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## 'Apache' goes global

**Guard Bureau sponsors major joint exercise**

By Maj. Cory H. Lyman  
Utah National Guard

If you're a linguist like MSgt. Jeff Hardenbrook, you may retire before ever getting a chance to grill an enemy prisoner.

That was before Global Apache 97, a National Guard Bureau-sponsored major joint exercise that involved more than 140 units from nearly every state, started kicking up dust.

"It's the first opportunity some of these

Col. Ted Dodson, joint director of the exercise. Dodson, the commander of the New York Air Guard's 152nd Air Control Group, said Apache took a year to plan.

It is the first major military exercise completely planned and carried out by Reserve Component soldiers and airmen.

The exercise was conducted concurrently at Fort Drum, N.Y.; Dugway Proving Ground, Utah; Volk Field, Wis.; Guernsey Field, Wyo.; and other locations.

Advanced satellite technology connected the four sites allowing scenario builders, planners, targeting people and others to exercise their "battle management" skills.

Rather than moving participants to a remote training location, information was

transmitted to participants, allowing soldiers and airmen to be fully involved while remaining at or near home stations.

This, Dodson noted, resulted in huge cost savings.

Apache has its origins in two previous military exercises -- Global Yankee and Deep Look.

With an emphasis on air operations, Global

Yankee was conducted at Fort Drum in 1995 and 1996. During the same period, Deep Look exercises run from Utah's spacious Dugway Proving Ground -- its 8,000-square-miles of training area is roughly the size of Massachusetts -- provided active and Army Guard troops a chance to practice their warfighting skills.

Both exercises, according to Dodson, were excellent vehicles for testing new



Photo by MSgt. Craig Leaper

**WATCHFUL EYE** - A soldier with the North Carolina Army Guard's 113th Field Artillery provides security for Global Apache at Dugway Proving Ground, Utah.

troops have had to interrogate in years," confirmed Hardenbrook, a member of the Utah Army Guard's 141st Military Intelligence Battalion. He joined Guard, active Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines and U.S. and Canadian Air Force reservists for the week-long exercise designed to teach ground and air forces to operate jointly under battle conditions.

"The grand concept of Global Apache was to provide effective, low cost, joint training to the participants," explained

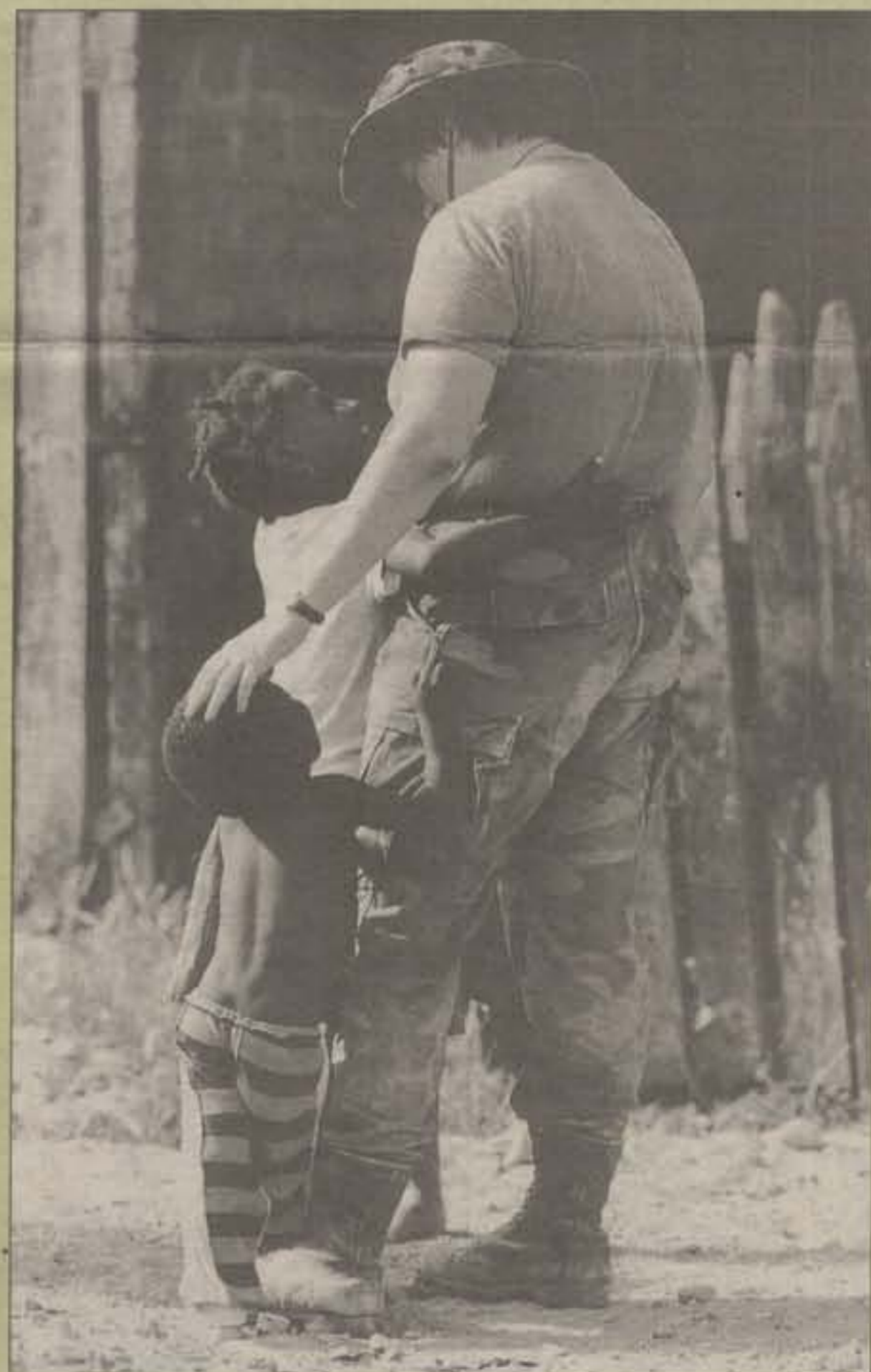


Photo by SSgt. Bob Jordan

**'TAR HEELERS'**

North Carolina Army Guard's Spc. Natasha Ray (above), a member of the 505th Engineer Battalion headquartered in Gastonia, shares a tender moment with two Ecuadorian children. The 505th was in South America recently building a day care center. See story and photos on Page 16.

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## GUARD MAIL

### In Favor of Families

I am the staff action officer at the National Guard Bureau's Family Programs. I am writing to praise MSgt. Bob Haskell (*The On Guard's* senior correspondent) for his excellent coverage of our annual Family Conference in Orlando, Fla. It was featured on the front page of your August issue.

MSgt. Haskell demonstrated excellent professional presence at the conference, and many were commenting on his pleasant interviewing skills.

This was the kind of press that the program sorely needed. Many in the Army and Air National Guard throughout the country have contacted this office after reading the article and were excited about Brig. Gen. Paul Weaver's (the ANG's next Director) enthusiasm and commitment for the Family Program.

*The On Guard* also did an excellent job, as always, with its layout and design.

The front page report was a shot in the arm, and its placement in your paper served as a great educational tool about our program.

Thank you again for your professionalism and support.

Maj. Steve Maguire  
NGB Family Programs

Editor's Note: Air Guard families received another boost recently after Gen. Weaver announced the creation of

the Air National Guard Family Support Team. Those interested in joining the team can call Capt. Ellen Krenke at (301) 836-8001/DSN 278-8001, or Weaver's wife, Cathylee, at (703) 697-9341/DSN 227-9341.

### 'Why I Want to be a Pilot'

I want to be a pilot when I grow up because it's fun and easy to do.

Pilots don't need much school, they just have to learn numbers so they can read instruments. I guess they should be able to read maps so they can find their way if they get lost.

Pilots should be brave so they won't get scared if it's foggy and they can't see. If a wing or motor falls off, they should stay calm so they'll know what to do.

Pilots have to have good eyes so they can see through the clouds. And they can't be afraid of lightning or thunder because they are closer to it than we are.

The salary pilots make is another thing I like. They make more money than they can spend. This is because most people think airplane flying is dangerous, except pilots, because they know how easy it is.

There isn't much I don't like, except girls like pilots. All the stewardesses want to marry them, and they always have to chase them away so they won't bother them.

I hope I don't get airsick. Because if I do, I couldn't be a pilot, and would have to go to work.

Submitted by a fifth grader

### 'Minuteman Soldier'

I'm a dad, a mom, a sister or a brother.

My rank varies from a single stripe to a silver star.

I'm a medic, an infantryman, a MP, a cook or a tanker.

Serving my God and country, near to home, as well as afar.

I've fought and died on the beaches of foreign lands.

In peacetime, assisting in natural disasters, I also can be seen.

My mission can find me in a jungle or on hot desert sands.

Always ready, a Minuteman Soldier, standing tall in Army green.

Maj. Michael L. Reisman  
Nevada National Guard

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## GUARD TOONS

By Lyle Farguhar



"There's no doubt about it, Sir, he's the best drug-dog we've ever had."



## IN THE NEWS

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## Bacas honored by enlisted

**Guard's First Lady also leaves Arkansas with Association's hardware**

By MSgt. Bob Haskell  
National Guard Bureau

Although he has been an officer for 35 years, Lt. Gen. Edward Baca has never forgotten his enlisted roots with the New Mexico Army National Guard. The Chief of the National Guard Bureau was toasted as the "enlisted man's general" Aug. 27 in Little Rock, Ark.

The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States presented Baca with its highest tribute, the Minuteman Award, during the final night of its 26th annual conference attended by nearly 1,700 Army and Air National Guard men and women.

It was a clean sweep for the National Guard's first couple. Rita Baca was presented the association's Concord Minuteman Plaque during the banquet's awards program.

Mrs. Baca was also surprised with a check for \$2,889 collected by the association's Auxiliary. It will be donated to the orphans she has visited in foreign countries this year.

"I have never been more moved in my life," said Mrs. Baca after accepting the check from Auxiliary president Brooks Marr. The money, she determined, should go to Mother Theresa's House of Joy -- an orphanage operated by Catholic nuns in the Philippines that she had visited the previous week during a Guard Bureau delegation tour of the Pacific Rim.

Air Guard MSgt. Blaine Ross, the association's president, gave Baca an impressive 19-inch Minuteman statue after earlier noting that the chief had demonstrated his concern for enlisted people by making Ross one of his enlisted advisors.

"He has shown through his actions that he cares very deeply about the enlisted men and women of the National Guard," Ross said. "He's always been there for us."

Baca, who spent his first five National Guard years as an enlisted soldier in New Mexico's 726th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, reinforced that idea twice that day.

"America's citizen-soldiers have the responsibility and the honor to defend our nation. We stand ready to do that because we have the highest quality NCOs, soldiers and airmen in our 360-year history," he said that morning during an impassioned keynote address punctuated by six standing ovations.



"I know that they have one thing in their minds... the care of the enlisted soldier."

Lt. Gen. Edward Baca

"There's no question that we're relevant," added Baca, recalling how New Mexico Guardsmen helped hold off the Japanese Imperial Army in the Philippines for five months in 1942, giving the United States time to recover from the surprise attack at Pearl Harbor.

"Don't ever take away the right for the citizen-soldier to defend his or her county," he insisted, pounding the podium.

Baca also praised the enlisted association for "being recognized as probably the most powerful lobbying group in the United States Congress."

"One Congressman said it best, when he said, 'when I get approached by the enlisted association, I know that they have one thing in their minds and in their hearts, and that's the care of the enlisted soldier.'"

"That," Baca added, "is what you are all about."

## NATIONAL BRIEFS

### Secretary Widnall to depart

After four years of piloting the service toward success in the 21st century, Secretary of the Air Force Sheila E. Widnall, announced Sept. 9 she will leave her post effective Oct. 31. Her departure comes on the heels of the recent resignation of Gen. Ronald Fogleman, the former Air Force Chief of Staff.

Widnall, announcing her decision to resign as the Air Force's top civilian leader, said she will return to teaching and duties in the senior administration at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She worked at MIT for 28 years before becoming Air Force Secretary Aug. 6, 1993.

### Family Support team formed

Brig. Gen. Paul A. Weaver Jr., scheduled to be the Air Guard's next director, recently announced the formation of the first ever Air National Guard Family Support Team.

"The role of the Family Support Team is to establish and maintain a viable family support program to meet the needs of all of our Guardmembers and their families by providing a network of families that are interwoven and interlocked in support of one another," Weaver said.

The ANG's current deputy director said volunteerism will be key to the programs' success.

"This program is about you and I supporting one another in times of need, sharing our pain and sorrow, and most of all, our times of joy," he added.

If you or a member of your family are interested in joining the team, contact Capt Ellen Krenke at (301) 836-8001/DSN 278-8001; or Cathylee Weaver at (703) 697-9341/DSN 227-9341.

## Reserve dental plan takes bite out of deployment concerns

In an effort to avoid dental problems faced by some during the Persian Gulf War, Guardmembers may volunteer for the first ever military dental plan.

The program, offered by Humana Military Healthcare Services Oct. 1, was created to help Guard men and women deploy rapidly.

Premiums have been set at \$4.36 monthly for the first year and cover up to \$1,000 of dental work annually. Reservists who elect the dental plan must pay four months of premiums up front to enroll.

If the \$17.44 was paid by Sept. 20, a beneficiary could see a dentist as

early as Oct. 1, when the Tricare Selected Reserve Dental Program begins, and have the visit covered by the plan. The government's share is \$6.53 a month for each enrollee, or 60 percent of the total cost.

Some 780,000 National Guardmembers and selected reservists living in the United States, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands are eligible. The program does not include their families.

The plan covers routine diagnostic and preventive services, such as cleanings and X-rays, along with emergency services for mouth injuries or severe pain.

Enrollees must dip into their pockets, however, to pay a portion of other covered services. Those co-payments are required for restorative services, such as fillings and temporary crowns, tooth extraction and root removal.

While the \$4.36 monthly premium is the same across the board, the amount of the co-payment a Guardmember must pay is based on pay grade.

A toll-free number, (800) 211-3614, has been established to provide information on enrollment, address changes and locating participating dentists.

### Guard units deploy to Macedonia for 'Able Sentry'

National Guard soldiers from Colorado, Illinois and Missouri are participating in the United Nations peacekeeping mission Task Force Able Sentry in the former Yugoslavia republic of Macedonia.

Approximately 63 Army Guard soldiers arrived in the capital of Skopje Aug. 15 to perform a variety of facility maintenance, aviation and security support activities.

The U.S. Army first deployed to Macedonia in July 1993 as part of the UN protective force to monitor and report on activities along its border.

## IN THE NEWS



Maj. David Wolf

## Wolf boards space shuttle

By MSgt. Bob Haskell  
National Guard Bureau

Gone, but hardly forgotten, summed up the feelings for former Indiana Air Guard Maj. David Wolf when the astronaut lifted off on a late September night for a four-month adventure aboard the troubled Russian space station Mir.

"He is extremely intelligent, and he has an outstanding personality," said Capt. Tony Smiley who served with Wolf in the Indiana Air Guard's 181st Fighter Wing in Terre Haute for more than a decade.

"He's an everyday Joe. If you met him today, you wouldn't have any idea that he's an electrical engineer, a medical doctor and an astronaut," added Smiley on the Friday morning after Wolf, 41, wished everyone a happy new year and took off in the space shuttle Atlantis.

Wolf, selected as a NASA astronaut in 1990 and part of the 14-day mission aboard space shuttle Columbia in 1993, resigned from the Air Guard in June after 15 years as a Hoosier fighter pilot and flight surgeon. He logged more than 2,000 hours of flight time during that career.

"The Guard has given me the experience of working with people on teams," Wolf once said. "It's a good place to develop leadership qualities."

Wolf's NASA career, which began in 1983, kept him in Star City, Russia, the past year training for the Mir mission.

Those duties, it was explained, made it difficult for him to honor his Guard commitments.

# Montana medics serve reservations

By Officer Candidate Thomas Mullen  
Montana National Guard

When students from the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation began crowding the halls of the public health service hospital there, it fell to members of the Montana National Guard to get them out of the building and onto the reservation's football fields and basketball courts.

The students, from sixth grade on up, were waiting for physical exams, and nine Army Guard medical professionals with the 3rd Medical Detachment spent a recent drill weekend ensuring they got one.

The isolated Fort Belknap reservation is one of the most medically underserved counties in the mostly rural state. In fact, 41 of the 56 counties in Montana don't have enough health personnel to meet federal standards, according to a study by the Montana Area Health Education Center. Another 28 counties are considered "medically underserved," a designation based on the county's level of poverty, infant mortality, number of elderly, and medical supply availability.

The seven Indian reservations in Montana fall into both categories.

To help solve the problem, medical professionals from the Montana Army Guard have been assisting reservation health staffers during drill weekends as part of the Medical Innovative Readiness Training program, or MIRT.

Whether performing health screenings, giving free inoculations or pre-sport physicals, the medics said they are happy to help.

"Personally, it's great to interact with a culture you're not really familiar with," said SSgt. Bruce Haagenon, a medic. "And working with the youth has been



Photo by Officer Candidate Thomas Mullen

fun. They've got a good sense of humor, and we've been yanking their chain a bit. They like that."

Norman Chase, resident nurse at the Fort Belknap Hospital, said such interaction with Guardmembers is just as important to the reservation's youth as the medical support they provide.

"I'm very thankful they are here," Chase said. "It gives these kids an opportunity where maybe they can think about doing something like joining the Guard."

"The fact that they're coming in for physicals says they have some degree of responsibility," he added. "They can be reached."

MIRT is a cooperative program between Indian Health Services and the Montana National Guard. Its aim, explained Montana's Capt. Scott Smith, is to provide Guardmembers with medical training while giving supplemental care to Montana's medically underserved.

Montana Army Guard's Capt. Judith Bowman (above) draws blood from a youth during a recent MIRT program operation.

Although the MIRT program has only been around for two years, the Montana Guard has been providing medical assistance to the state's reservations since the early 1990s. The partnership has spawned other programs, including the Native American Youth Olympics, an annual event that brings children from Montana's reservations for two days of athletic competition.

With six MIRT operations already planned for 1998, Smith is looking into developing additional partnership programs with Montana's reservations.

"Their response to us has been nothing but positive. About the only thing that hurts about going onto a reservation," he added, "is that we can't do more."



Photo by SSgt. Tom Jaynes

## LIVE from JERICO

Members of the Vermont Army Guard's Battery C, 1st Battalion, 86th Field Artillery cover their ears as a 155-mm self-propelled howitzer fires a round downrange during a recent live-fire exercise at the Ethan Allen Firing Range in Jericho, Vt.



## PEOPLE

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## CAPPing a career

Florida's Brig.  
Gen. Richard  
Capps reflects  
on the Guard,  
his legacy

By SSgt. Linda Sluder  
Florida National Guard

Sitting behind his expansive desk in St. Augustine's historic St. Francis Barracks, with a few piles of paper strategically heaped in front of him and his phone repeatedly buzzing, Richard Capps didn't look ready to retire.

Nevertheless, the assistant adjutant general of the Florida Army Guard and former helicopter pilot did just that recently. But not before reflecting on the Guard of the past, present and future.

"I've seen us come from the old brown buckle boots and the old Eisenhower OD (olive drab) jackets to what we are today," he observed, "with Apache helicopters and all the modern technology."

"I've seen us come from drilling for four hours on Monday night to drilling in the field and on weekends," the General added, "doing real-world warfighting training and reaching a readiness level that, back in those early days, was just a dream."

As a general, Capps was instrumental in supporting the Guard's shift to meet active Army training standards. Despite that evolution, Capps has also bore witness to budget cuts that threatened to dismantle the legacy he'd helped establish.

"I see some difficult times ahead, and I guess that from my foxhole, I've been part of the growth and modernization and the readiness level we've been able to achieve," he said. "I don't want to be a part of it if we take a step backward."

In Capps' day, things were different. Then, he was helping the Guard build-up companies and battalions and shaping it into a force that is envied worldwide. It is why he says it is difficult to leave when there is a battle to be fought.

A similar attitude prompted Capps long ago to set off down the road to receiving his star. While a captain with the 111th Aviation Company in Jacksonville, he volunteered to fly missions in Vietnam during the war after the Army announced a shortage of pilots. He deployed just days after the birth of his twin sons in 1967.

"Hey," he said, "the Army spent a lot of money



Photos courtesy Brig. Gen. Capps

**CAREER 'CAPP'ER** - Brig. Gen. Richard Capps (above), and (left) as a lieutenant with his good luck gator at a 1958 marksmanship match.

training me. I felt that I had the skills and qualifications to do the kind of job I was asked to do."

He flew reconnaissance missions in his "bird dog" L-19, called in airstrikes, directed attack choppers and field artillery. At home, his sons would have to wait two years before seeing their father again.

"It all worked out great," he added. "I think we made a real contribution ... really influenced the battle. It was tremendous career enhancement for me."

Although promoted to major while on active duty, Capps reverted to the rank of captain when he returned to the 111th after his two-year tour ended. He was later

promoted again to major by the Guard and served as a 111th's commander from 1969 to 1975.

"When I took command, there were only about 85 people. When I left there, we were 250 people and a lot of helicopters," he recalled.

Although Capps described each of his subsequent commands as rewarding and enjoyable, none of them involved flying helicopters, a sacrifice he made to become a career Guard officer. That love of flying, however, has been passed on to his twin boys, both of whom joined the Florida Guard in 1993, one as an Apache-helicopter pilot, the other as an air-traffic controller.

Capps and his wife, Sandra, also have a daughter.

Capps cited his job as battalion commander of the 1st Battalion, 265th Air Defense Artillery, then located in West Palm Beach, as his favorite.

"I actually had day-to-day contact with my soldiers," he explained. "I could see the decisions I made and guidance I provided implemented because I was still close to the troops."

With extensive combat and command experience under his belt, Capps reached the pinnacle of his career when he was selected the Florida Army Guard's assistant adjutant general in 1989.

"The Guard has been great to me and my family, affording me opportunities I never would have gained otherwise."

Although Capps hails from Jacksonville, he and his wife plan to retire in St. Augustine.

"I am not going to truly retire," he said. "I'm not one to sit home in a rocking chair."

There won't be time. In August, Capps became the president of the National Guard Officer's Association, a job he has taken in addition to work he does as a member of the American Red Cross' board of directors in North Florida.

"I like to do work in areas where I feel like I'm making a contribution to caring for people," he said. "That's my interest."

Ohio's CMSgt. Terry McCumber devises plan  
to help Buckeye children earn good grades

Promoting  
LEARNING

By SSgt. Shannon Scherer  
Ohio National Guard

It's not everyday that you see a 9-year-old Chief Master Sergeant, but at Koeble Elementary School there are actually three of them.

Don't worry. This is not an illegal recruiting practice of the Ohio Air National Guard. It is an innovative tactic employed

by CMSgt. Terry McCumber, a member of the 121st Air Refueling Wing's medical squadron, as part of his unit's Adopt-a-School program.

Looking for a way to build camaraderie and make learning fun for the students he has voluntarily tutored since January, McCumber decided to use his National Guard background as an incentive to learning.

"I wanted to make these three boys a team," he explained. "I started them with plastic name tapes and called them Airman Basics (E-1s). They were promoted each time they did really well on a test or social skill."

The promotion process was



Photo by SSgt. Shannon Scherer

**THE CHIEFS** - CMSgt. Terry McCumber (left) plays chess with newly promoted "Chiefs" Doug Ebbrecht (center) and Jon Goins.

not easy. From the start, higher standards were set. To get promoted they had to excel in their studies. That meant working as a team.

"If one boy really understood science, he would tutor the other two until they got it," McCumber said. "It became a very rewarding process, but it was not im-

mediately gratifying. They really worked hard."

The chief even passed out his home telephone number in case the boys needed his help with a problem. Much to his surprise, he got a call the first night.

"He just wanted to make sure it worked," McCumber recalled. "Then he asked me what I was having for dinner."

Koeble Principal Steven Stone, a retired Army Guard colonel, called McCumber's idea "one of the best I've seen."

Stone said that many of Koeble's students come from single-family working homes, and that Guardmembers provide

scholastic support as well as much-needed friendship and direction for the children.

"They really count on you," said SSgt. Kelly Gibbs with the 121st's logistics support flight. "Our presence gives them a better idea of what the National Guard is really about on a day-to-day basis, not just during a crisis."

Even though the most commonly asked question by third and fourth graders at Koeble is, "have you ever been in a war?" the students also recognize the National Guard's influence on their report cards.

"I'm getting better grades in my subjects now," reported third grader Doug Ebbrecht. "If a classmate has a problem, I'll be there to tutor him."

Those are the beginnings of an excellent chief.

## Long-awaited pilgrimage to the Philippines becomes a sentimental journey

By MSgt. Bob Haskell  
National Guard Bureau

Nobody had to tell Lt. Gen. Edward Baca where he was, even though he had never been there before.

Nobody had to tell the Chief of the National Guard Bureau why the place was important, because he had been telling others about Cabcaben -- a village on the Bataan peninsula on the northern Philippine island of Luzon -- for 30 years.

That is where Baca's heroes drew their line in the sand during their desperate days in 1942. That is where National Guard soldiers from his native New Mexico and Filipino reservists made their final stand against the 14th Japanese Army they had held at bay for four agonizing months before surrendering April 9.

That is ground that men in New Mexico's 200th and 515th Coast Artillery Regiments paid for with their lives because no one came to their rescue. That is where the soldiers who Edward Baca most admires endured their Alamo.

It was also the reason for encouraging his Filipino hosts "to build a strong reserve here. Build a strong military force so that if we ever have to send troops in harm's way, Americans and Filipinos never suffer the same fate that we suffered at Bataan and Corregidor."

Baca made his long-awaited pilgrimage to Bataan across Manila Bay aboard a Philippine Navy patrol boat with members of his staff and with Philippine reserve officers Aug. 22.

The American general that morning placed flowers on the marble altar of the Bataan Memorial in a ceremony similar to laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery. He climbed Mount Samat to a concrete cross that towers over the mountainous countryside and that commemorates the Filipinos' fighting spirit.

And, in Cabcaben, he met some of the aging "batling bastards of Bataan" who had fought there with his heroes from New Mexico's "Old Two Hon'erd" 55 years earlier and who had survived the atrocities of the Bataan Death March and Japanese prison camps.

"You formed a brotherhood with the veterans from my state," Baca said. "They have told me much about you; about your bravery. Now I will go back and tell those veterans that I have finally met you."

"You were fighting with no ammunition, with very little food, with no water, no medicine, no supplies, no reinforcements. But all of you were willing to fight

## Finding closure in a CONCEPT

to the last man," he continued. "You held off the entire 14th Japanese Army for five solid months, giving the United States time to prepare."

Baca talked with Filipino Army Reserve Maj. Luis Garcia who, at 76, is one of the youngest remaining survivors of the death march and Japanese brutality.

"It was the end of my teenage years," recalled Garcia who had studied chemical engineering before the war. "I thought, 'this is hell.' I thought I would never get out of there alive."

Later, Baca spent the overcast afternoon on the island shrine of Corregidor where 12-inch guns point silently to the

sky; where ghosts of the old soldiers reportedly patrol the concrete skeletons of the barracks and other buildings bombed and shelled by the Japanese before "The Rock" was given up a month after Bataan.

Fortress Philippines is where the energized Baca, who has fostered an international role for the National Guard, renewed his pledge to do everything possible to keep that kind of defeat from happening again.

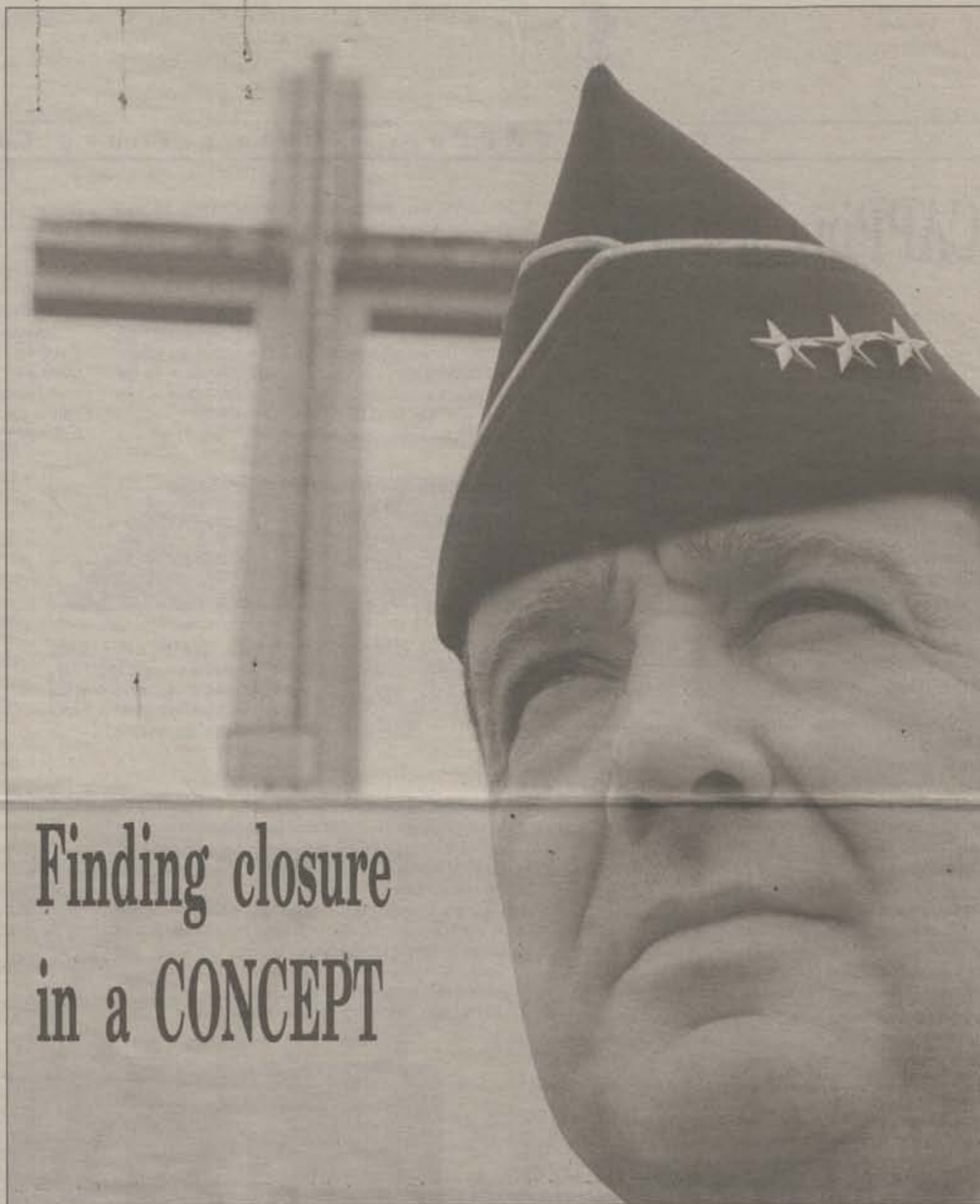
While the day at Bataan and Corregidor was indeed a sentimental journey, Baca went to the Philippines on business. He and a delegation spent three days and

**TAKING IN HISTORY - Lt. Gen. Edward Baca gazes at the Bataan peninsula from atop Mount Samat.**

evenings explaining the National Guard concept to Filipino military and civilian officials who are trying to build up their country's fledgling reserve forces.

They listened closely and asked many questions, because they want to protect their nation that was held by the Japanese until Gen. Douglas MacArthur fulfilled his pledge to return in October 1944.

The Philippines was one of five stops on the National Guard Bureau chief's first tour of the Pacific Rim. The delega-



Photos by MSgt. Bob Haskell



**BATAAN VET - Lt. Gen. Edward Baca (left) chats with Bataan vet and retired Army Reserve Maj. Luis Garcia.**

tion also visited National Guard troops in Hawaii, Guam and South Korea during an 11-day, 14,000-mile odyssey.

The tour reflected the Clinton administration's effort to improve relations with the people of the Pacific.

"Our strategy is to work with our many friends in this region of rising powers to ensure stability, build prosperity and promote democracy," Secretary of State Madeleine Albright recently stated.

"It is important to rechannel our efforts from Europe to the Pacific," said Army Guard Maj. Gen. Eugene Imai, the U.S. Army Pacific Command's deputy commander. "That's where we have most of our trade and the threat (in Korea) of a conventional war."

Filipino Congresswoman Charito B. Plaza, whose warmth rivals the sun's, invited Baca to her country. She is an Air Reserve colonel and commander of the 3rd Air Reserve Division on Mindanao. She is also vice chairman of the House Committee on National Defense.

"I feel a bit envious of the support the National Guard is getting from the federal and state governments," said Plaza. "I have discovered that the Guard's concept is very close to the ideal model of an effective reservist program."

She also made it clear she has a long row to hoe in the Philippine Congress. Barely eight percent of the national budget goes to defense, she explained. The reserve forces get less than one percent of that.

Plaza is promoting legislation that would, among other things: allot the reserve forces three percent of the education and training funds earmarked for the military; provide life insurance and medical and hospitalization benefits for active reservists; and prevent employers from firing reservists who are called to active duty.

Visiting the war memorials, including the famed Malinta Tunnel on Corregidor where American troops held out until they surrendered May 6, reinforced Baca's resolve to help.

"Those of us who have come after will probably never fully appreciate the atrocities they suffered," the Chief observed.

"It's our responsibility, as leaders, to ensure that never happens again."

## INSIDE the PACIFIC RIM

Guam Guard's response to horrific crash once again demonstrates its mettle

# Defined by a DAY

By MSgt. Bob Haskell  
National Guard Bureau

**M**Sgt. Frankie Cruz's senses had not been so harshly assaulted in over 16 years until he picked his way aboard the smoldering horror of the Boeing 747 that had just slammed into a hillside on his native Guam in the early morning blackness of Aug. 6.

Burned bodies, many mutilated beyond recognition, were mixed in with the wreckage of what had been Korean Air Flight 801. Most of the 254 people were dead.

Two things sustained the 47-year-old Cruz, one of the first National Guard soldiers to reach the crash site — an unbelievable rush of adrenaline and his experiences with a graves registration recovery team in Vietnam.

"The charred bodies were hard to identify from the pieces of metal and the burned seats and headrests," said Cruz who arrived shortly after 4 a.m., two and a half hours after the giant jetliner had crashed in torrential rain three miles short of the Agaña International Airport on its final approach.

"It was very dark, and it was still raining," he recalled. "The belly of the plane was resting in a ravine. Most of the badly burned bodies were in there."

"We started from the front of the aircraft and worked our way back. It was hard to deal with. I extracted as much as I could. We had to be very careful where we stepped," he added. "You wondered how 31 people survived. That was unbelievable."

Three of those survivors have since died.

The tragic crash and the recovery operation also became a grim rite of passage for the Guam National Guard and a tribute to its stubborn perseverance.

Fifteen members of the Air Guard's 254th Services Flight spent four days helping to extract and identify bodies. In all, 490 Army and Air Guardmembers turned out to help the Navy and Air Force. They secured the crash site, established communications, transported remains to refrigeration units, fed the workers and protected the privacy of the victims' emotional relatives who swarmed to the scene.

"At first, the emergency operations center was a radio in my back pocket," said Col. Donald Goldhorn, the Guam Army Guard's chief of staff.

"The militia is responsible for protecting its citizens. It always comes through. The Chamorros of the Guam National Guard are to be commended for living up to that spirit," marveled Lt. Gen. Edward Baca, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, while visiting this country's

youngest National Guard organization Aug. 18-19.

Baca became the first National Guard chief to visit the U.S. territory of 157,000 people in the western Pacific since July 1981 when the Guam Guard was established and Lt. Gen. La Vern Weber was the chief.

"Guam may have the youngest National Guard in the nation," Baca told representatives of the 800-member force. "But I'm here to tell you, the baby has *done* grown up."

He had paid tribute to territorial Gov. Carl T.C. Gutierrez earlier that day. Baca gave Gutierrez the Eagle Award, the National Guard Bureau's highest honor, because the governor rescued several of the survivors shortly after the crash.

"The Chamorro spirit he exhibited is an inspiration to all National Guard men and women everywhere," said Baca of Guam's commander-in-chief, who was overcome with emotion during the surprise ceremony.

"The military is part of our culture," responded Gutierrez, a U.S. Air Force veteran. "I am confident that the Guam National Guard would shine anywhere."

Guam is unique among this country's 54 National Guard organizations. Its 197-member Air Guard has no planes. It's 400-man infantry battalion trained for two weeks near the demilitarized zone in South Korea last spring because the island has no ranges for firing such weapons as machine guns and TOW missiles.

Although the Chamorro are a gentle people, their militia tradition dates back to 1771. Furthermore, as

Baca pointed out, their militia twice drove back Japanese invaders before the island was seized in December 1941 and occupied until July 1944.

That spirit sustained the 15 Air Guardmembers who spent four days helping to find and recover the remains of an estimated 200 victims, explained Capt. Ken Ueyehara, the 254th Service Flight's commander.

The wife and young son of a Guam Army Guard infantry sergeant were returning on the flight from Seoul following a vacation with the woman's Korean family. They had not been identified nearly two weeks after the crash, officials said.

"This has been our unit's most difficult tasking," Ueyehara observed.

Everyone on that team worked together for four afternoons and evenings through the

heat and the rain. The psychological effects took a heavy toll on other recovery people.

"The original 84-member search and recovery unit was down to about 60 on the fourth day," Ueyehara said. "The bodies were rapidly decomposing, and most had severe trauma or were missing parts. This, compounded with the arrival of the next of kin to the site, made it very difficult."

MSgt. Frankie Cruz was not one of those 15. But the Army Guard operations sergeant experienced his own *deja vu* when he entered the mangled airplane early on that Wednesday morning in August.

He had helped recover the bodies of about 100 American soldiers whose plane had flown into the side of a mountain in South Vietnam in early 1971.

"You had to keep your emotions under control and focus on the mission," he recalled.

That, as it turned out, was exactly what members of the Guam National Guard did after the tragedy of Flight 801 hit a lot closer to home.



*"You had to keep your emotions under control and focus on the mission"*

MSgt. Frankie Cruz

... Cut Demand ... Cut off Supply ... Take their Truck

# Stemming the drug tide

By SSgt. Linda Sluder  
Florida National Guard

A tide as insidious as any storm is wreaking devastation upon Florida's youth and Maj. Gen. Ronald O. Harrison wants to help stop it.

After discovering that drug use among children and teens had reached epidemic proportions in the Sunshine State, community leaders in many large cities banded together to form anti-drug coalitions.

Just as it had during other state disasters, the Florida National Guard also was ready to mobilize.

"We have an opportunity to add more value to communities by working with local citizens," observed Harrison, Florida's adjutant general. "It is important for them to know the military doesn't just fight wars, but also cares."

Since initiating the Drug Demand Reduction (DDR) program in 1992, the Florida Guard has worked with schools and community groups in 16 cities. In fact, according to DDR founder and statewide program coordinator Lt. Col. Bob Lewis, Guard representatives from other states have visited Florida to learn more about its DDR partnerships.

"Florida has the largest community coalition support program, the largest high school drug awareness program and the largest Junior ROTC summer camp in the country," Lewis said.

The Guard's working relationship with community coalitions resulted in image-enhancing programs like "Youth On Guard" that provides mentors for juvenile inmates; community area cleanups; and the use of armories for community activities and graffiti removal programs.

Coalitions -- consisting of representatives from the mayor's office, city law enforcers, area school boards, civic group members, political activists and business leaders -- can contact area Guard commanders with a list of projects the community wants supported, according to Lewis. Area commanders evaluate the list and decide which projects they can handle in terms of personnel, time, training requirements and equipment.

"Our thrust is drug prevention and education," Lewis said. "The support we provide usually centers around that."

Deciding which community projects to support involves a shared effort on the part of Guard units, according to Lewis. If one unit can't handle a specific project --

like Tampa's "Say No To Drugs walk," or the restoration of Miami's run-down Lauren Park -- then another may step in.

According to Tampa coalition executive director Pat Marsicano, the Guard supplied most of the tents and all the people when they supported Tampa's 1997 Good Community Fair.

"I think people in the community need to see the Guard more than they do," she said. "There are every-day things the Guard does that nobody, but agencies they support, knows about."

During Tampa's Kidsfest, the Guard staffed a booth where kids were allowed to taste Meals-Ready-to-Eat, try on field gear and explore military vehicles.

"It helps kids to see that there's a friendly arm of the military," Marsicano said. "The Guard's involvement certainly enhanced our experience."

In Miami, the Guard forged a bond with Dade County communities in the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew by guard-

ing against looters, setting up relief stations and helping communities rebuild. Now, Guard units can be found administering surveys about drug use perceptions, providing drug abuse training classes and setting up booths for community activities for the Miami Coalition for a Safe and Drug-Free Community.

"We do so many things together," said Marilyn Culp, executive director of the Miami Coalition. "They have done a lot to help us battle drugs."

Perhaps, Lewis maintained, one of the most far-reaching Guard community programs is the five-day drug awareness course he designed for high school students throughout the state.

Guard recruiters administer the course, discussing drug-abuse statistics, ways to cope with peer pressure, and characteristics common to children of alcoholics. Marijuana, tobacco, inhalants and alcohol use also is discussed.

"This year we've scheduled 200 high schools," Lewis said. "DDR will attempt to double class sizes, which should increase the student population to 60,000 students."

"We feel this will have a significant impact on the futures of these kids."

More than 170 Florida high schools and 23,000 kids participated in DDR programs last year.

"Ultimately," Culp observed, "what we're all after is helping our young people make the right choices ... and the Guard has been our active partner."



**MESSAGE MAN** - Lt. Col. Bob Lewis (above) uses a poster to help explain drug abuse.

Photos by Maj. Bob Stone  
National Guard Bureau

## FENCED OUT

At the request of the U.S. Border Patrol, nearly 30 miles of fence (below) has been constructed along the California-Mexico border since the California National Guard began the project in 1990. It's currently a single-barrier fence, but plans are in place to construct a second vehicle-barrier fence. According to the project officer, the fence-building effort will one day reach Arizona, nearly 150 miles away.



## EYES in the SKY

The Guard's Reconnaissance and Interdiction Detachment pilots (above) help California law officers seize nearly \$3 billion worth of pot each year. OH-58s are normally modified to carry Forward Looking Infrared Radar, but pilots and police can often spot marijuana gardens by looking for the distinctive blue-green coloration of the plant.





## WHACK and STACK

A California Guardsmen (left and below) assist in marijuana eradication throughout the state, but as the harvest season nears, so do the raids on remote garden plots. Working with the Californian's Against Marijuana Planting program, an eight-member team of law enforcement officers and Guardsmen chopped down 2,500 plants in the first day of the six-week operation. Each plant has a street value of \$3,000.



## WELDED to a CAUSE

A Guard engineer (left) welds a steel plate to a section of the border fence. Despite working in 100-plus degree heat, Guardmembers are required to wear body armor because they have been fired upon. It is believed that the gun fire was intended to create a temporary gap for drug smugglers to slip across the border. Although no Guardmembers have been hit, approximately 20 days of work have been interrupted this year.



Confiscated tractor trailer finds new purpose in Texas

# RIGGED for Relief

By Spc. Aaron Reed  
Texas National Guard

It was like Christmas in July. That's what members of the Texas National Guard's Communications and Electronic Section (CES) said when a black, 1991 Freightliner tractor pulled into a maintenance area at Camp Mabry, Texas.

The tractor, with only 179,000 miles, was a "gift" from the Texas Department of Public Safety, which had confiscated it nearly a year before in a drug seizure.

"I can't tell you how delighted I am," said Lt. Col. John Morgan. "We've had a real strong need for this for a long time."

Morgan, officer-in-charge of the five-person team, said the tractor will be used to pull the Guard's Emergency Operations Center van. The trailer serves as a self-contained, mobile briefing room and emergency operations center during a natural disaster or other crises.

"In hurricanes, for instance, oftentimes communications are down and people are in trouble," Morgan said. "On the civilian side, our job is to let the Governor know what requirements there are. On the military side, we have to communicate those requirements to our troops."

The team also provides first-line communications for emergency services such as police, fire and ambulance.

According to MSgt. Roger Sassman, CES noncommissioned officer-in-charge, the former drug-running rig filled a shortfall that otherwise would have reduced the team's ability to respond to an emergency.

"Our old tractor was a '75 Ford," Sassman said. "We had to retire that two years ago, and we can't use a tactical tractor. The M-818 has a 24-volt system and the trailer needs 12-volt."

Sassman said he went looking for a used tractor, but dealers were asking \$25,000 for tractors with 300,000 or more miles.

"We were going to rent one in case of

an emergency; but that doesn't really give us enough time," he said.

Because time is critical in an emergency, the CES team sometimes rolls even before a disaster strikes.

"We were down in Liberty County as the water was rising," Sassman recalled, referring to the team's 13-day deployment when severe floods struck Southeast Texas in 1994.

"And when Alicia hit Galveston, we were crossing the causeway at midnight, right behind the Texas Department of Transportation bulldozers that were clearing it of debris," he said. That deployment lasted seven days.

According to Morgan, that's about how long it takes to restore basic services.

"By that time, communications are coming back, and (emergency) health services and police have their communications back up," he said.

When the confiscated tractor first arrived, CWO Joe Gartman, a heavy mobile equipment repair inspection foreman at Camp Mabry, said his initial evaluation of the vehicle was promising.

"Just looking at it, it looks pretty good," he said. "It drives good, and there doesn't appear to be anything seriously wrong with it."

The truck's new owners, however, plan



Photo by SFC Steve Gamboa

**STORM BUSTER - Texas Army Guard maintainers work on a truck confiscated in a drug raid. It will now be used for disaster relief missions.**

to replace much of the dashboard, ripped apart during the drug seizure.

"This is a very proper use of state resources," said Col. Dudley M. Thomas, DPS Director. "Rather than sell it at public auction for less than it's worth, we were able to provide it to another state agency that has an acute need for it."

"That's what asset sharing is all about," he added, "and that's what making government work is all about."

Brig. Gen. Wayne D. Marty, assistant adjutant general for Army, agreed.

"When we take some of our military equipment -- including trucks -- off the books here, it gets reused by local and county law enforcement agencies around the state, so the road goes both ways," he said.

"The CES team makes an enormous difference for the people of Texas," Marty continued. "This new tractor will help make them just that much more effective in an emergency."



## Maintaining the PEACE

Photo by MSgt. Bob Haskell

### Rhode Island mechanics keep engines running

By MSgt. Bob Haskell  
National Guard Bureau

**R**oger Penske is the exception. He is world-renowned because he designs and builds engines for the fast cars that race on the world's fast tracks.

Most others who understand the workings of internal combustion engines and other things mechanical are people with grease-stained hands who are not thought about much until our car doesn't start. Then, they are needed -- right now.

A hundred maintenance people from the Rhode Island Army Guard could care less that most people don't understand what they do. They know what it is to be needed after spending three weeks in western Germany repairing diesel engines and other equipment for the vehicles that other soldiers depend on nearly a thousand miles away in Bosnia.

"A lot of these engines are coming from the front line in Bosnia. They have the highest priority we get in peacetime," explained CWO Brad Hopkins of the 1043rd Maintenance Company based in East Greenwich.

Rebuilding 30 diesel engines for tactical vehicles and sending them back down range were among the tasks that filled the Rhode Island Guardmembers' plate at a U.S. Army maintenance center in Kaiserslautern run by other members of the Army Guard.

Fixing starters and transmissions for four-wheel drive vehicles and 2 1/2-ton trucks, repairing field radios, and draining and then refilling air conditioning and refrigeration systems were also part of the job list handed to the company commanded by Capt. William White III.

It may have been annual training for the company, but Ohio Army Guard Lt. Col. Bill Bamler stressed that the work was real enough in the industrial complex where Panzer tanks were once built for Adolf Hitler's armies.

"While they're training, they also have to hit their production goals," he said. Bamler commands the Equipment Maintenance Center -- Europe that was established as a reserve component operation in 1989 to repair the equipment for considerably less money than it would cost to replace it.

It saves U.S. taxpayers about \$2 million a year while handling about 15 percent of the vast European theater's general maintenance, he explained.

It relies on three-week training rotations of 13 National Guard and Reserve

maintenance units a year to do the work.

"I don't have the capability to turn wrenches," said Bamler of his 22-member permanent staff that includes another Rhode Islander, CWO Frank Damiano. "We could not do this without the reserve component units."

And the Army would quickly bog down, it was pointed out, because three-quarters of its general maintenance units are in the National Guard.

"No one planned on the Sava River overflowing early into the peacekeeping mission," said Damiano. "It helped our shop because a lot of equipment needed to be repaired."

The maintenance operation has reinforced Lt. Gen. Edward Baca's contention that "the National Guard is more than a professional military organization; it is a military organization of professionals." Baca is chief of the National Guard Bureau in Washington, D.C.

Herman Ralph Jr. of Providence, for example, is a specialist in the 1043rd as well as a machinist with 19 years experience at Taco Industries in Cranston. He is 39, and has been an artilleryman and member of the maintenance company since 1978. He knows how to bore an engine block as well as most people know how to start a car.

While in Germany, he designed a tool for installing something called a wrist pin

**GUARD MECHANICS - Rhode Island's Sgt. Jose Vega (above) prepares an engine for shipment from Germany to Bosnia.**

lock into the side of a piston so it could be safely connected to the piston rod.

"In every rotation, we get a specialist or a sergeant who shows us how to build a better mousetrap," observed Bamler.

It was not the first time the Rhode Island company has shown off its stuff. And it won't be the last. There have been annual training trips to Italy. Last year The Ocean State's maintenance unit reported to the Army's maintenance center in Des Moines, Iowa. Next year they'll go to Fort Irwin, Calif.

But there was something different -- a new sense of urgency -- about their recent duty in Germany. The equipment had to be rebuilt and repaired as quickly as possible for soldiers keeping the peace in Bosnia, Croatia and Hungary.

SFC Walter Hunt understood what the Army expected, because he was in Kaiserslautern with a light equipment maintenance company for two years of active duty during the mid 60s. This time around, his platoon was responsible for rebuilding those 30 engines on time.

"These soldiers," he said, "are getting more hands-on training than they've ever had before."



Maryland Air crews  
join massive NATO  
exercise in Estonia

# BATTLE over the BALTICS

By TSgt. Gary Gault  
Maryland National Guard

**D**awn comes early in Estonia. At 4 a.m. on most summer days a brilliant crimson red ball of sun rises from the Gulf of Finland to cast a harsh light across the region.

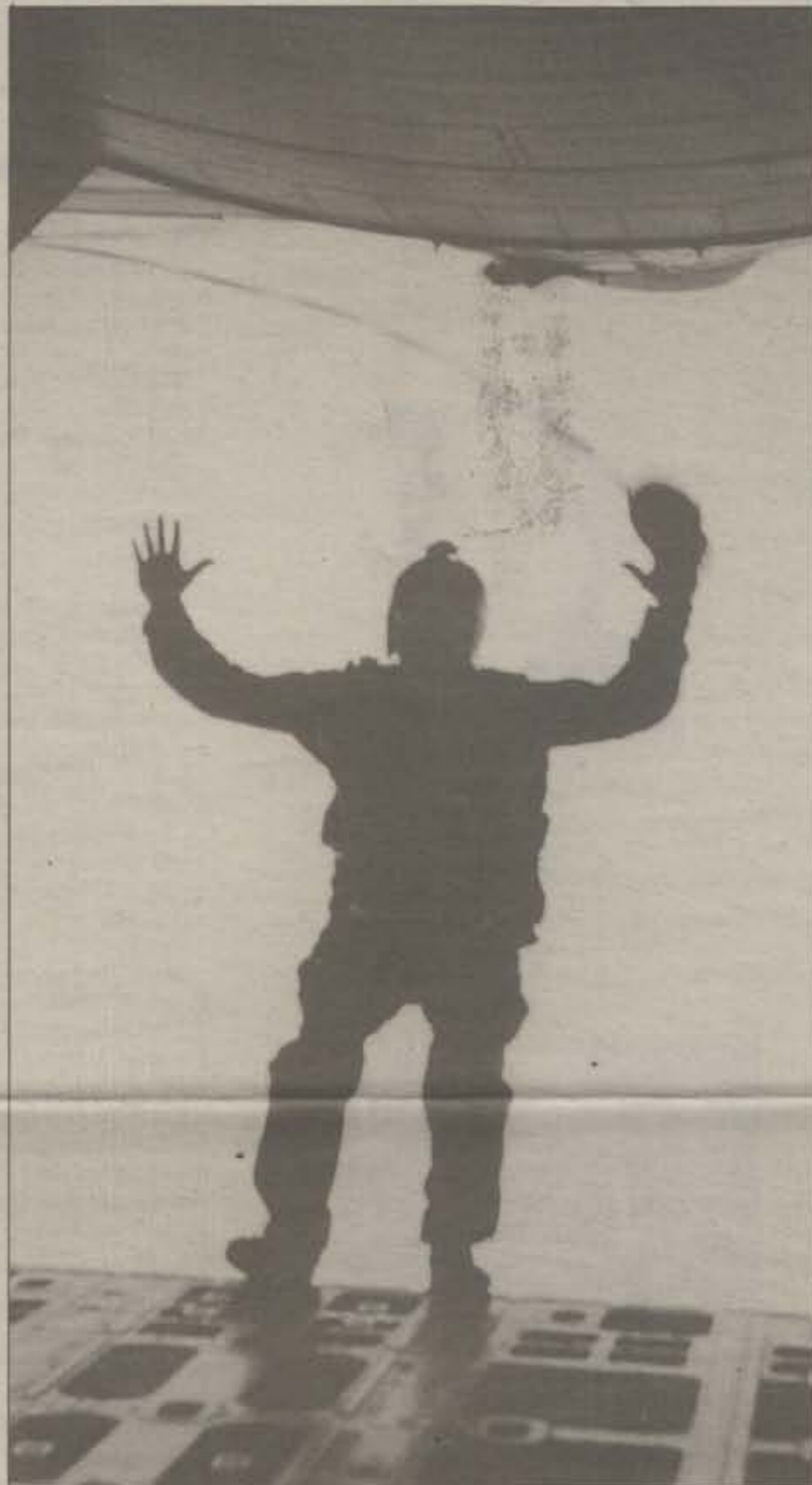
It is a welcome sight for many in the small Baltic nation. For not long ago, that glare was eclipsed by the dominating presence that emanated from the "red star" of the Soviet Union. It loomed over Estonia for more than 50 years before fading into the sunset in the fall of 1994 when the last Soviet troops finally left.

Only three years after the Soviets withdrew, Exercise Baltic Challenge -- a joint, two-week NATO exercise involving nearly 3,000 U.S. and foreign troops -- tested the organization's resolve to maintain world peace.

Military men and women from Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland and the United States -- including 150 Army and Air Guard members from Pennsylvania, Maryland and Michigan -- participated.

According to U.S. Navy Lt. David Albritton, Challenge's public affairs chief, the exercise was expanded from last year's "Challenge" in Latvia, to include a humanitarian relief effort that used a land and sea scenario.

"The purpose is to develop the interoperability of forces and



Photos by TSgt. Gary Gault

to learn common procedures in the event of a real emergency," he said.

Among the Guard elements present were two C-130 crews totalling 32 people from the Maryland Air Guard's 175th Wing.

Flying from Amari Airfield, about 20 miles west of the Estonian capital of Tallinn, Maryland fliers provided virtually all of the airdrops for the exercise.

"This is by far the most unique and exciting deployment I can recall from all of my flying experiences," said Maj. Marc Wolfgang, a C-130 commander. "It's hard to imagine that only three years ago this was a Soviet airbase swarming with MIG 19s and 21s."

It is a fact that didn't escape Andreas Sepp, Tallinn Airport's manager.

"This was a Soviet Navy fighter base, one of three key facilities in their northwestern defense sector," he noted. "The runway is three meters thick of poured reinforced concrete, as are the aircraft hangers surrounding the airfield, with two meters of earth on top."

"The blast doors on the hangers," he added, "make the 'nuclear hardening' complete."

Sepp then pointed to a row of dilapidated buildings next to the airstrip that were engulfed by a double barbed-wire fence. They served as a 'Gulag,' he said, for nearly 7,000 Soviet Army troops stationed there.



**THE JOINT WAS JUMPIN'** - Paratroopers with Latvia's sole airborne recon battalion prepare mentally (far left) for their jump. A Navy Seal (left) participating in Baltic Challenge jumps from a Maryland Air Guard C-130 over Estonia. Maryland Air Guard pilot Capt. David Woodworth (above) surveys a map and the horizon.

"They were like prisoners on their own base," Sepp said. "Over 700 guards surrounded the base ... Few people were allowed to leave once they entered."

This was definitely not the case for the nearly 220 paratroopers who boarded Maryland C-130s. Jumpers from Estonia, Latvia, Denmark, Norwegian Special Forces commandos, U.S. Navy Seals and six Combat Control Team (CCT) members with the U.S. Air Force's 21st Special Tactics Squadron from Pope AFB, N.C., were all encouraged to leave.

"We never get this kind of air-drop service back home," said TSgt. Timothy Sullivan, a CCT member as he prepared to leap.

Indeed, despite the high volume of jumps, only one incident -- a sprained ankle -- was reported.

But aviators were not the only Free State Guardmembers entitled to a little Baltic bragging.

"Considering the age of these C-130Es, and the lack of any major maintenance problems during the entire exercise, speaks to the excellence of the 175th's maintenance record," said TSgt. Craig Rabinowitz, a crew chief.

Maryland maintenance was also noted by Gen. James Jamerson, U.S. European Command deputy commander-in-

chief, while observing a Navy Seals airdrop -- the exercise's last -- complete with inflatable raft.

"I am highly pleased by the laudatory comments which I have received about your unit's performance during the exercise," Jamerson told 175th Wingers. "All agree that you should be invited back to participate in Baltic Challenge in Lithuania next year."

With that, the C-130s soared above the beach at Paldiski Nuclear Submarine and Training Base, exercise headquarters, and flawlessly deposited the Seals and their raft on target.

As the exercise concluded, an air of a fresh new democracy also seemed to linger.

"The exercise confirms my country's wish to join NATO after discovering it was excluded from accession," declared Estonian Prime Minister Mart Siimann, after learning Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic were invited to join alliance.

"Nevertheless," he continued, "Estonia decided to participate in the NATO activity under the Partnership for Peace program equipping and training our troops to NATO standards."

Foreign Minister Toomas Hendrik Ilves also remained optimistic.

"Hopefully, this decision may help Estonia to be considered in accession talks in 1999," he said.

Perhaps the spirit of the exercise was best summed up by a woman working at the Cannon Tower Museum in Old Tallinn.

"You Americans have had your independence for over 200 years," she observed. "We in Estonia just obtained our independence in 1992 ... Are we ever happy?"

# NEWS MAKERS

Compiled by MSgt. John Malthaner  
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The bestselling book "The Perfect Storm" by Sebastian Junger is making the 106th Air Rescue Wing at Gabreski Airport in Westhampton, N.Y., a household name.

At the book's center is the infamous Halloween Storm of 1991 in which an Air Guard rescue helicopter was forced to ditch 60 miles offshore into 70-foot seas after flying to the aid of a Japanese sailor. Four of the five crew members were rescued, but pararescueman Arden "Rick" Smith was never seen again.

"The Perfect Storm" has been on *The New York Times* best-seller list for 15 weeks and the popularity of the book has shined a bright spotlight on the Air Guard unit. CBS Prime Time will film the training of potential pararescuemen, known as PJs, this fall. Hollywood producers have been calling and expressing interest in making a television movie.



MSgt. Stanley V. Johnson Jr. (above), Maryland's first African-American E-9.

Lt. Col. Marilyn J. Lythgoe, the commander of the 201st Mission Support Squadron at Andrews AFB, Md., recently was presented the Gene D. Hartman Award.

The award was established in 1995 to honor the career contributions of Gene D. Hartman, who distinguished himself as a tireless and selfless advocate for the men and women of the Air National Guard.

The following are the Air Force Sergeants Association's national winners of Air Guard recruiting and retention awards.

- Outstanding Recruiting Office Supervisor of the Year -- MSgt. Jesse "Buddy" Burns, 189th Airlift Wing, Ark.
- Outstanding Production Recruiter of the Year -- TSgt. Shannon Tolley, 157th Air Refueling Wing, N.H.
- Outstanding GSU/MSU Recruiter of the Year -- MSgt. Maxie Sellers, 273rd Engineering Installation Squadron, Texas
- Outstanding Rookie of the Year -- TSgt. Dennis Fournier, 152nd Airlift Wing, Nev.
- Outstanding Retention Office Manager of the Year -- MSgt. Kevin Downy, 183rd Fighter Wing, Ill.
- Outstanding Unit Career Advisor of the Year -- MSgt. Bobby Hale, 138th FW, Okla.

Maryland Air Guard's Stanley V. Johnson Jr., became the first African-American in the state to attain the rank of chief master sergeant.

"I can't say that I ever really focused on becoming the first," said Johnson, a member of the 175th Wing. "Now that I've achieved this goal, I'm beginning to understand the impact that my position will have on younger minority recruits."

Soldiers from New Mexico's 93rd Troop Command in Santa Fe and members of the New Mexico Young Guard learned basic survival skills in the classroom and then put them to use during a five-day field training exercise in Rowe Mesa, N.M. The training included escape and evasion techniques, water and food procurement, shelter building, medicine and signaling.



A member of New Mexico's 93rd Troop Command (above) survives during training.



Wyoming and Colorado Guardsmen (above) work with youths at a wilderness camp.

Members of the Colorado and Wyoming Army and Air National Guard recently combined forces to assist local law enforcement with an annual camp run in a wilderness area in Northern Colorado.

The Laramie River Valley Rendezvous, in its 13th year, is a week-long youth camp aimed at junior high-aged kids from single-parent families.

The Colorado Guard has been supporting the camp for five years. It was Wyoming's first year providing equipment and positive role models for the effort.

Alaska's 176th Wing passed the 130,000 accident-free flight hour mark recently.

The unit's last major accident was on Dec. 15, 1965, when a C-123J was lost in a snowstorm.

To appreciate the magnitude of this safety accomplishment, consider that 130,000 hours is equal to 5,416 days or 14.8 years of continuous flying. On the maintenance side, it takes about 18.8 man-hours per one flight hour. In short, 176th maintainers have worked 2.4 million man-hours or 278 man-years straight to achieve the milestone.

West Virginia Air Guard's MSgt. Terry

Peterson, recently assisted in rescuing a father and his three children from drowning in Clearbrook Park Lake after their paddle boat sank.

The father, Robert Crabill, realized he and his three children, ages 2, 5, and 7, were in serious trouble when their leaking paddle boat began sinking into near-freezing water approximately 60 yards from shore. When the children began slipping out of oversized life jackets, Crabill shouted for help.

Upon hearing Crabill's distress call, Peterson -- a member of the 167th Airlift Wing's logistics squadron in Martinsburg -- ran the mile-and-a-half to the other side of the lake, dove in the water and rescued the 5-year-old. The two other children were saved by Crabill and an unidentified man.

"My family will always remember her (Peterson) for her outrageous heroic, bravery," Crabill wrote. "My family and I thank her from the bottom of our hearts."

Shavonne Coates, the 16-year-old daughter of MSgt. Yvonne Coates, graduated from Maryland's Freestate Challenge program as its valedictorian.

The 22-week, military-oriented residential program is aimed at 16 to 18-year-olds, most high school dropouts, and gives them an opportunity to get their GED and to develop life skills.

Shavonne was tops in her class and a member of her class's drill team and the Recondo Squad. Now armed with a GED, she plans to join the Air Force next year.

"This is just one example of how the National Guard is assisting youths and making a difference in their lives," said the elder Coates, a member of the National Guard Bureau's counterdrug directorate.

# APACHE

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equipment, technology and information management systems.

The marriage of the two exercises made dollars and sense, he added. It also helped that Guard and reserve units are already required to participate in two weeks of training annually. Thus, much of the expense for the exercise was already paid for. Expenses for flight time, fuel and routine maintenance also were accounted for.

Col. David Robinson, Apache's support commander, saw another bonus.

"By bringing these units together they had a more complete training experience than if they would have deployed separately," he said.

Inter-unit cooperation proved paramount to Apache's success. Just ask Capt. Daniel Bates, a member of the Florida Air Guard's 141st Combat Communication Squadron who needed a lift aboard a Mississippi Air Guard C-141 to get his people and equipment to Utah.

"Not only did pilots get good experience, loadmasters also earned their pay," Bates said. "It took special skills to load the long and awkward antennas for transport to Dugway."

A further example of joint cooperation was witnessed at Global Apache's joint medical clinic.

There, New York Air Guard's MSgt. Tom Benjamin -- who served as the clinic's NCO-in-charge -- planned and executed several mass casualty exercises. It also was his first time working with Army medics.

"Global Apache has given me great medical and management experiences," said Benjamin, a member of 174th Fighter Wing's medical squadron in Syracuse.

The clinic also benefitted from state-of-the-art training, using a computerized triage program currently being tested by the Air Force.

According to Capt. Fran Marcus, a Utah Army Guard nurse, only 10 states were previewing the software.

"We count ourselves very fortunate," she said. "It's been a great addition to our Global Apache training."

Another unique aspect offered to Apache's warriors was a concept known as "reverse tasking." According to Utah Army Guard's Lt. Col. Bruce Galton, an Apache joint director, participating units were invited to

make their training needs known.

"Those needs drove the planning of the exercise," he said.

It was why, Galton explained, linguists in the 141st Military Intelligence Battalion could practice their interrogation skills.

Global Apache's collective nature, Dodson said, created a "total-system experience."

"With over 141 units from nearly every state," he proclaimed, "we've accomplished our training objectives."



Photo by MSgt. Welster Santos

**APACHE DROP - A member of the Utah Army Guard Special Forces (left) drops from a Utah 211th Aviation Group Blackhawk over Dugway Proving Ground during Global Apache.**

A variety of aircraft also participated in Global Apache including the B1-B, B-52, F-15, F-18, F-16, A-10, Harriers, AWACS, KC-135, C-130, C-141, C-5, Blackhawk and Apache helicopters.

licopters.

The exercise, Galton insisted, proved to be a superior way for active and reserve component soldiers and airmen from the U.S. and Canada to practice their warfighting skills in a joint environment.

"It's our hope that the training concept of Global Apache will continue into the future," he said, "and grow in complexity and richness as diverse units come to play."

## INSIDE GLOBAL APACHE

Father, son from Pennsylvania Air Guard are lead forecasters at major joint exercise

# Weathering 'APACHE'

By Lt. Col. Chris Cleaver  
Pennsylvania National Guard

**W**hile operations for Global Apache spanned nearly coast-to-coast, a Pennsylvania Air Guard father and son team provided the bulk of the weather forecasting from Dugway Proving Ground, Utah.

Working out of the Air Operations Center, MSgt. George Hathaway and his son, Robert, a staff sergeant, were the lead weather unit for an exercise that involved some 140 units and 7,500 people. Both are assigned to the Keystone State's 140th Weather Flight.

Working with staff weather officer kits (hybrid laptops), the forecasters tracked weather at all four of Apache's major deployment sites: Dugway; Fort Drum, N.Y.; Camp Guernsey, Wyo.; and Volk Field, Wis. Behind them, in the cavernous hangar serving as the operations center, was a temporary plywood wall lined with weather maps and information covering the U.S.

"Our mission here is to provide weather support to the air operations center commander," noted the elder Hathaway. "We brief him on all the operating areas and determine if weather will impact flying operations."

Those operations included 13 different kinds of Army and Air Force aircraft.

The father of six, who has another son in the Florida National Guard, said he and his son's contrasting approaches to their job complement each other.

"My son still has the impatient side of doing things, but he is, by far, better with the computer," Dad said.

The younger Hathaway was quick to respond.

"Dad is better at the politics, getting stuff done," he conceded. "Plus, he is a more experienced forecaster. It's a balance that is very good."

They both admit that, at times, they are so busy there is no time to talk. Most of their interaction, it turns out, is done through the laptops. By accessing various information

sources and downloading it, they prepare their forecasts.

"While our first means of obtaining data is through the tactical LAN (Land Area Network) and the Air Force Global Weather Center, we also use the Internet," George said.

"Anything we can exploit, we use -- Penn State University, even the Weather Channel," Robert added.

Asked if they sometimes disagree with each other's forecasts, they both nodded.

"But after we have some discussion, we always agree," said "Sgt. Dad," as his son often calls him.

"I'm good with the new techniques, but Dad has more experience," Robert interjected. "The bottom line is that we both respect each other's forecasts."

The senior Hathaway is the only full-time member of the weather flight, and because of the 140th's different taskings, it is rare he and his son are deployed together. The 17-person unit provides weather services to a half-dozen different Air Force and Air Guard units. Forecasters are aligned with different units: the senior Hathaway is assigned to the numbered Air Force, while his son is assigned to the 109th Airlift Wing near Schenectady, N.Y. The 109th has the only ski-mounted

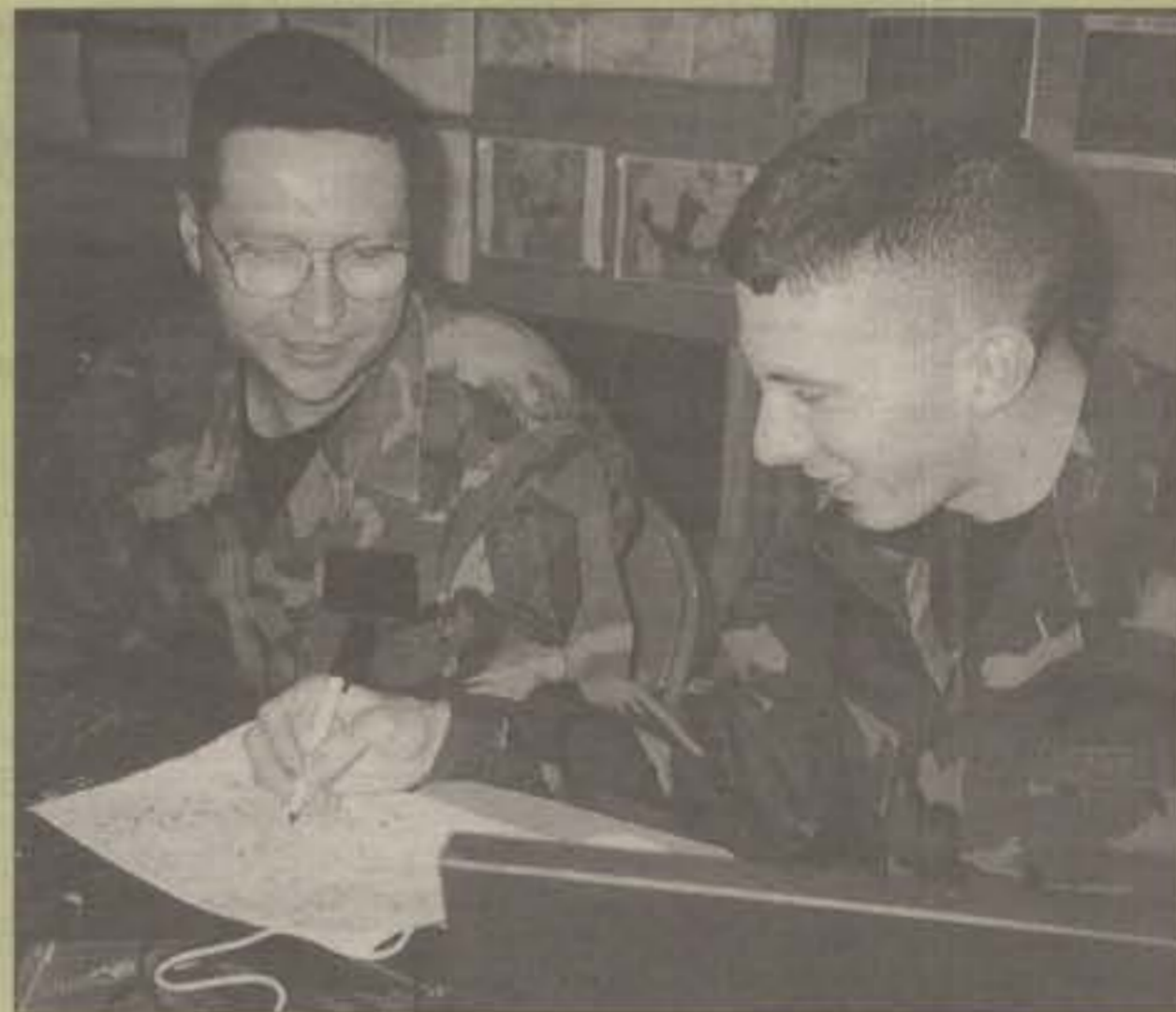


Photo by Lt. Col. Chris Cleaver

**FAMILY FORECASTERS - SMSgt. George Hathaway (left) and his son SSgt. Robert Hathaway, compare notes as they predict the weather for Global Apache. Both are members of the Pennsylvania Air Guard's 140th Weather Flight.**

C-130Hs in the Air Force. They fly missions to the North and South Poles, an admitted weather challenge.

Pennsylvania is the only state in the nation that is home to three weather flights. It's also home to the country's second largest Guard organization with 22,500 members assigned.



## STATES

• Ripley Museum • Buckeye Ambassadors • Florida Air Defenders

## MINNESOTA

What once was a pistol range is now home to 58 birds, 44 mammals, three amphibians and reptiles, and several fish. The pistol range is actually Camp Ripley's animal museum.

Camp Ripley is a 53,000-acre military training camp. That land abounds with plant and animal life. Surveys identified 565 plant specimens, 126 resident bird species, 41 species of fish, 107 types of aquatic invertebrates, 65 species of butterflies, 47 mammal species and eight mussel species. Wildlife of particular interest include the bald eagle, white-tailed deer, black bear, and timber wolf.

The museum is filled with taxidermy animals that have been donated over time. These animals either died of natural causes or were found by the road side.

## WEST VIRGINIA

Air Guardmembers with the 167th Airlift Wing in Martinsburg completed another joint military exercise near Maracay, Venezuela, located about 75 miles southwest of the capital of Caracas.

The 31 Guard men and women trained military medical personnel in aeromedical evacuation procedures, building on what began last year and broadening the scope of the exercise by using both U.S. and Venezuelan C-130 aircraft.

## MINING his BUSINESS

SSgt. Chad Miller, a member of the 116th Cavalry Brigade, arms a live mine at the Orchard Training Area near Boise. Nearly 4,850 Army and Air Guard troops from 13 states participated in the largest ever annual training in Idaho's history. "This is our train-up for the National Training Center (Fort Irwin, Calif.)," said Col. Larry Lafrenz, 116th commander.



Photo by 1st Lt. Dia Logan

## OHIO

Members of the 251st Combat Communications Group in Springfield teamed up with Hungary, recently invited to join NATO. One such relationship has flourished between the 251st Combat Communications Group in Springfield and the Hungarian Air Force.

Through the Ministry of Defense, Communication and Information Systems Division, three Hungarian communications officers visited the 251st to familiarize themselves with the unit's fixed and tactical communications-computer systems.

## PENNSYLVANIA

A B-2 Stealth Bomber was officially named "the Spirit of Pennsylvania" during a ceremony at Willow Grove Naval Air Station, home to the Keystone State Air Guard's 111th Fighter Wing.

Only 21 B-2s have been produced. Pennsylvania's B-2 was the fifteenth to be named.

"With Philadelphia just down the road, the very location where the Constitution and Declaration of Independence were penned, I can't think of a more appropriate place for this dedication," said Gen. Richard Hawley, commander of the Air Force's Air Combat Command. "Just as our founding fathers sought to preserve the American way ... the Spirit of Pennsylvania will protect those ideals for future generations."

## FLORIDA

More than 60 members of the Orlando-based 1st Battalion, 265th Air Defense Artillery recently returned from its largest air defense exercise -- Roving Sands at Fort Bliss, Texas -- having successfully defused the threat of enemy missile launchers.

Theater Missile Defense (TMD) is, like most great ideas, simple in concept but difficult in execution, according to Col. Ted Bitner, commander of the U.S. Army's TMD Tactical Operations Center.

"The Air Force flew about 4,000 sorties during the Gulf War and never found a single launcher," he said. "Today, however, we not only find the launchers, we have proven in a number of major exercises that we can defuse a great deal of the TMD threat."

Defusing that threat, Bitner said, could not have been done without the help from Florida's air defenders.

"We are supporting almost every level of Exercise Roving Sands as part of the Air and Missile Defense Command," reported Maj. Tim Sullivan, 1-265th's operations officer. "What has impressed me is how well we have interfaced with the actual tactical training. We are an active duty/reserve component success story."

Using sophisticated computers, air defenders like Pvt. 2 Jason Clark monitored enemy missiles and relayed critical response time information to those affected units. During the Gulf War, when a SCUD was launched every soldier, sailor and airmen on the ground stopped and donned their protective chemical gear.

Now, with advanced technology and air defenders like the 1-265th on the job, only the units in the predicted impact area are warned, leaving unthreatened units to proceed with their mission.



Photo courtesy White Sands Missile Range

**MISSILE WATCH** - Florida's Lt. Col. Bill Alspach (left) and Maj. Tim Sullivan monitor enemy activity at Roving Sands.



## HISTORY

## • Old Hickory and the Southern Militia

The Southern militia, led by 'Old Hickory,' Andrew Jackson, helped repel the Creek and British Army

# Coming of AGE

By Maj. Wade Houston  
Guest Historian

The war against Alabama's Creek Indians played an important role in the War of 1812 between the U.S. and Britain. It not only added new territory to the United States but spurred the development of the southern militias into capable military organizations.

When the United States occupied Mobile, Ala., in 1813, the Spanish rulers of Florida became convinced that the Americans would soon move against Pensacola. With few troops available, the Spanish governor began arming the Creek Indians, hoping to use them as a buffer against the Americans.

The Americans were aware of this, and when a party of Creeks left Pensacola with a pack train of ammunition, the Mississippi territorial militia, direct ancestor of today's 155th Infantry, moved to intercept them.

Despite the Mississippians surprise attack on the Creeks in July 1813, they were routed by a Creek counterattack. The Creeks then overwhelmed the garrison at Fort Mims, Ala. More than 240 Americans were killed, some of them women and children, galvanizing U.S. public opinion against the Creeks.

Shortly thereafter, the Tennessee and Georgia militias were each ordered to muster 1,500 citizen-soldiers. The Tennessee forces would invade the Creeks from the north, and the Georgians from the east. The Mississippi militia, now augmented with "regular" troops, would attack from the west.

In October 1813, the Mississippians destroyed a major Creek encampment in central Alabama, burning some 200 homes and winter provisions. In November, the Georgia militia, augmented with nearly 300 friendly Creeks from another band, moved against another large encampment. The battle savvy Creeks lost 200 warriors but managed to avoid encirclement. As the Georgians marched home, survivors began consolidating along the Tallapoosa River in Northeast Alabama.

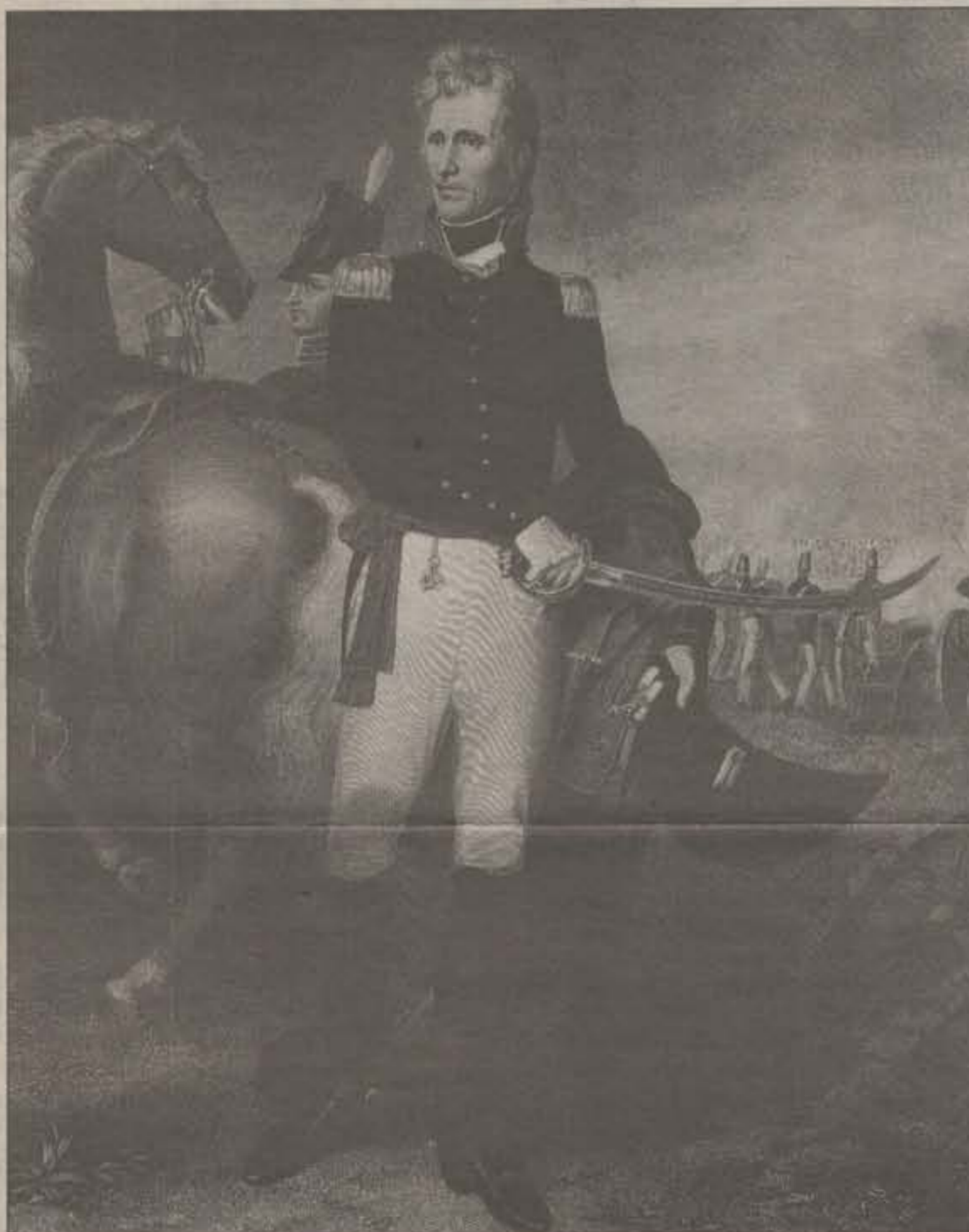


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**OLD HICKORY - Maj. Gen. Andrew Jackson, our 7th U.S. president, stands triumphant after leading the U.S. militia to victory over the British Army in New Orleans in January 1815.**

The Georgians, hearing rumors that the Creeks were being armed by the British, turned back to meet this new threat. On the march, the Georgians were attacked by the now desperate Creeks. Fighting was hand-to-hand, the Americans suffered 179 casualties. They marched back to Georgia as North and South Carolina militia arrived to garrison the forts they had built.

Meanwhile, Creeks in northern Alabama had to contend with one of the greatest soldiers in U.S. history: Andrew Jackson, former commander of the Tennessee militia and now major general of U.S. Volunteers. Two battles in northern Alabama against Jackson's Tennesseans cost the Creeks 1,000 casualties. But despite their success, Jackson's militia threatened mutiny as their terms of service began to expire. However, Jackson's iron will -- and his threat to shoot deserters -- held his

force together. In 1814 he launched another foray into the Creek's shrinking territory.

Recognizing Jackson's ability, The War Department augmented Jackson's force with members of the regular Army's 39th Infantry and an additional 5,000 Tennessee militia.

"Old Hickory" -- the nickname won by Jackson during this campaign -- immediately launched a rigorous training program, blending his regulars and militia into a single fighting force.

In March 1814, Jackson marched his army toward the Creek's last major refuge, a fortified encampment at Horseshoe Bend on the Tallapoosa River. There the Creeks had erected a formidable log barrier, defended by 1,000 warriors, across the horseshoe-shaped peninsula.

Jackson split his forces. He sent some Tennessee militia to surround the horseshoe, while others joined friendly Cherokees to cross the Tallapoosa and attack the tip of the peninsula.

Hearing the firing, Jackson quickly ordered a bayonet charge. Soon, 39th Infantrymen and members of Tennessee's militia crashed through the log barricade.

Desperate fighting lasted all afternoon, but the final American victory broke the fighting power of the Creeks,

who formally surrendered several months later.

Victorious, Jackson -- who had been made a major general in the regular Army -- seized Pensacola from the Spanish in November 1814.

He then headed west to block the attempted British seizure of New Orleans, which led to the great battle there in January 1815.

Jackson's victory at New Orleans, which would eventually propel him to the White House, began in the forests of Alabama.

There, Jackson became recognized as a great military leader. The Creek War also matured the southern militia into an a fighting force, one that would play a major role in stopping the battle-hardened British Army at New Orleans.

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# TRAINING



**DESERVED BREAK** - Spc. Doug Smithey (above) drinks a soda inside a school his unit built.

North Carolina engineers  
build schools in Ecuador

## Constructing a FUTURE

By SSgt. Bob Jordan  
North Carolina National Guard

Parading down a dirt road to the beat of a handmade drum, Ecuadorian children celebrated as they made their way to a new elementary school built for them by North Carolina Army Guard engineers.

The Guardmembers, from the 505th Engineer Battalion headquartered in Gastonia, N.C., built one elementary school and two preschools in San Lorenzo, an economically depressed area in the northwest corner of Ecuador near the Pacific Ocean.

As soldiers from Company A, located in Taylorsville and North Wilkesboro, put the finishing touches on the school, children lined up outside the building to receive clothes and school supplies donated by the Tar Heel State Guard and their families.

The humanitarian mission, which started in May and ended in August, saw more than 300 engineers make the trip from North Carolina to San Lorenzo in six, 50-member rotations to build the three buildings that will be used by more than 300 Ecuadorian children.

Maj. Mickey Bradley, project officer, said the South American country presented his engineers with many obstacles.

"This was a tough place to do business," he reported. "We battled lots of rain, heat and humidity, plus the bugs and 'Jake the Snake,' but we got the job done.



**ECUADOR EFFORT** - Spc. Terrance Benton (center photo, right) directs a front end loader dumping gravel into a ditch. Spc. Robert Frye (left) has a section of tin roof reflecting through his glass as he works on a school in San Lorenzo.



**CUTTING EDGE** - Spc. Bobbie Joe Williams (above) uses a cutting torch to trim roof bolts on a day care center in Ecuador.

"Our troops were up to the challenge," he added. "They did an excellent job under the toughest of conditions."

Taking a break from mixing concrete, Taylorsville native Spc. Clifton Anderson called the deployment "a great experience."

"These people down here really need our help," he said, "and it makes me feel good to be a part of it."

While Spc. Athena Marlowe, a senior at Western Carolina University, admitted to yearning for a return to her studies in Cullowhee, she characterized her trip as "eye opening."

"It really makes me appreciate the things I take for granted back home," she said.

SSgt. Jamie Robinson, a 23-year Guard vet who works for the Department of Transportation, proclaimed the Ecuador effort as the "best summer camp" he had

ever been on.

"It's probably the toughest place I've been, but we've left the people of San Lorenzo something they can use for years."

Those benefits, Bradley observed, went both ways.

"It's been a brand new experience for



Photos by SSgt. Bob Jordan

**DITCH DIGGING** - North Carolina's 505th Engineers dig a drainage ditch for a school in Ecuador.

a lot of our people," he said. "But I think that everyone who worked on this project will take home memories that will stay with them the rest of their lives."