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Special Olympians get lift

Connecticut Guard credited with events' smooth operation

By SSgt. Steve Markowski
Connecticut National Guard

The Connecticut Army National Guard's hand print on the 1995 Special Olympics World Games, the biggest sports event in the world this year, was unmistakable. And that was before they led the opening ceremonies parade into the Yale Bowl.

Planning for the Guard's involvement began shortly after New Haven was chosen the host city two years ago.

An estimated 750,000 spectators attended events over a nine-day period.

The entire operation proved an enormous logistical effort for Headquarters State Area Command. Several hundred Guardmembers participated in the opening ceremonies, where each delegation from 140 countries was escorted by a Nutmeg-State Guardmember.

With 7,000 athletes competing in New Haven's summer heat and humidity, weather-related injuries were a major concern.

More than 146 medical personnel from the 118th Medical Battalion spent their annual training supporting the olympians.

"People have been volunteering to run double shifts, this has been such a positive experience," said Lt. Col. Jay Hans, 118th commander, stressing the fact that the medics are not treating simulated

injuries. "They're using skills they've trained years to develop."

Capt. Kevin McMahon, 118th battalion training officer, says there's no substitute for providing on-site medical treatment for real people.

"This is giving a great deal of confidence to our medics, because it's allowing them to use their skills on real patients, rather than troops wearing moulage kits simulating injuries."

Medics remained on-site during competition at more than 40 Special Olympics venues in and around New Haven. A primary function was to treat athletes, on-site if possible, so they could return to the games.

The experience working with Special Olympians also allowed the combat medics an opportunity to hone other skills.

"In medical care, there's a caring aspect, as well as a 'band aid' aspect," McMahon said. "Here, the caring aspect that comes out is really amazing."

Fifty volunteer Guardsmen and women

also maintained a total of 580 water stations.

World Games President Tim Shriver was pleased with the Guard's contributions.

"They used their expertise and resources in organizing and moving a massive number of people, many of whom spoke different languages. One thing that really impressed me was the tremendous spirit displayed by the Guard. It really helped us feel the excitement in the opening ceremonies and beyond."

"To me," he added, "it represents the Guard at its very best."



Photo by SSgt. Steve Markowski

SPECIAL CARE - Members of the Connecticut Army Guard's 118th Medical Battalion assist an injured olympian.



Photo by Spc. Van Hope

**'PALMETTO'
PROTECTION**

Members of the South Carolina Guard prevent an 'angry citizen' from breaking ranks during an emergency preparedness drill. See related story on Page 16.

DRUG USE IS LIFE ABUSE



COMMENTARY

COUNTERDRUG UPDATE

• As of Aug. 1, 7,131 counterdrug operations were conducted throughout the nation.

• As of Aug. 1, the total value of cash and drugs seized this fiscal year by police with National Guard assistance is \$9.551 billion.

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LETTERS

FLYING HIGH IN MICHIGAN

In the April issue of *The On Guard* there were two articles that contained erroneous information.

In the article about the 183rd Fighter Group participating in Operation Cobra Gold, it was stated: "this is the first time an Air National Guard unit participated."

While the 183rd may have been the first Air Guard F-16 unit to participate in Cobra Gold, Michigan's 110th Fighter Group deployed 116 people and six A-10 aircraft to Cobra Gold last May. They are the first fighter unit to participate.

Also, the article about the 104th Fighter Group supporting peacekeeping duties at Aviano AB, Italy, does not reflect the true picture. Again, Michigan's 110th FG was the lead unit, deploying a total of 333 people in three 20-22 day rotations.

Some of the other Air Guard units that augmented the deployment were: Connecticut's 103rd FG (41 people), Massachusetts' 104th Fighter Wing (37 people), Maryland's 175th FG (25 people), Pennsylvania's 111th FG (10 people) and Michigan's 127th FW (nine people).

The men and women of the 110th, based in Battle Creek, are proud of our accomplishments and grateful for the outstanding support from our fellow Guardsmen in other states.

MSgt. Brian Ziskal
Michigan National Guard

HISTORIC MISCUE

I was surprised to see the picture of Pvt. John L. Lyons and Tec. 5 Alfred

Weiland, both of the 125th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (formerly 2nd Squadron, 113th Cavalry Regiment, Iowa Army National Guard) and Maj. Nikolai Harlanoff, 121st Elite Division, Russian Army, in your publication.

I was a member of the 125th, and was there when the picture was taken.

My questions are: Why was the picture used and why didn't you identify the people in the picture and connect it to a unit?

The picture has nothing to do with any of the National Guard Divisions listed in the article.

Brig. Gen. Arnold Harjehausen (ret.)
Des Moines, Iowa

Editor's Note: We were simply trying to illustrate the story with a photo of VE day with National Guardsmen involved.

TRUCKERS REMEMBERED

Presently, I'm a first sergeant with a light/medium truck company. I served in Desert Storm, however, not with the present unit assigned. It has come to my attention that CSM William McBride, CSM for the 82nd Airborne, had some positive comments about my present unit. After some research, I have discovered the attached story as part of the book, *Leading the Way*, written by Al Santoli.

CSM McBride comments on the four truck companies assigned to his division during Desert Storm. The four companies were National Guard truck companies, one of which is the 1058th, my present unit.

The excerpt reads as follows:

"We are affiliated with a lot of Reserve and National Guard units. You've got to bless their hearts for being dedicated and sacrificing their time to help out. But, I

had some concerns whether they would be adequate to the task. We had a number of those units attached to us in the desert. All in support or service roles. We had four National Guard truck companies who drove us into Iraq. They performed magnificently."

1st Sgt. David Costa
Massachusetts National Guard

PRIDEFUL PROSE

This poem was written by SSgt. William Griego, a member of New Mexico's HHB, 111th Air Defense Artillery, while he attended the Basic NCO Course.

We all came together to train and learn, showing the professionalism and ranks we all had to learn.

Though times were confusing and sometimes long, we all met the challenge, whether right or wrong.

Our ideas were different coming from different lands, we met the course standards that were high in demand.

From morning to night we marched in stride, from class to mess we all kept our pride.

From aerobics to running our bodies took a toll, knowing importance of physical bearing is the Army's role.

The bond among us all was simple and true, coming from strangers we hardly knew.

In final we part, leaving us to know, the importance of our mission as an NCO.

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GUARD TOONS

By Lyle Farquhar



"Believe me, airman, we're all proud of your CCAF degree. But I don't think a BDU cap and gown is authorized."



IN THE NEWS

- Female pilot
- Cougar corraled
- Top enlisted

Idaho tankers fire on target

Kouma award recognizes Army National Guard's best crew

An Idaho National Guard platoon from Emmett is the Army National Guard's top tank crew.

The 2nd Platoon of Company A, 2nd Battalion, 116th Cavalry Brigade scored higher than more than 2,000 other reserve units, said the company commander, 1st Lt. Phil Verghese.

As a result, the unit received the MSgt. Kouma award, named for a tank commander who won the Medal of Honor in the Korean war.

"We have the advantage of taking a lot of time doing tough, realistic training," Verghese said. "Our unit is really tight; everybody helps each other out."

The platoon has four M1A1 Abrams tanks and practices at and competed at the Orchard Training Range south of Boise, where the competition was held.

"I knew my guys were shooting extremely well, but



Photo courtesy Idaho National Guard

PROUD CREW - Idaho's 2nd platoon, the Army's best tankers, pose with their awards.

we had no idea just how well," said 1st Lt. Mark Palmer, 2nd platoon leader. "This is really an incredible honor."

The tanks are late-model, 63-ton behemoths that can go 50 mph and are equipped with a 120 mm gun.

The Kouma contest, conducted over two years, included shooting at targets from standing positions and while moving. The 2nd platoon scored 3,309 points out of a possible 4,000.

"It's an achievement that was done by teamwork, dedication, attention to detail and the will to do the best," said tank loader Spc. Rich Miranda.

Utah helps corral cougar on base

By TSgt. Ren Willie
Utah National Guard

The landing gear of a KC-135 air refueling tanker became a temporary refuge for a two-year-old male cougar at the Utah Air Guard Base in Salt Lake City.

Spotting the cougar in the grass at the northeast end of the runway, air traffic controllers notified the Airport Authority and Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR). Air National Guard Security Police were also asked to assist.

A fleet of vehicles directed the cougar toward the ANG aircraft parking ramp where he was shot with a tranquilizer dart. Jumping a fence, the cougar found a safe spot to observe people and trucks from the shade between the wheels of the KC-135's landing gear.

Unaffected by the first dart, the cougar was shot again by DWR personnel. The cougar jumped up, walked around in the aircraft's shadow, then returned to the wheels of the landing gear.

Twenty minutes later the dart took effect and the cougar was restrained and transported by DWR to the west desert mountains.

According to MSgt. Craig Leaper, base photographer, it is not unusual



Photo by MSgt. Craig Leaper

DEN OF WHEELS - A cougar rests between the wheels of a Utah Guard-owned KC-135.

to see cougars at this time of year. Mother cougars drive two-year-old cubs out of the den. The young cougars begin the search for their own territory.

"This cougar just happened to end up at the airport," Leaper said.

Lt. Col. J. C. Filbert, Air Force Advisor, commented that the potentially dangerous incident, while creating some excitement, was handled professionally.

"It gave Guardsmen a chance to put their Operational Readiness Inspection training (intruder alert) to good use," he said. "It also demonstrated the advantages of civilian and military cooperation."

NATIONAL BRIEFS

MACVAY PINS SECOND STAR

Pennsylvania's Acting Adjutant General, James W. MacVay was promoted to Major General recently. A native of Clarks Summit, MacVay has been a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard since 1957.

JACK, JOHNSON NAMED TO TOP ENLISTED POSITIONS

Three decades of soldiering have led Marvin R. Jack to the highest enlisted job in the Washington Army National Guard, the state Command Sergeant Major. Jack has been a member of the Guard for 32 years.

CSM Larry G. Johnson has become the state Command Sergeant Major for Nebraska. He began his career with the Nebraska Army National Guard in January 1961 and served in leadership positions from squad leader to command sergeant major.

CAROLINA WELCOMES FEMALE FIGHTER PILOT

Some people have high aspirations, but Alice "Tally" Parham's aspirations are in high places. She may soon be the first female fighter pilot in an elite South Carolina Air National Guard squadron, the 169th Fighter Group.

Parham, a 25-year-old law student and daughter of a pilot, was tapped by the fighter group based at McEntire Air National Guard Base near Columbia, S.C., to begin her flight training early next year. When she returns to the unit she will fly the F-16 Fighting Falcon.

MAPLE FLAG CONCLUDES

Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve units recently completed their participation in a Canadian training exercise that began in late April, named "Maple Flag 28." The exercise was multinational, sponsored by the Canadian military, and conducted at Cold Lake Canadian Forces Base in northeastern Alberta.

More than 200 aircraft and 4,500 people from the U.S., Canada, England, Germany and Italy participated in the six-week exercise that pitted units in mock battle.

While some fighter pilots tried to shoot down aircraft, transport pilots tried to evade. Among the lessons learned was how C-130 Hercules transports can evade fighter attacks by flying lower and banking sharply.

Income insurance being considered

An insurance plan to pay mobilized National Guardmembers up to \$5,000 a month has been approved by a House committee.

The proposed "ready reserve income insurance" is a response to complaints during the Persian Gulf War by Guardmembers who lost money when mobilized because their military pay and benefits were less than the private-sector salaries they gave up.

As approved May 24 by the House National Security Committee, the insurance would pay when a Guardsman or woman is ordered to active duty on a operational mission for more than 30 days or is activated in support of a declared war or national emergency.

The insurance plan, approved as a part of the 1996 Defense Authorization Bill, is modeled after a Pentagon proposal rejected by the Office of Management and Budget, which viewed it as potentially very expensive.

The reason for the high cost is that it could take as long as 17 years to build an insurance trust fund large enough to cover the cost of a single, large mobilization.

In the meantime, taxpayers would pay benefits if liabilities exceeded the money on hand from premiums.

As approved by the committee, the insurance would pay monthly a minimum of \$1,000 and a maximum of \$5,000. Guardmembers would be allowed to select coverage between those two limits in increments of \$500.

The bill would not set premium rates. That would be done by a Pentagon board of actuaries if enacted.

The bill envisions a one-time, sign-up period of 30 days for all current Guardmembers. New Guardsmen and women would decide whether to participate and how much coverage to get when they join.

In both cases, their decision would be irrevocable.

Reprinted from the Army Times.

Kansas erects B-57 display

By CMSgt. Steve Mercer
Kansas National Guard

Greek mythology tells us of a fabled bird called "Phoenix" that rose from its own ashes.

As the story goes, only one such "Phoenix" would exist at any specific time and it was larger than the eagle. The bird would end its life burning itself on a funeral pyre and then a new, reborn bird would rise from the ashes.

Recently, the "Phoenix" rose again. This was not the bird of Greek mythology, but a B-57 that members of Kansas' 190th Air Refueling Group restored and placed on static display at the entrance to Forbes Field ANGB in Topeka.

After many volunteer hours of work over the last 10 years, members of the 190th, both past and present, saw their "Phoenix" rise in the morning sun. The project was conceived by a couple of organizational maintenance personnel, "old B-57 crewchiefs."

The project, though, hinged on acquiring the burned fuselage of an EB-57B that was sitting at Richards Gebaur AFB, Mo. The aircraft caught fire while at Richards Gebaur and was left as a total loss. After much research and diligence, the unit was authorized to bring the shell to Forbes Field. With the assistance of the Kansas Army National Guard, the aircraft was airlifted by helicopter to Topeka, approximately 70 miles away.

Once in the hands of the 190th person-

nel, they evaluated their treasure to determine what parts were missing or needed replacing. The group recalled that several B-57s were taken to the Army Proving Grounds at Aberdeen, Md., and used as targets. The 190th obtained permission, through Air Force and Air National Guard channels, to retrieve the needed parts from old B-57s at Aberdeen. After getting the parts back to Forbes Field, the project team replaced, installed and manufactured pieces until the aircraft was restored to static display condition.

Local contractors were recruited to design and build the supporting structures for the static display. Another contractor with two cranes and unit members

twin engine bomber, until the unit converted to KC-135 tankers in 1978. Hutchinson was the original home of the 190th, but in the fall of 1967 the unit moved with its RB-57A aircraft, to Forbes AFB in Topeka.

There, the unit shared the location with the active Air Force, until the base was deactivated and became an ANGB.

During the late 60s, the unit served as a schoolhouse for B-57 aircrews. With the development of the F-111, the B-57G was replaced in Southeast Asia. With the B-57G available for reassignment to state-side units, the 190th Reconnaissance Group was redesignated the 190th Bomb Group flying the B-57G.

In the 70s, the unit again converted to EB-57B aircraft, taking on an Air Defense System Evaluation mission for the Air Defense Command.

According to Col. Duane Ellington, 190th commander, there is still a lot of work to be done. Over the next few months, the landscaping around the display area

will be completed and the aircraft itself will have more work accomplished. This work will include closing the wheel well areas so birds will not be able to build nests. Electricity will be added to the aircraft to operate the navigation lights at night.

Like the bird of Greek mythology, the aircraft appears to rise to the sun. It also stands as a symbol of immortality to the members of the 190th, past and present.



Photo by CMSgt. Steve Mercer

ON DISPLAY - Kansas' 190th's B-57 rests at Forbes Field.

to assist, raised the newly painted and marked aircraft to its place of honor. The aircraft silhouettes the main entrance to the Air National Guard Base, perched at 10 degrees nose up, 17 degrees right bank, altitude.

Since 1958 the 190th has flown several models of the B-57 Canberra,

PUPPY CARE

Texas Army Guard's Sgt. Tracey Hall (left), a member of the 1836th Veterinary Detachment, helps Linda Muro sign in her puppy 'Tinani' for its first rabies vaccination. Texas Guardmembers assisted at community vaccination clinics in seven different counties in response to the spread of gray fox rabies in west-central Texas.



Photo by SSgt. Brenda Branner



PEOPLE

Charles Rutledge voluntarily resigned his commission to spend more time in the Oklahoma Army Guard

From COLONEL to SERGEANT

By Sgt. Tim Pinkham
U.S. Army Reserve

Sgt. Charles Rutledge of Lone Grove loves being in the Oklahoma Army National Guard. In fact, he loves it so much he voluntarily resigned his commission as an officer in 1984 and traded his colonel's eagles for sergeant's stripes, so he could continue wearing the uniform for another 11 years.

When Rutledge, 59, retires in September after 42 years in the National Guard, he will do so as a colonel, which is the highest rank he held.

After 27 years as an officer, from 1957 to 1984, Rutledge said he decided to resign his commission. Army regulations would only allow him to remain three additional years as a colonel. As an enlisted soldier, he could stay until age 60.

Rutledge is assigned to the supply section of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 345th Support Battalion, from Ardmore, Okla. He served from 1981 to 1984 as commanding officer for the same unit, although at the time it was known as the 245th Transportation Battalion.

Also working in the supply section is his son, SSgt. Charles S. "Steve" Rutledge. Both men live in Long



Photo by Sgt. Tim Pinkham

Grove, which is seven miles west of Ardmore.

Steve Rutledge, 39, has been in the National Guard for 22 years. He jokingly said his father put pressure on him to join, a claim the elder Rutledge denies.

"After I got in, I enjoyed it," said the younger Rutledge. "I'll try to stay as long as I can. I enjoy working with my dad. We get along well. I enjoy the people I work with;

FAMILY EFFORT - SSgt. Steve Rutledge (left) and his dad SSgt. Charles Rutledge tape a chemical protective suit.

it's almost like a family."

The pair worked together recently when 20 members of the 345th spent two weeks in Panama providing support to active Army units. The Rutledges organized and consolidated the supply room of the 1097th Transportation Company (Heavy Boat) at Fort Clayton, Panama.

While performing his military duties, the elder Rutledge said he has had no problems with other soldiers concerning his change of rank. He said everyone treats him as a staff sergeant. Although his past rank of colonel is ignored by subordinates and officers, he said it provides a catalyst for respect.

There are different responsibilities as a sergeant compared to an officer, said Rutledge. "I don't have nearly the stress and strain (now that I'm) an enlisted person," he added.

Charles Rutledge has seen a lot of changes in the Army during his many years in uniform. When he first enlisted, soldiers still wore brown shoes, khakis and Ike jackets. Before 1956, Guardsmen attended basic training at their unit. Instead of meeting on weekends, he said, Guardsmembers met two hours every Wednesday night.

Although uniforms and equipment have changed, Rutledge said leadership remains the same.

"If you think you are capable of leading soldiers, you should be able to follow them," said Rutledge. "I don't know how good I was (as an officer), because there is always someone better. I tried to do the best I could and treat everyone equal."



Photo by 1st Lt. Richard Blandy

A BREAK - Spc. David Campbell (above) takes a break from training.

No longer a foot soldier

By 1st Lt. Richard K. Blandy
Pennsylvania National Guard

Spc. David Campbell, a college student at Lock Haven University studying secondary English education, recently traded in his college books for an M-16 rifle and his car for a ride in an M-113 armored personnel carrier.

Campbell, a member of Company B, 1st Battalion, 109th Infantry of Williamsport, was on annual training at Fort Pickett in southern Virginia with the Pennsylvania Army National Guard.

The 109th's emphasis on training at Fort Pickett is squad and

platoon-level assault tactics in the armored carrier. The battalion recently converted from regular infantry to mechanized infantry.

"We were recently foot soldiers and the transition came a few months back to mechanized with the M-113s," Campbell said. "We went through classroom training back at the unit and had some hands-on training at the motor pool, but this annual training gives us more familiarization with the equipment."

Campbell said it is much different riding in the armored carrier then marching over the

battlefield, because the terrain goes by much faster. The armored carriers have a 50mm machine gun mounted on top that provides more protection for the soldiers in the field.

The only drawback, according to Campbell, is that Company B must now take on an enemy with much larger caliber weapons. He added the training atmosphere at Fort Pickett is much different from training at Fort Indiantown Gap in Annville.

"Leaving the state and going to another, you are removed from your hometown and the surroundings you know," Campbell

explained. "The climate is different, the insects are different and things you have to deal with in the field are different."

Capt. Martin J. Kane of Company A, 1-109th Infantry, said the reorganization has been going well, but there are still many training obstacles to overcome.

"I would say the maintenance on the track vehicles is the most difficult thing," said Kane. "We figure it will take about 18 months to bring Bravo Company up to speed with the new carriers."

Despite these obstacles, Campbell said he is enjoying the training at Pickett.

"I like the Infantry," he said. "When people say U.S. Army, that's all they ever think about; the Infantry."

More BANG Guard for the Bureau BUCK

Chief, Lt. Gen. Edward Baca, visits Guardmembers serving abroad

By Maj. Tom Wilkinson
Virginia National Guard

More bang for your buck. It's what Deborah Lee, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, promises taxpayers when Guard and Reserve troops conduct business at home and abroad.

Currently, more than 2,500 Guardmembers are deployed in more than 25 countries around the world.

Recently, Lt. Gen. Edward Baca, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, visited with Guardsmen and women serving in places like Germany, Egypt, Turkey, Italy, France, Belgium and Iceland.

In Egypt, Georgia's 878th Engineer Battalion was renovating and building facilities to support future U.S. training exercises there.

In the Sinai, a battalion of Guardmembers and Reservists from 23 states monitored infractions to the Egypt/Israeli Peace Accord. More than 60 percent of the troops deployed to protect the peninsula are National Guardmembers (mostly from Virginia and Maryland's 29th Infantry Division). It is the first time in the history of the treaty that the Guard has assumed primary responsibility for the region.

The Guard's six-month rotation, serving as part of the Multi-National Force and Observer peacekeeping mission, allows active duty brigades to train and prepare for other real world contingencies.

"They have done their job, and done it exceptionally well with professionalism and maturity," said Australian Maj. Gen. David B. Ferguson, the MFO's regional commander.

At Incirlik, Turkey, Alabama's 187th Fighter Group is conducting missions in Iraq enforcing the "no-fly zone" as part of Operation Provide Comfort.

Kansas' 190th Air Refueling Group and New York's 107th Air Refueling Group were found over the Adriatic Sea recently supporting Operation Deny Flight.

The 107th, 109th and New Hampshire's 157th Air Refueling Group made headlines recently because of their role in rescuing Capt. Scott O'Grady, an F-16 pilot shot down over Bosnia, June 2.

"Being a pilot, I can imagine what he (O'Grady) must have been going



CHIEF VISIT - Lt. Gen. Edward Baca, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, inspects Guard soldiers in the Sinai (bottom photo), shares a laugh with a soldier (far left), places a cinder block on a new school building to the delight of soldiers (left) and chats with Panamanians.



Photos by MSgt. John Thornton



through," said Capt. Brian Becker, one of the Kansas pilots who flew the mission. "We could hear the fighter pilots talking to O'Grady, and when they relayed that they saw his smoke, we knew that we had rescued him."

As with all of his visits with Guardsmen and women serving abroad, Gen. Baca was greeted warmly.

"When we heard that Air National

Guard crews had participated in the mission, then we got to see and talk to them ... My gosh, the whole unit was sky high," said Baca.

In Germany, Guardmembers and Army Reservists are involved with the Overseas Deployment Training Program at the Equipment Maintenance Center-Europe. The program allows Guard and Reserve combat service support units to conduct

wartime missions overseas.

"A lot of people think we've turned the lights out over here in Germany, but that couldn't be further from the truth," said Col. Joseph Luckett, the senior Army National Guard advisor at Headquarters 21st Theater Area Army Command. "We're here looking at the missions that U.S. Army Europe must accomplish. They have fewer active people to work

Two Illinois security police squadrons
join forces to obtain goal in Nevada

SILVER FLAG

By MSgt William Sulinckas
Illinois National Guard

Two units of the Illinois Air National Guard merged forces while attending Silver Flag Alpha's desert warfare training at Indian Springs Air Force Auxiliary Field, Nev. Members of the 182nd (Peoria) and 126th (O'Hare



Photos by MSgt. John Thornton



MAKING A POINT - Lt. Gen. Edward Baca discusses construction in South America (above), holds a baby girl (top photo).

with, but the same workload. That's where the National Guard comes in."

Iceland, the land of fire and ice, is currently home to members of Oregon's 142nd Fighter Group. With five F-15As at their disposal, they are defending airspace over Iceland. New York's 107th is also there providing support.

"It's a real pleasure to work with Air National Guard units," said Lt. Col. Bob Donze, the active duty commander of the air squadron there. "We're very proud to be a part of the total force package."

As is the Guard Bureau's Chief.

"Missions like these are critical," Baca observed. "Everywhere I go, the Air Force tells me they couldn't do it without the support of the Air Guard."

"During the last six months, I have visited 29 states, SOUTHCOM and Europe twice," he continued. "I have never been more convinced in my 38 years of service, that our founding fathers were absolutely brilliant with the concept of the citizen-soldier."

Airport) Security Police Squadrons went to Silver Flag seeking the "special experience identifier" to become air base defense-qualified. Twenty-seven people from the 182nd and 17 from 126th deployed to Nevada to form the 44-person defense team necessary to attend the course.

Maj. Conrad F. Hlavacek, 182nd and deployment commander, was surprised by the success of the merge.

"Initially, I had some concerns for the personnel being able to complete the training as a composite of two separate Guard units," he said. "The merger of these two groups exceeded my expectations."

"I would not have any reservations in entering a real-world situation with this outstanding group of men and women," Hlavacek added.

After being dropped in Nevada by Rhode Island's 143rd Airlift Group, the security police went to work learning air base defense doctrine. It entailed vehicle and equipment familiarization (scope shield tactical radios, pyrotechnics, night vision devices) and desert and chemical warfare survival.

The first week also included M-16 and M-60 weapons qualification and M-203 grenade launcher training. The familiarization also included night-firing using both tracer rounds and overhead flare illumination. Adding to the realism, three Harrier jets utilized the adjacent live bombing range, dropping several cluster bombs.

The second week provided classroom and field training on land navigation. Members were then sent out in two-person teams for a four-hour navigation training exercise.

Illinois SPs also learned military operations on urban terrain. This training had the police flights conduct an urban assault on the training site. The exercise included land navigation to the site, establishing a secure perimeter and conducting a search and clear operation within a mock town.

The end of the two-week training came with a 48-hour deployment of the Flight to provide security for a mock radar site under field conditions. All aspects of air base defense were incorporated into the exercise and evaluated by the Silver Flag Alpha cadre.

Several subordinate tasks were added to ensure that the 182nd and the 126th's collective operating procedures remained flexible.

Two fire teams were tasked on the first night to assist in providing protection for a ground convoy through hostile territory. A search and recovery effort for a downed aircraft/pilot near the site was conducted with the team providing ground coordination with a para-rescue helicopter from near-by Nellis AFB.

The Illinois Guardmembers proved to be one of the best units observed by the Silver Flag Alpha cadre. Many favorable comments were made about how well the unit completed its training and taskings as a merged unit.

All of the security police that went to Nevada received their special experience identifier.

"It was a rewarding experience," said CMSgt. Jose Villanueva. "Many of the career Guardsmen were able to learn new techniques. All of us discovered our personal limits and how to overcome tough situations."

RAPELLER - A member of Illinois 182nd Security Police Squadron is assisted through a two-story window using M-16 rifles.



Photo courtesy Illinois National Guard

EDUCATION

Graduating debt-free

For those based in states offering a 100% tuition break, going to college doesn't mean going broke

By TSgt. John Malthaner
National Guard Bureau

Urbana, Ill., campus. She would be responsible for the rest.

Welcome to the Illinois National Guard.

By making a six-year commitment, Nevius also qualified for the GI Bill. These days, according to Lt. Col. Kenneth Ducter, the Army National Guard's education services officer, students enrolled full-time (at least 12 credit hours) receive \$192 a month.

With her tuition covered, Nevius used the GI Bill stipend to pay for her books and other fees (medical insurance and transportation, to name a few). Her sister Kristin, an Illini freshman, has followed suit.

According to the *National Guard Almanac*, nine states offer their Guardmembers (see list) a 100 percent

Sgt. Jennifer Nevius recently earned a degree in biochemistry from the University of Illinois. However, unlike many of her peers who received college diplomas this year, the 23-year-old has something most graduates do not ... a degree that's paid for.

"Because of the Guard, I have no debt," she said.

A member of Illinois' 182nd Fighter Group, based in Peoria, Nevius enlisted into the Air National Guard with one intention: to take advantage of the 100 percent tuition waiver offered at Illinois state colleges.

"My father (a retired lieutenant colonel from the 182nd) sat me down before I went off to college and explained my options," she recalled. In short, her parents would cover the cost for living at the

tuition break; some even cover fees. Additionally, all but 12 states (see list), offer some kind of monetary inducement to attend college.

"Our principle goal is to recruit college-capable young men and women into the National Guard," Ducter said.

"States with tuition assistance programs typically do not have strength problems."

MSgt. John Ashfield, the Army Guard's recruiting operations NCO, sees merit in Ducter's observation. Before taking a job at the Bureau, Ashfield toiled as a recruiter in New Bedford, Mass., once home to the 1st Battalion, 211th Field Artillery. The unit has since been inactivated. Massachusetts Guardmembers have long enjoyed free schooling.

"Even to enlistees who were not immediately college-bound, the 100 percent tuition break was very important," Ashfield said. "I think there is a certain security in knowing that as long as you're a member of the Guard, you'll have the opportunity for higher education."

Ducter points to a recent RAND Corporation study that concluded educational benefits were the "primary reason" people joined the military.



Graduate SSgt. Jennifer Nevius.

STATE HELP

FULL RIDE

Alabama
Connecticut
Hawaii
Illinois
Louisiana
Massachusetts
New Jersey
Oklahoma
West Virginia

NO RIDE

Arkansas
Guam
Idaho
Indiana
Maryland
Michigan
Montana
New Mexico
New York
Vermont
Washington
Wyoming

Source: National Guard Almanac

"Overall, education benefits are more cost effective recruiting and retention incentives than bonuses," he said. "It takes \$3 in bonuses to provide the same benefit as \$1 spent on education."

As for Nevius, who is presently seeking an active duty commission, earning a degree with the Guard's help is the only way to go.

"I got more out of my college experience than most of my peers," Nevius said. "Any Guardmember who has attended school full-time, while keeping up with their Guard requirements, can appreciate the sacrifice it takes."

Members of the Air Guard get in-residence credit for leadership school

Learning via SATELLITE

Using the concept of distance education, the Air National Guard Noncommissioned Officer Academy graduated the first-ever NCO Academy Seminar Program class recently.

This validation class, which began Jan. 2, had 97 Air National Guard and four active Air Force students.

Guardmembers from seven states participated.

Conducting an NCO Academy class through distance education is a first for the Air National Guard and the Air Force, according to SMSgt. Dave Tussey, director of the Air National Guard NCO Academy Distance Learning Seminar Program and a member of the Air Force Distance Education and Training Action Board committee.

Students in the program receive the same curriculum presented to students in the traditional six-week NCO Academy.

Only the method of delivery differs.

The concept in the NCO Academy Seminar Program is similar to other distance learning formats with the addition of a trained facilitator to guide the seminars. Students receive bi-weekly satellite transmissions of a lesson from the Professional Military Education Center at McGhee Tyson ANGB, Tenn. Following the satellite transmission, the local site facilitator leads a discussion of the lesson. Instructors at McGhee Tyson are available via telephone or fax to answer any questions after the transmissions.

In the program, students attend classes at their local unit two nights a week for 4 1/2 months. Home station training is immediately followed by two weeks of in-residence training at the Academy at McGhee Tyson.

The new format offers more traditional Guardmembers the opportunity to attend Professional Military Education, said Tussey. The distance learning format also affords Air Force, Guard and Reserve members in critical positions the



opportunity to attend PME without leaving their duty sections for an extended period. Tussey added that the program is an additional method of attending the Academy, not a replacement for the traditional six-week format.

"You have to be committed. It's not something you can enter into lightly; you have to really want it," says TSgt. Shayne Palmer, a graduate.

TSgt. Lauren Brown, a senior medical occupational training manager stationed at Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio, is one of four active duty members who enrolled.





Photos by MSgt. Curt Trent



"This program is more in tune and designed for folks who have families or special needs," she said.

Brown, who attended NCO Leadership School in residence, says the instruction in the program is comparable. She added that there is more commitment by instructors and the students in this format.

Students attending the NCO Academy in the distance

learning environment receive credit for attending "in residence" PME. Officials at the Community College of the Air Force have granted 12 college credit hours for the seminar program, the same number of hours authorized for the six-week NCO

LIVE BROADCAST - MSgt. Alan Cummings (above) focuses on MSgt. Jenny Smith as she teaches a lesson. Cummings (left) operates the master studio control board.

Academy format.

"We're working closely with the College for Enlisted PME to ensure the program remains true to the philosophies and adheres to the same academic criteria established for all NCO Academies," Tussey said.

Once the validation phase is over and the appropriate commanders authorize approval, the ANG NCO Academy Seminar Program will be made available to all Air National Guard units that wish to participate. The projected date for future classes, pending approval, is January 1996.

Units wishing information on the classes should contact the ANG NCO Academy Distance Learning offices at DSN 266-3943/3944/3945.



Virginia Air Guard's SSgt. Michael Ward graduated 'Number 1'

TOPS IN HIS CLASS

By TSgt. John Malthaner
National Guard Bureau

It happened to SSgt. Michael Ward in his junior year at Virginia Tech's Pamplin School of Business. Never in his entire academic career had he seen anything like it. Immediately to the right of the "A" he customarily earned, was a "minus" sign.

An A- to most attending the very demanding college would be cause for celebration. To Ward, who was among an elite group of brainiacs informed that they were a few 4.0s away from valedictorian, it was time to fly his number one ranking at half mast.

"It was disappointing," said the command post controller with the Virginia Air Guard's 192nd Fighter Group, based in Sandston. "But to be honest, it was good when it happened. It took off some of the pressure of maintaining a 4.0 (grade-point-average)."

Recently, the 31-year-old graduated with a degree in Management Science and a gaudy 3.979 GPA. Enough, it turns out, to seat him at the top of his class of nearly 800 students.

"I was surprised no one else had a 4.0," Ward said of his number one ranking.

Ward has come a long way from the days of running around his parent's Highland Springs, Va., home wearing his grandfather's flight cap. His grand dad spent his career as a boom operator on KC-135 refuelers.

Mike spent his days listening to the roar of F-105s flying over head and dreaming of becoming a pilot.

"We lived close to the base (Richmond International Airport) and our house was in the flight path," he recalled. "They (the F-105) could make quite a racket."

At 18, Ward enrolled into Virginia Commonwealth University's engineering program, with an eye on flight school. A stellar student, Ward could envision the day of strapping himself into a cockpit and soaring through lush blue skies. Only problem was finding the blue.

"I found out I was color blind," he said.

"I took the test and failed it miserably." Probably the only test that's eluded him.

With his piloting career grounded, Ward figured it pointless to pursue his degree in engineering. He dropped out of Virginia Commonwealth and dropped into the Virginia Air Guard.

His reason? "I'm patriotic," he said.

But being paid just one weekend a month was not enough to survive. Influenced by his step-father, who was a data processing professor at a local community college, Ward embarked into the world of computers.

He was working with a software development company when the call to return to college came.

"Business was waning, and I knew from talking with headhunters (job placement professionals) that I was facing some closed doors without a four-year degree," Ward said. "It was always a goal of mine. I just had to figure out the route."

His path led him to Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg, Va., a 3 1/2 hour, one-way pilgrimage to knowledge. His GI Bill would cover the gas. Freelancing as a computer consultant would pay the bills.

Between classes, evenings and weekends, Ward automated businesses.

"In business there is no room for failure," he said. "People have paid you to keep their systems running. Their livelihood is depending on you."

"I think that helped me in school," he added. "Instead of making money, I got grades. And I wouldn't settle for anything less than I could do."

It's why Professor Terry Rakes, one of Ward's Management Science profs at Virginia Tech, took notice.

"Mike was in at least two of my classes and he was one of the most outstanding students I had," Rakes said. "He is very meticulous and responsible in the way he goes about things."

"It doesn't surprise me that he was number one in his class," he added.

Lt. Col. Dana "Randy" Hamel, 192nd command post chief, didn't bat an eye either.

"The attributes that Mike used to help him achieve what he did in college, pervade throughout everything he does," Hamel said. "It's a treat to work with him."

These days Ward is a systems analyst for an insurance underwriting company. He thinks returning to college later in life benefited him.

"When you go to college as a younger person, you're kind of in the party mode. You're not as focused," he observed. "When you're older, you know what you want. And if you're paying for it, you're going to make sure you get the most bang for your buck."



Michael Ward, tops in his class.



SPORTS

- Marathoners
- Soccer Coach
- Perfect Game

SPORTS SHORTS

DROWN NAMED
ALL-ARMY
SOCCER COACH

Capt. Mark Drown, Utah Army Guard's 19th Special Forces Group, has been selected to coach the All-Army Soccer Team.

Drown coached at NCAA Division level II for five years.

In 1989, he coached the All-Army team to a gold medal and was selected to coach the U.S. Armed Forces team. In 1991, he coached the Armed Forces team in the World Military Championships in Arnhem, Holland.

Drown has a masters degree in physical education and is a Persian Gulf War veteran.



Capt. Mark Drown

KORNS BOWLS
PERFECT GAME

Ohio's SFC Russell Korn, a member of 4th Battalion, 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment, recently bowled a perfect game.

Requiring 12 consecutive strikes, a 300 score is very rare. Korn had been bowling sporadically in the months before his feat.

"It was only the fourth time I've bowled this year and only the first time I've bowled in a month," he said.

Korn recalls feeling pressure as he approached the final frames of his perfect game.

"It was hard in the 10th frame, because everybody was stopping to watch," he said. "The third ball in the 10th frame was my best. It just walked right into the pocket."

Last year Korn bowled a 299.

Guard tracksters strike gold

By SSgt. Sylvester Campbell
Arizona National Guard

Three National Guard athletes recently took gold medals at the 1995 Armed Forces Track and Field Championships at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Ohio's Sgt. Tracy VanDeventer finished first in the 5,000-meter run, Illinois' Spc. Darren Steele won gold in the 110-meter intermediate hurdles and Indiana's Spc. Peter Pritcher took the 3,000-meter steeplechase title. Pritcher also won a bronze medal in the 1,500-meter race.

VanDeventer, an administrative NCO based in Columbus, began chasing her Olympic dream after becoming a national karate champion in the eighth grade.

After obtaining a degree in exercise physiology from Ohio State University in 1987, she turned down a full scholarship for a masters degree to resume her running career. This led to an enlistment into the Army Guard. She soon qualified for the All-National Guard Biathlon Team (skiing/rifle shooting). She is ranked 19th nationally.

VanDeventer said she will increase the intensity of her training regimen and promises to "be twice as good" by the time the summer games in Atlanta come around.



Photo courtesy of All-Army track team

TAKING A LEAP - Spc. Peter Pritcher turns in gold medal performance in the steeplechase.

"Tracy is a very hard working, dedicated individual," said Lt. Col. Willie Davenport, Army track coach and five-time Olympian. "She'll give you 100 percent every time."

Steele is an Illinois Guardmember presently on active duty in the Army's World Class Athletic Program (WCAP).

"I'm very pleased to be in the WCAP. It allows me to train to all day, 6-7 days a week," said Steele, who is training for the decathlon.

Steele started competing in track and field events in high school. "I wasn't good in any one event, but I liked many of them," he said.

His goal now is to qualify for the world

championship team as a decathlete, where the top three from each nation compete.

During the past year on the program, Steele has improved in seven of the ten decathlon events. Last year he was ranked 17th in the nation.

"I'm ranked fourth in the nation now," he noted. "I need to be in the top three."

Davenport, a National Guard community relations officer and gold medalist, thinks it's possible.

"If he (Steele) puts it all together, he'll make the team," he said.

Pritcher, a small extension operator with the Indiana Army Guard's 138th Signal Battalion, is also enrolled in WCAP. He currently trains at Auburn University, Ala.

The two-time Oregon state 3,000-meter champion is optimistic about his Olympic chances in the steeplechase.

"At this level, you have to believe in your ability," Pritcher said. "I know I have the talent, it's just a matter of working hard."

Arizona's 1st Lt. Lisa Dunn contributed to this article.

Laymon, Wild claim
Guard marathon title

By SSgt. Ron Bradrick
Nebraska National Guard

2nd Lt. Paul Laymon and Spc. Kelly Watkins-Wild are now the top male and female marathoners in the National Guard as a result of their finishes at the 18th Annual Lincoln Marathon in Nebraska.

The annual Lincoln race is used to determine the All-Guard marathon team. More than 1,800 Army and Air Guardsmen and women competed.

Guard men dominated the marathon's open category, taking 25 of the top 45 positions. In addition, five Guard women finished in the top 18.

Laymon, a crew chief with South Carolina's 169th Fighter Group, finished with a time of 2:29:45. It placed him second overall. The marathon was won by New Jersey's Tom Bowmaster, a civilian.



Photos by SSgt. Ron Bradrick

"I started slow, running with a group, but broke away from them and worked my way up to the leader at the 15-mile mark," Laymon said. "But we were running into a strong wind. All I could do was chase him to the finish line."

Sgt. Ramon Colon-Malaue finished second among Guard runners, clocking 2:34:44. Kansas' SSgt. Curt Rogers (2:38:51) took third.

Sgt. Ray Workman, repeated as Master's category (40 and older) champ with a time of 2:34:46. He was followed by Wisconsin's TSgt. Michael Zeigle (2:39:15) and Puerto Rico's Sgt. Victor Cuevas (2:40:14).

Workman is a nuclear, biological and chemical NCO with Utah's Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 140th Field Artillery.

Wild, a legal specialist with Florida's 417th Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Signal Battalion, claimed the Guard women's title finishing in 3:11:41. Hawaii's Capt. Diann Wright (3:17:34) and Virginia's Capt. Colleen Chipper (3:21:40) placed second and third respectively.

The top 36 Guardmembers were selected for the "All Guard Team."

TOP FORM - Florida's Spc. Kelly Watkins-Wild (far left) and South Carolina's 2nd Lt. Paul Laymon are the Guard's top female and male marathoners.

The AIR GUARD'S LONG RANGE PLAN

Setting our priorities

This is part three in a continuing series of articles on the Long Range Plan for the Air National Guard, as shared by Maj. Gen. Donald W. Sheppard, the Air Guard Director.

Previously, we discussed our purpose, values, vision and mission. Let's now review what our priorities are.

Our priorities, in consonance with the Army National Guard, are:

- Optimum force structure to support our national and state missions.
- Funding equal to requirements — adequate funding for maximum readiness to execute our wartime missions while supporting peacetime Operations Tempo.
- Sufficient full-time manning to meet increased OP-TEMPO demands, while ensuring maximum readiness.

Historically, the U.S. has been a militia nation. The past 40 years of the "Cold War" has been an aberration. To counter the threat, the U.S. spent vast sums of money on equipping and maintaining a large active duty force. But now that the Soviet threat has disappeared, our leadership is resizing our military to counter a reduced, but significantly different, threat.

We obviously need to maintain sufficient active duty forces to respond to short-notice emergencies; it is our mandate to optimize our forces while minimizing the costs. Placing greater forces and responsibility in the Air Guard provides a mechanism to accomplish this. As a result, the U.S. won't be able to get involved in any significant military action without calling on the Guard.

This is precisely what our founding fathers intended by embracing the militia concept. A return to this concept puts the responsibility for defense of the nation back on the American people.

One point should be noted: The Air Guard cannot, and should not, do all the things that the active Air Force does. However, in the missions that are assigned, we are as good

Colorado Special Forces soldiers give Haitians a chance at a better life

A taste of DEMOCRACY

By Maj. Michael L. Yowell
Colorado National Guard

From the air, Port-au-Prince airport looks like any other island airport. It's only after landing that you notice the sand-bagged guard towers ringing the runway and the "bone yard" of airplanes, once part of Haiti Air, baking in the hot sun.

Beyond the tropic heat and humidity, the first distinct impression of Haiti is the smell. Stronger in some areas and weaker in others, it's ever present in the city: A foul mixture of rotting garbage, human and animal waste, vehicle exhausts and charcoal smoke from cooking fires.

Using what little English they knew, children with distended bellies beg the "Blancs" (Haitian for white or foreigner) for food, a ride, for something. "Give me something," is a common phrase heard wherever a soldier, airman, or Marine stops their vehicle.

"This is not the Haiti I grew up in," said TSgt. Paul Berthaud, an active duty airman from Spangdahlem AB, Germany, translating for Colorado National Guard Special Forces troops. "When I was growing up in PaP (Port-au-Prince), the houses had open space between them, trash was picked up and people sprayed their houses for bugs. There was a sense of order."

"Now," he added, "everything is totally messed up. Seeing homeless kids wanting food reminds me a lot of the movies showing the end of World War II."

Berthaud foresees his former homeland returning to its glory days.

"First, Haiti needs good roads, running water, continuous electricity and a good health care system," he observed. "Then the opportunities will come for jobs and tourism. The people want, and are willing



HAITI MISSION - A Haitian boy's eyes (left) reflect the suffering his country has endured. Utah Army Guard Special Force's Capt. Robert Chaney (far left photo, top) surveys his team's compound at Petit Goave. Utah's SGM Charles Teel keeps a watchful eye at the Port-au-Prince airport. Painters leave a 'thank you' note (bottom photo) for U.S. forces in Haiti.

The Special Forces presence has helped other United Nations groups do their jobs a little bit easier.

"They are a 'big brother' to count on," said Kevin Page, a Royal Canadian mounted policeman. "They help us with everything from patrols to logistics to crowd control."

The greatest challenge for the UN police will come when the Haitian National Police Force starts to deploy and take over for the IPSF before elections.

"The people of Haiti understand authority and force," said Maj. Gen. Joseph Kinzer, United Nations' force commander in Haiti. "They need to understand that the police are there to protect them, not to shoot them. We have established a community watch program so when there is a crime, we get the people to turn over the individuals to the police, rather than kill them."

Kinzer continued. "In the past, the criminals would slip money to the judges and get back on the streets," he added.

"The people would see no justice with the system, so the next time the individual was caught by the people, he was killed. We can't have that."

The fact that the National Guard soldiers have diverse backgrounds has added to the effectiveness of the mission.

Capt. Robert Chaney, a security officer with Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant in Golden, Colo., and a veteran

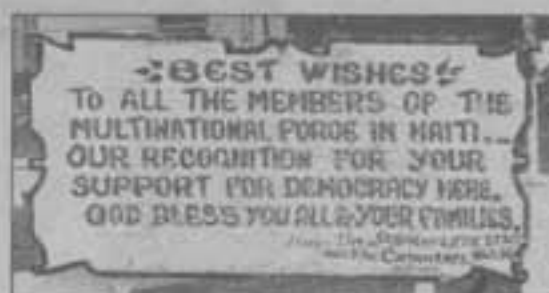
of the Adams County Sheriff's office, approaches his patrols in Petit Goave, "just like a police officer doing his duty. It's not a combat patrol."

Such dedication is duly noted by the active duty soldiers working side-by-side with Guardmembers.

"The biggest advantage the Guard Special Forces have brought to Haiti is their civilian occupations," said MSgt. Dennis Wright, an active duty soldier from Fort Bragg, N.C. "All of the teams have some form of law enforcement experience. In addition, some others have medical and engineering skills. You can't find that in the active force."

Soon the Colorado Guardmembers will hand off their mission, one they have had since January, to another unit.

"The goal of our mission is to give the Haitians one brief moment in their tragic history, to make their lives better by giving them the opportunity to taste democracy and self determination," Meeks said. "This we have given them. It is up to them to decide what to do from here."



Photos by Maj. Michael L. Yowell

to work, to survive. That's all they want and need."

Helping the Haitian people to help themselves is part of the on-going mission of Special Forces soldiers currently in the country.

"We (Special Forces) have provided the people with the window of opportunity to make their life better," said Maj. Clyde Meeks, commander of Colorado's Company C, 5th Battalion, 19th Special Forces. "It's up to them to make their own destiny."

Based in Les Cayes, Meeks is also the commander of "United Nations Zone IV," an area located in the "southern claw" of Haiti. His unit is scattered in several sites, assisting an estimated 1.2 million people.

"Since our arrival, all of the 'A' teams have become involved with numerous civil affairs projects," he said. "I also work closely with the United Nations civilian police who are the primary advisors and trainers to the IPSF (interim police force). We are also monitoring the voter registration process."

NEWS

MAKERS

Compiled by Lt. Col. Fred Lydick
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National Guard Bureau

Capt. Scott Anderson, an F-16 pilot with the 148th Fighter Group, Minnesota Air National Guard, has written his first novel, "Unknown Rider," about dreams and life in aviation. The book is available from Dennoch Press in Duluth, Minn., (218) 728-0505/(800) 336-6624. Anderson is also author of "Distant Fires."

SFC Michael Alavanja, a member of the New York Army Guard's 247th Medical Company and a 10-year veteran New York City Transit policeman, was the right man in the right place for a 17-month-old girl who stopped breathing while in the subway. He and his partner called for an ambulance and started CPR. The ambulance was late in responding, so they took the child to the hospital in a patrol car, along the way performing life-saving CPR. Alavanja has been a member of the National Guard for 15 years.

SSgt. Nick Marchisello, a member of New Jersey's 108th Refueling Wing, recently graduated at the top of his class at the USAF Fire Protection Academy. The former Army National Guard member achieved an academic average of 100 percent while at the academy.

SMSgt. Rita Goudeau, 272nd Engineering Installation Squadron, Texas Air National Guard, has been selected as the Air National Guard Outstanding First Sergeant of the Year for 1995. She was honored in Washington, D.C., in May.

Capt. Carlos A. Jimenez, commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 19th Special Forces Group, Utah Army National Guard, is a recipient of the 1995 National Image, Inc. Meritorious Service Award. National Image, Inc., and the DoD, annually recognize a member from each service for this award. The recipients are Hispanics in the military who distinguish themselves with significant contributions to their service and the nation. Jimenez volunteered countless hours working with troubled youth.

In 1992, then SrA (now Lieutenant), Russell Tolle and TSgt. Wayne Donley of the 184th Fighter Group, Kansas Air National Guard, submitted their suggestion to manufacture a part at a cost of about \$20 to replace a part being procured by the Air Force at \$33,000. The replacement fixture, made from locally purchased components and a self-built adaptor, was to be used with the F-16 "heads-up-display." During the two years since first designed, their suggestion was evaluated and approved for use in several aircraft at a cost savings to the U.S. military of more than \$1 million.

Anchorage's Drug Enforcement Administration presented the Alaska National Guard's Drug Eradication and Interdiction unit a certificate of appreciation for their assistance in a major cocaine trafficking case. The case involved large amounts of cocaine being imported into the U.S. The investigation covered several states from Alaska to Florida. The Alaska unit provided DEA with equipment, technical assistance, manpower and air support.



CMSgt. Heinrich, Red Award winner.



Grasso (left) recognizes his boss.



Image award winner, Capt. Carlos Jimenez.



Florida assists eagle.

The following personnel were recognized recently for their outstanding contributions to recruiting and retention for 1994.

MSgt. Dave Braunger, 185th Fighter Group, Iowa ANG, Outstanding Recruiter of the Year.

TSgt. James Metoyer, 150th Fighter Group, New Mexico ANG, Outstanding Rookie Recruiter of the Year.

MSgt. Phillis Balas, 108th Air Refueling Wing, New Jersey ANG, Outstanding Retention Office Manager of the Year.

MSgt. Clyde Phillips, 120th Fighter Group, Montana ANG, Outstanding Unit Career Advisor of the Year.

The rescue of an injured bald eagle by members of the Florida Army National Guard, at Camp Blanding in Starke, Fla., could prove to aid area scientists in accounting for a rash of unexplained eagle deaths in Arkansas and Wisconsin. The grounded eagle was rounded up from a tank trail and put under treatment at the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Florida in Gainesville. Despite the animal dying several days later, information about an infection in some microplasma tissue of the eagle's throat will give scientists valuable insight.

"A ride in a time machine" is how the mayor of Georgetown, Va., described a recent World War II commemoration while speaking at a ceremony hosted by the Delaware Army Guard's 280th Signal Battalion. Also speaking was Richard Drummond, a WWII veteran, past commander and current chaplain of the American Legion. "The thing that impressed me most," he said, "were the pilots, because they had to fly missions day after day knowing each day some pilots wouldn't make it back."

Recent winner of the Dick Red Award, CMSgt. Robert Heinrich, a member of Texas' 147th Fighter Group, was recognized by the Air Force Association for exceptional technical expertise in aircraft maintenance and other areas. The Red Award was established to recognize excellence in aircraft maintenance. Iowa's CMSgt. Howard Steffey won the honor in 1994.

TSgt. Peter S. Grasso Jr., a member of Massachusetts' 253rd Combat Communications Group, nominated the Epsilon Data Management Company in Burlington for the Department of Defense Certificate of Appreciation. The award recognized Thomas L. Tague, vice president of Epsilon, for having Guard-friendly personnel policies.

For his outstanding service to the Air National Guard, MSgt. Bruce W. Lawson, first sergeant for Arizona's 161st Civil Engineering Squadron, was presented the Donald Plough Award for Excellence. The award is in memory of Plough, who was renowned for his commitment to the community and the Arizona Air National Guard. Lawson has supported a Lion's Camp for disabled children and has counseled Hispanic high school students about college. He is a senior international flight attendant for American Airlines.

SUCCESS in the SINAI

After a six-month stint, the National Guard proved up to the task as peacekeepers



Photos by MSgt. John Thornton

By Maj. Tom Willinson
Virginia National Guard

Egypt. The land of the Pharaohs. Home of the great pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx. Not far away lies a barren desert that has been fought over since biblical times -- the Sinai Peninsula.

Recently, a battalion of National Guardmembers, Army Reservists and active duty soldiers completed a six-month watch over this volatile region.

Since U.S. soldiers began monitoring the region in 1982, it is the first time National Guard soldiers have assumed primary responsibility. In all, 380 Guardmembers from 23 states served in the 524-member battalion. Most belonged to the 29th Infantry Division from Virginia and Maryland.

"This is a unique operation," said Australian Army Maj. Gen. David B. Ferguson, commander of the Multi-National and Observer mission in the Sinai region. "It is a peace monitoring operation in a relatively benign environment. In terms of this battalion, we do not refer to them as a Guard battalion, or a Reserve battalion, but as an operational battalion."

"They have done their job, and done it exceptionally well with professionalism and maturity," he added.

Soldiers saw the mission as a rare experience.

"I had a great time; I got a lot out of the rotation," said Spc. Ronny Hodges, with Virginia's Company C, 2nd Battalion,

116th Infantry. "There's a lot of things that I learned that I had never even heard of."

"There were some good times and some bad," added Spc. William Marshall of Company B, 2-116th Infantry. "One of the good things is that I earned my Expert Infantryman's Badge."

During EIB testing, 230 soldiers attempted to win the coveted badge, but only 33 were awarded.

"All but two of the 33 were National Guardsmen," said Lt. Col. James Morris, battalion commander. "That's about a 15 percent pass rate, which is actually very respectable."

Maturity and experience topped the list of positives mentioned by those involved. The average age of this cycle was 26, almost five-years senior to that of previous active duty rotations.

"These soldiers were highly motivated because they volunteered to be here," said Morris. "This rotation also greatly improved the deployability of all the soldiers. Dental panorex x-rays are up-to-date, dental problems are corrected and HIV testing is current."

One of the main benefits of this rotation



was the integration of active soldiers and reservists. Many confessed to being leery about one another prior to the deployment.

"I expected integration with the active forces would be a problem, but right from the start it worked out great," said one Virginia soldier.

Lt. Gen. Edward D. Baca, National Guard Bureau Chief, agreed.

"Integration with active, Guard and Reserve creates a mutual understanding where the benefits are beyond measure," he said.

Although the rotation appeared to be a success, it remains to be seen how the Department of Defense will view the "pilot initiative."

"I do know that Ms. Deborah Lee (Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs) is very familiar with the program," added Baca. "All the offices in the Department of Defense and Department of the Army have recognized it as successful, and I would think that they will probably incorporate this as a way of doing business."

All involved had ideas on how to improve the next rotation.

"I think they should offer some mili-

ON PATROL - A National Guardmember stands watch (above) in the Sinai Peninsula. A soldier points out a replica (left) of the area he's guarding.

tary schooling as an added incentive to the reserve component soldiers," said Lt. Chuck Swain, Company C, 1-116th Infantry executive officer.

Many felt the train-up time could have been shortened, and more attention given to time off and promotions.

"We got into a little trouble by telling the soldiers that they would get seven days off per month. We knew up front that they actually would only get one or two days in the initial months," Morris said. "We also need to come up with an agreement ahead of time concerning promotions. The difficulties came at the E-4 to E-5 level. It was a little disappointing, but I think we've gotten through that chapter."

As for reducing the train-up time, Gen. Baca had a solution.

"I think we need to compress the train-up time to a three month train-up, and six month rotation," he said. "We also need to examine the possibility of incorporating the Non-Commissioned Officer Development Program and civilian education benefits. One of the soldiers CLEP'd 30 hours from this rotation. Dollars are short for schooling and this is an excellent way to capitalize on deployment and enhancement of NCODP."

The battalion was inactivated July 28.



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NEW JERSEY

During annual training at Fort Drum, N.Y., military officers from Albania coordinated with the New Jersey Army National Guard to observe Army field training. The Albanians spent most of their time at Fort Drum in the field, experiencing life as a U.S. Army field troop.

Since the democratization of Eastern Europe, many countries within the region have an affiliation with states in the U.S.

Lt. Col. Zija Bahja, an Albanian, appreciated his hosts.

"We Albanians take pride in our hospitality. From the very beginning, we were impressed by the hospitality your country and the National Guard has shown us," he said.

ARIZONA

Members of the 161st Air Refueling Group showed Utah's 151st Air Refueling Group what good neighbors they are when they gave them a ride to Exercise Roving Sands at Ft. Hood, Texas.

Although the members of the 161st had just completed a rigorous week of flying, they responded within 45 minutes with three KC-135 Stratotankers. Upon arrival in Salt Lake City, the Arizona Guardsmen helped their Utah compatriots re-palletize the loads for the KC-135 aircraft. In preparation for their originally scheduled flight, the 151st had built their aircraft containment pallets to fit inside a C-141.

Vietnam TRIBUTE

A fallen Vietnam soldier, forever reaching in bronze cast, is the center of New Jersey's Vietnam Veterans' Memorial, which was dedicated on May 7. The memorial honors 1,547 New Jersey service men and women who died in the war. Speaking at the ceremony was Gen. Norman H. Schwarzkopf.



Photo by Dan McLaren

NEW YORK

Members of the New York Guard will soon be wearing a new patch. The current emblem, the "half moon," also known as the "Ship of State," is a representation of Henry Hudson's ship "half moon," which has been associated with New York militia units since the 1920. Henry Hudson was the first European to explore the area that is now New York.

The new patch is a variation of a N.Y. militia badge used since the Civil War. It was selected from 50 suggestions submitted during a year-long contest.

The new patch combines elements of the U.S. Shield, showing 13 white stars on a blue field, 13 red and white stripes and elements of the New York State seal, showing three mountains, the Hudson River and a rising sun.

NEBRASKA

The 111th Public Affairs Detachment has taken over the airways. The unit is using the studios at NETV in Lincoln to produce "Guardwatch Magazine." Guardwatch is designed to be an all-Nebraska Guard television magazine. It is being shown on public access channels in Lincoln, Omaha and Grand Island.

The 30-minute programs focus on themes facing the Guard, human interest stories, training highlights and additional on-the-air interviews. The producer, Sgt. Rob Ford, hopes the show is received positively by Guardmembers and the public.

NEW MEXICO

The New Mexico National Guard was recently selected to receive its first 155mm self-propelled howitzer field artillery battalion. The new 450-soldier unit will replace the 200th Air Defense Artillery's 2nd Battalion.

During the post-cold war period, when the active Army and many other states are losing units, the New Mexico National Guard has managed to obtain viable military missions and continue modernizing its equipment.

The addition of the new 155mm self-propelled Howitzer field artillery battalion will be the first time since 1940 that the New Mexico National Guard has had a combat arms mission other than air defense. In addition to the new field artillery battalion, the New Mexico Army

National Guard continues to include five air defense battalions. The 7th Battalion, with its HAWK missiles, is located in Rio Rancho. The other four air defense artillery battalions are equipped with the Chaparral missile.

Congressman Joe Skeen is pleased to welcome the new battalion. "New Mexico's Guard has a wealth of qualified personnel and leaders with a distinguished record of success and expertise in air defense and artillery programs," he said. "This unit's location in Las Cruces is strategically located to and will complement existing active Army defense programs at Ft. Bliss in El Paso, Texas."

FIRE POWER - New Mexico now has a 155mm Howitzer battalion.



File photo



The National Guard in World War II

When Japan surrendered, some Guard units stayed deployed

After the BOMB

In an effort to end the war in the Pacific without further violent conflict between American and Japanese forces an atomic bomb was dropped by the U.S. on the Japanese city of Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945.

Two days later, the Soviet Union declared war on Japan, and on Aug. 9, a second atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki. On Aug. 10, the Japanese government offered to surrender "without prejudice to the Emperor's position" with the American occupation of Japan beginning on Aug. 30.

On Sept. 2, 1945, the war against Japan ended as the instrument of surrender was signed aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay.

At the end of World War II, there were 10 National Guard divisions in the Pacific Theater. Most were preparing for the invasion of Japan, code-named Operation Downfall. Others were performing occupation duty at various former Japanese outposts throughout the Pacific. The situation of the National Guard divisions at war's end were as follows:

27th Infantry Division - When the war ended, the "Empire" Division from New York was mopping up Japanese resistance on the island of Okinawa. After the war, the 27th briefly served in the occupation of Japan and was inactivated on Dec. 31, 1945, at Fort Lewis, Wash. The division received campaign credits for the Central Pacific, Western Pacific and Ryukyus. The 27th Infantry Division was one of nine National Guard divisions scheduled to participate in Operation Downfall, the invasion of Japan. Today, the 27th Infantry Brigade, which evolved from the 27th Infantry Division, is alive and well in the New York Army National Guard.

31st Infantry Division - The war ended with the "Dixie" Division of Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana mopping up activities in the Philippines and processing prisoners of war. The 31st Infantry Division inactivated on Dec. 21, 1945, at Camp Stoneman, Calif., and received campaign credits for New Guinea, the Southern Philippines and the Western Pacific. The "Dixie" division was also scheduled as an assault division in Operation Downfall. The division exists today as the 31st Armored Brigade in Alabama.

32nd Infantry Division - The 32nd "Red Arrow" Infantry Division of Michigan and Wisconsin was the first American division to enter combat in September 1942 at New Guinea. On V-J Day, the division was wrapping up operations on Luzon and served four months of occupation duty in Japan after the war. They were inactivated on Feb. 28, 1946, in Japan. "Red Arrow" was selected as one of the nine Guard divisions to conduct the final amphibious landing of the war in Operation Downfall. The division received campaign credits for operations in Papua, New Guinea, Leyte and Luzon. Today,

its lineage is active in the 32nd Infantry Brigade located in Wisconsin.

33rd Infantry Division - The Illinois National Guard division was on Luzon, undergoing amphibious training, when the war ended. After serving occupation duty, the division was inactivated on Feb. 5, 1946. The 33rd Division was scheduled to participate in the invasion of Japan and received campaign credits for actions on New Guinea and Luzon. The genealogy of the 33rd Infantry Division is active today as the 33rd Infantry Brigade in Illinois.

37th Infantry Division - The "Buckeye" Division from Ohio ended the war on Luzon and was inactivated on Dec. 18, 1945, at Camp Anza, Calif. The "Buckeyes" received campaign credits for actions in the Northern Solomons and Luzon. The commanding general, Maj. Gen. Robert S. Beightler, commanded the division from mobilization until inactivation. Today, the 37th Brigade, 38th Division is active in the state of Ohio and perpetuates the 37th Infantry Division of WW II.

38th Infantry Division - The "Cyclone" Division, with troops from Indiana, West Virginia, and Kentucky was mopping up on Northern Luzon near Marakina preceding and after V-J Day. Inactivated on Nov. 10, 1945, at Camp Anza, Calif., the 38th Infantry Division received campaign credits for New Guinea, Leyte and

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Army Guard Historian



Luzon. The division was selected for the invasion of Japan. The 38th Infantry Division is active today assigned to the Indiana and Michigan National Guards.

40th Infantry Division - The "Sunshine" Division from California, Utah and Nevada ended the war at Panay and deployed to Korea after V-J Day for occupation duty. The division received campaign participation credits for actions at Bismarck Archipelago, the Southern Philippines and Luzon. Chosen for Operation Downfall, the division inactivated April 7, 1946 at Camp Stoneman, Calif. It was the last National Guard division to return to the states after the war. Today, the division is still active in California.

41st Infantry Division - The National Guard division nicknamed the "Jungleers" from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana was engaged in mopping up activities and patrolling in the Philippines on V-J Day. After a brief occupation assignment in Japan, the division inactivated on Jan. 1, 1946 in Japan. The division campaigned in New Guinea, Luzon and the Southern Philippines, and was selected to participate in the invasion of Japan. Today, the 41st Infantry Division lives on as the 41st Infantry Brigade in Oregon.

43rd Infantry Division - The "Winged Victory" Division from the Northeastern states of Connecticut, Maine, Vermont and Rhode Island ended the war training for the invasion of Japan on Luzon. The division inactivated Nov. 1, 1945 at Camp Stoneman, Calif., and received campaign credits for Guadalcanal, New Guinea, Northern Solomons and Luzon. Today, the 43rd Infantry Division remains in the Army combat force structure as the 43rd Infantry Brigade of Connecticut.

Americal Division - The Americal Division was organized with National Guard units from the states of Massachusetts, Illinois and North Dakota. At the end of the war, the Americal was mopping up on Cebu Island. After V-J Day members entered occupation duty in the Tokyo-Yokohama area. Selected for Operation Downfall, the division campaigned in Guadalcanal, Northern Solomons, Leyte and the Southern Philippines. The division was inactivated Dec. 12, 1945 at Seattle, Wash.

There were 80 separate National Guard units that fought in the Pacific Theater. The 192nd and 194th Tank Battalions, with the 200th Coast Artillery of New Mexico, literally fought to the last man in the Philippines in 1942. California's 184th Infantry and Washington's 161st Infantry served as the Guard's first roundout units in the 7th and 25th Divisions. The 112th Cavalry of Texas, shipped to the Pacific with horses, but fought as infantry with the 1st Cavalry Division. Texas' 124th Cavalry also fought as infantry in Burma. Hawaii's 298th and 299th Infantry Regiments shot back at attacking Japanese aircraft on Dec. 7, 1941. The African-American 372nd Infantry of Ohio, Massachusetts, New Jersey and D.C. guarded vital installations. Arizona's 158th "Bushmaster" Infantry saw hard action in the Philippines. Fifteen anti-aircraft artillery battalions came from the states of New Hampshire, Delaware, New York, Arkansas, Connecticut, Georgia and California.

Lt. Col. Len Kondratyuk, NGB Historian, contributed to this story.

OCCUPATION - Members of Illinois Army Guard's 130th Infantry, 33rd Division land safely (left) at Wakayama, Japan, after the war.



Photo courtesy NGB Historical Services



TRAINING

South Carolina's Army and Air Guard get together for emergency readiness drill

Preparing for DISASTER

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Not every military emergency begins in some remote, foreign, headline-grabbing location such as Bosnia or Somalia. Some happen at home.

Not every political tinderbox ready to ignite is in a third-world or debt-ridden country. Some are in our own neighborhoods. And natural disasters don't always pick the "other" country; they sometimes pick our own.

The National Guard is the one military organization specifically tasked to step in and help during home-grown emergencies. The training members must undergo to meet the local emergency is just as intense, and important, as the training for their global military mission.

Such training was held June 10-11 in Sumter and Camden when South Carolina Army and Air Guardmembers held a joint emergency readiness exercise. It's the first time the South Carolina Army and Air Guard have combined forces in an emergency preparedness exercise.

This emergency readiness training exercise, involving National Guard and state and local emergency readiness units, was built around a dozen or so scenarios exposing the National Guard troops to situations they would encounter in an actual state emergency.

Tops on the list of training goals for this exercise was crowd control. Few situations place Guardmembers in such an explosive situation as when they are called to disperse unruly groups.

"We're learning not to lose our cool," said Spc. James Harrington of Bennettsville, a member of Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 178th Field Artillery, based in Bennettsville. "It is important that we learn to control the public without hurting the public."

Harrington and his fellow members of Battery B were consistently placed in stressful situations during the 48-hour exercise.

At Hillcrest High School, just outside



Photo by MSgt. Billy Varr

RIOT CONTROL - Palmetto State Guardmembers contain a 'rioter' (bottom photo) during a civil disobedience drill. Highway patrolman Vic Burkett (left) shows how to make an arrest. Guardmembers (below) form a perimeter around a fictional hardware store during an exercise.



Photo by 1st Lt. Karen Huff



Photo by Spc. Van Hope

of Sumter, the unit was deployed to end the "siege" of a fictional hardware store where the manager was accused of price-gouging following a severe storm. The angry crowd, played to the hilt by unpaid State Guardmembers assisting in the training, turned hoses on the troops and threw water balloons and simulated bricks and bottles. Curse words filled the air and the Guardmembers were pushed and poked, all in an effort to test their reaction to an angry crowd.

The artillery soldiers, who have the secondary mission of crowd and riot control in local emergencies, quickly dispersed the group and escorted the besieged manager away.

"Not bad," said a member of the State Law Enforcement Division who was

evaluating the drill. "You regained control in 13 minutes. That's pretty good."

While Batteries A and B of the 3-178th Field Artillery were sharpening their riot control skills, members of the South Carolina Air Guard's 169th Security Police provided security around the Sumter Armory, and the 240th Combat Communication unit from McEntire Air National Guard Base provided air traffic control for the Guard's helicopters.

Drills of this type were held in many locations in Camden and Sumter during the readiness training, which concluded June 12.

Emergency readiness exercises of this type are taking on an increased importance for the South Carolina National Guard. They played an important role in

restoring civil order during Hurricane Hugo and following the tornado that ripped through Lexington last year.

The addition of the Air Guard to the training this year increases the ability of the South Carolina National Guard to meet the state's needs in an emergency situation.

"This is just a great opportunity to increase our state mission by integrating with the Army," said 1st Lt. Mike Truell, an Elgin resident and the South Carolina Air National Guard's chief of Air Traffic Control. "The Army (National Guard) has always had more of a state mission than the Air Guard. By allowing us to train with them, we are able to expand our own state mission. We are looking forward to the opportunity."