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Gen. Fogleman talks up Guard

Air Force Chief of Staff foresees busy times ahead

Gen. Ronald Fogleman, the Air Force's Chief of Staff, has been in the news lately. His stances on the Lt. Kelly Flinn incident and the Air Force's future have made headlines globally.

The General has also made some decisions that will greatly impact the Air National Guard.

Recently, he sought out the *The On Guard* in an effort to reach the nearly one-half million men and women serving in today's National Guard.

From his E-ring office in the Pentagon, the General sat down with MSgt. John Malthaner, *On Guard* editor, to discuss the Air Guard's future roles, how active component leaders truly perceive the Guard and the rationale behind some of his unprecedented moves.

The On Guard: As a former professor of history at the Air Force Academy, what lessons, if any, have you taken from events in the past to help formulate decisions on the direction the Air Force takes?

Gen. Fogleman: Where I have really benefited from the study of history is looking at some of the experiences of our early airmen as they struggled with periods of very scarce resources; looking at individuals and historic biographies on how they personally dealt with crises and challenges or opportunities. All of these things allow me to put things into context.

I've tried not to focus on the lessons of history as a road map to the future, be-

cause I'm not sure that history in fact repeats itself. But I do believe that there are many parallels.

To at least understand contextually where certain decisions and circumstances may lead is important.

The On Guard: You were first exposed to the Air National Guard as a forward air controller in Vietnam. What was your impression?

Gen. Fogleman: At the time I was a young F-100 pilot and part of a composite unit made up of both active duty and Guard folks. There were several things that struck me.

One was the obvious high level of professionalism. I also was impressed with the fact that here were individuals that had other professions and had volunteered to come to Vietnam to serve.

I began to understand that the concept of 'weekend warrior' was not based in fact. To be a really competent professional, whether you're in the flying, maintenance or security game takes a

lot of time ... more than one weekend a month.

The On Guard: Given those observations about your Air Guard counterparts, how has it helped shaped some of the decisions you have made?

Gen. Fogleman: That experience in Vietnam in 1968 and 1969, combined with my time at the Air Reserve Personnel Center visiting Guard and Reserve units about two weekends a month, gave me the knowledge that the Guard and Reserve had a lot to offer.

Initially, in the jobs I held as a lieutenant colonel and colonel, it didn't make much difference. As I moved into more

"I hope we are very rapidly getting beyond this 'we-they' thing."



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GUARD MAIL

Aviation Accolades

It was a pleasure to see the large, front page photograph on the May 1997 issue, depicting a New York Army Guard UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter lifting an abandoned vehicle from the Central Pine Barrens in Long Island, N.Y. As the executive director of the Central Pine Barrens Commission, a regional planning body charged with protecting the natural resources in this 100,000-acre portion of Suffolk County, N.Y., I was pleased to see this recognition of the New York Guard's fine environmental stewardship at work.

Since early 1996, the New York Army National Guard's Army Aviation Support Facility (AASF) #1, based at MacArthur Airport in Ronkonkoma, has worked with the Central Pine Barrens Commission, which consists of the Suffolk County Executive, the Supervisors of the towns of Brookhaven, Riverhead and Southampton, and an appointee of the Governor of New York. Specifically, the Guard has worked closely with the Commission's 16-member Pine Barrens Law Enforcement Council on the removal of abandoned vehicles from generally inaccessible areas of this pine and oak forest. This vehicle removal training has provided invaluable environmental stewardship for New York's third largest protected forest area, while simulta-

neously providing the Guard professionals with realistic load training.

I would like to report to all of your readers that the commission members, the commission staff, the representatives of the Law Enforcement Council agencies, and all other participants have been profoundly impressed with the abilities, professionalism, positive attitudes, camaraderie, civic pride and dedication of the entire National Guard team -- both the local Army Aviation Support Facility and the Latham-based N.Y. State Division of Military and Naval Affairs.

A formal presentation was made to both of those entities on April 23 of this year, and those awards were accepted by Maj. Gen. Robert Rose of the N.Y. Army National Guard and Col. Frank Intini Jr. of the local AASF.

Our experience with the N.Y. Army Guard is, quite simply, that they care about the broader community and prove it each time their team goes into the field.

Raymond Corwin
Central Pine Barrens
Joint Planning and Policy Commission



PICK UP - New York Army Guard aviators give Central Pine Barrens a lift.

Wouldn't know an M-16 from an F-16

The picture on page 4 of the June 1997 issue states that a Wisconsin Army Guard 732nd Maintenance Battalion troop is guiding an M-2 Bradley Fighting Vehicle onto a Heavy Equipment Transporter. That vehicle is of the M-113 family of vehicles.

Here at Co A, 3rd Battalion, 156th Infantry we have 14 M-2s and had previously used the M-113 for maneuver tactics.

SSgt. Stuart R. Heard
Louisiana National Guard

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GUARD TOONS

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"Airplanes! ... You have Airplanes? Heck, in my day, a plain was something you found in Nebraska."



IN THE NEWS

• Weaver selected • Vermont tankers • Top Pacific troops

Weaver tapped to head Air Guard

New York native steps up from deputy post to succeed Shepperd

By MSgt. John Malthaner
National Guard Bureau

Good news, it has been said, travels fast. For Brig. Gen. Paul A. Weaver Jr., it also makes a beeline home.

Shortly after learning he was Secretary of the Air Force Sheila Widnall's pick to succeed Maj. Gen. Donald Shepperd as the Air National Guard's next Director, Weaver called his wife, Cathylee (they have seven children between them), and his 85-year-old father living in Florida.

"My parents -- (Paul Sr. and his step mother Anne, his birth mom died in his arms when he was 18) -- and my wife have stuck with me through thick and thin," said the Air Guard's current deputy director. "Hopefully they'll (his parents) make it here for the pinning (of the second star)."

Before being named to the deputy director's post three years ago, Weaver was the commander of the 105th Airlift Wing based in Newburgh, N.Y. He guided the then 105th Airlift Group through the largest conversion in Air Guard history -- \$160 million -- when that unit swapped the force's smallest aircraft, the O-2 Skymaster, for the C-5A Galaxy, the military's largest. Under his leadership, 105th fliers, and Weaver himself, flew missions in support of Operations Desert Shield and Storm, Operation Just Cause in Panama and several humanitarian efforts.

News of the New York native's ascension reached the state capitol in Albany.

"General Weaver has a long military record of superior leadership in both peace and war," remarked Gov. George Pataki. "Having a New Yorker in a high post in the Pentagon is a great reflection on New York and its Air National Guard."

"But better yet," the Governor added, "it assures all 54 states and territories of extraordinarily wise leadership for the entire Air National Guard."

New York Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. John H. Fenimore, who has served with the Air Guard's next boss for many years, sees the appointment as appropriate.



"He (Weaver) has clearly prepared himself well for the new responsibilities he'll be undertaking."

Weaver gives much of the credit for his expected smooth transition to Shepperd, who plans to retire this fall.

"From the outset General Shepperd has included me in all the decisions and strategies that have affected the Air Guard," Weaver explained. "He is the most outstanding

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Guard is a healthy Air Guard ... We are in this together."

Brig. Gen. Paul A. Weaver Jr.

military visionary of our time."

That vision will come in handy as Weaver steers the Air Guard through the wake created by the Secretary of Defense's Quadrennial Defense Review -- it has called for a reduction of nearly 45,000 National Guard jobs, mostly from the Army Guard.

"A healthy Army Guard is a healthy Air Guard," Weaver observed. "They are our brothers and sisters. We are in this together."

His nomination awaits approval from the U.S. Senate.

Vermont crews score tanking coup at Knox

Two companies from the Vermont Army Guard's 1st Battalion, 172nd Armor set a tanking standard thought unachievable by many.

The tankers, headquartered in Saint Albans, became the first reserve component non-enhanced reserve component armor unit to successfully complete Tank Table 12 (TTXII) -- a highly demanding gunnery exercise aimed at testing tank crews under warlike conditions.

Until the recent tanking coup pulled off by platoons from 1-172nd's Bravo and Charlie Companies, Guard tank units of similar stock, it was believed, could only reasonably expect to

handle the eight-level test.

Lt. Col. Andrew Shattuck, Saber Battalion's commander, said TTXII requires just one crew to negotiate a specific course of fire, TTXII tests a platoon of four tanks. The test, he added, lasts for two days and nights at a range on Fort Knox, Ky., beginning with a tactical skills evaluation that assesses a unit's ability to maneuver in minute detail. The evaluation phase concludes with a phase gunnery exercise that involves four tanks shooting, moving and communicating simultaneously.

Shattuck said his soldiers responded to the challenge.

"By providing exciting new goals



Photo courtesy Vermont National Guard

TOP TANKERS - Members of Vermont's vaunted Charlie Company prepare for battle.

we keep their interest and increase unit morale," he said. "The fact that the 1st Battalion enjoys the highest soldier retention levels in Vermont, the 86th Brigade and the 42nd Infantry Division, proves that."

NATIONAL BRIEFS

Lee, Paff named U.S. Army Pacific's top soldier, NCO

Spc. Le Kim Lee and SSgt. Pamela Paff were recently named the U.S. Army Pacific's reserve component Soldier and NCO of Year.

Lee, a member of the Hawaii Army Guard's Company C, 29th Support Battalion, 29th Infantry Brigade and Honolulu resident, was also the Aloha State's top soldier.

Paff, a member of the Alaska Army Guard's Company A, 1st Battalion, 207th Aviation Regiment who calls Eagle River home, was the Frontier State's top NCO.

The winning Reserve Soldier/NCO of the Year competed against the outstanding soldiers and NCOs from the Army National Guard of Alaska, Hawaii and Guam, as well as from the Army Reserve's 9th Regional Support Command.



Spc. Le Kim Lee



SSgt. Pamela Paff

VA offers new G.I. Bill benefits

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is alerting certain current and former members of the National Guard that they may be eligible for Montgomery G.I. Bill education benefits they previously could not obtain.

Legislation signed into law Oct. 9, 1996, enables certain full-time National Guardsmen and women who entered their first period of active duty in the military between July 1, 1985, and November 28, 1989, to elect Montgomery G.I. Bill (active duty) benefits.

The election must be made before July 8, 1997.

"While we believe that those affected by this legislation are aware of their option to elect Montgomery G.I. Bill education benefits, we are making every effort to ensure eligible National Guardmember have the opportunity to act before the July deadline," said Stephen Lemons, acting under secretary for benefits.

Active duty Guardmembers should contact their education officer. Current or former Guardmembers not currently on active duty can call VA toll-free at (800) 827-1000 for assistance in filing an application.

IN THE NEWS



Photo by Spc. Steven Henshaw

DOZER DEEDS - Pennsylvania's Cpl. Joseph Penrose (above) guides gravel up a river bank.

Keystone engineers repair flood damage

By Spc. Steven Henshaw
Pennsylvania National Guard

Instead of building mine fields or blowing up bridges, Pennsylvania Army Guard combat engineers recently repaired and reinforced river banks in several communities damaged by severe flooding last year.

The three flood mitigation projects on the Cowanesque River in northwestern Pennsylvania's Tioga County were funded with \$75,000 provided by the state Emergency Management Agency.

"This is phenomenal. It's like one big state, community Guard project," said Capt. Jeffrey Garvin, battalion operations officer for the Reading-based 337th Engineer Battalion.

Work on the first project began March 10. The last project was completed by mid-April.

All three projects involved removing large debris from the channel, including trees uprooted during the storm and deposited downstream. Left alone, the trees and other large materials would cause a build-up of sediment and other debris, creating obstructions that would eventually force the river off its normal path.

Cpl. Joseph Penrose said the project was "more fun" than a combat operation.

"You can use a lot of heavy equipment," he explained. "and after you've finished, you can stand back and appreciate it."

"And," he added, "you don't have to fill any of the holes when you're finished."

Infantry battalion hosts marriage seminar

'The Guard continues to reach out to the soldier and the soldier's family'

By 1st Lt. Wade B. Mumm
Florida National Guard

Spc. Jimmie Colon is getting married for a second time. He wants his next walk to the altar to be his last. It is why he invited his future wife to a unique class his battalion offered recently.

Colon, a member of the Florida Army Guard's 2nd Battalion, 124th Infantry, joined 50 other Guardmembers and their significant others on a Saturday for a "marriage enrichment" seminar.

Subscribing to the belief that a soldiers' effectiveness on the job is directly related to his or her happiness at home, Lt. Col. Andrew Verrett, 2-124th commander, pushed for the class.

"The first reason for the seminar was to give something back to the soldier and his family," he said. "The second reason was as a project for my family support group in the hope it would build further team unity."

The seminar took place in Company B's well appointed armory in Sanford, Fla. The program consisted of several one-hour sessions. Topics included: love is a choice, Romance, Staying in love, Celebrating differences and Overcoming obstacles. Couples were also encouraged to interact with each other.

The seminar was attended by troops who professed to having strong marriages, and those searching for answers.

"I'm divorced and I want to know where I went wrong the last time so I don't make the same mistakes this time," Colon explained.

Verrett didn't have to look far for capable speakers. He found them within Florida's own 53rd Infantry Brigade. Using 53rd chaplains, Winona Humston (wife of Brigade Chaplain Richard Humston) and Brig. Gen. Frederic J. Raymond, 53rd commander.

Given the Army Guard's increased involvement in worldwide missions, and the inherent sacrifice membership in a



Photo by 1st Lt. Wade B. Mumm

DOING LUNCH - Florida's Lt. Col. Andrew Verrett (above, right) and his wife Donna, share a laugh over lunch. Verrett, commander of 2-124th Infantry, recently offered his soldiers a marriage seminar.

National Guard unit has on the family, Verrett said he wanted to equip his soldiers with more than just infantry skills.

"Through the seminar, I wanted to provide a forum in which couples could learn about their relationship and to prepare them for difficult times ahead," said Verrett.

Lessons were heeded.

"No matter how strong our marriage may be it's important to remember that

we should always be looking for ways to make marriage better," said SSgt. Tony Martinez. "We've also learned that husbands and wives do, at times, speak different languages."

At the close of the day couples were given the opportunity to renew their wedding vows. The ceremony was complete with a multi-level wedding cake and champagne toast.

"As couples exchange vows they can look back to when they first got married and perhaps feel that spark again," said Pat Robinson who assisted in the coordination of the marriage renewal. She also attended the seminar with her husband.

Verrett's desire to provide a seminar free of charge to all unit members required a creative campaign to solicit donations from professional military organizations to cover food costs.

This, and the fact that the Guard had an event focused on the family, pleased many spouses who also have sacrificed for the Guard.

"Guard wives can feel forgotten," said Peggy Lee. "Events like this help us to know that the Guard appreciates us and does care about us."

The Guard family, promised the 53rd Brigade's commander, will remain a top priority.

"The time we spend building quality relationships is time well spent," Gen. Raymond said.

"In the future," he added, "I believe you'll see more such seminars as the Guard continues to search for ways to reach out to the soldier and the soldier's family."

That reach was long enough for one Florida couple, who by day's end, set a wedding date.

On Guard in Belize

Military Police (right) assigned to the Louisiana Army Guard's 239th MP Company, based in Baton Rouge, deployed to Belize to provide security for the recently completed New Horizons 97 - Belize, the largest humanitarian exercise conducted in the western hemisphere this year.



Photo courtesy Louisiana National Guard



PEOPLE

• Habitat for Humanity • North Dakotan in Bolivia

New York's Jim Greenough found a way to train,
help his neighbors keep a roof over their heads

Welded to Humanity

By SSgt. Martin Bannan
New York National Guard

Sgt. Jim Greenough knew he struck gold. It's not every day you discover a way to keep talented girmen trained and busy, and shelter economically-disadvantaged families.

That's when Greenough, a heating specialist with the New York Air Guard's 109th Airlift Wing, approached his Civil Engineering Squadron (CES) boss, Maj. Richard Edwards, suggesting that the Scotia-based unit team up with Habitat for Humanity.

"I felt the Guard base had a lot to gain and give," he explained. "I saw it as a win-win situation."

Founded 21 years ago in Georgia by Millard Fulless, Habitat for Humanity has been working

with low income families helping them to maintain and meet their most basic need: a place to live. They make it happen with donated funds, land, building materials, equipment and volunteer labor. Their best known volunteer is former President Jimmy Carter.

"They help people get started," Greenough said. "With donations and volunteers they can build a home at one-third of the cost and then hold the mortgage while the owner pays them at 0 percent interest."

Habitat for Humanity, he added, is the third largest home builder in America, having built 15,000 houses last year.

During recent drill weekends, 109th civil engineers deployed to Albany Street in nearby Niskayuna, helping Habitat volunteers build a new home for



Photo by SSgt. Martin Bannan

Charlene Rickson.

"We put in an entire heating system in one weekend," Greenough said, proudly. "They thought it would take their volunteers five weeks to finish. They were astonished."

SSgt. David Guest, a 109th plumber and owner of Niskayuna Plumbing was called upon to assist with the sewer system

WARM FEELING - Sgt. Jim Greenough (left), a member of New York Air Guard's 109th Airlift Wing, welds a heating duct as part of a project working with Habitat for Humanity.

and to help remove excess ground water from the foundation.

"I probably will volunteer more through my business because I was so impressed with the volunteers and the program," he said.

Other members of the 109th CES crew included TSgt. Brynn Boyer, TSgt. Bruce Raila, SSgt. Michael Clum, SSgt. Thomas Gerg and SrA. Jon Penesso.

"It was hands-on training," said 1st Lt. Todd Luce, the CES squadron's maintenance officer. "They must have this training to maintain their proficiency. This was a way to give them that training and to help our community."

In the past, Luce added, 109th engineers have supported other off-base projects, most recently

at a nearby Boy Scout camp.

"It (the Boy Scout effort) worked fine for carpenters, but it didn't solve our need to train plumbers, electricians and heating specialists," he said. "We plan to do help Habitat for Humanity one or two more times this year."

Engineering skills were not the only training gained, Greenough noted. 109th Guard-member's first aid skills were called upon after an elderly volunteer fainted from breathing paint fumes.

Grateful for the Guard's help, Bill Roehr, Schenectady County's Habitat president of the board, visited the unit to present the CES a certificate of appreciation.

"There was a lot more accomplished than I expected," Roehr marveled. "They knocked out the job in a weekend."

"But most important," he added, "they enabled Charlene Rickson to move in."

North Dakotan goes from a disaster back home to a Bolivian dilemma

Continental Crusader

By SFC Eric Wedeking
Theater Support Element, Panama

With a series of disasters befalling North Dakota this year, SSgt. Darrell Theuer has been very busy.

In a seemingly unending series of state call-ups, Theuer has busted snow drifts that topped buildings, pulled dead cattle from frozen creeks and fought floods to save life and property along the Red River.

Recently, the pace actually picked up.

Theuer and 200 members of the Peace Garden State's 141st Engineer Battalion ventured thousands of miles from a disaster in the northern Plains to build a medical clinic for rural people living in Bolivia.

"I've been very busy. I sometimes feel guilty once in a while because we're down here when we could be helping out back in North Dakota," said Theuer, who also serves as a lieutenant and correctional supervisor for the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation in Bismarck.

Planned for several years as part of an ongoing U.S. Southern Command engineer training, humanitarian and

civic-action exercise, Theuer said his unit was obligated to deploy to South America as part of their regularly scheduled overseas deployment training.

"Some of the people wish they were back home helping out, but we're thousands of miles away from home building this medical clinic here in Bolivia," he said. "Traveling to Bolivia from North Dakota was like coming out of a refrigerator."

The Bismarck-based 141st deployed four, 50-person teams over a month and a half to build a seven-room medical clinic outside the agricultural town of Tarija near Bolivia's border with Argentina.

Theuer and the other engineers also worked hand-in-hand with more than 30 Bolivian Army engineers, and infantry troops who provided site security. Theuer said the military-to-military exchange was also beneficial.

"The language barrier is tough, but I think the Bolivian soldiers are good people to work with. They're hard working," Theuer said. "The Bolivians motivate our people, because they don't want to get shown up."

"The Bolivians want to learn what we know and our guys are learning from them," he added.

Along with the spate of state activations within the past year, Theuer has deployed to Honduras in Central America and the Marshall Islands in the Pacific Ocean.

Being able to literally "see the world" is the one reason



Photo by SFC Eric Wedeking

BUSY MAN - North Dakota's SSgt. Darrell Theuer (above) adjusts a sheet of plastic layered with rock along the foundation of a medical clinic in Bolivia.

Theuer says he keeps coming back to the North Dakota Army Guard, despite the continual sacrifices his family and career must endure.

"These kind of deployments are a recruiting and retention tool for me," he said. "Everyone back home is supportive. My employers are extremely supportive. They have a lot of people who are in the Guard. They're understanding."



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The Guard's building more than roads for the Navajo Nation

AVING a better future

By MSgt. Bob Haskell
National Guard Bureau

A bow-shaped ribbon of road along the eastern edge of the Navajo Indian Reservation in Arizona has presented the New Mexico Army Guard with some mind-boggling environmental, diplomatic and cultural challenges this year.

The end result, however, may be an inroad into future nation-building exercises in this country similar to those in Central and South America that National Guard units have been conducting for more than a decade.

"I hope that all of the ground work necessary for helping the Navajo Nation will lead to other projects with Native-Americans," said New Mexico Army Guard Col. William Sanchez, commander of Task Force Zia, in early June.

The task force's mission is pretty basic. Nearly a thousand Army Guardmembers, along with members of the Air National Guard and active Army, are rebuilding an 11.2-mile stretch of the Blue Canyon Road connecting Sawmill and Fort Defiance, Ariz., from mid-May until mid-July.

Four 180-person rotations of citizen-soldier engineers from South Carolina, Vermont and Utah; military police from California; and support staff from New Mexico, Kansas, Kentucky, Alaska, Missouri and Montana are part of the project named for the Zia, the red symbol of the sun in the New Mexico flag.

The mission involves cutting and filling a projected 125,000 cubic yards of earth, digging drainage ditches and installing 131 culverts, while transforming the sandy strip that becomes impassable during the winter into a two-lane, all-weather road that can be used year-round, explained Kansas Army Guard's Maj.



Photos by SSgt. Jerry Wilson

NATION BUILDERS - Missouri's Spc. James Bishop (top photo, left) surveys the road ahead. A Utah Guardsman (above) scoops dirt along the new road.

Robert King, assistant engineering officer.

New Mexico and the Navajo Nation are collaborating on the \$3.25 million project so that the estimated 90 families who depend on the road can go to school, get to the hospital and buy food for themselves and their livestock, instead of being isolated for weeks at a time because snow and rain have turned the stretch into a rutted quagmire.

"We did OK in the snow. But the mud, that was another story. It made it tough to leave home and get home," resident Majorie Morgan told a local newspaper during ground-breaking ceremonies May 19. "It's going to be nice when it is all finished."

It is the first time the Guard has undertaken such an ambitious nation-building project anywhere in this country, officials pointed out.

It is barely scratching the surface of the work the Guard could do on the 25,000-square-mile reservation that sprawls over three southwestern states and that could be done elsewhere in this country.

"If the National Guard wants a challenge, this is it," King said.

There have certainly been challenges. You don't just show up with bulldozers

and dump trucks and start rebuilding a road on an American Indian reservation.

The estimated 170,000 people who live amid majestic mesas in an area the size of West Virginia are considered a sovereign nation. They have been extended the same diplomatic considerations as if the project were in Ecuador.

Permission to cut trees along the right of way, truck water eight miles from Red Lake to control the dust, and quarry stone for crushed rock required the unanimous consent of everyone who attended meetings at the chapter houses, the centers of



DIGGING IN - Navajo and Utah Army Guardmember Spc. Raymond Edgewater (above) works a shovel in Arizona.

the local governments.

The Navajo are as spiritually connected to the earth and all living things as were their ancestors. Sites for sacred ceremonies such as the "enemy way squaw dance," burial grounds, animals and herbs used for medicine must not be disturbed. That's why an archeological site at the midway point was marked with white flags.

And the permits required to do the digging, cutting and bulldozing must be approved by the Navajo, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the state of Arizona, the National Guard Bureau and the Army Corps of Engineers. Two fingers of the Navajo National Forest that cross the road got a lot of attention because it is the habitat of the endangered spotted owl.

Complicated? Challenging? To be sure. "This is the most challenging task force I've ever been involved with," said King who has worked on similar projects in four Latin American countries in the past five years.

He believes in the benefits. "These people have as much need as Central America," King added.

The nation-building project has been five years in the making, said New Mexico SGM Joe Fernandez. He has nursed it along since it was conceived following a state emergency by Lt. Gen. Edward Baca, when he was New Mexico's adjutant general, and State Senator Gloria Howes. Baca is now chief of the National Guard Bureau.

There have been many twists. The budget has been cut in half. The site has been changed from New Mexico to Arizona. The major engineer units that were originally coming from Utah have come from South Carolina and Vermont.

The work is real enough to the engineers who are laboring in the dry heat and rarefied air atop a forested mesa, more than 7,000-feet above sea level, in a part of the country that frequently glows red on the national weather maps.

"I just wanted to help the Navajo Nation build something. I'm helping my



"We could keep you guys busy for the next 20 years."

Mel Apachee

own people. That's why I'm here. That, and the income," said Spc. Wayne Harvey, a Navajo who is also a Utah Guardsman.

It has been a cultural education for other Guardsmembers unaccustomed to Native-American ways.

"The main entrances of our hogans and other buildings face to the east," explained Spc. John Benslow, who is studying Navajo culture at Dine College in Tsaile, Ariz. "We believe that everything begins to the east because life comes from the sun."

"We feel a closeness to the earth," said Spc. Nathan Nephew, another Utah Guardsman. "That's why our skin is so close to the ground -- the same color. That's what makes us strong."

"We don't bother sacred burial grounds or trees without permission," acknowledged SFC James Merchant from South Carolina's 122nd Engineer Company. The 59-year-old grader operator was putting in his final two weeks of annual training after 38 years in the Guard. He has heard the same precautions before.

Last year, while helping to build a fence along the Mexican border to cut down on the drug traffic, Merchant said his unit was told not to set foot in Mexico.

"It seems like we have a real good relationship with these (Navajo) people. That's what's important to me," Merchant said. "We feel like we're helping people wherever we are."

Clearly, the Navajo appreciate the help.

"What we're doing out there would take (the Navajo) years to do. It's taking the Guard weeks to do it," remarked Mel Apachee, a Navajo Natural Resources official and the liaison with the National Guard, at Window Rock -- the Navajo Nation's headquarters.

"The need is great," he added, quietly. "I have stacks and stacks of requests for more projects -- buildings, roads and wells."

The reservation, for example, has 10,000 miles of road, most of which needs to be repaired, Apachee said.

"We could keep you guys busy for the next 20 years."

INSIDE NAVAJO NATION

Native-American and Utah Guardsmen
Julius Tulley offers a unique perspective

Knowing the Navajo

By MSgt. Bob Haskell
National Guard Bureau

Navajo cemeteries near eastern Arizona bristling with American flags a week after Memorial Day indicated that The People -- the Dine -- love their country almost as much as they love the land.

That, insists one Native-American member of the Utah Army National Guard, explains why his people have found a measure of peace with the idea that members of the National Guard are rebuilding a remote, 11.2-mile stretch of road in Arizona along the eastern edge of the vast Navajo nation.

"The Navajo are patriotic people because many of them have served in the military. They are proud of their military tradition," maintained Julius Tulley who has paid close attention to the project -- ramrodded by the New Mexico Army Guard -- in his civilian capacity as a cultural specialist for the Navajo Department of Transportation.

"Many of my people have never seen the military in action before," added the soft-spoken Tulley. "But they believe their sons and their daughters are here, even though they're not here, because of their feeling that we are all one."

At 35, Julius Tulley is old enough to understand his people's feelings for the past and young enough to believe in a better future for the Navajo Nation with the help of the National Guard.

He is a seven-year Army veteran who is now a sergeant and squad leader in Company C of the Utah Army Guard's 1457th Engineer Battalion. He lives in St. Michaels, Ariz., a few miles from the rebuilt road.

That gives Tulley a good perspective on how the estimated 90 families, who the Blue Canyon Road project is intended to help, feel about the Army Guard's first nation-building exercise in this country.

The conditions have been simple enough. No explosives. No war games. No commercial contractors. No trespassing on sacred, ceremonial grounds. Most important, respect for the earth and for all living things.

Following those guidelines, Tulley predicted, will pave the way for future National Guard projects in this south-

western American nation of majestic mesas and culturally-sensitive people.

It will also do much to gain the respect of the Navajo people whose heritage over the past 137 years is punctuated by the infamous "Long Walk" across the New Mexico Territory; by the ill-fated campaign of Chief Manuelito against the forced relocation; and by the Code Talkers who helped the Marines defeat Japanese forces during World War II.

Col. Kit Carson is hardly a Navajo folk hero. The American frontier legend's soldiers burned crops and homes and killed animals after being ordered to force the Navajo from their homes around Fort Defiance, on the eastern edge of Arizona, onto a reservation near Fort Sumner, nearly 300 miles to the east.

That action was ordered after about 1,000 Navajo nearly captured Fort Defiance and another group raided near Santa Fe in 1860. About 8,000 Navajo endured the "Long Walk" to Fort Sumner in 1863. More than 2,000 died of disease during four years of confinement, according to the Encyclopedia Americana, before the Treaty of 1868 let them return to their homeland.

Manuelito, who died in 1893, led 4,000 members of the tribe into the mountains around Fort Sumner and waged a campaign of guerrilla warfare. Carson's men continued to kill horses and game and destroy crops until those starving Navajo surrendered in 1866. Manuelito was among the leaders who went to Washington, D.C., to negotiate the Treaty of 1868.

The Code Talkers gave the Navajo a far different leg-

acy. More than 3,500 Navajo served during World War II, according to the New Mexico Department of Military Affairs' report *Patriotic Legacy*. About 10 percent of them spoke in a radio code developed from their own complicated and mostly unwritten language so that their Marine units fighting in the Pacific could communicate without the Japanese knowing what they were talking about.

Most letters of the alphabet had three variations. A dive bomber was a "gini" or chicken hawk.

January was "yas-nil-

tes" or crusted snow. Navajo Code Talkers took part in 11 Pacific campaigns -- Guadalcanal to Okinawa -- from 1942-45. The Japanese never broke the code. It remained a military secret for 25 years after the war. "Were it not for the Navajos, the Marines would never have taken Iwo Jima," stated Marine Maj. Howard Connor.

Now the Navajo people have looked to other military people -- members of the National Guard -- to help improve their lives on their reservation so long as the outsiders respect the Native-American ways.

Julius Tulley thinks the Guardsmembers who have come from such places as South Carolina, Vermont and California have made themselves welcome.

"They stay on the road. They are not out there digging for souvenirs," he observed. "They respect the land, and they respect the people. I think they've done well."



Photo by SSgt. Jerry Wilson

CULTURAL EXCHANGE - Julius Tulley (above, right), a cultural specialist with the Navajo Department of Transportation, shares some history with *On Guard* senior correspondent MSgt. Bob Haskell as the Blue Canyon Road looms in the background.



50TH ANNIVERSARY

Golden Guard

In its 50th year, those who have and still call the Air National Guard home, have much to celebrate



GOLDEN JOURNEY

A California F-106 (top photo) fires a missile during a 1980 William Tell competition. Tankers, like those from Arizona's 161st Air Refueling Group (above), played critical roles during Operations Desert Shield/Storm in 1990-91. A Kentucky 123rd Airlift Wing C-130-H (right) soars out of Somalia in 1993. ANG volunteers continue to fly humanitarian missions regularly.



Photos courtesy NGB Historical Services



GOLDEN

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GOLDEN JOURNEY

Shortly after Pancho Villa raided Columbus, N.M., during the border crisis with Mexico, New York's 1st Aero Company (left) mustered July 13, 1916. It marked the first time a Guard aviation unit was called into federal service. A Massachusetts 102th Fighter Wing F-15 (inset, left) preps for a drug interdiction mission. New Jersey's 1st Lt. Brian Tulley (below) flies a refueling mission over Bosnia.



GOLDEN JOURNEY

(Top photo) with Texas' 111th Fighter Squadron gets ready for combat in 1951. An airman (left) with Michigan's 1st Fighter Wing says goodbye to his family heading for the Korean War. Colorado's 1st Fighter Squadron crewman maintains an F-100 in South Vietnam. 1st Fighter Squadrons were mobilized in 1968-69.

A 'flying club' no more

The Air Guard is involved in nearly every major operation across the globe

By TSgt. Gary Gault
Maryland National Guard

As Bob Dylan once observed in song, "the times; they are a changin'." It's a phenomenon Air Guard historian and author Dr. Charles J. Gross has spent a lifetime researching. While some of the Air National Guard's 109,000-strong (88 flying units) are celebrating their 50th year operating from overseas locations in support of military or humanitarian missions, the man who has studied the Air Guard's evolution, says it was not always this way.

"The early Air Guard," Gross intoned matter-of-factly, "was a glorified flying club."

"It was the Korean War mobilization of 45,000 (people), or 80 percent of the Air Guard, that demonstrated the weaknesses of the entire reserve system and reversed the downward slide of the Guard's relationship with the Air Force," he added.

The Air Guard's conspicuous presence in current operations in the Middle East, Europe, Antarctica and Latin America, says Gross, is a result of a "cultivated relationship with the active force."

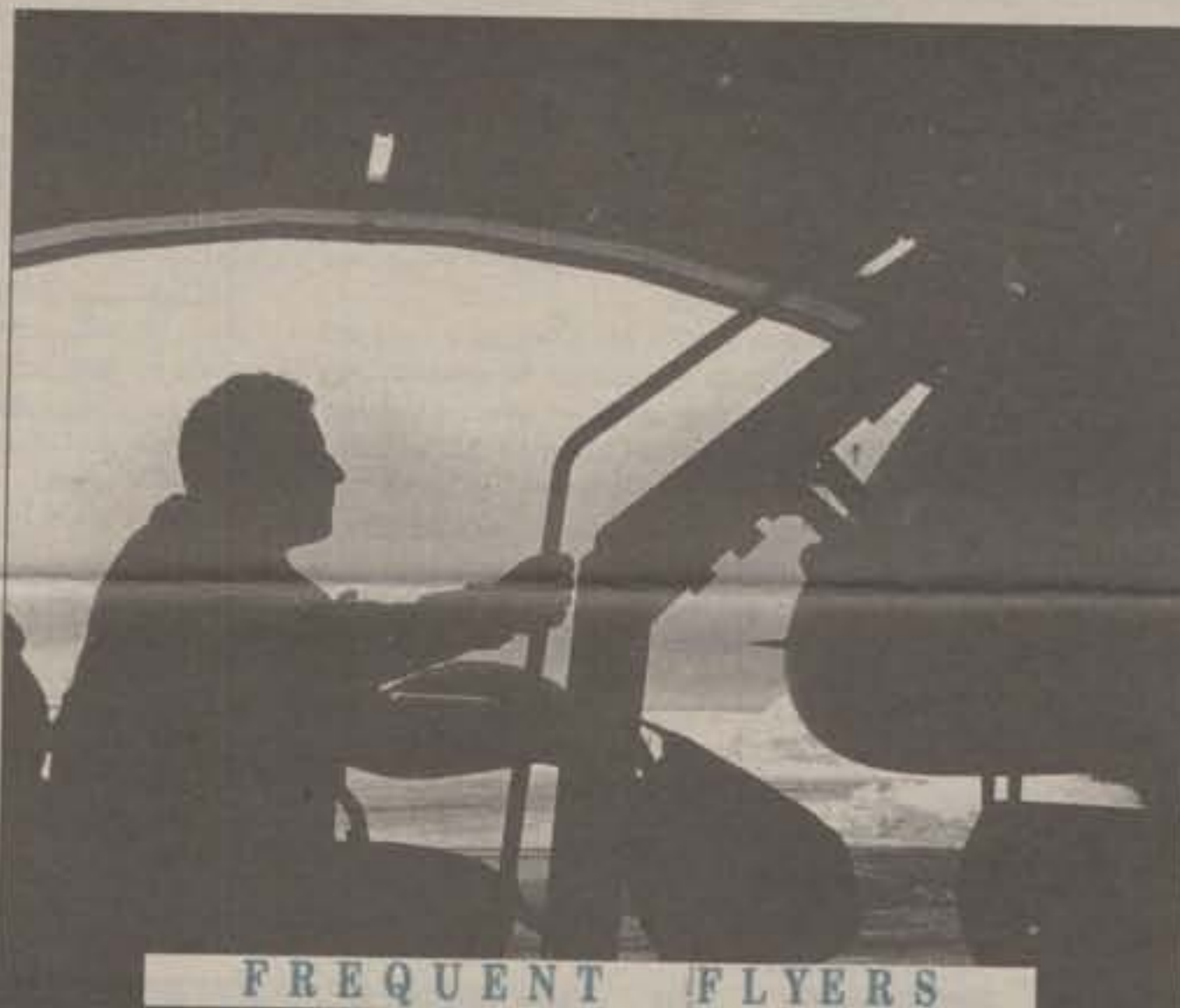
At Maryland's 175th Wing, where Guard members flew the P-47D Thunderbolt fighters after World War II, senior historian MSgt. John Cucina pondered his unit's metamorphosis.

"Now, the airfield (Martin State Airport) hums with the almost constant activity of A-10 Thunderbolt II fighters and C-130 Hercules airlifters flying in operations across the globe," he observed.

Here are some of the operations the 175th, and dozens of other Air Guard units across the country, continue to hum.

Southern Watch ... The desert tan fatigues worn by Maryland aircrews contrasted sharply with the luxuriant green foliage of the Chesapeake Bay.

"It's dusty, hot, and crawling with insects and disease," remarked the 175th's Lt. Col. Dave Rein, of the Southwestern Asia location his unit monitored from April to mid-June. "Nobody wants to live in tents and walk 500 yards to use the latrine in the middle of the night, yet despite these inconveniences, we found our role there both challenging and a good overall experience."



FREQUENT FLYERS

PROVIDE COMFORT II

- Provides humanitarian relief support to Kurdish refugees from Persian Gulf War and support to CENTCOM
- 15 units involved since 1996-7, including fighter, airlift and rescue units

NORTHERN/SOUTHERN WATCH

- 25 ANG airlift and fighter wings involved last two years
- Monitors Iraqi no-fly zone established by UN since Aug. 26, 1992
- Based at Incirlik AB, Turkey, and at bases in Saudi Arabia

DELIBERATE GUARD

- Based at Aviano and Pisa AB, Italy
- In a recent four month stretch, flew nearly 4,100 hours, 2,025 sorties
- Last two years have seen 13 air refueling wings, five fighter wings, 13 airlift wings involved

CORONET NIGHTHAWK

- Began in August 1990
- Flies sorties from Howard AB, Panama, aimed at intercepting illegal drug flights headed for the U.S. border
- Involved eight fighter and air refueling wings in 1996-7

Photo by Lt. Col. Mike Waters

Their efforts to safeguard the no-fly zone over Iraqi skies meant coordinating aircraft from 10 different units and moving people and supplies around the theater.

Provide Comfort II ... Based in Incirlik, Turkey, Air Guard fliers and maintainers have provided critical humanitarian aid

to Kurd refugees displaced by the Persian Gulf War.

"Our mission there (two years ago) was to support the base at Incirlik that was undergoing airstrip repair," Rein recalled. "Our job, then as now, was moving people and supplies to keep the operation solvent."

Operation Deliberate Guard (formerly called Provide Promise) ... Flying from bases in Italy, Air Guard members ensure that peacekeeping efforts in Bosnia carry on without incident.

Maj. Mike Thiesen, a 13-year veteran of the Free State Air Guard and Southwest Airlines pilot with more than 3,500 flying hours, fired the unit's first "shots in anger" since World War II over Bosnia.

"Unlike World War II combat air strikes, we were forced to wait for UN and NATO command clearances before destroying an M-18 76mm self-propelled Bosnian-

Serb anti-tank gun," Thiesen said of his 1994 run-in with hostile forces. "We gave the Bosnians clear warning an hour before striking the target so they could move any people out of harm's way."

"The hardest problem was dealing with the command and control elements in the theater," he added. "The UN command element spoke French."

The experience gained over the skies of the former Yugoslavia was invaluable, Thiesen said.

"We had the chance to fly air interdiction, air-to-air, close-air support, forward-air control and combat search and rescue missions there," he explained.

"We were never bored."

Unlike the "flying clubs" that defined the Air Guard 50 years ago, these days Air Guard units like the 175th -- which logs nearly 8,000 air-

frame hours annually and boasts having two-thirds of its operations officers currently deployed to Southwest Asia -- leave their stamp on nearly every important military and humanitarian mission worldwide.

The times, as Dylan wrote, are indeed changin'.



SPORTS

• Boxing in Bosnia • Powerful Alabaman

Peacekeeping PUGILIST

Massachusetts' SSgt. Sal Bartolo is getting troops to put up their dukes in Bosnia

By Sgt. Steven S. Collins
North Dakota National Guard

Sgt. Sal Bartolo, Jr. is not a big man. At about 5 feet 5 inches tall and 110 pounds, his face is almost gaunt.

But outward appearances can be deceiving -- Sal Bartolo packs quite a punch.

The holder of 14 professional and amateur boxing titles, Bartolo has lived an interesting life, one dominated by boxing for the past 33 years. He has been in the U.S. Army for 28 years and is currently a member of the Massachusetts Army Guard's 1st Battalion, 101st Field Artillery.

"Boxing comes first to me," said Bartolo, a resident of Winthrop, Mass. In fact, boxing is so important to Bartolo that he has opened the only boxing gym

in Bosnia, to train American and Norwegian soldiers at a base camp in Modrica.

"This has given me something to do while we're here," said Bartolo. "And the soldiers here have responded. They really like the training."

Bartolo is one of five Massachusetts Guardmembers at Modrica, a Norwegian Army Battalion base camp near the Bosnia-Croatia border. Bartolo and his teammates are forward observers, the artillery's eyes and ears on the front line. Although the team has not called in actual fire missions while in Bosnia, it has supported the Norwegian battalion's peacekeeping mission.

The 1-101st FA has 11 teams in Bosnia, each acting as a liaison between the European units of the NORDPOL Brigade and the U.S. Army units spread throughout northern Bosnia.

Bartolo admits his work as a forward observer can sometimes be routine, but his boxing gym has given him a diversion from the daily grind. Dubbed "Sal's House of Pain," the gym is housed in a tent and features a cushioned floor, punching bags and a sparing ring.

"I've got 15 students here, which is amazing. I didn't think so many people would be interested," said Bartolo. When not serving in the Guard, Bartolo operates the Winthrop Boxing Club, training children and adults of all ages.

"The Norwegians are very good and are very fast learners," said Bartolo. "They really seem to enjoy it."

The House of Pain is open seven days a week and allows Bartolo to share some of his 33 years of boxing experience. Boxing is not simply a contact sport -- it provides a great cardiovascular workout. Bartolo has developed a customized program for each of his students, teaching them the benefits of boxing.

"When I got here, all we had to work with was weights. But I don't lift weights. Boxers need to be loose and agile," he said.

Back in Massachusetts, many of Bartolo's clients are white-collar workers, looking for a fun and unique workout. "Anyone can do this. It provides a great workout," said Bartolo.

It was inevitable that Bartolo begin boxing in Bosnia. The sport has been a lifelong obsession. His father was a featherweight champion of the world in the 1945. Bartolo served as the head boxing coach for the U.S. Army in Europe for two tours. His career has included training two world champions, Dave Bay and Tyrone Everett.

"Everywhere I go, I work out and see if there is anyone interested in boxing. Here, some people saw me working out and got interested," Bartolo said.

With the help of the Norwegian army, Bartolo was able to acquire the necessary equipment. Although he is leaving Bosnia with his unit soon, Bartolo is confident his new students will be able to continue training.

"I have students give classes now," he



Photo by Sgt. Steven S. Collins

KEEPING THE PEACE -- SSgt. Sal Bartolo (above), holder of 14 pro and amateur boxing titles, is a forward observer teaching troops to box in Bosnia.

said. "To learn to be a good boxer, you need to be disciplined and dedicated to the sport."

"I think some of the students have shown some of those traits," Bartolo added, "and will continue after I leave."

A 30 year layoff didn't stop Duke Christian from hoisting gold

BAMA Brawn

By SSgt. Norman Arnold
Alabama National Guard

The last time 47-year-old CWO5 Duke Christian flexed his 23-inch arms and neck in a powerlifting competition was in high school.

However, that 30 year layoff didn't stop Alabama's State Area Command Chief Warrant Officer from hoisting a gold and



Photo by SSgt. Norman Arnold

silver medals at the 1997 U.S. Powerlifting Federation Alabama State Meet recently.

Competing against 11 other military lifters, he took first place in the military super heavyweight division. He also claimed second place in the Class II or non-professional division.

For the man who spends his days mentoring other warrant officers, power lifting is simple.

"To beat the metal, you got to beat the mind," he said.

After volunteering for the draft in 1969, Christian was his Fort Knox, Ky., basic training class' honor graduate. After completing airborne and rotary wing pilot training, he reported to Vietnam to fly helicopter assault missions. During that one-year stint, he was shot down twice.

He returned to the states to fly Cobra helicopters for the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky. He left the active Army in 1979 to spend six years with the Army Reserve. In 1986, he joined the Alabama Army Guard as a pilot.

Before coming to state headquarters, he was working as training officer with Company A, 1st Battalion, 131st Aviation

BAMA BRAWN -- Alabama's CWO5 Duke Christian (left) strains under 400 pounds during a recent workout.

in Montgomery.

He and his wife, the former Faye Roberts of Louisville, have a son Elijah, who is married and living in Montgomery.

Though limited by a busy schedule, Christian says practicing his powerlifting allows him to compete.

"I began power lifting in high school to help with my strength for athletics," he said. "Now, 30 years later, I'm finally into competitive lifting. I'm determined to raise my total lift weight."

Proving he's not all 'Bama brawn, Christian enjoys tending to his garden and writing poetry in his spare time.

Reporting

Hawaii's
117th PAD
covers reality
in Panama

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By Spc. Cesar G. Soriano
Maryland National Guard

The tropic scenery may look the same, but for members of the Hawaii Army Guard's 117th Public Affairs team, their recent mission to Panama was anything but routine.

Five members of the unit were deployed to Fort Clayton near Panama City for their two-week annual training. During their training, the soldiers from Fort Ruger in Honolulu honed their skills as print and broadcast journalists by writing news articles and producing broadcast stories on U.S. active and Reserve Component troops training throughout Central America and South

America.

"For some of us, this is like on-the-job training and it's also very challenging," said 2nd Lt. Gina Mari'e Williams, a "full-time mom" and student at Honolulu Community College. She was recently commissioned in the Hawaii Army National Guard after serving as a journalist for eight years with the Marine Corps Reserve and the Naval Reserve.

Overseas training missions are necessary, said Williams, because "we have to be prepared for deployment if there was ever combat or other activation (four members of the unit recently returned from a six-month tour in Bosnia-Herzegovina). In the Guard, you don't always expect to be deployed. But if you stay in, sooner or later you will go somewhere."

1st Lt. Steve Lai was officially promoted to commander of the 117th Public Affairs Team on the day the unit left for Panama. A former Marine Corps Reservist with a journalism degree from the University of Ha-



Photo by Spc. Robert W. Bishop

waii, Lai stressed the importance of deploying out of state for training.

"It's a real-world training mission, intensified by an unfamiliar country and culture. Plus, we get to meet soldiers from other state National Guard units. It proves to us that there is more to the National Guard than just our own little world in Hawaii."

Several of the 117th soldiers have brought years of professional journalism and public af-

fairs experience into the unit. In his civilian job, Lai is a public information officer for the State of Hawaii Department of Defense.

Spc. Jonathan Shiroma is a reporter for KGMB Channel 9, the CBS affiliate in his hometown of Honolulu. Shiroma, another University of Hawaii alumnus, has also worked for CNN Radio and FOX television. He said the overseas training differs from his civilian reporting job.

FOCUSED - Hawaii Army Guard's Sgt. Merlin Zane, a member of the 119th PAD (left), takes aim at a story while on AT in Panama.

"It's a great opportunity to learn in a different setting and it gives me a better understanding of how to do my job in the National Guard," Shiroma said.

For other soldiers, the annual training is worlds away from their civilian occupation. SFC Wayne Iha is a personnel management specialist for the State of Hawaii's Department of Education in downtown Honolulu.

Sgt. Merlin Zane, works in sales for Allied Machine.

Zane said the opportunity to report on ongoing U.S. military training, humanitarian and civic action exercises under austere conditions is also important.

"A lot of these places, like the rural parts of Panama, are not tourist destinations," he noted. "We get to see reality."

"We're reporting on soldiers building a well for a village in the jungle," he continued. "Coming from the big city, something as simple as running water is something we sometimes take for granted."

INSIDE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Modern day
Clark Kent

By 2nd Lt. Gina Mari'e Williams
Hawaii National Guard

Like a scene from Superman, a reporter gets a phone call and rushes out the door to catch the latest news story. But instead of a blue suit and red cape, George W. Roache Jr., a reporter with *The Daily Times* -- this one based in Salisbury, Md. -- changes into camouflage clothes.

Roache, the National Guard's reigning Journalist of the Year, is a specialist in the Maryland Army Guard's 29th Public Affairs Detachment (PAD), who recently deployed to Panama for two-weeks annual training.

His latest adventure took him to the remote village of Vista Bella, to report on the progress of U.S. Army Reserve medics deployed to safeguard the health of Army engineers building schools, medical clinics and roads as part of a massive humanitarian exercise called "New Horizons-Panama."

"It's going to broaden my writing experience," Roache said, who also deployed to Bosnia for six months last year. "It's a chance to apply my professional skills to my military obligation. Here, you go to a location, and not having the story

available that you went after, you have to dig creatively to find one."

For Roache, according to fellow-journalist Spc. Robert Bishop, digging doesn't take long.

"George makes an art out of conversation," Bishop said. "His real talent is his ability to express himself. It helps people express themselves."

Roache has been writing seriously since the fifth grade and professionally since 1992. He earned a degree in political science and international relations from Swarthmore College (Pa.) in 1975. After graduation he worked as an insurance salesman. A year later, he joined the U.S. Air Force Reserve as a C-5 "Galaxy" aircraft loadmaster.

"They helped pay my way through grad school," Roache said. He has since earned his master's degree in finance and marketing from Columbia University's Graduate School of Business in New York City.

In March 1993, he joined the Maryland National Guard. Although he writes as a civilian and a soldier, he said there are differences.

"In the military, you are a soldier first and a writer second. That certainly has an impact on the volume of work you are able to produce," he observed.

"In Bosnia," he continued, "we had very limited freedom of movement, poor communications and duties and considerations other than being just writers. In Salisbury, I had a phone on my desk and a car right outside my door."

In civilian life, Roache is heavily involved in



Photo by SFC Wayne T. Iha

JUST THE FACTS, MA'AM - Spc. George Roache (above), the Guard's reigning Journalist of the Year, interviews a troop in Panama.

civic activities -- the Salisbury Lion's Club, Salvation Army and Girl Scouts, to name just a few.

He called his volunteer work, linked to inspiring youth, "a life long pattern." In fact, he still returns to Wicomico High School, his alma mata, almost weekly to educate students about current events.

Panama's promising youth also caught his eye.

"What you find is that parents are the same all over," he said. "They care about a safe, happy, prosperous future for their children, and hope their children's lot in life will be better than their own."

NEWS

MAKERS

Compiled by MSgt. John Malthaner
National Guard Bureau

Sgt. Paul Aker and Spc. Dallas Johnson, both members of the North Dakota Army Guard's Company B, 142nd Engineer Battalion, received the Soldier's Medal -- the nation's highest military award for non-combat heroism.

Tragically, Johnson died while attempting to save the life of another soldier.

On April 19, 1996, nine Company B engineers -- supporting a humanitarian exercise in Panama -- travelled to Costa Rica on a day off to go swimming. Without warning, a "rip tide" suddenly began carrying the group out to sea. Aker and Johnson watched in horror ... then reacted.

Battling the waves, Aker swam to the struggling soldiers to instruct them on how to conserve their energy. He then returned to shore to find flotation devices. An excellent swimmer, Aker made his way back to the group, which had drifted even farther from shore. He also alerted several local swimmers to assist those soldiers he could not reach.

Breathless, and battered by increasing waves, Aker continued his heroic quest. Not before saving the lives of five fellow soldiers, did the young sergeant yield to total exhaustion.

Johnson, who was assisting Aker, helped the soldiers to the shore line. Then, with total disregard for his own safety, Johnson returned to the pounding waters to retrieve the last Guardmember. While Johnson was helping the exhausted soldier back to shore, a large wave engulfed the two, pulling them beneath the surface. Two local swimmers rushed to their aid and found Johnson floating face down in the swelling water.

SSgt. Glen Keller, performed CPR on the 27-year-old for more than 90 minutes before being directed to stop by Costa Rican officials.

Late on the evening of Jan. 19, 1997 the crew of aircraft 233, members of the Pennsylvania Army Guard's Company G (the Nomads), 104th Aviation, faced a relentless night of challenge and ceaselessly anguished appeals for help when they launched their CH-47D Chinook in an attempt to save the lives of people caught up in the savage swirls of floods that ravaged parts of central Pennsylvania. The crew: Capt. Mike Jones, CWO3 Danial Reggie, SSgt. Edward Blantz and Sgt. Nicholas Gilliland and Jim Liberti received the prestigious Rotor & Wing 1997 Helicopter Heroism Award. In nearly 10 hours of flying, the crew rescued 41 people. "How amazing it was that they were able to execute flawless teamwork under some really tough conditions," Reggie said.

The Visual Information Support Center, a National Guard Bureau asset based in Nashville, Tenn., received the Communicator Crystal Award of Excellence. They were honored for their public service announcement for the Tennessee National Guard and the Tennessee Highway Patrol, "Guess Who's Riding." The VISC provides video, audio, graphic and computer multimedia support to Guard organizations nationwide. The VISC also won the Award of Distinction, for the documentary program about West Virginia's ChalleNGe program.



Brig. Gen. Harvey Haakenson (above, left) presents Soldier's Medals to Donna Johnson, mother of fallen hero Spc. Dallas Johnson, and Sgt. Paul Aker (above, right).



SSgt. Michael Hackman (above, right) explains the EC-130 aircraft to Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge.



Minnesota's Capt. Eric Waage (above, rear) explains aircraft controls to a drug-free student.

CMSgt. Karin Porter, Florida's first woman to earn E-9.



Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge joined the Middletown-based 193rd Special Operations Wing in celebrating 40 years of accident-free flying. Ridge celebrated the unit's accomplishments aboard the specially modified EC-130 aircraft more than 10,000 feet above the commonwealth. After the flight, the Governor had the opportunity to meet with unit members. "Today, all of Pennsylvania joins you, the members of the unit, in a proud tribute to the historic achievement of the 193rd," Ridge said. The 193rd is the only special operations unit in the Air Guard. They recently played a vital role during Operation Uphold Democracy, broadcasting to the Haitian boat people the perils of trying to raft to the U.S. During Operation Desert Storm, 193rd airmen broadcast surrender procedures to Iraqi soldiers. Until recently, most of the unit's missions, including the aircraft, have been classified. A change in classification policy helped shed the veil of secrecy about the unit.

The Minnesota National Guard Drug Demand Reduction Program received an award of appreciation from the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association in April. A plaque was awarded to recognize the support given to local Drug Abuse Resistance Education programs throughout the state. At the request of law enforcement agencies, the Minnesota Guardmembers have flown helicopters to 600 schools and camps and spoken to more than 70,000 students since its inception in 1993. The goal of the program is to provide positive role models and reinforce the drug resistance message.

Florida's Karin Porter became the first woman to be promoted to the rank of Chief Master Sergeant in the Sunshine State's Air National Guard. At a Tyndall AFB ceremony, Porter was pinned by Brig. Gen. Larry K. Arnold, 1st Air Force vice commander. "It's overwhelming and amazing to me that there's still firsts for women to accomplish," Chief Porter said. Porter joined the Air Force in 1970. After graduating Air Force Basic Military Training School at Lackland AFB, Texas, she was assigned to Offutt AFB, Neb., providing communications support for the Air Force Global Weather Service. After serving in a variety of assignments in communications at home and abroad she left active duty in 1982 and joined the Air Force Reserve. In 1988, she joined the Florida Air Guard. Porter has served as a member of the operations and plans staff, NCO-in-charge of the Special Operations Center and first sergeant of the 702nd Computer Systems Squadron.

The following have been selected as recipients of 1997 Air National Guard Outstanding Recruiting Awards:

Recruiting office supervisor -- MSgt. Jesse Burns, 189th Airlift Wing, Ark.

Rookie recruiter -- TSgt. Dennis Fournier, 152nd Airlift Wing, Nev.

Production recruiter -- TSgt. Shannon Tolley, 157th Air Refueling Wing, N.H.

FOGLEMAN

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senior positions, where I was in a position to advocate the use of the Guard in various roles that some people didn't think they were capable of doing. I was never hesitant about using them.

The On Guard: Do you recall a specific instance where other decision makers had reservations over fully integrating the Guard for a mission?

Gen. Fogleman: I can think of a very recent example when we were faced the reality of the 'ops tempo' in the 1990s exceeding our metric of 120 days a year.

When we started looking at ways to drive that ops tempo down, clearly increased participation of the Guard and Reserve was a way to do it.

But we had people who said, 'They can't do it because they can't go for 90 days or 120.' I said that's not the issue. The issue is to assign that time frame to the Guard and let them take care of manning it. Quite frankly, if you do that and get out of their way, you'll find that they'll do it. You'll always have qualified crews.

It's because of that effort that the CINCs (Commanders-in-Chief) of the world never ask anymore if it's Guard, Reserve or active duty, because they have come to expect the same level of professionalism.

The On Guard: Recently, an

active component commander running Operation Provide Comfort was critical of the fact that he couldn't get Guardmembers for more than 15 days at a time. He argued once you get them inprocessed and trained-up, you only have them for about nine days. Is that a fair beef?

Gen. Fogleman: What I point out to these active duty people is we now have reached the point where many of these Guard people are back for their second, third and fourth rotations. So these people don't need a lot of spin-up time.

Quite frankly, if you're getting nine days of productive work out of them, that's nine days active duty personnel don't need to be there.

The On Guard: The National Guard has a state and federal mandate. As such they are required to perform some 'non-traditional' type missions, such as counterdrug and youth programs. These missions require a lot of time and money, yet serve a vital need. Do you see these types of missions weakening or strengthening the Guard's war-time posture?

Gen. Fogleman: I think I would take it to a higher plain.

The Guard plays a very useful function in performing these kinds of duties. Not only for the Guard and their community, but certainly the active force.

In a democratic society, one of the things that is critical for a strong military is to have the support of the American public.

That support comes from active involvement in the community and its affairs.

The Guard is part of the total force. When they go into that community I think they are not seen so much as a Guardsmen and women, but as members of the Air Force.

The On Guard: By enlarging the Air Guard role, or slice of the total force pie, more dollars and people are inevitably taken from the active component. Is that a source of concern?

Gen. Fogleman: The concern of those people in the active duty community is to have a balance in our ability to do those things we are expected to do. In other words, we have come a long way at looking at ourselves as a total force.

When people in this town ask how many Army divisions are there? 10. How many Navy carriers are there? 11. How many Air Force fighter wings do we have? The answer is 20. In the case of the Air Force, seven of the wings are Guard and Reserve. And in terms of how people look at them, they are indivisible.

Whenever I'm faced with a situation where somebody is asking me to provide a capability, in a period of declining resources, what I look at first is: How can I get the max force structure for the amount of dollars I'm given? If that means shifting some forces from the active to the Guard or Reserve, I have no hesitation in doing it.

Our primary concern, as we have asked the Guard to pick up more responsibility, is that we do not start pushing people to the limits of participation with their families and their employers.

I hope we are very rapidly getting beyond this 'we-they' thing.

The On Guard: What prompted the use of active duty officers to assume command of National Guard units?

Gen. Fogleman: I applaud that effort because I think it's going to be extremely important to the future that our active duty leaders have a full understanding and appreciation for what the Guard can do for us; what its capabilities are and what its limitations are.

These people don't have to become raving advocates of the Guard. When they return to the active side, they are able to step up and say: 'Hey, wait a minute, you can't say that about the Guard because I've worked with them... Let me tell you what the facts are.' That's how you're most effective.

As we look at trying to ask the Guard to pick up more and more responsibility, it is easy to assign tasks where the Guard would fail. That only reinforces an unfair prejudice. What Maj. Gen. (Donald) Shepperd (Air Guard Director) and I have tried to do is to make sure that we ask our Guardmembers to do things that are achievable.

But there are those who would

enjoy seeing the Guard fail.

I can think back to a few years ago when we had a program called Project Season, where we sent young active duty aviators to Guard units to build up flying time. When that started, there were a lot of naysayers. Folks were saying this is going to be an unmitigated disaster; folks aren't going to have the correct supervision, they're going to learn bad habits from the Guard. There was a very negative attitude when it all started.

In the end, that program was not very successful because of that mindset going in. There were a lot of success stories that came out of Project Season, but every failure was more loudly heralded.

The On Guard: Do you see the Air Force extending opportunities to qualified Air Guard officers to command active duty units?

Gen. Fogleman: That potential exists out there. In fact, I have been in the forefront of trying to integrate Guard and Reserve officers into key staff positions.

Brig. Gen. (Wilfred) Hessert (former commander of the Maine Air Guard's 101st Air Refueling Wing) was recently appointed the Air Force's Deputy Inspector General. Maj. Gen. (Phillip) Killey (former Air Guard Director) is commanding the First Air Force.

Quite frankly, the active has been doing this more than the Guard has.

GOLDEN CELEBRATIONS

Alaska's 168th Air Refueling Wing (far right) celebrated the Air Guard's 50th Anniversary by displaying an ice sculpture of a KC-135 refueler gassing up an F-16. Capt. Kay Steward (below, left), SMSgt. Steve Stearns and Dr. Joe Gross were all smiles at the ANG exhibit during the '50th' celebration in Las Vegas. Kentucky's '50th' (right) drew nearly 1 million people to Louisville where the Thunderbirds, parachuting and fireworks had many looking skyward.



Photo by SMSgt. Dave Tinsley



Photo courtesy NGB Historical Services



Photo by MSgt. Kevin Bishop



STATES

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TENNESSEE

More than 250 members of the 134th Air Refueling Wing have completed an operational deployment to Pisa, Italy, in support of NATO peacekeeping operations in the Balkans.

During the month-long deployment in May, 134th aviators flew air refueling missions.

"Our deployment supporting Operation Deliberate Guard demonstrates how much the Air Force depends on Air National Guard units like the 134th to share the burden of worldwide operations," said Col. Frederick Forster, 134th ARW commander.

CALIFORNIA

Members of the 146th Airlift Wing have returned from a nation-building trip to the Republic of Chile.

Participating in Exercise Southern Angel III, the Golden State airmen provided disaster relief training to various Chilean officials. It was the third year troops based at Channel Island's Air National Guard Station worked with the Fuerza Aerea de Chile (the Chilean Air Force).

Chile, like California, is subject to several types of natural disasters. With more than 50 active volcanoes, the South American nation has suffered through earthquakes, fires and tsunamis.

ALABAMA

BUILDING HISTORY

Civil Engineers with the Montgomery-based 187th Fighter Wing build a bridge at Fort Toulouse/Fort Jackson, an historical post established in 1717. The 187th builders provided the expertise for an improvement project to make the site more handicap accessible.



Photo by MSgt. Ronald Fulmer



HAWK IN HAWAII - Iowa's SFC Collin Williams updates maintenance in Hawaii.

IOWA

Palm trees swayed in the wind and blue water churned over white reefs and sandy beaches, yet for 42 soldiers from the Hawkeye State's Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 1st Battalion, 109th Aviation, a recent two week annual training stint in Hawaii was not exactly paradise.

Bunked in wooden huts, with screen windows and doors, the Army Guard troops were greeted by the coldest and wettest two weeks in the past 10 years on Oahu, the most populated of the Hawaiian island.

The Iowans were invited to the Aloha State to conduct an Aviation Resource Management Survey (ARMS) by the recently converted Company B, 193rd Aviation.

Company B, formerly an attack helicopter unit, now makes its living performing intermediate maintenance (AVIM) on helicopters.

UTAH

With their sights set on a major training exercise slated for August, nearly 200 National Guardmembers from 20 states gathered in the Beehive State for a final planning workshop for Global Apache 1997.

The exercise will draw soldiers and airmen from Reserve and active components in 25 states. The exercise will be conducted concurrently at Fort Drum, N.Y.; the Utah Test and Training Range and Dugway Proving Ground, Utah; Volk Field, Wis.; Guernsey Field, Wyo.; and in several other locations. At these various sites, ground and air forces will work jointly to simulate battle situations.

"All war fighters will train within a complete system, no matter what service uniform they wear," said Col. Ted Dodson, the exercise's joint director (Air) and the New York Air Guard's 152nd Air Control Group commander. "This is probably the first time in the National Guard for a major

coming together of the blue and the green." Dodson added that Apache '97 is being sponsored and planned completely by the reserve component.

Apache has its origins in two military exercises, namely, Global Yankee in New York and Deep Look in Utah, conducted in 1995 and 1996.

"It is our hope that the training concept of Global Apache will continue into the future," said Lt. Col. Bruce Galton, joint director (Army).

"And," he continued, "that it will also grow in complexity and richness as diverse units come to play."



Photo courtesy Utah National Guard

APACHE MEETING - Maj. Andy Butler (above, left), Col. (ret.) Merrill Carter and Maj. Jawn Sischo talk over the details.



HISTORY

• National Guard Patriot: John Stark

'Live Free or DIE'

New Hampshire's John Stark coined the phrase that graces Granite State license plates

or DIE'

Those who call New Hampshire home need only look at their license plate to get a glimpse into the mind of John Stark, one of this country's most eloquent and fiercest battlefield warriors, who once challenged fellow veterans to "Live Free or Die."

Stark was born in 1728, in Londonderry, N.H., a frontier community, where it was said, "fishing, hunting and Indian-fighting were the chief occupations."

During the French and Indian War, Stark joined Maj. Robert Rogers famous Ranging Company. He rose to the rank of Captain not because of wealth or family connections — at that time a springboard to officer status — but by his skill as a soldier and gallantry in action. Once, after an all-day and all-night march, he walked another 40 miles through deep snow to bring help for the wounded.

Stark was working his New Hampshire farm in 1775 when fighting broke out at Lexington and Concord. He immediately set out for Massachusetts. Other New Hampshire patriots had the same idea, and Stark was appointed their colonel.

At Bunker Hill, Stark and his New Hampshire militia arrived in the middle of a British naval bombardment, only to find their way blocked by another regiment reluctant to move into the shellfire. Stark told the other commander that if his men did not intend to fight, please make way for New Hampshire men who did.

Marching up Breed's Hill, with shells exploded all around, a nervous young major asked Stark if they shouldn't pick up the pace. Knowing that haste could easily turn to panic, Stark sternly told the major that "one fresh man was worth ten fatigued ones on the battlefield."

Stark grasped the tactical situation immediately, and positioned his men behind a rail fence to secure the American left. Green troops had a tendency to fire too soon, so Stark told them to fire only when they had a target: British waistbands. The frontier marksmen

from New Hampshire made their shots count, beating off two British attacks and withdrawing in good order before the British finally took the hill.

His military skills recognized, Stark was appointed colonel of the 5th New Hampshire Regiment in George Washington's Continental Army. But several times he refused orders with which he disagreed, and had to watch as less experienced men were promoted over him.

He resigned from the Army and was again a farmer when a British Army moved on upstate New York. Undeclared Vermont appealed to New Hampshire for



GUARD HISTORY

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Photo courtesy the Bennington Museum, Bennington, Vt.
AT BENNINGTON - John Stark (above on horse, and below) was gallant at Bennington.

help, and in July 1777, John Stark was commissioned a brigadier general of New Hampshire State Troops, with the understanding that his command remain independent of the Continental Army.

The 1,400 men who marched with John Stark into Vermont represented almost 10 percent of New Hampshire's male population, more than double the 600 troops which sparsely-settled Vermont had assembled. Stark was ordered to move this brigade south into New York to join the Continental Army, but he refused, moving instead to cut off a column of German mercenaries and Tories.

Near Bennington, Vt., Stark moved in for the kill. He told his troops: "Boys, yonder lie the Redcoats ... we take them today, or Molly Stark sleeps a widow tonight."

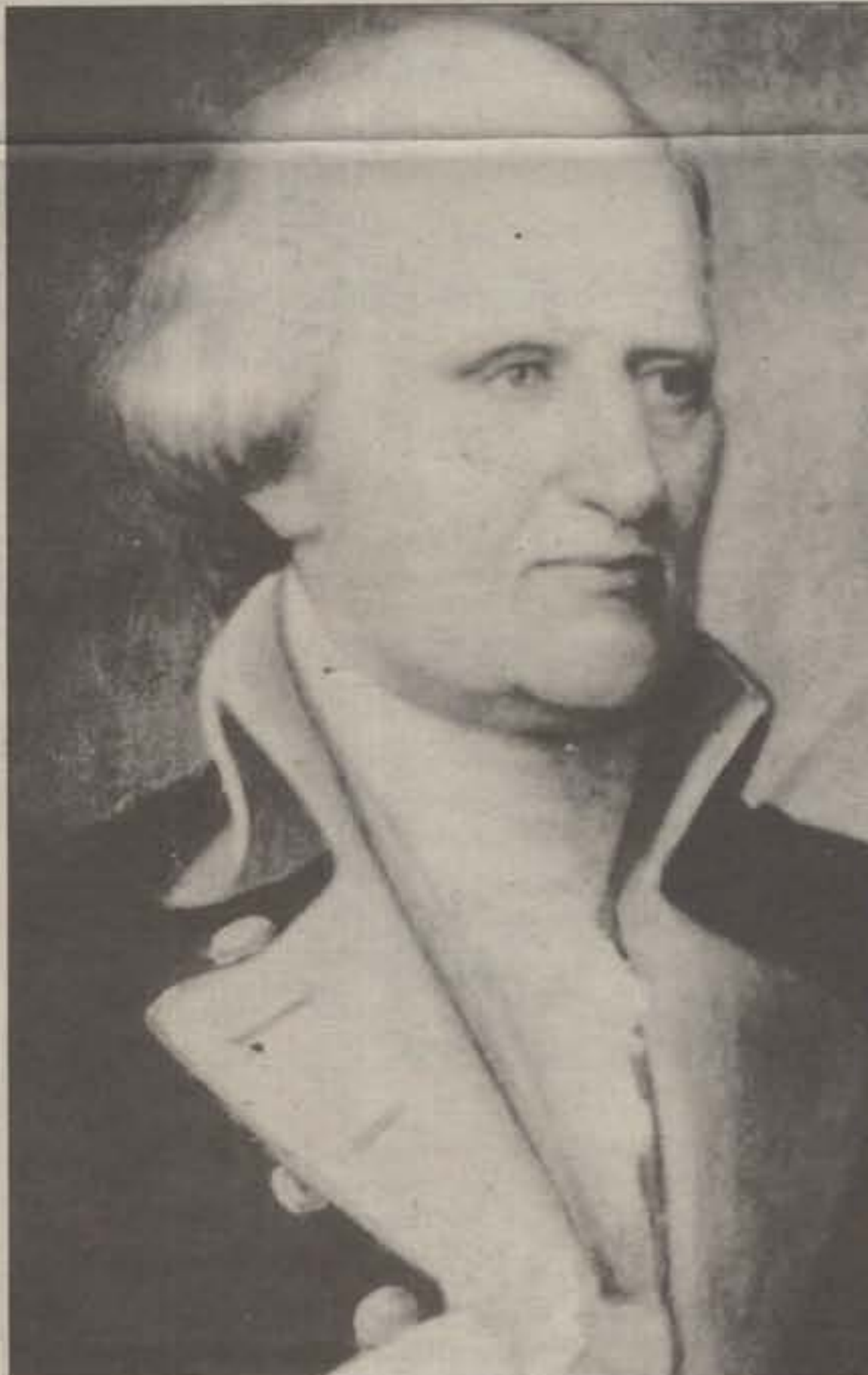
At Bennington, Stark orchestrated one of the most complete American victories of the Revolution. The Continental Congress, ready to try him for insubordination, instead commissioned him a brigadier general of the Continental Line.

Stark remained with the Army until the end of the war. Unlike many Revolutionary heroes, he did not go into politics after the war, and his fame did not lead to wealth. Instead, like the minuteman who would come to represent the National Guard, John Stark returned to his farm.

Noted for his battlefield sayings, the old soldier contributed one more before his death at 93. Too ill and too poor to attend a reunion of Bennington veterans, Stark wrote offering this toast instead: "Live Free or Die."

This phrase has appeared on New Hampshire license plates for more than 60 years. Today, some think the words "or die" should be removed. But the four words together are a tribute to the fighting spirit that won our independence, and to a great American citizen-soldier.

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TRAINING



Ohio security police learn how to fight alongside allied troops

DEFENDING without OFFENDING

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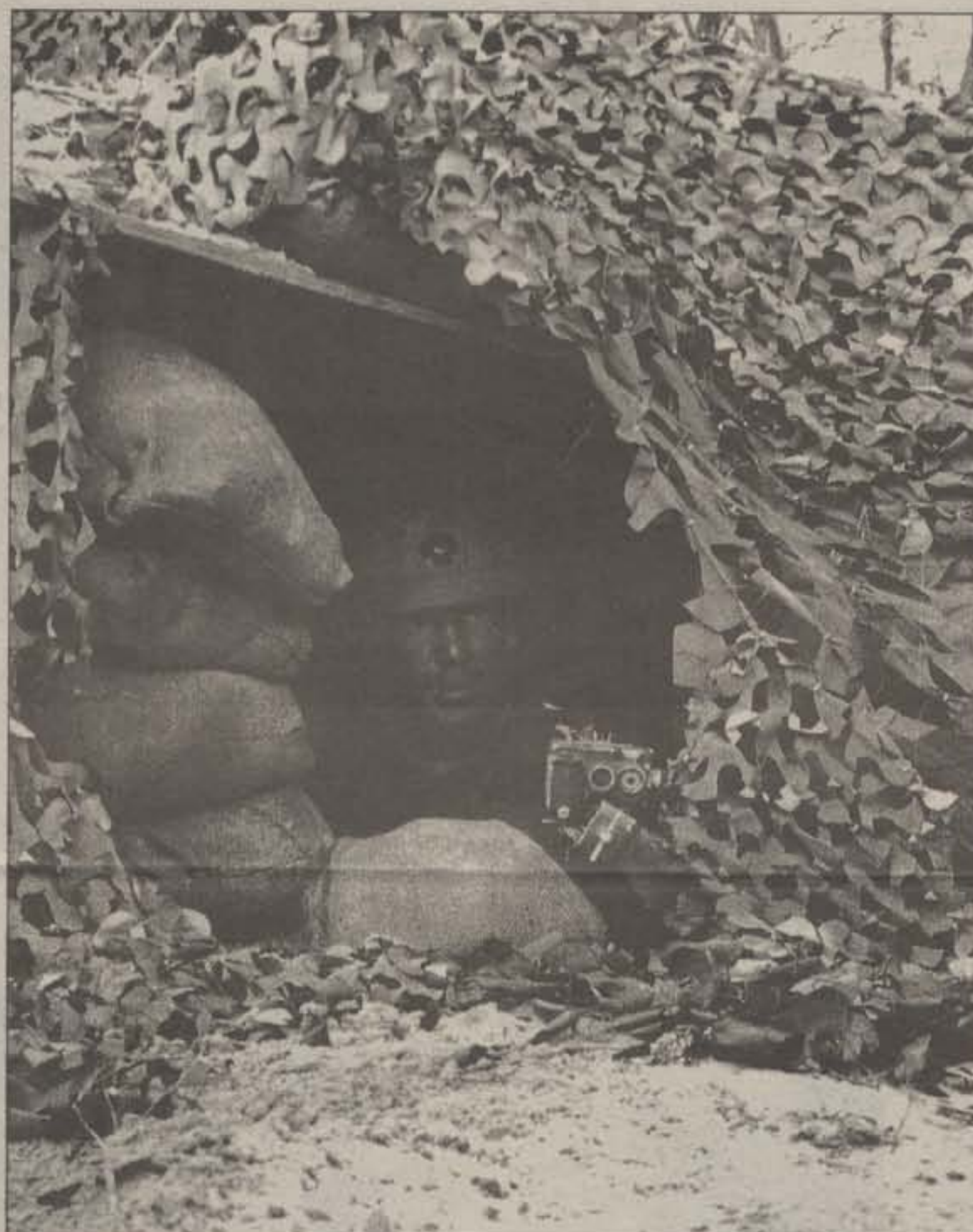
Sgt. Brian Reynolds was learning how to defend without offending. An ill-conceived hand gesture, he and other security police from Ohio's 121st Air Refueling Wing learned recently while training at Fort Dix, N.J., could prompt an unfortunate reaction from an allied troop also tasked with supporting a United Nations mission.

"But once the fighting started," Reynolds confessed, "everyone forgot about the courtesies and just worked together against the opposing forces."

At Dix, those forces were part of the Air Mobility Warfare Center's Contingency Support Operations Course, a two-week classroom and field training school designed to help security police, combat cameramen and DOD troops defend foreign land alongside foreign friends.

"We stress the integration of the services and prepare units for real world deployments," said MSgt. Jim Beckle, an instructor.

No strangers to policing precedents — the 121st sent the first Air Guard SP unit to participate in Silver Flag, the desert warfare school in Nevada — the Buckeye contingent became the first ANG cops to



Photos by SSgt. Shannon Scherer



RIOT CONTROL - Ohio Air Guard security police (above), armed with shields and moxie, prepare for riot training.

attend Dix's simulated United Nations joint task force training.

Deploying to the country of Sebbob —

put away your atlas, it's fictitious — 121st SPs exercised carefully scripted scenarios that take school officials two to three months to create. By no coincidence, students were exposed to conditions painstakingly similar to those found in Bosnia and Zaire.

With instructors posing as French and Soviet troops, and posted in a nearby sector, Ohio's police force learned to deal with customs and courtesies observed in the host nation and by UN troops.

UN TRAINING - SSgt. Aaron Maynard (opposite page, left) and A1C Troy Taylor, both SPs with the Ohio Air Guard's 121st Air Refueling Wing, practice detaining a rioter. SSgt. Stephen Shekas (left), also a 121st SP, keeps a watchful eye from a bunker.

The training, a benchmark in 1995, was originally organized for active duty troops. However, after being pinched by Congressionally-mandated downsizing, it became necessary to include Guardmembers into the total force picture.

In Sebbob, that picture did not include a smile. Opposing forces challenged Ohio's finest with riots, sniper fire and nightly attacks. Occupying five bunkers over four days, the 121st ran patrols and maintained field communications throughout the sector.

Despite the long hours and warlike conditions, Buckeye cops remained professional and positive.

"The 121st is performing very well," Beckle confirmed. "They have great team spirit and cohesiveness."

They also took home some

hardware to prove it.

The 121st's SSgt. Aaron Maynard, SSgt. Mandowl Nixon and TSgt. Timriti Rogers captured three of the four "best of the best" awards. SSgt. Robert Krooner shared "Top Gun" honors with an active duty airman.

"It's the best school I've attended," confirmed SrA. Walter Bennett, 121st SP. "They make sure we really understand what they're teaching us."

The 121st understood, and then some; becoming only the second class in the course's history to keep opposing forces at bay. They did so with less than half the manpower of the first class.

"I think the Ohio Air Guard really proved themselves," Reynolds said. "We train 39 days a year to the active duty's 365 days."

"We showed that the Air Guard can compete with the active duty," he added, "and excel in the same challenges."