than 1,000 Army and Air Guardmembers. An equal number of citizen-soldiers were activated by North Carolina Gov. James B. Hunt Jr.

With Bonnie revealing many of the same characteristics of Hugo, Maj. Gen. Stanhope Spears, the Palmetto State's adjutant general deployed his Guard force to areas along the South Carolina coast to help evacuate residents.

"We are here to assist the local law enforcement officials," confirmed SFC Fred Beauchemin, a member of the 742nd Maintenance Company from Columbia, who was deployed to one of 10 forward sites, strategically mapped out by emergency officials. "We have Guardsmen at

checkpoints coming in and out of the coastal areas to assist with the evacuation process and keep others out of harm's way.

"We also have soldiers patrolling with highway patrolman and local authorities making sure the neighborhoods are free of crime while the local citizens are away from their homes," he added.

The Guard's effort did not go unnoticed.

"The National Guardsmen we are working with are professionals," said K.L. Craig, a South Carolina highway patrolman. "With the great cooperation between

Their military police and infantry soldiers assisted law enforcers with security patrols and checkpoints in Kure Beach, Carolina Beach and Wrightsville Beach.

Aside from manning checkpoints, South Carolina's Guard force also patrolled coastal areas with local police after a mandatory evacuation was ordered.

"Our soldiers were eager to assist," reported 1st Lt. Alvin Wilson, commander of A Battery, 2nd Battalion, 263rd Air Defense Artillery. "I have heard many soldiers say if Hurricane Danielle, or whatever else comes down the line, threatens South Carolina, they are ready and willing to assist where they are needed.

"We have enjoyed a very positive response from the people (in the area)," he added. "We enjoy the fact we are here and we are needed. We are more than thankful for the opportunity to help our neighbors."

Fortunately, for millions of Carolinians, Bonnie never packed her predicted punch.

"Hope for the best and prepare for the worst," said

Spears. "South Carolina received little damage from Bertha, Fran and Bonnie, but we were prepared and ready for the possible complications natural disasters may pose.

"I am extremely proud of the professionalism of the men and women from the South Carolina National Guard," he added. "I received compliments from many state agency heads saying our soldiers performed above and beyond the call of duty."



Photo courtesy of the South Carolina National Guard

**'TREE'MENDOUS EFFORT --** Members of South Carolina's Battery A, 2-263rd Field Artillery get ready to clear a fallen tree from a road near Myrtle Beach.

organizations, the evacuation went smoothly. The National Guard has been a 100 percent asset for us."

In North Carolina, Tarheel Guardsmen and women delivered bottled water, ice, cots, food, generators and much more.



Photos by Pvt. 2 Amy Bombassaro

## REFLECTING on the PAST

Don Byer (left), Arlen Bliednicht and Frank Spink look for names of comrades they served with in Vietnam on "the Moving Wall." The three served together in basic training and for a year in Vietnam with Company B, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry. The wall was on display at Fire Base Indy, formerly Fort Benjamin Harrison. The Indiana National Guard provided a mounted color guard to celebrate the wall's arrival.





# PEOPLE

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## The Next Best

CWO4 Don Abrams passes on his combat experiences to those he trains

## THING

By Sgt. Thomas Porter  
Minnesota National Guard

Most pilots with Minnesota's assault helicopter battalion have never flown in combat, but thanks to CWO4 Don Abrams they get the next best thing to being there.

From August 1970 to August 1971 he served as a helicopter pilot ferrying infantrymen to and from battlefields in Vietnam.

Today, he is an instructor pilot for the Minnesota Army Guard's Company A, 2nd Battalion, 147th Aviation.

He is one of several 2-147th pilots whose lessons in Vietnam have provided a treasure chest of experience, said CSM Mike Manion, battalion sergeant major. As those few remaining combat-experienced pilots retire, he added, the unit loses their first-hand war stories and the lessons that only a combat veteran can give.



Photo by Sgt. Thomas Porter

**HIS CLASSROOM** — CWO4 Don Abrams, an instructor pilot with the Minnesota Army Guard's Company A, 2-147th Aviation who logged nearly 1,000 combat flying hours in Vietnam, spends a rare moment on the ground.

"You can never really replace that battle experience," Manion said. "That's just a wealth of experience for the younger pilots."

Closing in on retirement, Abrams said he and the other 2-147th Vietnam veterans are determined to pass on their hard-earned combat experience to younger pilots.

That opportunity came last year when flooding ravaged Minnesota and the battalion's Huey pilots were called on to airlift stranded flood victims.

Half a world away from Vietnam, their landing zones

were not "hot," and his passengers did not sit on their helmets to shield against bullets fired from below. Yet the rescue work did involve heavy loads, and quick landings and takeoffs, said Abrams.

Abrams and crew had another opportunity to train in near-combat conditions in 1995 when they provided airlift for troops building wells and schools in Guatemala.

"It was hot. We were at high altitudes and the loads were heavy," just like in his Vietnam days, Abrams recalled. "The only difference was someone wasn't shooting at you."

It is these kinds of lessons he and other Vietnam veteran pilots try to pass on to pilots with less experience, he said.

Abrams has been flying for nearly 30 years and has 4,000-plus flying hours. Nearly 25 percent of those hours — 986 — were earned under combat conditions in just one tumultuous year in Southeast Asia. Nine of those months were spent flying missions with the 118th and 187th Assault Helicopter Companies. The last three were spent teaching Vietnamese Air Force pilots.

That zeal to instruct the next generation of aviators, despite three decades in the cockpit, has not wavered.

"Every hour you fly, it seems you are learning something new. You learn tips and you try to pass them on," Abrams said, before boarding his Huey to fly yet another mission ... This time, over the peaceful skies of Camp Ripley.

## Serving the Lord, and her FATHER

By Nella Hobson  
U.S. Army

Amid the pine, scrub oak and sandy soil of their training site, Pvt. Jayme Leigh Kendall and her classmates trying to become chaplain assistants, prepare for a field worship service.

Kendall, 20, a member of Michigan's Army Guard, had just finished setting up "the altar" for a Protestant field worship service on the tailgate of a tactical vehicle. Makeshift altars, they learned, can be set up anywhere — a tree stump, the hood of a vehicle, and ironically, ammunition cases — for services in the midst of training or even combat. She will later serve as perimeter guard for the worship service.

The three-day field exercise occurs the week before graduation from the eight-week U.S. Army Chaplain Assistant School at Fort Jackson, S.C.

Kendall's recent graduation from the course allows her to fulfill a heartfelt desire to help fellow soldiers as a chaplain assistant. This fall, she will also attend classes at Olivet Nazarene University in Kankakee, Ill., where her brother also is enrolled in an Reserve Officer Training Corps program.

Graduating also took on added meaning at home. Her father is a chaplain with a maintenance support unit at Camp Grayling



Photo by Nella Hobson

— the Wolverine State Army Guard's training ground. He served as a chaplain at Fort Jackson's reception battalion from 1987 to 1990. She now will serve, on occasion, as her father's chaplain assistant.

"I support her 100 percent," said Chaplain (Maj.) O. Jay Kendall, her father. "Jayme is a tremendous Christian example

for teens. She's heading on a course to become a minister and maybe even a chaplain.

"I expect my assistant to be a person who combines compassion, caring and an understanding of ministry," Chaplain Kendall added. "My assistant is the first point of contact with a soldier; he or she must have the gifts to sort through issues and

**GOD'S GUARD** — Pvt. Jaime Kendall serves as a perimeter guard for a worship service during training at Chaplain Assistant School.

unselfishly help that soldier."

A Chaplain assistant's job doesn't just revolve around an altar, noted the senior Kendall.

"Being proficient in doing other jobs, such as accountability for funds collected at worship services and maintaining the office, is important," he said. "It takes an independent worker."

Chaplain assistants have been in the Army since the early 1900s, but were never given the recognized designation until 1965. Kendall is one of about 1,200 chaplain assistants in the reserve components. A like number serve on active duty.

"I am more confident and better prepared to handle the responsibilities of a chaplain assistant," she said.

Even if that means serving a chaplain that happens to be her dad.





**EMBRACING FAMILIES** -- Dorothy Oglivy-Lee (right), the director of the National Guard's Family Program, says this year is a 'turning point.'

Command presence evident at 10th annual Family Program Workshop

# Putting Families FIRST

By MSgt. Bob Haskell  
National Guard Bureau

**M**aj. Gen. Roger Schultz renewed their hope. Kathy Gilmore melted their hearts.

Those were the personalities who came into their own as advocates for National Guard families in New Orleans during the second week in August.

The personable Schultz is the director of the Army National Guard. The focused Gilmore is a special education teacher and a state Family Program volunteer whose husband is a Louisiana Army Guard noncommissioned officer.

They made their distinct impressions on 400 leaders and volunteers from across America who help families cope when National Guardmembers get called up for state or overseas duty.

The crowd for the National Guard Bureau's 10th annual Family Program Workshop included 14 adjutants general and 37 spouses of the state Guard leaders.

The workshop highlighted a transitional



Photos by MSgt. Bob Haskell

year among Guard leaders and the rank and file people who make the Family Program work.

Lt. Gen. Russell Davis, the new Chief of the Guard Bureau, sent a message via videotape because he was traveling in Europe. His wife Shirley traveled to New Orleans on his behalf.

Maj. Gen. Paul Weaver Jr., the Air Guard's director, was present with his wife Cathylee. Schultz, the first Army Guard director to ever address a workshop session, made it a full house and unprecedented show of command support for the 14-year-old Family Program.

**RAKING IN RAVES** - Kathy Gilmore's (left) unique presentation on volunteerism caused a stir at the Family Program Workshop.

confronting domestic emergencies from El Nino's floods to Florida's wildfires, while preparing to deal with the threat posed by weapons of mass destruction.

Everyone welcomed the new blood.

The theme was "mission first, families always."

Schultz reaffirmed the Army Guard's resolve with his observation that "we need to get back to the fundamentals of who we are."

The Guard, he allowed, is undergoing its own transitional period of matching its units and equipment with the needs of today's high tech Army.

But the general, who cut his military teeth in the field with infantry units in Iowa and Vietnam, added "we need to get back to the issue of people."

"Looking after one another is the key to our success," Schultz added. "The best units I've ever been part of have strong family support programs."

A perpetual question on his computer in Washington, D.C., Schultz confided, asks him: "What have you done for the soldiers today?"

"Making sure your issues are understood at the national level," is one way the Army Guard director vowed to help.

Then it was Kathy Gilmore's turn.

She teaches dyslexic students in a half-dozen schools in southeastern Louisiana how to use all five of their senses. Her husband is SFC Sonny Gilmore, an Army Guard recruiter in the city of Houma. Their son Jerry Jon is an Army Guard infantryman.

However, the 5-foot-3 redhead was a force unto herself during her unorthodox presentation "The Tools of Communication," that also doubled as her personal testimony about the satisfactions of being a volunteer.

Her tools included a carpenter's level, a hammer, and a hoe; a telephone tree, a tape measure, and a screwdriver that she uses to screw on a smile when the going gets hard.

Gilmore's verbal recipe for becoming a good volunteer featured a dash of Cajun humor, a pinch of poetry, a heart-warming letter from her husband, and a large measure of common sense.

"I really know that a strong family support group is an asset not only to the unit but to the battalion and brigade as well," she said. "When all is said and done, you've got to stir what you've got."

Schultz and Gilmore helped make for a dynamic Family Program Workshop that should set the stage for a good year, indicated Oglivy-Lee, who was delighted even more by the gift of a quilt fashioned from 54 patches sewn by volunteers from the National Guard's states and territories.

"To have an Army Guard director talking about a team comprised of military members, family members and volunteers is news," she observed. "I felt as if I had died and gone to Heaven."



## INSIDE FAMILY PROGRAMS

## Seeking families to ENRICH

By MSgt. Bob Haskell  
National Guard Bureau

Sonya Walton remembers feeling lost in a crowd after leaving Alabama and reporting for operations duty at the Air National Guard's bustling readiness center on Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland eight and a half years ago.

"I was just put there. I had my orders, and me and my family had to fend for ourselves. I did not get a briefing about the Guard by anybody in the Guard," recalled Walton. "I would like to see it done better for people who come on tour."

At 38, the Air Guard master sergeant is in the right place at the right time to help other Air Guard people and their families feel much more at home when they transfer to the Washington, D.C., area.

Walton belongs to a new Air National Guard Family Enrichment Team that was formed last May, the product of a pledge Maj. Gen. Paul Weaver Jr. made last summer in Florida to take better care of Air Guard families throughout the land.

Weaver became the director of the globally challenged 108,000-member Air Guard in January. In August, he pointed out, 6,400 Air Guard people and half of its 1,300 planes were "doing our nation's business" throughout the world.

He introduced the Family Enrichment Team to the 400 Army and Air Guard leaders and volunteers attending the National Guard Bureau's 10th annual Family Program Workshop during August's second week in New Orleans.

"Families can exist without the Air National Guard, but the Air National Guard cannot exist without families," Weaver said. "Families are not our central mission, but they are essential to mission accomplishment."

The enrichment team, led by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Julius Jefferson, will reinforce



"I believe I can make a substantial contribution"

CHAPLAIN  
JULIUS  
JEFFERSON  
Family  
Enrichment  
Team Leader

Maj. Kin Mafnas recalls his island's unique strategy to help Guam's families recover from 'Paka's' punch

## Tackling a TYPHOON

By MSgt. Bob Haskell  
National Guard Bureau

Kin Mafnas knows how to make people laugh, and that makes the jovial Chamorro gentlemen a hit at the National Guard's annual Family Program reunions.

Talking about Typhoon Paka, however, brings out the Guam Army National Guard major's serious side; considering that the violent tropical storm flattened the northern part of his Pacific island homeland last December -- nine days before Christmas.

That experience also taught Mafnas and the others involved in the Guam Guard's family program a thing or two about supporting citizen-soldiers and airmen whose families have also been victimized by disaster.

In a nutshell, help the citizen-soldiers so they can leave their families to help others, said Mafnas.

Guam's family program coordinator.

Mafnas explained that lesson over breakfast in New Orleans on the second Tuesday in August. The six-member Guam delegation had flown across eight time zones and made connections at three airports to attend the Guard's 10th annual national Family Program Workshop

the National Guard Bureau's 14-year-old Family Program.

"As a team, they will assist in establishing and supporting 'world class' family enrichment programs throughout the Air National Guard," Weaver promised.

"The Guard must take advantage of every opportunity to nurture and care for families, not just during deployments but in times when things are routine and normal as well," he said.

The enrichment team, he added, "is designed to fulfill the promise to renew emphasis on the importance of the family program in the Air National Guard."

The team's two full-time workers, with

a corps of volunteers, intend to directly support Air Guard families assigned to the nation's capital. They also will offer guidance to family programs being emphasized for the 89 flying units and the more than 200 geographically-separated units across the country, said Jefferson.

The team raised more than \$5,000 from a golf tournament in July. Future activities will include family training during the Air Guard's Senior Leadership Conference in Reno, Nev., a Thanksgiving prayer service and a holiday dance.

"We want to serve as a model for the Air Guard community based on what we do in the D.C. area," added Jefferson.

with 400 other men and women from the 50 states and four territories.

The 14-year-old Family Program was originally intended to help the families of Guardmembers who are deployed for duty far from their homes in such places as the Persian Gulf and Bosnia.

It is now considered just as critical for Guardmembers who must leave their homes to deal with floods, fires, riots, ice storms and typhoons in their own backyards, explained Dorothy Ogilvy-Lee, the national Family Program director.

Army Guard Lt. Col. Dennis Santo Tomas took that rationale one step further after Paka savaged Guam last December, said Mafnas. Santo Tomas commands the 1st Battalion, 294th Infantry. He could not justify asking his citizen-soldiers to leave their families to help others until they knew their families could get along without them.

So he sent out a nine-man squad to help about 40 other Guard soldiers clear debris from their own homes so they could report for territorial active duty.

"If we help you, then you can come in and help us," said Mafnas of that commander's intent. "He operated the family support program in reverse."

The Guam gambit worked, Mafnas explained. Those 40 Guardsmen joined a task force that peaked out at 500 people during the more than two months that the Guam Guard remained on duty.

"The families cooked for the Guardsmen who were helping them. Talk about family support," said Mafnas.

"A lot of people didn't think we needed a family program because Guam is so small and isolated that families already think they can take care of themselves."

The typhoon that hammered the 210 square mile island changed a lot of people's minds.

"We all suffered the same," said Mafnas.

To be sure, help for Guam's civil authorities came in many forms.

Seventy members of an Air Guard civil engineering squadron flew in from Pennsylvania and Ohio just before Christmas, for

example, and spent two weeks rebuilding barracks to house 3,000 homeless people, said Mafnas.

But the battalion commander named Santo Tomas got as much muscle as he could from his own troops, Mafnas related, after making sure that their houses -- and their families -- were in order.



Photo by MSgt. Bob Haskell

FAMILY MAN - Maj. Kin Mafnas, Guam's family program coordinator, makes a point at a recent conference in New Orleans.

Jefferson, 50, is a Louisiana native who became a Methodist minister in 1978 and who has been an Air Guard chaplain for 13 years. He earned the right to wear a Combat Infantry Badge beneath his cross as an Army infantryman in Vietnam. He also learned first-hand just how concerned soldiers can be when they are far from their families.

He has carried those lessons into his ministry and his career as a chaplain because, Jefferson observed, "the church is made up of families."

"I believe I can make a substantial contribution," he added. "This is the right place for me."



NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER

When it comes to work, Spc. Chris Parkins never tanks it

# Wee Hour WORKER

By MSgt. Bob Haskell  
National Guard Bureau

Yogi Berra might have called it "deja vous all over again." Chris Parkins called it another long night of working on armored tanks.

While most of America slept, Parkins—a maintenance specialist in the Nevada Army National Guard—was laboring in the glare of spotlights on a front wheel of a 68-ton Abrams tank in the darkness of the Mojave Desert at Fort Irwin, Calif.

He was the central figure in a maintenance crew that worked into the wee hours replacing a wheel arm and hub assembly so that other members of the 1st Squadron, 221st Cavalry from Las Vegas could drive the tank into battle by 5 a.m.

A crane to lift the heavy assembly into place and an air wrench to screw home the lug nuts certainly helped. But it still took plenty of muscle, a lot of patience and the touch of a surgeon to make everything fit.

To the Nevada tankers goes the glory of charging across the desert as part of the National Training Center's opposing force with tanks modified to resemble Russian T-80s. The opposing force uses the tac-



Photo by MSgt. Bob Haskell

tics of a Russian motorized rifle division.

To the mechanics go the gritty job of keeping the tanks running. Regardless of what the tanks are supposed to resemble, a broken Abrams is a broken Abrams.

"This is not training. This is real work," insisted MSgt. Earvin Chalmers, the armored cavalry squadron's motor sergeant.

An Abrams tank is a precision war machine of multiple moving parts—including 156 sections of track and 36 wheels—that has to function in the desert and in other hostile environments where you would not want to drive your father's Oldsmobile.

Dust is a constant enemy on the Mojave's training grounds. Speeds of 40-50 mph across the tough terrain shake things up. As hard as people work to take care of them, the big tanks break.

Maintenance people such as Parkins have to replace the wheel assemblies, broken tracks and entire engines in the same dusty place where the squadron is

**HUB OF ACTIVITY**— Spc. Chris Parkins worked through the night to get an Abrams tank running.

expected to train. They work through the heat of long afternoons and, sometimes, long into the nights to help their outfit live up to its motto "Never Broken."

"The squadron commander wants 31 tanks up for the mission," said SFC Scott Frey. "We don't like tanks in our maintenance area. If we have no tanks, it means we've done our job."

Parkins—who learned about repairing armored vehicles during an active Army hitch that took him to Korea, Kansas and Germany—is happiest "when he's working," Frey said.

"I'm used to the long hours from my active duty days," said Parkins. "In Germany we'd work on four or five tanks until they were fixed, all night if we had to, and then do the battle. You just learn how to sleep during the little stops."

Awards, First Class, to validate their accomplishments.

After two years of preparations, the Nevada Guard cavalry outfit had finally gotten its chance to join forces with the Army's 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, the training center's full-time opposing force that routinely thrashes visiting units.

## Formidable Foes



**KILLER CREW** — Mowbray, Kinsey, Brown and Tank 515.

It honors Col. Jerrell Hamby, a former opposing force commander, who was killed at Fort Irwin in February 1985. A warrior, Hamby fought in Korea as an enlisted Marine. He fought in Vietnam as an Army officer. He earned the Silver Star, four Bronze Stars, 11 Air Medals and six Purple Hearts.

It is a good bet that Hamby would have liked what he saw in Kinsey and the rest of the Tank 515 crew as they set aside their laurels and prepared to take on another active Army brigade.

"You have to prove yourself every time," Kinsey said. "If we don't do well, what we did in January won't be worth talking about."



**TOUGH TALK** — Lt. Col. Aaron Kenneston, challenged his unit to: 'Earn our money and train them to death.'

Active Army leaders refer to Nevada's 1-221st Cavalry as 'part of the family'

# Embraced as EQUALS

By MSgt. Bob Haskell  
National Guard Bureau

O h yeah. *Those guys.* You can see the change in the faces of the young Army captains and the seasoned sergeants who monitor the National Training Center's battlefields with computers and radios in the "Star Wars" operations center in the southern California desert.

First they frown and questions cloud their eyes when they're asked about the Army National Guard troops who are training with the active Army soldiers in the Mojave Desert. They're not quite sure what to say.

Then they're asked specifically about the Wildhorse armored cavalry squadron from Nevada, the 1st of the 221st Cavalry.

Well, that's different. They smile and nod their heads in the approving way that professional

people acknowledge their peers.

O h yeah, they say, *those guys.* Those National Guard guys. "Hell," said one Star Wars officer, "they're part of the family."

So it is for the 479 citizen-soldiers from Nevada commanded by energized Lt. Col. Aaron Kenneston. They have been embraced as equals by the Army's 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment that performs one of the Army's most formidable jobs. The Blackhorse Regiment forms the opposing force—the OPFOR—for 10 armor brigades who visit Fort Irwin every year to find out how well they can fight.

Going up against the Blackhorse is akin to playing a three-game series in New York against this year's Yankees who are dominating major league baseball. The visitors may win an occasional game, but they will probably lose the campaign. In the process, they discover what they need to do to improve should they someday find themselves on a real killing field.

This year, the Nevada National Guardsmen have helped their Blackhorse brothers teach active Army outfits those harsh lessons at the 1,059 square-mile proving ground hard by Death Valley that is the Army's heavy armor equivalent to the Navy's Top Gun fighter school in San Diego.

"The greatest opportunity of any military career is to be able to lead citizen-soldiers at the National Training Center," said Kenneston, 38. His squadron was aligned with the 11th ACR as a round-out unit in 1995 when

Lt. Col. Jonathan Morrow led the Nevada outfit. It is the only Army Guard unit in the country so closely affiliated with an active unit.

The home team's Abrams tanks and other combat vehicles have been modified to resemble Russian tanks and troop transports. The Blackhorse soldiers wear distinctive desert uniforms and black berets and function as a Russian motorized rifle division. Nevada's Wildhorse soldiers have mastered those tactics.

They have earned the right to wear the black berets as proudly as any Special Forces soldier ever wore a green beret. That gives them a special place among the 22,000 reserve component troops who Gen. Dennis Reimer, the Army's Chief of Staff, said will train at Fort Irwin this year.

In January, after two years of training and mentoring by Blackhorse soldiers, the Nevada squadron squared-off against part of the 3rd (Mechanized) Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade from Fort Stewart, Ga. The Nevada guys won, hands down.

In August, the Nevada guys helped "train" the 4th Brigade of the 4th Infantry Division from Fort Hood, Texas, in the same way. That brigade belongs to the Army's experimental force that includes unmanned aerial vehicles that fly over and observe battlefields.

"It's a privilege to train America's Army. Now let's go earn our money and train them to death," Kenneston challenged his troop leaders before sending them into an early-morning



Photos by MSgt. Bob Haskell

battle on Aug. 17.

Capt. Kristofor Zehm, the B Troop commander, did just that. Four of his tanks formed part of a 13-vehicle OPFOR battalion that took out a platoon of enemy tanks and a platoon of Bradley fighting vehicles with laser-simulated massed fire and that clobbered a half-dozen Paladin self-propelled howitzers.

They also chopped up a reserve force on their right flank while charging 20 miles across the

desert in three and a half hours. Three of Zehm's tanks made it to the final objective, Hill 780, better known as the "Rat Hole."

"We took out half of their ground strength. This is the best fight I've ever had," marveled Zehm, who served 4-1/2 years as an active Army armor officer after graduating from West Point in 1990. He has spent the last four years in the Guard.

"They were fighting hard. I just think we caught 'em a little off guard," Zehm added. His August battles were his last. Zehm will join an architectural firm in Austria in September.

The Nevada squadron's efforts have reinforced advocates' faith in the program.

"There is no better example of active component and reserve component integration in the concept of 'one team-one fight' than the relationship between the 1st of the 221st Wildhorse and the Blackhorse Cavalry," insisted Col. John Rosenberger, a Gulf War veteran who took command of the 11th ACR in June.

"This is the smartest thing the Army is doing, having a reserve component unit working along side an active Army unit," maintained SGM Roger Warner, the 5th Army's senior enlisted advisor to the Nevada Army Guard.

"They're not handled with kid gloves. They're given a mission and expected to react the same way as the active Army guys do," Warner added. "A lot of people are talking about it,

**TOUGH TANKERS** — Nevada SSgt. Kirk Anderson (left), Alpha Troop tank commander, surveys his quarry from inside one of the 1-221st Cavalry's tanks (inset) at Fort Irwin.

but these guys are in the dirt doing it. That leads directly to a well-trained unit, a well-trained regiment."

Keeping up with the 11th ACR is demanding duty.

The Las Vegas-based squadron spends a lot of time at Fort Irwin—six to eight weekend drills and two 10-day rotations each year, citizen-soldiers said.

Physical conditioning is critical, they claim, because the inside of an Abrams tank can be 20 degrees hotter than the blistering temperatures outside and because they want to fit in with their active Army brothers.

"Wearing the 11th Armored Cav uniform, you want to look like an armored cav soldier," said Capt. Michael Renwick, the squadron's personnel officer.

That has made the brass very selective about filling approximately 100 vacant slots. Yes, Kenneston's crowd is still hiring.

"We're looking for squared-away soldiers," Renwick said. "Ideally people who are armor qualified and who don't mind going to Fort Irwin six months of the year."

The soldiers cite a couple of reasons why their unit's strength has risen nearly 30 percent over the last four years, and why soldiers like 1st Lt. Lex Laughlin, the scout platoon leader, commutes to drills from Seattle, Wash.

"If you've got a real mission, and you train hard, it's easier to get and keep good people," said Renwick.

And the 11th ACR has made the Nevada Guardsmembers feel right at home.

"The 11th welcomed us with open arms," marveled Capt. Kerry Cutting, the logistics officer who has spent 10 years in the squadron. "We wouldn't be able to do this job without the fuel, ammo and, sometimes, the personnel they have given us. It has been carte blanche."

Nevada's soldiers appreciate the purposeful training they and the 11th ACR provide.

"I like the honor of being part of this elite unit," said Sgt. Allen Morris, a tank gunner. "The Army hates us because they always lose to us. But if we do our job right, and they go into combat, more boys on our side will come home."

At the end of the day, that is what is most important to *those guys*.



## At the California border, Guardmembers are busy confiscating narcotics

By MSgt. Bob Haskell  
National Guard Bureau

**T**errorism takes many forms. Just ask members of the National Guard on duty in southern California.

There is the threat of terrorism in the form of fertilizer bombs and nerve agents that created concerns for many Americans around government buildings in late August following this country's retaliatory cruise missile strikes against terrorist targets in Afghanistan and Sudan.

There is the quieter, but just as deadly, form of terrorism that comes at 138 California citizen-soldiers and airmen helping U.S. Customs agents every day as they search for and confiscate deadly drugs and illegal paraphernalia at ports of entry around San Diego and Los Angeles.

It comes at this country from Mexico stashed in trailer trucks and hidden in cars. In one recent case, it came in the form of 15 pounds of cocaine taped to the chest and legs of a 17-year-old boy.

The Guardmembers belong to Team Shield, part of the California National Guard's 10-year-old Counterdrug Program. They know all about the terror that narcotics such as marijuana, cocaine and heroin can inflict on their families and friends.

"I know of half-a-dozen of my children's friends who have died from drug-related incidents -- suicides and murders -- during the last four years," lamented a 12-year Air Guard veteran. He asked not to be identified because he monitors people and vehicles coming from Mexico through San Ysidro, where two dozen lanes of traffic form the busiest border crossing in the world.

"My older brother is serving a nine-year prison sentence in northern California for possession under the three-strike law," explained an Army Guard soldier who helps search suspect trailer trucks bound north through Otay Mesa.

The duty is dicey enough that they wear flack vests beneath their camouflage shirts and cover their nametags with green tape. A Customs agent was killed in one of three shootings that have occurred at California points of entry in the last two years, according to a counterdrug spokesman.

The thing that concerns Guardmembers the most, however, is a change in the federal statute that funds the counterdrug program and makes it more challenging to match Guardmembers to missions.

The change in the 1998 National Defense Authorization Act states that counterdrug duties performed by Guard-

members must relate directly to their military occupational specialties - as if they are serving full-time in the Army or Air Force.

The change is subject to interpretation, said Col. John Mosbey, the National Guard's counterdrug director.

"The law might appear to be very restrictive," said Mosbey. "But we're fairly certain that Congress is primarily interested that counterdrug duty does not detract from readiness or training. We're working closely with congressional staff members and lawmakers in their efforts at amending the statute in the 1999 Defense Authorization Act."

If California follows the letter of the law, Guardmembers assisting customs agents inspect cargo would have to be fully-trained military police, explained Lt. Col. Donald Takami, that state's counterdrug program coordinator.

Takami, a West Point graduate, supervises a \$20 million-a-year program that employs 450 Guardmembers and, among other accomplishments, has helped seize nearly \$10 billion worth of illegal narcotics in the last three and a half years.

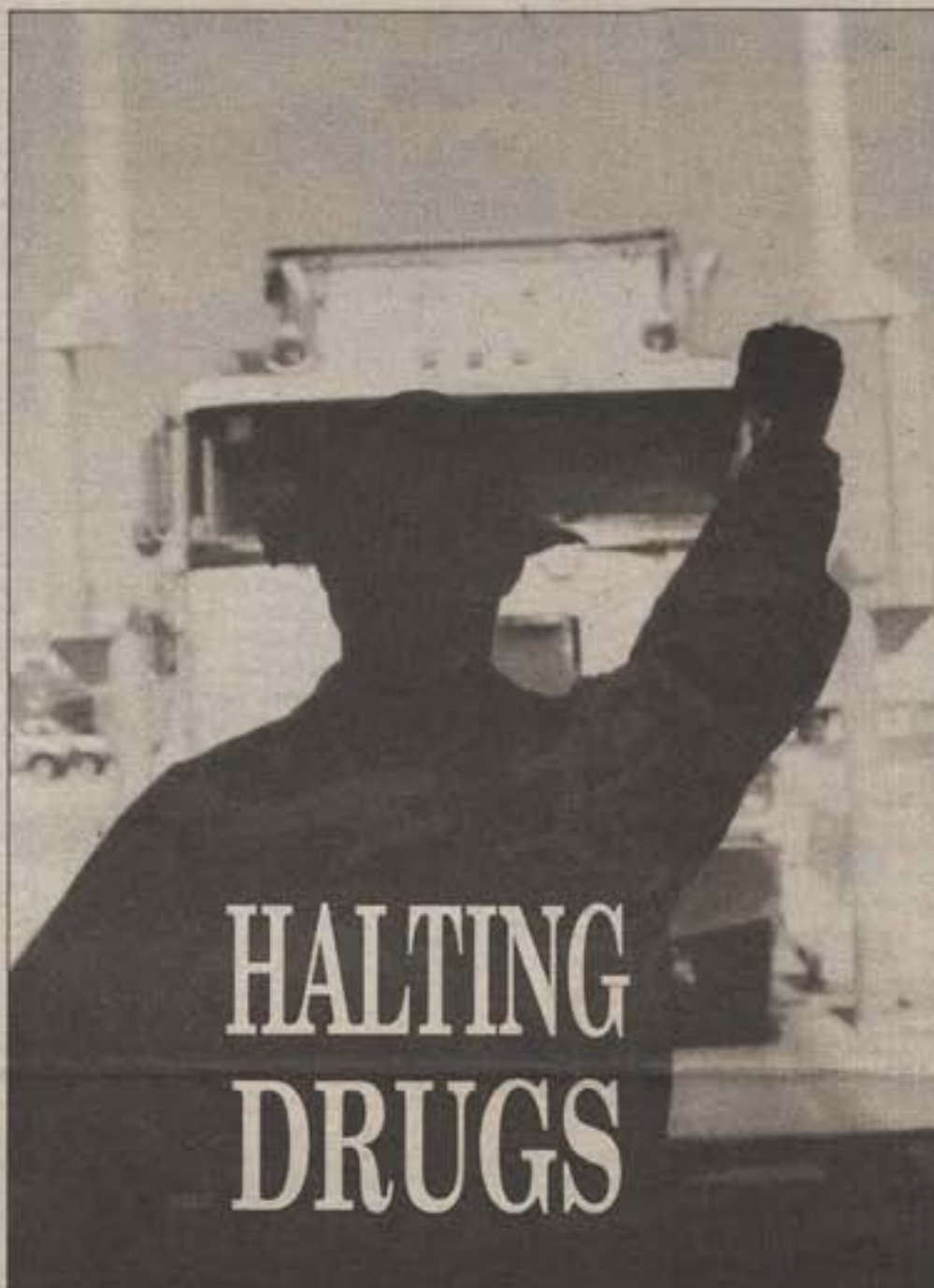


Photo by MSgt. Bob Haskell

Team Shield, the program's largest unit, helped confiscate nearly \$700 million worth in 1997 alone.

"The value of the drugs they've confiscated would more than cover their payroll," observed one Customs official.

If the 1998 law is literally interpreted, it is not practical, said Takami and other California counterdrug advocates. If enforced, it could cut Team Shield's strength by an estimated 65 percent and lead to a 40 percent reduction in drug seizures. It also creates a double standard for Guardmembers employed in that program.

Here's why.

Customs agents train the Guardmembers in cargo inspection techniques during a 29-day probation period, explained SFC James Shaleen, who supervises nearly 100 Guard people working in the San Diego and Long Beach areas. And the Guardmembers always work directly with Customs agent, never on their own. They cannot question, search or arrest anyone.

"We are not doing Customs work. We just provide extra hands and eyes for the agents," Shaleen pointed out. "Any service member who is capable of being

## SHADOWING DRUGS -- When it comes to stopping the flow of drugs coming into the U.S., National Guard men and women are a presence.

trained is capable of doing this job."

The program relies on available volunteers, he added, because California does not have enough qualified military police people who can leave their civilian jobs to take on that mission. It also takes six months for new people to learn the ropes, Shaleen noted.

"This is not a career program. It is one year at a time," he elaborated.

Guardmembers still perform weekend drills and they still conduct annual training with their Guard units, as do teachers, truckers and bankers. That is when they are expected to perform their military duties.

Furthermore, the program helps maintain the California Guard's readiness, Takami argued. The citizen-soldiers must comply with military weight, physical training, appearance and medical standards. They also must stay in the Guard to continue working along the borders.

If, however, California is forced to comply with the 1998 policy, two-thirds of the Team Shield force would have to leave, estimated 1st Sgt. Adam Walker, the top enlisted member for that force based at the San Diego Naval Station.

That would not please customs officials who work the California-Mexico border. That is where 54 percent of all of the narcotics seized in southern California in 1997 were confiscated, said Joyce Henderson, the Otay Mesa port director.

"The Guard gives us the extra support that we don't have in our budget," she explained. "We have found the extra set of eyes we didn't have before. We feel we can't do without them."

"They work hard, and they're diligent," observed Senior Inspector Steve Erickson as he supervised a drive-through X-ray facility that examines trailer trucks from stem to stern at Otay Mesa.

"Some of them have found drugs on their own initiative," Erickson added.

Shiny bolt heads and an elevated steel platform in the front of an empty trailer caught his eye in January 1997, one corporal explained. He drilled holes into the front of the trailer and discovered 936 pounds of marijuana behind a false wall.

Experience has taught the Guardmembers to look for unusually nervous drivers and for older automobiles that are too clean to be a family car - that may be making a one-way trip into the United States with drugs hidden beneath the dash and in the spare tire.

"Some of the drivers say 'I don't know what's in there,'" smirked an Air Guardsman. "That's a pretty good tip-off that they're carrying something illegal."

That is the level of expertise that Takami hopes to keep in his program.



Louisiana Guard-run camp teaches kids to make correct choices

## 'DEFY'ing the ODDS

By SSgt. Kristi Moon  
Louisiana National Guard

After years of combating the war on drugs in the streets of America on a daily basis, law enforcers learned that simply making arrests had not adequately stemmed the use of illegal narcotics.

Another tactic, it was decided, would be required to put a dent in the demand for drugs. It's result was an aggressive campaign to educate youths and teens about the horrors of drug use.

No single organization has been more involved in drug demand reduction than the National Guard. Currently almost 3,500 Guardsmen and women support counterdrug efforts in 54 states and territories.

Recently, the Louisiana National Guard joined forces with the Justice Department's *Weed and Seed* program to conduct a Drug Education for Youth (DEFY) camp at Jackson Barracks, Aug. 10-14.

Using Guardmembers as role models to promote positive life choices, the DEFY program targets 9 to 12-year-olds.

"There are choices in life, right

and wrong," Sgt. Dennis Gilmore told the kids. "If you make the wrong decision, that's the choice you have to live with for the rest of your life."

Gilmore is a member of the Louisiana Army Guard's 1st Battalion, 141st Field Artillery, the unit that hosted the 31 participants for the action-packed, weeklong event.

During the week, youths were schooled on the importance of self-esteem, physical fitness, nutrition, democracy, drill and ceremonies, goal setting, first aid, gang awareness and citizenship.

Participants also were treated to rappelling training, a canine demonstration and a field trip to explore military aircraft.

Col. Palmer Sullins gave the youths more than just a tour of the helicopters based at Lakefront Airport. He passed along some useful advice.

"You've got to keep your mind on where you're going and how you're going to get there," he told the group.

It was a nugget 12-year-old Mylesia Fulford, the camp's honor graduate, beamed. She said she wants to be a nurse, because it would allow her to positively influence the lives of others.

"I hope I can use what I've learned in the future to help keep other kids off drugs," she said.

Upon graduating, each youth received certificates, one signed by New Orleans Mayor Marc Morial; the other from the Louisiana National Guard.

More than mere pieces of paper, the certificates will serve as a reminder to each youth that they made the right choice.

**GETTING A LIFT**—Darryl Kelffer tries his hand at rappelling at a recent Louisiana National Guard DEFY camp.

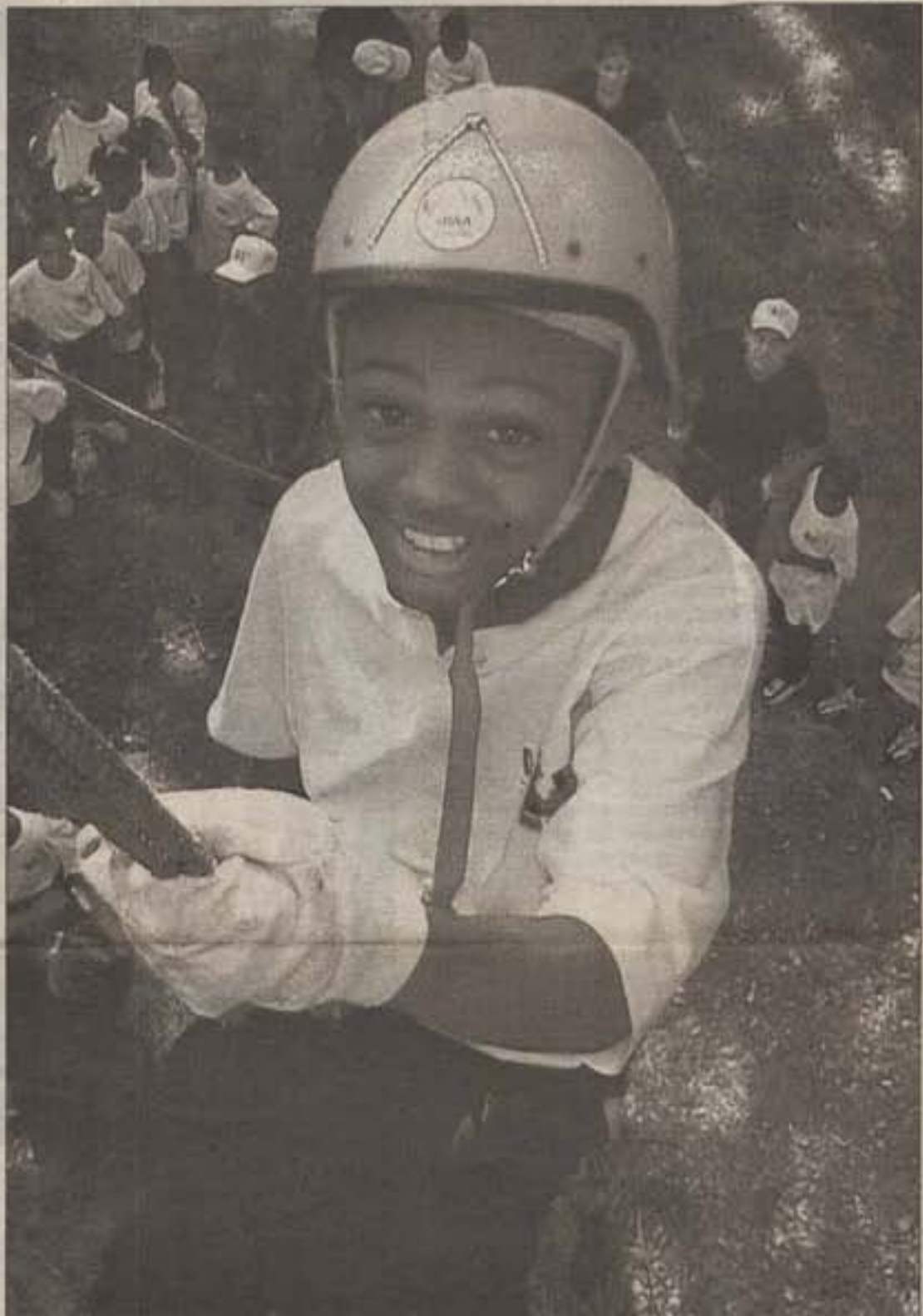


Photo by Capt. John-Michael Wells

## IOWA COMMAND

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ties, outweighs the disappointment suffered by Guard officers worthy of command selection.

"I think this is a huge step in closing the communications gap between the Army and the National Guard," he said. "The reluctance of the 'regulars' in accepting the reserve components comes from their lack of understanding of our capabilities. I'm glad the Iowa National Guard can be a leader in this very important process.

"This isn't a matter of whether we have capable Iowa Guard officers to command the 1st Squadron," Lawson added, "because we do."

The squadron is also eager for a transfusion of

sorts, Touzinsky explained.

"From what I can tell, everyone from General Lawson on down to the soldiers on the ground is excited about a regular Army guy coming in," he said. "'New blood will be good' is the way it was described (to me)."

Touzinsky isn't the only active-duty presence being pumped into the Hawkeye State's Army Guard. Maj. Marvin Russell is now serving as the 109th Aviation Battalion's support operations officer, while Maj. Ivan Bradley recently became the 734th Maintenance Battalion's maintenance operations officer.

Touzinsky's tour will last two years. The command will then revert back to an Iowa Guard officer.

Touzinsky, a native of Elk Grove, Ill., received a bachelor's degree in law enforcement from Western Illinois University. He was commissioned from its ROTC program in 1980 as an armor officer.

He is married to the former Cornelia Putschka, of Coburg, Germany. They have three children, ages 8, 5, and 2. They will live in Sioux City.

The 1-113th Cavalry's roots date back prior to World War II. The squadron was mobilized for federal active duty in January 1941 as a horse-mounted cavalry reconnaissance regiment. They were soon transitioned to mechanized equipment and were part of the D-Day invasion at Normandy.

After noting the 1st Squadron's distinguished past, Touzinsky addressed his expectations for its current crop of citizen-soldiers.

"I expect us to be trained and ready to meet our federal and state missions," he said, "and to meet all of our soldier recruiting and retention goals."

While the 1-113th is headquartered in Sioux City, it has ground and air cavalry troops based at Camp Dodge, Lemars, Sioux Center and Waterloo.



## NEWS

## MAKERS

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**Maine Army Guard Spc. Robert McFarlane** recently was awarded Canada's highest civilian award for his lifesaving actions May 29.

McFarlane was driving on Highway 1 in Digdeguash, New Brunswick, when he witnessed a truck driven by James Wilkinson strike a guard rail and burst into a ball of fire. Wilkinson jumped from the burning truck and fell 80 feet off a bridge, landing in a river below.

Surrounded by flames and intense heat, McFarlane searched for the driver, hollering into the dark, deafening inferno until he heard a muffled response. McFarlane then hurried down a steep embankment to find a severely injured Wilkinson lying in the river.

Unwilling to abandon the man, McFarlane suffered burns to his arms shielding Wilkinson as pieces of flaming debris and diesel fuel dripped on them. He supported the victim for more than 20 minutes in cold, rising water until emergency personnel stabilized and evacuated Wilkinson.

New Brunswick Lt. Gov. Marilyn Trenholme Counsell presented McFarlane the "Risk of Life" award for his quick and perilous actions.

**A tank crew with Vermont Army Guard's Company C, 1st Battalion, 172nd Armor, based in Morrisville, recently registering the highest score ever recorded on Range 44 at Ft. Drum, N.Y.**

The company has a history of setting new standards for both Guard and active component M1 Abrams tank crews.

"When I heard one of our tank crews had set a new record at Ft. Drum I was proud, but not really surprised," said Maj. Gen. Martha Rainville, Vermont's adjutant general.

Charlie Company's latest accomplishment on Tank Table VIII came when a crew led by SFC David Swann, Sgt. Patrick Allard, Spc. Gregory Locke and Spc. Jerry English scored 987 out of a possible 1,000 points.

Tank Table VIII is the Army's qualification standard for tank crews. The table consists of ten engagements, with six fired in daylight hours and four at night.

"They arrived at Fort Drum late Saturday, and then shot a record-setting, near-perfect score the very next day," reported Capt. Will Skerrett, Company C commander. "It's definitely a reflection of their professionalism and dedication."

**Hawaii Army Guard's Rhonda M. K. Akima** recently became the Aloha State's first woman first sergeant when she was selected to handle that post for Company C, 29th Support Battalion.

After graduating from Castle High School in 1981, she became interested in a military career while working as a student aide at Kaneohe Marine Air Base.

"I really feel that everyone should do their part for this country," said Akima, who joined the Army in 1981 and served in Stuttgart, Germany.

"She knows her job, is a good leader and gets you motivated," said Sgt. Rafael Ped. "She takes care of you, can relate to you and creates good morale among the soldiers."



Maine Spc. Robert McFarlane received Canada's 2nd highest award for his heroic acts.



Top Tankers: Spc. Jerry English (left), Sgt. Patrick Allard, SFC David Swann and Spc. Gregory Locke.

Hawaii's 'first' Sgt. Rhonda M. K. Akima.



Ohio recruiter finds success painting a barn.

**New York Air Guard SSgt. Monica Hall, a one-time civilian pay technician with the 105th Airlift Wing in Newburgh, was recently selected the Air National Guard's Financial Services Civilian of the Year.**

2nd Lt. Sean Murphy, who nominated Hall, cited her persistence and dedication.

"I remember one particular instance when we experienced last-minute civilian pay problems on a Friday afternoon. Monica wouldn't put the problem off until Monday, because that would have caused a two-day delay in pay for a large number of people," Murphy related. "Instead, (Hall) stayed until midnight to solve the problem and came in again on Sunday to ensure the payroll process ran smoothly."

Hall joined the Air Force in 1976 and served as an active duty medical administration specialist at Whiteman AFB, Mo., for four years. She joined the 105th as a civilian in 1989. She became a part-time Guardmember in June 1992.

Last February, Hall and her position were converted to "technician" status, requiring her to attend the Air Force's finance school to learn about the military pay system. She was named her class's distinguished graduate.

**On a section of state Route 117 near Spencer-ville in western Ohio, there sits a unique barn — a gray-colored structure with large silhouettes of a tank and a minuteman soldier painted on the side. There's also a written invitation for passersby to join the Ohio Army National Guard.**

Looking for creative ways to recruit new soldiers into the Guard, and armed with the nostalgic recollection of chewing tobacco advertisements that adorned many barns decades ago, SFC David J. Roznowski, a full-time strength maintenance NCO based in Lima, approached the barn's owners, Bruce and Charlene McCullough. In return for the opportunity to advertise on a major highway near a high school, the McCullough's barn got a new paint job.

The family and the Guard shared the cost of the project. The McCulloughs purchased some paint, rented an air compressor sprayer, provided a manlift and supplied lunches. Recruiting and Retention funded part of the project, contributing nearly \$450. In contrast, Roznowski said it costs about \$500 to run a billboard advertisement for one month.

Capt. Keven Clouse, Cpl. David Boop, Sgt. Roy Gilcrease, PFC Dwayne Thompson, 2nd Lt. Ken Ratliff, Cadet James Wurtz and Sgt. Vince Armbruster, members of Ohio's Company A, 1st Battalion, 147th Armor, located in Lima, provided the labor as part of their two-week annual training.

The finished product drew several local newspapers and television stations to the barn. It also was the catalyst for five students from Spencerville High School to enlist.

"I'm trying to line up a couple of other barns for the future," Roznowski said. "As members of the Guard, we need to try to get our message out whatever way we can, be it painting a barn or marching in a parade."



## PARTNERSHIPS

Louisiana battalion hosts  
Uzbekistani contingent

# Pelican State PARTNERS

By MSgt. John Sullivan  
Louisiana National Guard

**T**hat is too much water." It is a statement few soldiers with the Louisiana Army Guard's 3rd Battalion, 156th Infantry would utter given its state's oppressive humidity. But for Maj. Shukhrat Khikmatullaev, a fuels officer with the Uzbekistan Defense Force, the idea of consuming up to 15 quarts of water a day to combat heat injuries was hard to swallow. "You drink too much water, it is bad for you," he insisted. "We get a lot of



Photo by MSgt. John Sullivan

fluids through soups and at meals."

It was just one of many fruitful exchanges that took place at Fort Polk recently when four officers and an NCO from Uzbekistan visited the 3rd Battalion to learn about logistics and supply operations.

Like 27 other National Guard states, Louisiana has aligned itself with a former Communist country as part of the North

Atlantic Treaty Organization's Partnerships for Peace program. Established in 1994, 25 European, Asian, Central and South American countries have linked with like-sized U.S. states to learn how civilian authorities can direct a military organization under a democracy.

Although the Uzbekistan contingent toured several Pelican State maintenance facilities, it wasn't what impressed them.

**TANKFUL EXPERIENCE** -- Uzbekistan 1st Sgt. Utkir Muratov was treated to a ride in a Louisiana Army Guard M1A1 Abrams tank when he and four officers from his country were hosted by members of 3-156th Infantry at Fort Polk.

"I am impressed with the day-to-day operations that I have seen and the expertise of the soldiers I have seen," related Col. Sharipbek Khikmetov, the deputy chief of logistics for his country's Ministry of Defense.

The Republic of Uzbekistan is located in the central area of the Central Asian region of the former Soviet Union. It was established as an independent nation on Sept. 1, 1991.

The country is located between two large rivers, the Amudarya and the Syrdarya, and is larger than the combined territory of the United Kingdom, Belgium, Denmark, Switzerland and Austria.

Uzbekistan also has a National Guard, noted 2nd Lt. Rustamjon Akhmedov, but its mission differs from the United States.

"Our National Guard troops patrol the borders and guard government buildings," the Uzbekistani protocol officer explained. He said the military also becomes involved in relief operations when natural disasters strike.

"Your National Guard does so much," he marvelled.

The alliance is beneficial for both countries, Khikmetov said.

"I hope this program continues years from now," he said. "I hope to see our children with your children in peace and eternal friendship."

Despite his concern with Louisiana soldier's water intake, Khikmatullaev liked what he saw.

"The soldiers are professional and know their jobs," he said. "They are very willing to talk to us about their jobs and what they do, and that shows their professionalism."

"... I still think you drink too much water."



Photo by MSgt. Charles Farrow

## ON TARGET -- Croatian soldiers share a laugh with Minnesota Guardsmen during marksmanship training at Ripley.

ership Development Course at Fort Benning, Ga.

The Croat troops spent their first two days at the 2nd Battalion, 136th Infantry armory in Moorehead, Minn. There, they were able to see how Guardsmembers prepare for annual training.

"It's been extremely interesting because we don't have mechanized infantry in Croatia," Davor said.

The next several days were spent at Ripley with the 2-136th, where the Croats ate and slept with Minnesotans.

According to Capt. Timothy Kojetin, escort officer for the Croats, "Staying in the field with the line soldiers enables the Croats to really get the feel for what the infantryman has to go through."

Not only did the visitors spend time with the 2nd battalion soldiers, they also were able to observe line training, mortar fire, an artillery brigade in action and JANUS -- a computerized battle simulation system.

"Most of the way we do things is the same way you do things," Davor said. "If we see something you do that we can use, we will implement it back home. We already wear the same uniforms and do the same Army Physical Fitness Readiness Test. Davor added that Croat women serve in their military, but not in combat. But there are differences, he said.

"You have better equipment and training facilities," he began. "The food is also different because we have canned rations. Also, we like our food very spicy and with a lot of salt."

"As far as facilities," Davor added, "we've been in war and have no time for training facilities."

## 'Croat'ing Good Relations

By Maj. Pauline Geraci  
Minnesota National Guard

**F**ive active Army soldiers from the Republic of Croatia recently spent 17 days observing the Minnesota Army Guard train at Camp Ripley.

The soldiers, all from high-speed units such as Special Forces and the Presidential Guard, have been to the United States several times to observe training. This was their first time at Camp Ripley.

"The Guard and Croats see a different way of doing things, and that is why we are here," said Sgt. Petek Davor. Davor finished his last four months of high school in Seattle and completed the Primary Lead-





# STATES

• Hawkeye Haulers • Training to Survive • F-16 Flight

## IOWA

Being rated as the best at what you do has its advantages. It's why the 1168th Transportation Company was recently issued 59 new Family of Medium Tactical Vehicles (FMTVs).

The unit -- that served during Operation Desert Storm -- has the highest "readiness" evaluation of any transportation company in the country. They also are the only Guard unit to be issued the FMTVs.

The M1088 is a cab-over design with an automatic transmission, six-wheel drive and 290 horsepower engine. The new FMTV can easily convoy over rough terrain and on highways in varying climates.

## WISCONSIN

More than 600 members of the 167th Airlift Wing deployed to the Volk Field Combat Readiness Training Center (CRTC) at Camp Douglas to test their ability to survive and operate in a combat environment.

Badger State airmen had to endure simulated ballistic missile and aircraft attacks, terrorist threats and riots, while carrying out their assigned combat missions.

"The unit was in the top 10 that the (CRTC) cadre had ever seen," reported Col. V. Wayne Lloyd, 167th wing commander.

## OHIO / PUERTO RICO

### DEFENSE POSTURE

Ohio Air Guard SSgt. Terry Kelly (left) demonstrates a self-defense technique with Puerto Rico A1C Francisco Perez De Armas. Kelly and a group of 39 security police from the 121st Air Refueling Wing visited Puerto Rico for a week to train the island's Guard and civilian cops on various security-related techniques.



Photo by SSgt. Shannon Scherer

## PENNSYLVANIA

Air Guardmembers and retirees returned to their World War II roots recently, wrapping up celebrations in England commemorating 50th anniversary activities and the founding of Keystone State units.

Ceremonies at Royal Air Force Bases in Waddington, Duxford and a solemn wreath laying at the Maddingley American Cemetery near Cambridge capped off the historic return.

"It was very important that we took time to recognize our history, salute the achievements, and in solemn remembrance, honor those whom we lost in World War II," said Maj. Gen. William B. Lynch, the state's Air Guard commander.

Each of Pennsylvania's three flying wings were founded during World War II as Army Air Corps units flying from England.

The 350th Fighter Group with its 345th Fighter Squadron in Duxford and 346th Fighter Squadron in Coltishall would later become the flying squadrons of the Pittsburgh-based 171st Air Refueling Wing.

The 350th's other squadron, the 347th, stationed in Snailwell, was allotted to the Harrisburg-based 193rd Special Operations Wing.

Today's 111th Fighter Wing in Willow Grove, was originally the 391st Bombardment Group, headquartered at Matching. It would later be renamed the 111th Bombardment Group.

## INDIANA

By Capt. Jenny Lynn Gruehr  
Indiana National Guard

Indiana Gov. Frank O'Bannon flew in an F16-C aircraft with the Indiana Air Guard from the Hulman Field Air Base in Terre Haute Aug. 4.

F-16 pilot Maj. Jeff Hauser, 37, flew the governor around the state from the Red Hills Military Operating Area (MOA) on the western edge of Indiana to Jefferson Proving Grounds for a 75-minute flight. Before the takeoff, the governor received preflight training.

Hauser, the 113th Fighter Squadron's assistant director of operations, said he enjoyed the time he spent with the governor. Hauser performed a few air acrobatic loops, something his commander-in-chief appeared to enjoy.

Hauser has been a member of the Indiana Air Guard since April 1980. He has flown the F-16

aircraft since 1991. Previously, he was an F-4 weapons systems officer. He also flew missions in Kuwait.

Hauser gave O'Bannon a look at the state from about 27,000-feet above the ground. They flew at speeds up to 500 mph.

O'Bannon seized the opportunity to see what the unit does on a daily basis. He toured the maintenance facilities and hangars in Terre Haute, viewed the ordnance on the aircraft, looked inside the cockpit of an F-16 and was briefed by members of the life support team.

"It was a great experience," O'Bannon said. "It was a powerful ride. One that I won't ever forget."

"I have heard great things about the Hulman Field Air Base and the camaraderie among the 113th Fighter Squadron and the 122nd Fighter Wing," O'Bannon added. "It was good to see that the team out there has earned its stellar reputation."



Photo by SFC David McCrary

**IMPORTANT CARGO** - Hoosier Air Guard Maj. Jeff Hauser (left) prepares to give his commander-in-chief, Gov. Frank O'Bannon, a ride in a 122nd Fighter Wing F-16C fighter.





# HISTORY

• Missouri Guardman: Charles Lindbergh

Little known air mail pilot Charles Lindbergh became an overnight sensation when he landed in Paris

## The Gallant Guardsman

On May 20, 1927, a virtually unknown air mail pilot coaxed his small, heavily loaded, single-engine monoplane off a rain-soaked runway on Long Island, N.Y. Straining to gain altitude, the silver aircraft skimmed dangerously close to telephone lines before lifting off into history.

Several hours later, it vanished into the stormy skies above the treacherous North Atlantic. Over 33 hours later, the exhausted pilot landed roughly on a poorly illuminated airfield he had never seen outside Paris.

Pandemonium broke loose when Charles A. Lindbergh emerged from his airplane as the first man to fly non-stop and alone across the Atlantic. He became an instant hero and the most famous human being on earth.

Prior to his heroic journey, at least six lives had been lost by pilots either preparing for or attempting a trans-Atlantic flight in order to win the \$25,000 prize being offered to the first person to complete the trip.

Lindbergh's dramatic flight in 1927 fostered a widespread international interest in aviation. His popularity helped create the financial and technical climate necessary for the large-scale development of commercial aviation.

However, almost unknown today was the fact that he was a respected aviator in the Missouri National Guard's 110th Observation Squadron.

Lindbergh's service in the National Guard illustrated the close linkages between military and commercial aviation in those days. He had learned to fly in 1924-1925 as an Air Service cadet and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Organized Reserve Corps (ORC) in July 1925.

Lindbergh benefited from a policy adopted by the Army Air Service shortly after World War I. Realizing that it was impractical to seek an expansion of personnel that would begin to meet its projected wartime needs, the Air Service trained and passed into the organized reserves a reservoir of flying officers that would be available in case of an armed conflict. Each year, the states also sent a small number of officers to the Air Service to be trained as National Guard pilots. Pilot billets in the Guard were eagerly sought after because, unlike the

ORC, they provided guaranteed flying time and pay during monthly drills and annual summer camps.

Despite flying increasingly obsolescent equipment in the 1920s, skilled pilots like Lindbergh were easy for Guard observation squadrons to recruit. Commercial aviation was virtually non-existent in the United States when he joined the 110th. Some pilots eeked out a living barnstorming around the country. The armed forces' fledgling programs were by far the largest sources of support for American aviation in terms of both aircraft procurement and flight training.

Although Guard aviation was a relatively good deal for pilots in the 1920s, its units operated on a shoestring by later standards.

In 1925, for example, the 110th's aircraft inventory consisted of three World War I vintage JN-4 "Jennies." It had inherited three corrugated sheet iron hangars built for air races in 1923 at St. Louis' Lambert Field. Its headquarters was maintained for a time in a gas station, then above a grocery store. It then was moved to the 138th Infantry's armory in St. Louis, and later to a warehouse.

Flight training was conducted on weekends. Regular weeknight drills featured paddlefoot drill, weapons training and other routines that were not much different from that of a rifle company. A handful of state-paid, full-time mechanics helped assemble the unit's aircraft and maintained them.

Lindbergh joined the 110th in November 1925. The following year, he was promoted to captain. "Slim," as he was known to his squadron mates, served as a flight commander, as well as the 110th's parachute officer and pilot.

In 1926, Maj. William Robertson and his two brothers, all pilots in the squadron, were awarded a government contract to fly the mail between St. Louis and Chicago. Robertson was also a founder and the first commander of the 110th.

Lindbergh took a job as the Robertsons' chief pilot on their air mail route. Flying an open-cockpit biplane, Lindbergh faced constant exposure to cold air, especially during winter. Even wearing a heavy flying suit, he sometimes became so numb that his judgement was impaired. Flying the mail became a

struggle of endurance and nerves. Other young men who flew the mail considered it "pretty much a suicide club."

But Lindbergh thrived on such challenges. A natural salesman and self-taught engineer who never finished college, Lindy convinced a group of wealthy St. Louis businessmen to fund his attempt to master the Atlantic alone. He also played a key role in helping the Ryan Aircraft Corporation design his plane, "The Spirit of St. Louis."

A shy and intensely private man, the "Lone Eagle" became an acknowledged aviation expert. He also became the most worshipped, adored, harried, photographed, written-about, and pursued man in the world. Standing six-foot-three-inches, with blue eyes and curly



### GUARD HISTORY

By Dr. Charles J. Gross  
Air Guard Historian

blond hair, Lindbergh's infectious smile could light up a room. He neither smoked nor drank and rarely used even the mildest profanity. He was genuinely modest and often blushed.

In 1929, he married the only woman he ever courted. Anne Morrow Lindbergh remained his beloved wife and best friend until he died in 1974. Lindbergh was extraordinarily decent, unassuming and loyal.

Although dedicated to aviation as a serious business, Lindbergh had enjoyed a reputation within the 110th as a prankster.

For example, the cockpit of each "Jenny" contained a booster for starting the aircraft's engine. It generated a strong electrical shock. "Slim" liked to

hook a wire to the booster, hang a key on the other end, and drop it in a pan filled with water. He would then try to get someone to pick it up for him. The jolt always won Lindbergh bets with his fellow squadron mates until an old farmer grabbed the key without flinching. The latter explained that he was used to absorbing electrical shocks from his tractor engine.

Because of his epic solo flight, Lindbergh was promoted to colonel in the ORC in June 1927, while retaining his captaincy in Missouri. (Guard officers held dual commissions). Since he was too busy to participate regularly in its training, Lindbergh's commission in the Missouri National Guard was vacated in 1933.

In his autobiography, Lindbergh fondly recalled his service in the Guard. He wrote that his fellow pilots "joined the Guard for two reasons: first, because of the opportunity it offered to keep in flying training, and second, because they considered it a patriotic duty to keep fit for immediate service in the case of a wartime emergency."

In 1928, he was awarded the Medal of Honor "for displaying heroic courage and skill as a navigator, at the risk of his life."

Lindbergh's life after 1927 was tarnished by tragedy and controversy. After his infant son was kidnapped and murdered in 1932, the intensely shy man and his wife retreated to Europe to escape the relentless pressures of the sensationalistic American media.

Once abroad, he accepted the request of the American military attache in Berlin to collect intelligence on the German Luftwaffe and the aircraft industry that sustained it. Seeking to intimidate the democratic powers with the threat of aerial annihilation, the Germans misled the naive Lindbergh. Because of his dire warnings about the growing threat of German air power and subsequent highly visible role in the isolationist movement, he was accused of being duped by the Nazis. In retaliation, President Franklin Roosevelt prevented him from serving in the military during World War II.

Yet, Lindbergh is remembered today for his historic flight. He has become a cultural icon who represents the American "can do" spirit. In our popular mythology, he is still a great man who accomplished an enormously important feat alone, while other well-funded attempts, backed by large bureaucracies, failed. Although the realities as suggested by his involvement with Army and National Guard aviation were more complex, the "Lone Eagle" remains a quintessential American hero.



Photo courtesy NGB Historical Services  
**CALL HIM 'SLIM' - Lindbergh (center), a Missouri Guardsman, stayed in his unit after the flight.**





# TRAINING



## Training as NATIONS

Minnesota's Camp Ripley serves as proving ground for foreign soldiers

By Spc. Clinton Wood  
Minnesota National Guard

Foreign soldiers were literally stomping out of the woods at Minnesota's Camp Ripley for three weeks in August.

There were members of the British Territorial Army's Company A, 4th Battalion, Queen's Lancashire Regiment and various support elements; including eight

Royal Marine Commando Reservists, 10 Canadian soldiers and even a Hungarian Army officer.

In an exchange program with the Ohio National Guard's 1st Battalion, 148th Infantry, the 148 foreign military men conducted training exercises using MILES gear, personnel carriers and other American weapons.

The Hungarian officer, Lt. Peter Orfi, came to the United States to train as an observer. He was a training officer in Hungary's Mechanized Infantry Brigade before being instructed to observe American officers at work.

In his first attempt to qualify with the M16-A2 rifle, he hit 29 targets.

"Not bad for the first time," he said.



Photos by Spc. Clinton Wood

**THE BRITISH ARE COMING** — British Lance Cpl. Ian Hensby (top photo) sprints from an armored personnel carrier. Lance Cpl. Shannon Hopkins (Inset) fires from an APC, while Lance Cpl. Ian Pennington (above), a British sniper, takes cover.

Col. Tod Carmony, commander of Minnesota's 37th Armored Brigade, said his Guardmembers and the British soldiers learned from each other.

He added that exchanges like this re-

ally boost morale. They also teach different military forces to train as "a group of nations."

"We all know how to fight," Carmony noted.