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Alaska battles Typhoon

Oscar damages more than 100,000 square miles across the state

By Spc. Sharon G. McBride
Alaska National Guard

When the effects of Typhoon Oscar swept over the majority of southcentral Alaska's communities with punishing wind and rain, the end result was damage that spread across a 100,000 square mile area, roughly the size of Washington state. It left hundreds of Alaskans homeless, businesses under water and many roads and bridges impassable.

When the rain began to fall on Sept. 19, most Alaskans thought it was just a part of an already wet autumn. However, the rain relentlessly continued to pound down causing mud and debris to slowly begin sliding down mountains. Roads were suddenly covered with water, rivers and creeks were transformed into angry torrents and bridges began to disappear. As the conditions deteriorated rapidly, alarm swept over southcentral Alaska.

Within 24 hours, the National Weather Service issued flood watches for Matanuska-Susitna Valley, Girdwood, Seward, Soldotna, Kenai and Cordova.

"It kind of took us by surprise," said Maj. Gen. Jake Lestenkof, Alaska National Guard Adjutant General. "We didn't expect any autumn storms related to the typhoon."

Local emergency agencies were quick to respond. But, because of the widespread affected area, state support was

soon sought.

"What was impressive to me was how quickly the local emergency workers were able to respond to the disaster, both at the city and borough level, and to be backed up very quickly by state resources and the Alaska Division of Emergency Services (ADES)," said Lestenkof.

"It wasn't too long before we realized we needed additional people to respond to the flooding," said Robert Heavilin, ADES director. "My motto is, 'It's not a sign of weakness to ask for help.'"

The National Guard was one of the state agencies that came into play almost immediately.

"From the very first day, we had National Guard involvement," said Heavilin.



Photo courtesy Alaska National Guard

FLOOD AREA - The Kenai River caused extensive damage to homes and businesses in Alaska.

groups of people signaling for their assistance.

Twenty-seven residents of Hunter Creek were evacuated by the Guard after the only bridge giving them access to town was washed away, leaving them stranded without food and supplies.

A second Blackhawk was used to transport disaster preparedness specialists and engineers to affected places in the Seward area. More than 10 inches of rain dumped there, causing six levees and dikes in the mountains above Seward to give way. More than 40 families were evacuated.

"Our air crews and helicopters went into action rapidly with aerial reconnais-

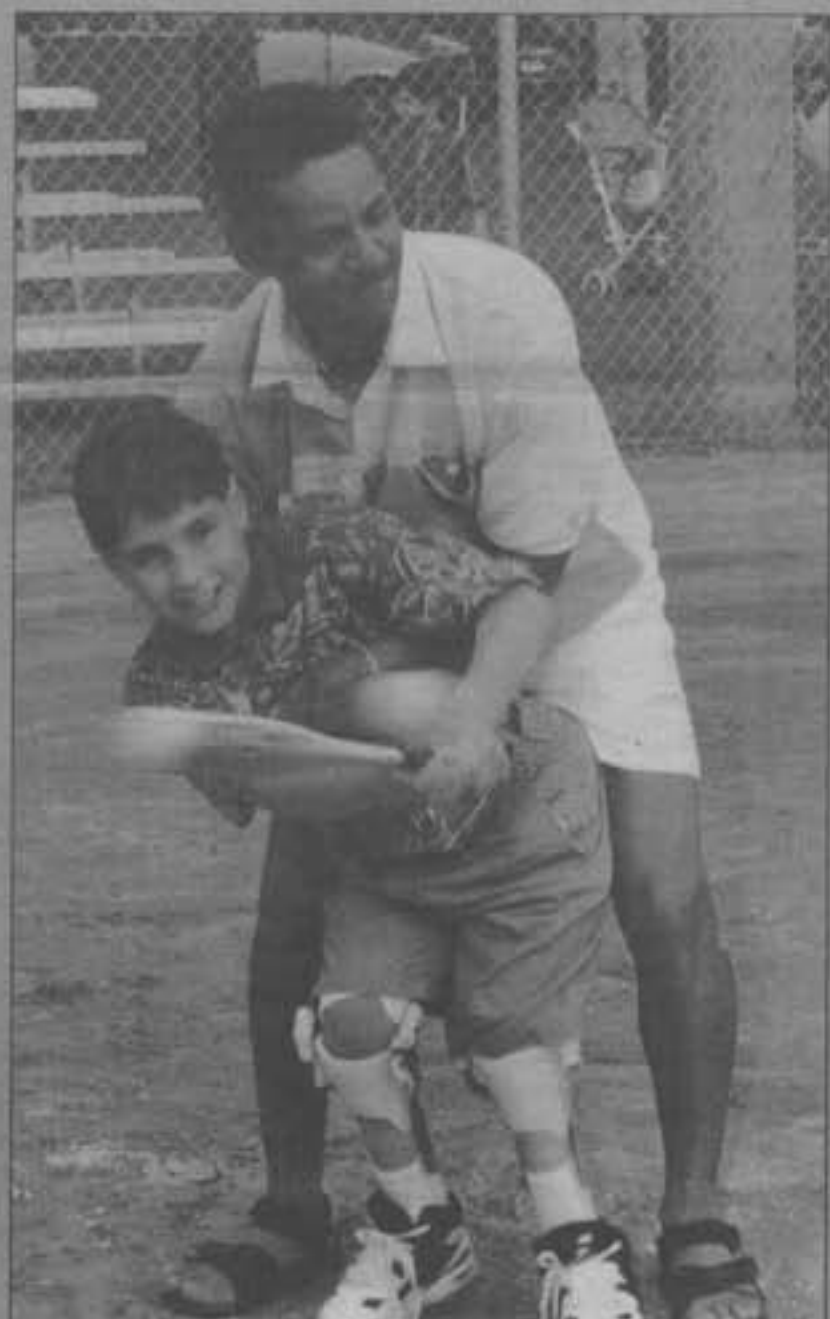


Photo by Walter Bollinger

**BRAVE
BATTER**

MSgt. Elbert Tomlinson, a member of Michigan's 127th Fighter Wing, assists Enrico Vitelli at the plate during a benefit softball game for the "Young Heroes" program. The program pays tribute to youths facing life-threatening illnesses.

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DRUG USE IS LIFE ABUSE



COMMENTARY

COUNTERDRUG UPDATE

• For Fiscal Year 95, more than 17,200 weapons were seized in drug related operations.

• Also in Fiscal Year 95, counter drug support to law enforcement agencies resulted in 99,225 arrests.

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LETTERS

UNSUNG COMPASSION

I have read many articles in the The On Guard that tell about the great job our Guardmembers have done for our country, state and communities.

I recently left the National Guard. A few months back, when I was still in the unit, I was snooping around the first sergeant's desk looking for our attendance roster when I came across a letter that caught my eye.

I never missed a drill, and to the date of my ETS, I never heard the letter read nor saw the soldier being recognized for his actions. Everytime I ran into him I always wanted to say something, but I could not find the words to say to him or tell him how I knew about it. I made a copy of the letter and put the original back.

The soldier, SSgt. Felipe Davila, is a full-time training NCO for the California Army Guard's HHC, 1st Battalion, 149th Armor based in Salinas. This soldier always went out of his way to help me and other soldiers anytime we needed it.

I'm now out of the Guard, but I still wonder every now and then if Davila was ever recognized for his actions. I thought I would share the letter with the rest of your readers.

Name withheld
California National Guard

The following letter, written by Esther Barbosa Hill, a California resident, was submitted to The On Guard by the above.

I'm writing this letter in hopes of recognizing SSgt. Felipe Davila for his bravery, quick thinking, thoughtfulness, unselfishness, consideration and kindness toward two total strangers.

My 9-year-old son, Nicholas, and I were in an automobile accident on Jan. 12, 1994. While blinded by the sunlight, I drove my vehicle into the back end of a parked truck on Highway 15 coming from my home in San Juan Bautista.

As far as I could recall, SSgt. Davila was first to arrive at the scene of the accident. He took control of the situation by asking a passerby to call 911. He stayed by my side through most of the ordeal. He spoke to me, asked me if I was OK, and kept me as comfortable as possible. He also kept me posted on what was happening with Nicholas.

The front right side of my vehicle ran into the back left side of the truck. Nicholas was trapped underneath the truck and my dashboard had wrapped halfway between my son and I, which left me unable to see Nicholas. We were both trapped in my van. I was aware and conscious of what had happened. I believe there was a time when I felt as though I was about to lose my self control, but SSgt. Davila pulled me out of it.

I honestly believe that if it were not for SSgt. Davila's presence, comforting words, and great concern, I might have literally lost my mind.

After being removed from the wreckage, I was taken by ambulance to Hazel Hawkins Hospital. Nicholas was taken by helicopter to Santa Clara Valley Medical Center.

During this time, SSgt. Davila took it upon himself to notify my family. He

found my home in San Juan Bautista and let my father know what had happened. Day after day, he stayed in touch to find out how Nicholas and I were doing. He met us at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center one evening with his family and brought Nicholas a gift.

Nicholas died three days later.

We were honored when SSgt. Davila accepted our request to be a pall bearer at Nicholas' funeral.

This January marks the anniversary of Nicholas' death. I continue to hold a special place in my heart for SSgt. Felipe Davila. He gave 100 percent of himself for two total strangers. It is something I will cherish forever.

Editor's Note: We recently spoke with SSgt. Felipe Davila. He tells us that he asked his commanders not to recognize his actions.

"It took me a year to deal with it," he confessed. "I felt so guilty, like I could have done something more for the boy. I have kids of my own, so it's tough."

With counseling, Davila has slowly come to grips with the accident. He's had to.

"I drive by the area on the way to work, so I think about it everyday," he said.

As for being recognized, Davila says it's unnecessary.

"I have Mrs. Hill's letter on a wall at my home," he said. "It means more to me than any medal."

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GUARD TOONS

By Lyle Farquhar



"We were certainly busy this year. I hope now we'll be able to take a breather."



IN THE NEWS

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Commanders fired for discrimination

Guard's first female fighter pilot target of unfair treatment

Two New York Air National Guard commanders were relieved of command Oct. 20 by their Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. John H. Fenimore, for sexually discriminatory practices.

Col. David Hamlin, 174th Fighter Wing commander, and Col. Thomas D. Webster, 174th vice commander and air commander, were relieved of duty after an investigation revealed Maj. Jacquelyn S. Parker, the Guard's first female fighter pilot, was wrongly discriminated against while in training.

Parker asked to leave flying status after eight months. She complained that she had to face higher hurdles than male counterparts. Although her F-16 score sheet said she was ready for the next level of combat fighter training, Parker's supervisors and other higher-ups consistently told her to "go back and do it again."

According to the investigation, both Webster and Hamlin were guilty of not providing fair or equal training opportunities to all unit members. They also failed to correct inappropriate behavior by some unit members.

The investigation showed that several unit members had displayed conduct unbecoming an officer, that malicious behavior had occurred toward Parker, and that Parker and another female pilot had not been given the same opportunities as the men in the unit.

As the memory of Tailhook lingers, some in the military charge that the Pentagon is lowering its standards to meet a feminist agenda. Undersecretary of Defense Edwin Dorn, rejects the favoritism charge.

"Nobody's going to put somebody in a \$50 million airplane if he or she is not ready to handle it," said Dorn. "No commander is going to risk his or her career, or the lives of the people in their units, merely to satisfy some symbolic goal."



Maj. Jacquelyn Parker

competition for plum jobs, such as fighter pilots, becomes more keen.

"As the services have come down in size, and as missions have changed, there's a lot of change going on and change often tends to be threatening," said former Navy Capt. Carolyn Prevatt, who serves on the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services, a group that advises the Pentagon on gender issues.

Defense Department statistics show a steady increase in the number of harassment complaints. Many of the complaints, says the stats, are substantiated. But, officials say the increase reflects greater awareness of the issue and new, more stringent rules.

Hamlin was taken off the brigadier general promotion list and was asked to resign from the Guard. Webster has been reassigned to a support position. The Guard has directed the 174th Fighter Wing to undergo training to ensure against future problems.

Other members of the 174th, once known as "the Boys from Syracuse," were also disciplined. Parker was invited to return to F-16 fighter training.

(Information for this article was provided by the Associated Press and Air Force News Service.)

Dorn added that well-qualified women will be promoted over less qualified men. Eventually, getting women into higher-ranking positions will ease, rather than increase, tension between the genders, he said.

Women make up 12.5 percent of the military today, up from 10.5 percent just two years ago. As the percentage of women in the shrinking military grows,

White graduates as top first sergeant

By Capt. Mike Allegre
Oregon National Guard

M Sgt. Max White recorded perfect scores on all tests and was named honor graduate during four weeks of training at the U.S. Air Force First Sergeant's Academy at Maxwell AFB, Ala.

White, a member of the Oregon Air Guard's 142nd Logistics Squadron, was selected among a class of 47 NCOs.

White's academic performance was credited with raising the class' combined test score average to 93 percent — said by course instructors to be the highest class average ever at the academy. The class consisted of 32 Air Force and 15 Air Guard members.

"This was a great experience for me because I changed my focus to be more class-oriented and not just help those who were in my seminar," he said.

To help his classmates succeed, White shared his study methods. He prepared 70-question practice tests to help each NCO for their weekly 40-question test.

Applying the skills he uses as a math and science teacher at South Albany High School, White also held study sessions for his classmates.

"I wanted to help them all prepare to be better first sergeants," he said.

White, 44, is well known for his healthy lifestyle, knowledge of nutrition and his membership on the National Guard Marathon team.

He was asked by academy instructors to teach a class on wellness and fitness to his classmates.

In his speech to the graduating class, White said he would like to add the letters E and D to the word "honor" on his plaque.

"Because," he explained, "I'm honored to be an American, to wear the uniform of the Air National Guard and to be a member of your class."

White has been a member of the Oregon Guard for seven years and served two years in California. He entered the U.S. Army in June 1985.

A 1973 graduate of Princeton University, White earned a master's degree in economics from the University of Virginia. He and his wife, Diane, live in Albany. Their son, Caleb, is a freshman at the University of Oregon.

NATIONAL BRIEFS

STAMP HONORS NEW YORK'S 'FIGHTING 69TH' REGIMENT

The Irish Postal Service honored the "Fighting 69th" Regiment of the New York Army National Guard by issuing a stamp recognizing its service in the Civil War. The 69th New York Infantry was a militia regiment composed of Irish immigrants living in New York City. The stamp is one in a series honoring Irish soldiers who served in foreign armies. The "Fighting 69th" currently serves as the 1st Battalion, 69th Air Defense Artillery Regiment.

COLOR PHOTOS SOUGHT

The National Guard Bureau's public affairs office is looking to obtain top-quality color photographs (slides are preferred) showing Army and Air Guard members performing their federal mission.

The photos will be used in a series of 10 full-page, full-color advertisements in an USA Today ad campaign.

Call Maj. Bruce Conard at (202) 610-4512.

FLORIDA UPGRADES AIRCRAFT

The Florida Air National Guard's 125th Fighter Group is enhancing its air defense mission capability by upgrading from the F-16 Fighting Falcon to the twin-engine F-15 Eagle. The aircraft offers more advanced avionics, radar and weapons systems to its pilots. The unit's daily federal mission is to intercept, identify and, if necessary, destroy unknown aircraft that penetrate sovereign U.S. airspace in the Southeast Air Defense Sector (from Charleston, S.C., to Panama City, Fla.).

COOPER SELECTED GUARD'S DISABLED EMPLOYEE OF YEAR

Charles Cooper was posthumously selected as the National Guard's Outstanding Employee with Disabilities for 1995.

Cooper, who was diagnosed with bone cancer in 1993 which resulted in the amputation of his right leg, died Sept. 10.

A civil servant with the Texas National Guard's Adjutant General's Department military personnel office, Cooper was the department's expert on Total Quality Management where he maintained crucial data regarding field personnel records.

He served 30 years in the U.S. Army's Special Forces and received many decorations including both the Silver and Bronze Stars, and a Purple Heart.

TYPHOON

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sance, aerial survey, and to support local authorities, especially in Seward," said Lestenkof.

During the height of the disaster, Army and Air National Guard security teams worked with state troopers to keep damaged homes and property intact in the Kenai area.

"The security provided by the Guard was a big plus," said Heavilin. "The situation in Kenai provided an opportunity for training and exposure, which was good for the Guard and the local community to see that the Guard can come in and help out like that."

"I actually had phone calls from people in the Kenai Keys who thought it was great seeing members of the Guard positioned around the keys to provide security," Heavilin added. "The community was very comfortable with that."

Another state entity that became an important factor in the flooding was the Alaska State Defense Force (ASDF).

The ASDF is a volunteer state-ordained militia whose mission is to support and strengthen military and civilian authorities during times of state emergency.

"They became very active in the operation in a new role I tasked them with just this summer," said Lestenkof. "That role is to be prepared to provide backup to our first line emergency workers and emergency centers."

Disaster Assistance Centers were located in the flooded areas and were set up so representatives from the ADES, Alaska Division of Insurance, Consumer Services and the American Red Cross could be on hand to answer questions.

"This has been the largest departmental involvement since the Exxon Valdez oil spill," said Lestenkof. "I think a lot of the lessons learned from that disaster were employed."

"I have observed in almost every occasion how chaotic government can be, especially at the state level," he added. "There are always turf problems."

But, as the General stated emphatically, this wasn't the case during the recent floods.

District called for Million Man March

By Maj. Mike Milord
District of Columbia National Guard

Long after most soldiers were dismissed from weekend drill in mid-October, the shift was just beginning for the District of Columbia Army National Guard's 273rd and 275th Military Police Companies.

On Oct. 15, they reported to police district station houses to augment the Washington Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) for the Million Man March, a rally that organizers hoped would bring 1 million black men to the nation's capitol for a day of atonement.

Anticipating the potential burden the overflow would put on law enforcement agencies in the District, D.C. Mayor Marion Barry requested 128 military police to provide administrative and technical support to free up uniformed officers for street duty.

For the soldiers, it was almost expected. "I wasn't really surprised," said SSgt. Randolph Zollicaffer, 273rd MP Co. "When things like this happen in the district, we're prepared."

Shortly after 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15, Inspector James Lingerfelt asked soldiers to raise their right hands and swear in as deputies of the District of Columbia.

"We appreciate the support from your employers and families. It's not easy or convenient for them to be without you, even for one day," said Maj. Gen. Russell Davis, D.C.'s commanding general.

"We have an important mission that will help make Washington safer as we move to assist in the police districts, allowing more uniformed officers to work on the streets," he said.

Two hours later, dressed in the class B uniform and outfitted with the MP brass-



Photo by SSgt. D. Chris Martin

ON DUTY - D.C. Guard's SSgt. Karen Neal goes over a duty roster with a Washington Metropolitan Police Department police officer.

sard, the MPs reported for assignment at the district police stations.

At the Sixth District, eight members of the 273rd MP Co. received a welcome from MPD Capt. Phyllis W. Burrell, midnight watch commander, who explained their duties and gave the assignments.

For some, district service was a new experience.

"This is the first time I've been out for a local mission," said Cpl. Kevin Knudson. "I was sort of expecting it (the activation). But right now I'm not sure what we'll be doing."

Before the shift began, the soldiers also were greeted by Larry D. Soulsby, MPD's newly-appointed chief of police.

"The Guard has helped us a lot in the last year," he said. "We're just starting to learn the different ways that we can use you. For every one that comes in, that's one more officer we can put on the street."

In the Fifth District, soldiers pro-

cessed police vehicle inspection reports, radio inventories and arrest reports.

By noon Oct. 16, the march well underway. According to reports into the D.C. Guard's command center, the crowd was especially orderly. Traffic moved easily.

With the 273rd going off shift and the 275th coming on, the only question was how congested traffic would become when the event came to a close.

Sgt. Twana Key, a member of the 275th MP Co., busied herself filing

investigation reports in the detective section at the 7th District police station in southeast Washington.

With some 25-40 incidents per day requiring follow-up, keeping the incidents tracked in a systematic fashion is "a never-ending job," said Detective Joe Romano.

"It's a good chance for us to get caught up," he added, "especially if the day continues peacefully."

Spcs. William McLaughlin and Sabrina Rogers, of the 275th, were a key link in matching detectives with callers seeking information about past cases.

McLaughlin, a University of the District of Columbia student, had planned to go to the march. "I never expected to be activated," he said.

"It was very successful," said Lt. Col. Barbaranette Bolden, 372nd MP Battalion commander. "The troops enjoyed their jobs and said they would gladly do it again."

SUPER SPLICERS

SSgt. Joey Zenou (left) and TSgt. Eddie Haffer, members of the California Air Guard's 216th Engineering Installation Squadron, were in Germany recently as part of Kraftig Komm '95. The 216th, joined by seven Ei squadrons, replaced 1,900 pairs of telephone cables.



Photo courtesy of the California National Guard



PEOPLE

'I will make the other women in the military proud'

Breaking BARRIERS

By Maj. Michael L. Yowell
Colorado National Guard

From the time she was a child growing up in rural Oklahoma, Jerre L. Brown has lived her life based on a simple teaching from her father.

"He always taught me that I could do whatever I thought I was big enough to do."

Two days after her 43rd birthday and 22 years after donning an Army uniform, Brown will become the nation's first female state command sergeant major in the National Guard.

She will be the first to tell you that she has had her sights on the position for a long time.

"I decided when I was 24 and a young specialist at Fort Collins that I was going to grow up to be the state command sergeant major," Brown said.

"Back then the Guard was different," she added. "Discipline was not what it is today. Training is not what it is today. When I figured out the chain of command within the Army Guard, I wanted to be the one that could be in position to impact change and take care of our soldiers. What better place to be able to do that than here as the CSM."

Brown is not your average soldier. She was divorced

when she joined the Army in 1973 at age 21. Her former husband was an Army aviator, and as she describes it, "my vision of the Army was from the eyes of someone who was a member of the officers' wives club. I felt that I could give something to this country and it was something I felt I needed to do. It's quite a shock to go from being an officer's wife to being a private."

As a member of the Women's Army Corps, Brown didn't do "typical women's things."

"I never learned to type because I didn't want to be stuck in a secretarial role," she said.

It was during her Advanced Individual Training at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., as an intelligence analyst that Brown's fortune turned.

"I was fortunate enough to be selected for a special intelligence assignment at the European Command Defense Analysis Center where I prepared intelligence summaries," she said.

Two years later, she was transferred to the Pentagon where she daily briefed top senior officers on worldwide current intelligence.

She left active duty and came to Colorado in 1977 to pursue her education at Colorado State University in Fort Collins. She graduated with honors in May 1980 with a degree in social work and a minor in criminal justice. After graduating she worked as the university's scholarship coordinator and student loan coordinator.

She also began her Guard career as a member of Company B, 140th Signal Battalion. Brown returned to the Army full-time in January 1983 as Company B's unit administrator.



CSM Jerre Brown

"It's the challenge," she explained as the reason she stayed in the Army. "I still believe that I can make a difference. I think the National Guard is so critical to America's Army today."

Her career has been filled with highlights from being named Forces Command Soldier of the Year for the Army and National Guard in 1984 to serving as the medical NCO-in-charge of Pope John Paul II's visit to Colorado in August 1993. But it was a tragic training accident that has had the most lasting impact on Brown and her training philosophy.

"It was the absolute low point of my career," she says.

During a bitter cold training exercise in December 1982, her unit was conducting a field exercise near Briggsdale, Colo. As the mess section was preparing the day's meal, an M2 burner, which had been placed inside a field stove earlier for transportation, exploded. Twenty-one soldiers were injured with third degree burns. One soldier eventually died as a result of his injuries.

"More than anything else, do a very extensive risk analysis before you engage in any training activity... if it's not safe, don't do it," she said. "There's never a time when a soldier's life is worth a training exercise."

Her main short term goal as the senior enlisted person in the Colorado Army National Guard is to get the Army's new promotion system of select, train, promote and assign off the ground.

"We need to make sure all of our soldiers are treated equally with the promotion system so we can make it work for us," she said.

Brown said she would not be where she is today without being willing to change.

"I have served in four distinct career management fields," she said. "I'm convinced I'm here because I took the risk of going to school to learn a new skill and to take the hard assignments."

As she assumes her new duties, the CSM is very aware that a lot of eyes are on her because she is the first.

"I will make the other women in the military proud of that," she said.



Photo by Spc. Robert C. Glenn

FROM ABOVE - Missouri Army Guard's Sgt. Eric Payne talks with pilots.

Keeping the skies above safe

By Spc. Robert C. Glenn
U.S. Army Reserve

As a boy, Eric Payne ran outside from his house in Russellville, Mo., to see helicopters fly overhead. He waved to the people inside. Sometimes, they waved back.

Now a Missouri Army National Guard UH-1 "Huey" helicopter crew chief for the 455th Aviation Detachment in Jefferson City, flying is no longer a dream for Sgt. Eric E. Payne. It is a reality.

His unit was recently training in Panama supporting humanitarian efforts there.

Payne supports pilots by performing maintenance to helicopters, checking equipment, issu-

ing pre-flight briefings to passengers and clearing the aircraft for take-off.

"The pilots are the most important people in the helicopter," he said, after completing a short mission. "We're pretty important, too. A lot of people don't realize the work crew chiefs do that helps the pilots look good."

"Sometimes, pilots don't really know how much we're needed until we face a problem out in the field," he added. "We come in pretty handy."

While observing the landing zone, he makes an air foil with his hands open like a kid putting his hands outside a car window while someone else is driving.

"It's all exciting, from take-

off to landing," Payne said.

Payne enlisted as a mechanic and became a crew chief a few years later.

Since the Army has strict eyesight standards for its pilots, Payne wasn't able to become a pilot as he had hoped.

As he sees it, though, he's still flying.

"What we do here (in Panama) is what we train for back home," Payne noted.

Only the weather and actual mission is different, he says. He views the change as a good training experience.

"I like what we are doing here to make the country better," said Payne of projects like *Fuertes Caminos* (Spanish for *strong roads*).

Aviators support the mission by transporting people and cargo to austere work sites. They can also provide engineers an overhead view of their work.

"I enjoy working with the public," he added.

His dedication to the public spreads to his civilian job where the sergeant is a police officer in California, Mo.

He admits the two hats he wears are dissimilar.

"I take pride in my work. And I take them both seriously," he said.

With the "whup-whup-whup" sound of a helicopter filling the Panamanian skies, rural children run from their houses waving to the giant, green Huey.

"I look at it the way I was when I was a kid. I was probably like one of them," he observed. "It always made me feel better when someone waved back, and that's what I always try to do."

YEAR in REVIEW

THERE IN '95

When a terrorist's bomb claimed nearly 200 lives in Oklahoma, they helped restore order. When hurricanes ripped Florida and the Virgin Islands, they provided the calm after the storm. When a peninsula in the Sinai required protection, they stood Guard. When wayward youths lost their direction, they lit the path. When they were needed most, the National Guard was there in 1995.



Photo by SSgt. Al Newmayer



Photo by MSgt. John Thornton



Photo by SMSgt. Curt Trent

THERE IN '95 - The National Guard work alongside civil emergency agencies when a terrorist's bomb (below, left photo) ripped through the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. Distance learning (below) became the wave of the future as the Guard looks for ways to train those unable to attend schools in-residence. A total of 380 Guardmembers from 23 states deployed for six months to the Sinai Peninsula (left) to support peace-keeping efforts.

ALABAMA

More than 1,100 Army and Air Guardmembers were activated after Hurricane Opal. Troops deployed to more than half of the state in rescue and relief operations. Members were also deployed to Haiti in support of Operation Maintain Democracy.

Army Guard: 16,858
Air Guard: 2,652

ALASKA

Twenty-seven people were evacuated by Army Guard aircrews during fall floods. Guardmembers also assisted in security and damage assessment operations. The Air Guard completed 120,000 accident-free flying hours (30 years without a Class-A incident).

Army Guard: 2,137
Air Guard: 1,802

ARIZONA

The 161st Air Refueling Wing and 107th Air Control Squadron were deployed to Operation Deny Flight. The Army Guard's 855th Military Police Company was mobilized for Operation Uphold Democracy in Haiti.

Army Guard: 4,094
Air Guard: 2,656

ARKANSAS

The Army Guard joined forces with area health care experts to

provide three days of free medical services to 3,223 medically underserved patients. The Air Guard's Basic Academic School, training for loadmasters and flight engineers, graduated its 1,000th student since its opening in 1988.

Army Guard: 6,603
Air Guard: 2,144

CALIFORNIA

Torrential rainstorms pressed the Guard into service for evacuations, rescue and emergency shelter operations. Army and Air Guardmembers participated in more than 100 separate out-of-country deployments to more than 24 foreign countries.

Army Guard: 18,172
Air Guard: 5,083

COLORADO

More than 70 Special Forces troops were activated for federal duty to Haiti as part of Operation Uphold Democracy. Both Army and Air Guard medical units participated in the GuardCare program taking medical care to people in the inner-cities of Denver and Pueblo.

Army Guard: 3,534
Air Guard: 1,426

CONNECTICUT

More than 700 Guardmembers provided logistical, medical and

escort support to 7,000 athletes from 140 countries participating in the 1995 Special Olympics World Games. The 103rd Air Control Squadron was the first Air Guard unit to deploy to Europe to coordinate flight and refueling operations for all NATO aircraft enforcing the no-fly zone over Bosnia.

Army Guard: 4,076
Air Guard: 1,201

DELAWARE

The Army Guard is the first Guard state to join in partnership with Delaware public schools and the HOSTS (Help One Student To Succeed) Corporation. The program helps to assist in educating at-risk students. The Air Guard placed first in the Men's Open 1995 Air National Guard Softball Championship.

Army Guard: 1,687
Air Guard: 1,012

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

More than 120 MPs were called on to provide security for the Million Man March. The lights went on in Georgetown when D.C. Guard soldiers and airmen spent the night on the streets providing emergency lighting during a power outage.

Army Guard: 1,762
Air Guard: 1,353

FLORIDA

The Army and Air Guard served the state three times helping the state recover from Hurricanes Erin, Allyson and Opal. The 53rd Infantry Brigade was the first National Guard enhanced readiness brigade to train at an Army combat training center, deploying 1,000 pieces of equipment by barge and 4,000 soldiers by air.

Army Guard: 11,116
Air Guard: 1,529

GEORGIA

F-15s from the 116th Fighter Wing deployed to Singapore in June marking the unit's last deployment before its conversion to the B-1B bomber aircraft. Guardmembers deployed to Aviano, Italy, for operations in support of Deny Flight and aided hurricane relief efforts in the Virgin Islands.

Army Guard: 9,284
Air Guard: 3,252

HAWAII

The Army Guard's 29th Infantry Brigade was officially recognized as an enhanced readiness brigade. The Air Guard participated in Operations Provide Comfort and Deny Flight. They also deployed in support of Operation Coronet Nighthawk to assist with drug interdiction efforts.

Army Guard: 3,241
Air Guard: 2,314



Photo by SSgt. D. Chris Martin



Photo by Lt. Col. Robert Arnett

THERE IN '95 - D.C. Guard's MSgt. Samuel Ridley (far left) joined unit members in renovating a baseball field for area youths. When floods ravaged Illinois, Guardmembers (left) pitched in. South Carolina tankers got down and dirty with the M-1 Abrams.



Photo by Spc. Van Hope

IDAHO

Armor crews from the Army Guard's 116th Cavalry Brigade were the first National Guard tank crews to qualify on the Tank Table 12 for both day and night firing. The Air Guard's 124th Fighter Wing deployed for the second time to southwest Asia in support of Operation Provide Comfort, where an air crew from the 190th Fighter Squadron flew the 50,000th mission in support of the UN mandated no fly zone in northern Iraq.

Army Guard: 3,285
Air Guard: 1,170

ILLINOIS

The Army Guard's 3rd Battalion, 130th Infantry converted to a 155mm Artillery Battalion. Two "A" teams from Company D, 2nd Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group, deployed to Haiti. The 182nd and 183rd Fighter Groups went through conversions.

Army Guard: 9,682
Air Guard: 3,389

INDIANA

The Hoosier Guard is extensively involved in Partnership for Peace programs with Slovakia. Several groups of Slovakian officers visited Indiana throughout the year. Hoosiers are helping the former Soviet republic develop a

national guard and constitution.

Army Guard: 12,255
Air Guard: 2,122

IOWA

The Guard is installing 62 full-motion audiovisual fiber optic classrooms in its Army and Air facilities. When completed, the Guard will share the system's capabilities with their local communities. The Army Guard's Camp Dodge has been designated as the U.S. Army's National Maintenance Training Center.

Army Guard: 7,363
Air Guard: 2,063

KANSAS

Army Guardmembers of the 995th Maintenance Company won the Philip A. Connelly Food Service Award. The 190th Air Refueling Wing participated in Operation Deny Flight in Bosnia, refueling aircraft used to help rescue American downed pilot Capt. Scott O'Grady.

Army Guard: 6,125
Air Guard: 2,107

KENTUCKY

The Army's 1995 Advanced Warfighter Experiment showcased the 1st Battalion, 123rd Armor as the opposing force as National Guard and active Army soldiers maneuvered in actual ar-

mored vehicles and virtual reality simulators linked by satellite at four U.S. installations. The Air Guard moved into its new \$43 million facility at Louisville International Airport.

Army Guard: 6,518
Air Guard: 1,139

LOUISIANA

Members of the Army and Air Guard supported deployments to Turkey, Haiti and Panama. They also hosted GuardCare '95 giving free medical care to the medically underserved. The 256th Infantry Brigade was declared an enhanced readiness brigade.

Army Guard: 11,572
Air Guard: 1,478

MAINE

The 265th Combat Communications Squadron was selected the Air Guard's best Mission Support Squadron. The 240th Combat Engineer Group evaluated an active component's effectiveness at Grafenwoehr, Germany.

Army Guard: 2,360
Air Guard: 1,268

MARYLAND

A force of 97 volunteers from the 29th Infantry Division returned from a successful peacekeeping mission in the Sinai Desert. "My Life, My Choice," a Free-

state Guard-sponsored youth program, received a grant from a local charitable organization to begin construction of a multi-purpose resident facility.

Army Guard: 6,362
Air Guard: 1,846

MASSACHUSETTS

About 700 people celebrated the opening of the Massachusetts National Guard Military Museum. More than 180 Air Guard pilots and aircraft maintenance personnel deployed to Iceland for six weeks on a mission to intercept and engage aircraft entering the Icelandic Military Air Defense Identification Zone.

Army Guard: 9,587
Air Guard: 2,654

MICHIGAN

Fifty-four volunteer soldiers from Company D, 2nd Battalion, 238th Aviation deployed to Haiti to support Uphold Democracy. More than 450 members of the Air Guard deployed to Bosnia in support of Operation Deny Flight.

Army Guard: 9,835
Air Guard: 2,746

MINNESOTA

The Army Guard took part in Fuertes Caminos, a six-month humanitarian mission in Guatemala. They built roads, schools,

medical clinics, bridges and drilled 13 water wells. The Air Guard's 120th Engineering Installation Squadron took part in Empire Endeavor '95, a deployment that combined 57 communication projects with wartime training.

Army Guard: 8,982
Air Guard: 2,323

MISSISSIPPI

The 1st Battalion, 204th ADA celebrated the receipt of the first Avenger missile systems, becoming the only Guard battalion to field this weapon. The 172nd Military Airlift Group airlifted 75,000 pounds of rice, donated by Mississippians, to Rwanda.

Army Guard: 10,925
Air Guard: 2,590

MISSOURI

Hundreds of Show-Me-Staters were called upon when a flood hit. For the fifth time in 10 years, Missouri led a major exercise in SOUTHCOM, as thousands of Missouri soldiers worked on schools, medical clinics and roads in Panama.

Army Guard: 7,326
Air Guard: 2,589

MONTANA

Both the Army and Air Guard units have won national recognition for their environmental

YEAR in REVIEW

Many Air Guard units supported the no-fly zone over Iraq, but few got a welcome (right) home like this Hawaii Guard airman. Special Forces troops like Vermont's SSgt. Douglas O'Donnell (below) were in Haiti helping to restore democracy.



Photo by Capt. William N. Nutter



Photo by SSgt. Delmar Galicinas



Photo by Spc. Rick Roth

THERE IN '95 - Kansas Guard's SSgt. Shaun West (right) was in Panama building schools and making his best pitch to improve relations. With the backing of Guard programs like Challenge, youths like Maryland's Miles Thomas have turned their lives around.



efforts including the pollution prevention award. The Army Guard has also been approved \$22 million for military construction projects throughout the state.

Army Guard: 2,811
Air Guard: 1,005

NEBRASKA

The 155th Air Refueling Wing, after only 18 months with the KC-135R aircraft mission, declared their status as C-1 combat ready. The first M-1 (improved performance) tanks arrived for the 167th Cavalry.

Army Guard: 3,483
Air Guard: 918

NEVADA

The last operational RF-4C aircraft in the U.S. Air Force were given a farewell salute in September as the 152nd Reconnaissance Group began the conversion to C-130 Hercules.

Army Guard: 1,524
Air Guard: 1,023

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The 210th Engineer Company completed work on a Girl Scout camp. The 157th Air Refueling Wing participated in Operation Deny Flight and the rescue of Capt. Scott O'Grady in Bosnia.

Army Guard: 1,700
Air Guard: 914

NEW JERSEY

1st Lt. Leah Muricami became the state's first female F-16 fighter pilot. The Army Guard opened the first Training and Training Technologies Battle Laboratory as the center for research and development of simulations for the entire National Guard.

Army Guard: 7,036
Air Guard: 2,448

NEW MEXICO

Camp Courage, a Counterdrug Support Task Force project, rewarded state youths who had demonstrated the courage to stay away from drugs and gangs. Pilots from the Air Guard supported combat operations for Operation Provide Promise/Deny Flight over Bosnia.

Army Guard: 3,714
Air Guard: 1,054

NEW YORK

Four hundred Army and Air Guardmembers were activated in August to battle wildfires that swept across eastern Long Island. They flew more than 700 missions and damped more than 160,000 gallons of water on hot spots. Army and Air units delivered thousands of pounds of relief for Antigua residents as a result of Hurricane Luis. They also flew more than 700,000 pounds of relief to the Virgin Islands and

Puerto Rico to aid victims of Hurricane Marilyn.

Army Guard: 11,358
Air Guard: 5,781

NORTH CAROLINA

The GuardCare program assisted in the medical screening of more than 2,500 men, women and children in five medically underserved counties. The 30th Infantry Brigade (M)(S) was designated as an enhanced readiness brigade. The 145th Airlift Group surpassed 160,000 flying hours without an accident.

Army Guard: 10,882
Air Guard: 1,541

NORTH DAKOTA

The 119th Fighter Group was awarded the coveted Hughes Trophy as the best fighter wing in the Air Force. The Army Guard activated the 112th Aviation Battalion in Bismarck, and Battery D, 1st Battalion, 188th Air Defense Artillery, in Grand Forks.

Army Guard: 3,426
Air Guard: 1,046

OHIO

The Army Guard sent a special forces team to Haiti in support of Operation Maintain Democracy, while the state's Air Guard supported Operations Deny Flight and Provide Promise. Answering a call from the governor, Guard

engineers responded to spring floods by restoring bridges, building roads and repairing culverts.

Army Guard: 9,970
Air Guard: 5,037

OKLAHOMA

During the aftermath of the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, 734 Army and Air National Guard members were called to state active duty. The Oklahoma National Guard was one of the first organizations called in a supporting role. This was the worst act of terrorism ever committed in the United States.

Army Guard: 7,611
Air Guard: 2,432

OREGON

The 272nd Air Control Squadron began exclusive control tower operations of the Klamath Falls Airport Tower. The National Guard was a chief sponsor in bringing the National and World Helicopter Championships to Salem in 1996.

Army Guard: 6,415
Air Guard: 1,894

PENNSYLVANIA

The Air Guard's 111th Fighter Group deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Southern Watch. The Army Guard's CH-47 Chinook helicopter aircrew was

called to support firefighting efforts on Long Island. They also airlifted a New York Army Guard Huey that had force landed in the Hudson River.

Army Guard: 17,348
Air Guard: 4,412

PUERTO RICO

The National Guard celebrated its 2nd Military Games with more than 400 athletes participating from the Army and Air Guard. The event was created to unite the different Guard units with a sense of camaraderie.

Army Guard: 8,690
Air Guard: 1,385

RHODE ISLAND

Two "A" teams from Company A, 2nd Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group, were deployed to Haiti in support of Operation Uphold Democracy. The Army Guard hosted its 13th Annual Leapfest International Military Parachute Competition in August. More than 500 Paratroopers participated.

Army Guard: 2,447
Air Guard: 1,401

SOUTH CAROLINA

The Army Guard participated in a major joint U.S. training mission in Albania called Exercise Ujekristal, Clear Water. The mission focused on renovation of Al-



Photo by Capt. Philip Thornton



Photo courtesy Virgin Islands National Guard



Photo by SSgt. Steve Markowski

bania's major trauma hospital in the capital city of Tirana. The Air Guard completed transition to the F-16C Block 52 aircraft.

Army Guard: 11,370
Air Guard: 1,295

SOUTH DAKOTA

Fifty-two Army National Guard soldiers constructed a temporary bridge in Boulder Canyon to reach 15 stranded families after heavy flooding washed out the only road to their homes. The state also hosted Golden Coyote, its 11th engineer exercise, involving 1,900 soldiers from 11 states.

Army Guard: 3,370
Air Guard: 984

TENNESSEE

Calvary Scout students at the Tennessee Military Academy recently became the first Army Guard unit to live-fire the new Bradley fighting vehicle. The Air Guard participated in humanitarian missions in Somalia, Rwanda, Russia, Peru, Columbia, Haiti and Bosnia. They also assisted in anti-drug missions in Panama, Columbia, Peru and Bolivia.

Army Guard: 12,122
Air Guard: 3,635

TEXAS

The National Guard received the 1994 Department of the Army Installation Pollution Prevention

Award for programs that decreased the generation of hazardous special wastes by more than 50 percent. Air Guardmembers performed drug interdiction duty in Panama.

Army Guard: 17,011
Air Guard: 3,509

UTAH

The Army Guard was selected by the Army Communities of Excellence committee as the number one National Guard unit nationwide for the second consecutive year. Exercise Deep Look '95, a live fire field training exercise, involved more than 2,500 people.

Army Guard: 5,083
Air Guard: 1,471

VERMONT

The Army Guard's 132nd Public Affairs Detachment Guard deployed to Camp Zama, Japan, in support of Yama Sakus XXVII, a joint exercise with the Japanese Defense Force. Fifty members of the Air Guard's 158th Civil Engineer Squadron deployed to Mali, Africa, to build a 5,000-square-foot medical clinic.

Army Guard: 3,426
Air Guard: 1,020

VIRGINIA

The Guard was instrumental in providing protection to the Sinai

peninsula. More than 195 soldiers from the 29th Infantry Division spent six months in the Sinai manning the observation posts. The Air Guard was selected to provide engine maintenance to active Air Force units.

Army Guard: 7,399
Air Guard: 1,207

VIRGIN ISLANDS

The entire Army and Air Guard was mobilized to assist the territory during Hurricanes Luis and Marilyn. The 620th Quartermaster water purification detachment, the territory's highest priority unit, passed a grueling test of its preparedness for war.

Army Guard: 818
Air Guard: 39

WASHINGTON

The 81st Infantry Brigade underwent a rigorous annual training emphasizing platoon lanes evaluations and gunnery skills. The 141st Air Refueling Wing provided KC-135 aircraft support for Operation Deny Flight over Bosnia, including support for the rescue of downed pilot and Spokane native, Capt. Scott O'Grady.

Army Guard: 5,974
Air Guard: 2,402

WEST VIRGINIA

Members of the Army Guard's Special Forces Group returned

THERE IN '95 -
Members of the Connecticut Guard (below) supported the Special Olympics World Games. Virgin Islands citizen-soldiers (left) unload donated supplies after a hurricane caused nearly \$3.5 billion damage.

'95 NOTABLES



SrA. Ken Davis tackles White House gunman Francisco Duran.



Lt. Col. Jim Barrineau breaks world age group high jump record at 6-11.



Oregon's MSgt. Cindie McKenna becomes first woman ever to run seven 100 mile races in one year.



North Carolina's 1st Lt. Kristen Ohliger becomes first Guard woman to pilot an Apache.

home after serving several months in Haiti in support Operation Uphold Democracy. The Guard also participated in the Drug Enforcement Administration's Operation Grand Slam, a federally funded marijuana eradication program that eliminated more than one-half million plants from the state.

Army Guard: 33,349
Air Guard: 2,063

WISCONSIN

The Army Guard graduated 50 young people from its Badger Challenge program, a program for 16- to 18-year-olds who are not regularly attending school. The Air Guard's 128th Air Refueling Wing participated in Operation Deny Flight.

Army Guard: 7,667
Air Guard: 2,118

WYOMING

Soldiers from the Army Guard's 133rd Combat Support Engineers rebuilt washed-out culverts due to flooding near Sundance. Two of the sites repaired by the Guard were the largest and most crucial areas to the residents. The Air Guard's 178th Aero-Medical Evacuation Squadron deployed to Cuba providing medical care to Cuban and Haitian refugees.

Army Guard: 1,572
Air Guard: 972



SPORTS

- Marksmen
- Title Winners
- Running TAG

SPORTS SHORTS

DELAWARE, N. CAROLINA AND MINNESOTA TAKE SOFTBALL TITLES

Members of the Delaware Air National Guard emerged victorious at the 30th Annual Air National Guard Softball Tournament in Montgomery, Ala., recently.

The unit members took first place in the Men's Open Division at the tournament. This is the seventh time the unit has won this title since 1978. North Carolina (team #1) took second place, while Tennessee walked away with third.

Team members included Ken Bennett, George Buckman, Paul Callahan, Alvin Crowl, Henry Cullen, Jerry Dougherty, Scott Etherton, Don Goldstein (manager), Mike Henry, Larry Kendall, Scott Miller, Charlie McCall, Bruce Minner, Nick Newci, Ed Pavina, Scott Russell, Ed Szczerba, Ken Tompkins and John Zimkowski.

In the woman's division, North Carolina's ladies repeated as national champs drubbing Iowa's 132nd Fighter Wing, 12-4. As a team, the Tarheel women batted .537, with Chris Rowzee leading the way with a .667 average and 15 runs-batted-in.

The team also included Kathy York, Sylvia Wray, Debbie Fletcher, Shannon Hamilton, Fran Goins, Sherri Jolliff, Stacy Vendetti, Angie Trogon, Pennie Sullivan, Liz Sine, Mary Thompson, Michael McCorkill, Barbara Concaster and Kim Moore.

In the men's 35-and-over division, Minnesota's 133rd Airlift Wing team beat Alabama 12-8 to capture the title.

Team members are Bruce Anderson, Bob Ueland, Larry Peterson, Markus Carter, Chuck Rodke, Dave Thompson, Greg Lentich, Jerry Thiebault, Lee Larson, Jeff Osum, Mike Forster, Scott Pfannenstien, Doug Blomker, Ken Crane, Rich Lund and Greg Huase.

Pennsylvanians claim team title at Wilson match

By Capt. Sherri Daniels
Arkansas National Guard

More than 800 citizen-soldiers and airmen competed at the 24th Annual Winston P. Wilson Rifle, Pistol, Sniper, and Light Machinegun Championships at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Oct. 16-20.

The participants earned the honor of competing at the national level by being the champion team in their state.

The matches have continued to evolve over the years to reflect more realistic training. Particular emphasis is devoted to improving individual battle focused "move and shoot" combat marksmanship skills.

The top 50 shooters were honored as the "Chiefs 50." They are chosen from the aggregate winners of each of the four disciplines.

Pennsylvania was named the "Overall State Champions" for the third year in a row. The title is earned by having the highest team aggregate score of the four disciplines combined.

The M-60 light machinegun team of Cpl. Matthew Gross and Jeffrey Thomas from Michigan's 3rd Battalion, 126th Infantry, came away with numerous wins, including setting a new Wilson record score.

Gross, a new shooter, set the new record score in the machinegun individual championship with 1,024, just two points ahead of perennial winner, Missouri's Sgt. Doug Washburn.



Photo by TSgt. Cheryl Zorn

Vermont Guard's SSgt. Millard Butler claimed the individual pistol champion title for the fourth year, setting a new record score of 1,403 points. He and his teammates, MSgt. Steven Fillion, SSgt. Ronald Fagans and SSgt. Bruce Beauregard also took the pistol team championship with a record score of 6,401 points.

"The old shooters there, like myself, spend more time training our new shooters than we do actually shooting ourselves," Butler said of Vermont's shooting program. "They're the key to the program."

Vermont shooters also claimed the combat rifle team championship with a new record score of 5,013 points. Team members included SFC Neal Sargeant, SSgt. Larry Reynolds, Sgt. Ralph Young and Sgt. Michael Bougor.

The Texas team won the machinegun championship. In the sniper competition, a team from Indiana was victorious.

"Everybody loves a winner," said Lt. Gen. Edward Baca, National Guard Bureau Chief, at the awards ceremony. "We love competition. Our whole culture is based on competition...Regardless of who gets the awards here tonight, all of you are winners, just by being here."

The Wilson Matches are named for Maj. Gen. Winston P. Wilson, former chief of the National Guard Bureau and member of the Arkansas Air National Guard.

Montana TAG logs 20,000 miles

By Spc. Dan Rapkoch
Montana National Guard

Maj. Gen. John E. "Gene" Prendergast, Montana's Adjutant General, logged his 20,000th mile of running at the state's capitol in Helena, Oct. 18.

The 55-year-old Prendergast began running in 1978, at age 37, as a way to relieve stress and train for a marathon.

Prendergast averages 25 miles a week and 1,176 miles per year. The General estimates that he has worn out at least 70 pair of shoes on his 17-year running trek. He has also run in 44 states and participated in five marathons (26.2 miles).

"Anyone can run," Prendergast said. "Everyone is equal when running."

Prendergast has set physical fitness as one of his top goals for the Montana Army and Air National Guard members under his command.

"I cannot expect my Guardsmen and women to do something I don't do my-

self," he said.

"I want to emphasize the importance of physical education in the schools, to get everyone involved in PT," he added. "Exercise is important to the mind, as well as the body."

There are other benefits, the General added. "The feeling of exuberance a person feels after a good run is hard to express," he explained. "I think of running as preventative maintenance."

Prendergast made the 20,000 mile mark a goal to be reached by the time his daughter, Kathie, turned 19.

The love of running extends to Prendergast's children, too. His daughter, Katie, and 12-year-old son, Michael, also are runners. And, the General's wife, Kathy, is up every morning at 5:30 a.m. for power walks.

THE LONG HAUL - Maj. Gen. John E. Prendergast, Montana's Adjutant General, runs past the statue of Col. Francis Meagher in Helena.



Photo courtesy Montana National Guard

The AIR GUARD'S LONG RANGE PLAN

What the future holds

This is the final article on the long range plan for the Air National Guard, as shared by Maj. Gen. Donald W. Shepperd, ANG Director.

Long Range Planning in the Air Guard includes three elements:

- A consensus-based planning process that involves Air Guard representatives from every state and territory.
- A mechanism to identify and resolve key issues.
- The publication of an annual long range plan.

The planning process is based on three basic tenets:

- The plan describes the future direction and collective interest of the ANG as an integral part of the Total Force.
- The plan is designed to help each state focus its own planning efforts in a manner that supports long-term objectives.
- The process developed to produce the plan provides the forum for senior Air Guard leadership to focus on the long-term direction of the ANG, to debate critical issues and to develop national consensus.

The ANG view of the future suggests that their activities 15-20 years hence will be significantly different.

Funds available for defense will remain low as compared with the cold war era. The U.S. will have a small active force, and a comparatively large but reduced reserve force.

The ANG of the 21st Century will be involved in most, if not all, Air Force mission areas.

The need for many of today's mission areas, such as continental air defense, general purpose fighters, combat communications, theater air control and dedicated manned reconnaissance may decline as missions are redefined. However, the need for aerial tankers and airlift will probably increase. Emerging issues, such as space operations and employment of unmanned aerial vehicles, will likely present new opportunities.

The traditional state mission will continue. This includes such missions as counterdrug and youth programs.

Idaho's armored personnel carriers take to the streets to keep kids from driving drunk

CRUISING WITH A PURPOSE

By SrA. Karen Cooper
National Guard Bureau

What started as one father's way of dealing with a son lost to a drunken-driving accident, has snowballed into a Guard program that has swept an entire community.

Armored personnel carriers carting volunteer soldiers from the Idaho Army Guard's 116th Engineer Battalion, cruised among youths in traffic of the Lewiston, Idaho, on the local "strip" to spread an anti-drinking and driving message.

"The strip, located in one of Northern Idaho's bigger towns, attracts teens from rural communities from up to 75 miles away, as a popular meeting place," said SFC Fred McFall, program initiator and a recruiter from

the 116th Engineer Battalion.

Consequently, a big town meeting causes a big-town mess.

"They drag Main Street. There are fights in the parking lots, graffiti on the walls and empty beer bottles on the ground," he said.

For McFall, the mixture of youth, alcohol and driving hits home.

"I lost my son July 4, 1989, due to an alcohol-related incident," said McFall. "From that experience, I started doing drug and alcohol programs in the high schools."

The programs eventually evolved into the community patrol called Operation Guard.

"This year, we thought we'd do something personal," said McFall.

So the soldiers, "let down their hatch" and allowed teens to view the interior of an armored personnel carrier, get a complimentary Pepsi and ask questions.

"We're an authority figure, but not threatening," said Capt. Rick M. Oler, 116th battalion operations officer. "We're not their parents or the police."

Amanda Ekert, 17, a senior at Prairie

High School in Cottonwood, saw the patrol while waiting in line for a movie.

"Usually you don't see those kind of things (armored carriers) driving down Main Street. It just made you look. It got people curious to read their banner, which said don't drink."

Aside from lowering mortality rates, the community took interest in Operation Guard to lower property damage, said McFall.

"Businesses pay to clean graffiti and trash left in the parking lots by weekend cruisers on Monday mornings," he said.

Hence, the citizen-soldiers responded to the call with Operation Guard.

"The amazing thing about this project is that we never intended it to be this big. The community has basically adopted the National Guard," said McFall.

"Pepsi-Cola called us and said they had cases of pop to trade the kids for alcohol," said McFall.

Steiner Electronics gave free diagnostic testing of the 1,500 kids' car stereos that rolled through one night, said McFall.

XL Transport handed out key chains and hats from a semi-truck. Truck Driver,

"Earl the Squirrel," told teens that they couldn't get a commercial driver's license if they've ever had a DUI.

And the list of contributors goes on and on, explained McFall.

"One meeting and the entire community jumped on the band wagon," said Oler.

"The theme of what we're doing is that it takes a village to raise a child," McFall said.

"And the reaction from many of the kids is, 'We didn't know anyone cared.'"



Photo courtesy Idaho National Guard

CRUISING - Idaho Army Guard's SSgt. Guy Vonbargen shows off his personnel carrier to interested residents, during a cruise to keep teens from drinking and driving.

CALLING her BROKER?

New Jersey Army Guard's SFC Jennifer Bromirski, a finance specialist with the 50th Finance Battalion, communicates her position during a recent annual training exercise at Fort Drum, N.Y. Once their field training was complete, the Garden Staters spent the rest of their AT with the 10th Mountain Division's Finance and Accounting office.



Photo by SSgt. David Moore

NEWS

MAKERS

Compiled by SrA. Beth Brady
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Capt. Jesus M. Figueroa, Jr., of the 106th Civil Engineer Squadron was recently selected as the Company Grade Civil Engineer of the Year for the New York Air National Guard. The captain is responsible for the care and maintenance of the ANG side of Gabreski Airport in Westhampton Beach, N.Y.

SMSgt. Dee Rogers was named as the newest state family programs coordinator for the Minnesota National Guard. The 19-year military veteran, 12 of which have been with the Guard, began serving in the position Sept. 1. She was serving as the state Recruiting and Retention Manager.

Col. Maritta Loo was recently pinned with her new eagles at the close of her tour as the Texas National Guard Liaison for the Czech Republic by Maj. Gen. Sam C. Turk, the Adjutant General of Texas, and the U.S. Ambassador to the Czech Republic Jenonne Walker. Loo was named commander of the 136th Medical Squadron.

When asked how it felt to be the first woman to be promoted to sergeant major in the Washington Army National Guard, Debra Clarke didn't hesitate for a second with her answer. "No different than any other sergeant major, male or female," said Clarke, who was just recently promoted. "It's coincidental that I'm a woman," she said.

Members of the 147th Fighter Group Children's Charity Committee recently contributed \$1,000 toward buying Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for some of Houston's most needy children. The money was given to the Kid Care program which delivers more than 500 lunches to children who would otherwise have nothing to eat. The Texas Air National Guard members became involved in Kid Care after MSgts. Gerald Jones and Priscilla Leger expressed an interest in being part of an organized effort to help these needy children.

Brouneta Y. Eutsey made history recently when she became the first black woman to attain the rank of master sergeant in the Alabama Army National Guard. The 37-year-old Montgomery native serves as an assistant inspector general. She is only the second black woman in the history of the Guard to reach the rank of master sergeant. "It's a blessing; it feels really good," said Eutsey of her promotion.

The 187th Fighter Group Social Actions Office, Alabama Air National Guard, was recently named as the 1995 ANG Outstanding Social Actions Office of the Year. The unit contributed to the goals of equal opportunity and treatment, drug and alcohol abuse control, and human relations within the Air National Guard which helped them achieve this award.

Chalk up yet another first for the Alabama National Guard. Lt. Col. William H. "Bill" Petty became the first black officer in the history of the Guard to be promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the Active Guard and Reserve (AGR) status.



Capt. Jesus Figueroa,
civil engineer of the year.



Recently promoted
Col. Maritta Loo.



Maj. Gen. Raymond
Vezina present Gov.
Weld an award.



North Carolina
Gov. James Hunt
joins the
National Guard's
fight against
drugs.

The 129th Medical Squadron, California Air National Guard, selected as the winner of 1995 Air Guard Health Promotion Program Award. This award recognizes an installation that makes significant contributions (enhancement of well-being through self-care, health maintenance, and avoidance of modifiable disease risks thereby promoting combat readiness) to their Guardmembers.

Recipients of the 1995 Air National Guard Outstanding Medical Readiness Persons of the Year Awards are: Officer of the Year, 2nd Lt. John A. Kitchens (147th Medical Squadron, Texas), and Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, TSgt. Shaun P. Skierka (144th Medical Squadron, Calif.).

1st Lt. Rick Morris visited 11-year-old **Christian Core** in his hospital room at Emanuel Hospital after the youth was struck by lightning while practicing football. The incident was a freak accident because he was struck after a thunderstorm passed and the skies were clear. Morris presented Christian with gifts from the Oregon Air National Guard and also invited him to visit the Portland Air Base after his recovery.

Lt. Col. Michael E. Hayek of the 131st Medical Squadron, Missouri Air National Guard, was nominated for the 1995 Malcolm C. Grow Award. This award was established in 1961 to further the aim of the society of USAF flight surgeons to advance the practice of aerospace medicine. The program recognizes the individual contributing the most to a flying organization during the year. Hayek also won the 1995 ANG Flight Surgeon of the Year.

Fresh out of basic training and advanced individual training, Pvt. Gordon Oglesby reported to his first commanding officer -- his father, Capt. Gordon Oglesby. Capt. Oglesby is the battalion chaplain for Texas' 3rd Battalion, 133rd Field Artillery. "I know how to maintain the distinction between father and supervisor," said the captain. "As a military officer, I don't hesitate to give him a direct order if needed." The younger Oglesby added, "We don't wear the green suit at home. He is my dad and has all of my respect. If we were in a combat situation, I would step in front of him to take a bullet so the ministry could continue."

Gov. William F. Weld was awarded the **Charles Dick Medal of Merit** recently by Maj. Gen. Raymond A. Vezina of the Massachusetts National Guard. The award was designed to recognize the contributions to the National Guard by state and federal officials. "Governor Weld is a true supporter of the National Guard, both Army and Air," said Vezina. "His commitment to excellence is recognized by every soldier and airman."

The North Carolina National Guard, through the Drug Demand Reduction Program, joined Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., recently by wearing a red ribbon in support of the national effort in the fight against drugs. The 1995 National Red Ribbon Celebration was in conjunction with the National Family Partnership's sponsorship of the program.

Soldiers with the 42nd 'Rainbow' Division take the fight to the streets

URBAN ASSAULT

By Maj. Eric Durr
New York National Guard

On one side of town, soldiers with Massachusetts' Company C, 1st Battalion, 182nd Infantry slowly worked their way into the bombed out apartment building.

Squad leader Spc. Paul Shinney had already lost one man and was out to clear the remaining rooms without losing another. He motioned Cpl. Jonathan Garbarino forward to cover a doorway.

Across town, 42nd Military Police Company soldiers prepared to take a house and school.

"First squad is going to assault, second



Photo by SSgt. Jeannine Mannarino

squad's going to cover," SSgt. Larry Russell told his men.

A hail of machinegun fire and yellow smoke kicked off the assault. MP's stormed the house, calling out warnings to each other, cleared it and moved onto the school.

The village resembled part of Beirut, but it's the Army's state-of-the-art urban combat training facility located at Fort Drum, N.Y.

Two days at the MOUT (Military Operations in Urban Terrain) Training site

was the highlight of recent training for many.

"We look forward to this training," said SSgt. Lawrence Crehan, a communications sergeant with 1-182nd. "We're working as a team all at once and everybody is depending on each other as they're moving through their building."

The mechanized infantrymen spent most of their annual training working as platoons, practicing their movements and setting up ambushes. MOUT training gets them back to infantry basics at the squad

ASSAULT - Massachusetts' soldiers take aim at the enemy.

level, said Maj. Bruce Carpenter, the battalion's executive officer.

"It's excellent training" added Spc. David Johnson. "Whenever you fight a war you go where the people are; people live in cities."

Johnson learned his lessons the hard way. He was "killed" by enemy fire.

The soldiers started slow and rusty, but relearned their skills well, said SSgt. Patrick McDonald, a platoon sergeant.

"Just remember," he told troops, "go in those rooms hard and fast and stay low. You guys are doing the right thing."

For the 272nd's chemical recon platoon, MOUT training was a welcome chance to do something different, said 2nd Lt. Gregory Langfield, the platoon leader.

For Cpl. Thomas Desharnais, an MP, MOUT training brought back memories of his service with the 143rd MP Company during the Persian Gulf War.

Desharnais spent time clearing buildings in Kuwait City. He said the MOUT was well worth the time.

"This is very real," he said. "I was starting to sweat there for a while."

The 42nd Infantry "Rainbow" Division has units in Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Delaware and Rhode Island.

UNITED NATIONS MISSION

More than 850 members of 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry spent time at Camp Ripley, Minn., preparing for a peacekeeping mission in Bosnia. According to Canadian Maj. Ian Hope, the 53,000-acre National Guard facility was ideal for their training. "The terrain here is similar to the area in which we will operate in Bosnia," he said. The battalion deployed to Europe in November.



Photo by 1st Lt. Tim Mooney



STATES

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DELAWARE

Medical personnel from the 142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron deployed to Grafenwoehr Training Area in Germany recently to participate in Exercise Broken Body 95. More than 100 members trained with NATO forces to exercise their abilities to evacuate casualties from the front echelon to rear echelon medical facilities.

ARKANSAS

It was called Operation Quick Look, and rightly so. The 123rd Intelligence Squadron recently conducted the exercise with the 223rd Combat Communications Squadron, Hot Springs, Ark., and the 236th CCS, Hammond, La., to test the digital imagery from the pod on an F-16. With the digital film, images can be passed from the aircraft to a TSC-60 satellite and onto a computer screen within a matter of seconds instead of hours. This means more accurate, up-to-date information for aircrews.

MINNESOTA

The 1st Battalion, 151st Field Artillery is destroying targets without saying a word. Thanks to new equipment and effective training, the division artillery is using a new system for fire control that sends information digitally from one element to the next. The Initial Fire Support Automation System (IFSAS) provides a quicker response from the observer all the way to the gun line.

DISCOVERING the SHUTTLE

Utah's SMSgt. Doug Cline, a KC-135 boom operator, walks with his son Alex after viewing the Space Shuttle Discovery at the Utah Air National Guard Base near Salt Lake City. The shuttle was being flown from Florida to California for its annual overhaul.



Photo by MSgt. Craig Leeper

TENNESSEE

Gov. Don Sundquist recently signed a state proclamation declaring a week in November as Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week in Tennessee. The Governor urged all Tennesseans to join him in honoring the thousands of employers of Guard and Reserve members across the state to express gratitude for their sacrifices.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The 157th Air Refueling Group accepted a "real world" mission recently when it deployed to Southern France in support of NATO's Operation Deny Flight. The 200 Guardmembers worked closely with New York's 107th ARG flying missions and off loading fuel throughout their deployment. The members spent their two to four weeks in France at Le Tule Air Base, Istres.

TEXAS

The Republic of Singapore and the Army National Guard jointly announced an agreement to conduct helicopter search and rescue training at Dallas Naval Air Station, Grand Prairie, Texas. The Republic of Singapore Air Force purchased six CH-47D helicopters and will conduct collective training with Company G, 149th Aviation Regiment. The RSAF will be using the Guard facilities and personnel to enhance their operational capability with all phases of search and rescue.

VERMONT

By SSgt. Patricia Eisenman
Vermont National Guard

It rained. Began to freeze. Turned to snow. A picturesque stream cascading down the steep mountain walls swelled to a raging torrent. Mountain soldiers set fixed ropes and belays for those who would follow. The climb was treacherous, some said impossible. But many of these mountain troops had been this way 50 years before.

The location was Riva Ridge in the Italian Apennine Mountains, the site of the 10th Mountain Division's first combat action against the Germans vaulted "winter line" in 1945. The 2,300 vertical foot face was scaled at night, surprising the enemy and gaining a toehold for the Americans and ending a stalemate that had lasted for almost nine months.

In 1994, 10th Mountain veterans watched with interest as airborne veterans made a commemorative

jump at Normandy. "If those old guys can jump at Omaha, let's climb Riva Ridge," declared Bob Parker.

Thus the hardy band found themselves in Italy. The 10th veterans, all over age 70, were joined by veterans of the Italian Alpini and German Gebirgstruppen. Current members of Vermont's 3rd Battalion, 172nd Infantry, Fort Drum's 10th Infantry Division rounded out the group.

The Italian veterans installed a makeshift bridge over a stream in the exact location of 50 years ago, even using an anchor left in the rock during the war. The lead climbing team, which included Vermont Guard's SSgt. Peter Gold, worked under deplorable weather conditions to set the ropes.

Unlike the original night ascent, the climb was made during stormy daylight conditions.

Several months later, on a rare perfect Mount Washington day, many of the "Riva Ridge 50" met again, making their annual hike up New England's



Photo by SSgt. Patricia Eisenman

OLD AND NEW - Vermont's present day soldiers award their predecessors.

highest peak.

"We just like to keep active," explained vet Neil Dearborn. "We still love to hit the first chair lift in the morning to get that unbroken powder."

"But, we don't do moguls," added Newcomb Eldredge. "That's why we still have our knees."



HISTORY

Once 17 divisions strong, the Guard has been through many changes

The Guard's DIVISIONS

By Renee Hylton
Army Guard Historian

In the summer of 1917 the National Guard was federalized for World War I. In preparation for a war of trenches and artillery duels, a collection of state units was reorganized into a force of 18 divisions.

In addition to regiments of infantry and artillery, these 28,000-man tactical formations had their own combat and combat support units, enabling them to be more self-sustaining in combat. And throughout their history National Guard divisions have seen plenty of combat, making up the majority of the fighting divisions of World War I, and deploying first to fight in World War II.

In the 50 years since the end of World War II, some new divisions have been created in the Army National Guard, while some of its original 17 have disappeared and others "downsized" into brigades. Today, the Army Guard force structure includes eight divisions, the backbone of the Army Guard's combat power.

ARMY'S FIRST DIVISION: As a military term, the word "division," comes from the French. During the early 19th century, regiments of the French Army were organized into large formations to fight the battles of the Napoleonic Wars. In the United States, the first divisions appeared during the Mexican War of 1846-47 and later during the Civil War.

But these were usually informal groupings of regiments within a larger corps, and were commonly known by their commanding general's name, not by separate, permanent numbers.

During the late 19th century, the regiment remained the largest tactical organization in the U.S. Army and in the National Guard. Only the Pennsylvania National Guard was organized into a division, and today Pennsylvania's 28th Infantry Division, with its organization date of 1879, is the oldest in the U.S. Army.

GUARD DIVISIONS COME AND GO: Two world wars made the division the U.S. Army's major tactical organization, and after World War II the Guard was reorganized into a 27-division force.

Two were armored divisions, which had not existed in the U.S. before 1940. Eight of these Guard divisions were mobilized for the Korean War, with two deploying to Korea to take part in the fighting.

When Robert MacNamara became President John F. Kennedy's Secretary of Defense in 1961, reorganization of the nation's reserve components became a high

priority within the Pentagon. Many of the units which made up the Guard's 27 divisions were understrength; MacNamara wanted fewer units at a higher degree of readiness.

In 1963, four divisions were cut from the Guard's force structure. Larger reductions were to come. In 1968, 15 infantry divisions were cut. Some were reorganized into brigades, but some disappeared forever.

THE RECENT PAST: The Reagan build-up of the 1980s brought the total number of National Guard divisions to 10, but two were lost in the post-Cold War drawdown.

Today's restructuring plans call for further reductions in the number of Guard divisions, if not their outright elimination.

For almost 80 years the division has been the cornerstone of the Army's war-fighting strategies. Millions of men, both Guardsmen and draftees, have served in National Guard divisions in three major conflicts, and Guard divisions are always closely identified with their states and communities.

During the past three decades the Guard has suffered the trauma of losing divisions, and that trauma may continue. But even the divisions that are gone or downsized remain as an integral part of the combat history of the National Guard and the Army of which it is the senior component.



Pvt. H.J. Devereux (above), a member of Company M, 125th Infantry, 32nd Division.

UNIT PATCHES

A legacy of World War I divisions

During the Civil War American soldiers wore badges, usually on their hats, to differentiate one corps from another, but these were unofficial. When World War I again brought millions of Americans into uniform, U.S. troops in France observed that each British division had its own distinctive felt patch, worn on the uniform by all its personnel. Not only did this enable officers and men to recognize each other, it served as a mark of unit pride.

The war was almost over be-

fore the commander of the U.S. 81st Division requested official permission for his men to wear a felt wildcat on their sleeves. In October 1918, permission was granted and all division commanders were ordered to develop what are known as "shoulder sleeve insignia," more commonly called a patch.

Since their formation, U.S. divisions had been using distinctive symbols to mark their baggage. Those symbols became the newly-authorized divisional insignia, and in the last days of

the World War I and during the occupation of Germany which followed, crude, home-made felt patches spread through the American Expeditionary Force like wildfire.

At first intended only for overseas divisions, these markings would be authorized for the entire U.S. Army after the war. Some of the original World War I designs have been altered slightly, but many Guard divisions and brigades wear the same patch authorized in 1918.



TRAINING



New York fliers return to Iraq
to monitor no-fly zone

Providing COMFORT

By Lt. Col. Mike Waters
New York National Guard

The early morning hours of Jan. 17, 1991, found FA-16As of New York's 174th Fighter Wing leaving Al Kharj, Saudi Arabia, with bombs under their wings and missiles on their wing tips. The 174th was part of the attack on key targets of Saddam Hussein's forces the first day of Desert Storm.

Now, four and one-half years later, they were again flying the unfriendly skies of Iraq.

Operation Provide Comfort began April 5, 1991, when Saddam's troops initiated a campaign of genocide against the people of northern Iraq, in particular the Kurds. A mass exodus of refugees created severe problems in southeastern Turkey.

Pres. George Bush sent aid to provide immediate humanitarian assistance. The area is off-limits to all Iraqi forces. In addition, this action created a no-fly zone above the 36th parallel. Any threat to coalition aircraft is taken as hostile and dealt with accordingly.

British, French and U.S. air forces have patrolled skies above the 36th parallel since the beginning. In December 1992,



Photos by Lt. Col. Mike Waters

the first reserve component F-16 unit from the U.S. deployed and operated from Incirlik AB, Turkey, for six weeks to relieve U.S. Air Force Europe (USAFE) units. In the summer of 1995, three Air National Guard units each took consecutive 30-day tours. The 174th was the third element.

On June 13, the 174th left Syracuse with about 170 people for Provide Comfort. Flights by 174th pilots began over northern Iraq June 15. Armed with weapons to counter hostile actions from both the ground and Iraqi aircraft, the F-16s left Incirlik AB to fly about 350 miles, staying north of Syria, to northern Iraq. All missions are controlled by AWACS and require one or two aerial refuelings before returning to Incirlik.

For 1st Lt. Mike Stinson, the newest pilot on this deployment, Provide Comfort was his first experience flying in hostile territory.

"I arrived three or four hours early and didn't really know what to expect," he said. "I became more comfortable in later missions."

The large area above the 36th parallel controlled by Iraq has numerous surface-

to-air missile sites. These are frequently moved, but generally positioned to protect assets such as the Saddam Dam, city of Mosul and military ground units. Coalition aircraft regularly fly within range of these missiles.

"I was looking over my shoulder when coming out," he remarked.

MSgt. Jim Toole took a one-month break from his civilian job as a Syracuse firefighter. He found this deployment easier than Operation Desert Storm. Toole, an engine mechanic, credits new engines with more sophisticated electronics for reducing their workload.

"We've experienced very few engine problems. The fact that they are almost self-diagnostic is a great help," he said.

The troops found living conditions at Incirlik superior to Saudi Arabia.

"Women in general are treated much better here than during Desert Storm," observed TSgt. Marilyn White. "Here we can wear normal clothes off-base and the on-base facilities are much better. At Al Kharj, we had 10 women to a tent, here there are only five of us with partitions."

Leading the 174th on this deployment was Lt. Col. Ray Dufour, the unit's opera-

ONTARGET-New York's TSgts. Tom Spier (above, left), Hank Miller and SSgt. Mike Brickner carry an AIM-9 air-to-air missile loaded on an F-16 (left) used to patrol the skies over Iraq.

tions group commander. This was Dufour's fourth trip to the Mideast; his first as a detachment commander.

"My main objective is to ensure everyone that goes to Turkey returns," he said. "People are killed in peacetime. We must guard against complacency."

Dufour believes the operations such as Provide Comfort are going to be the real world for the Air Force for quite some time.

"Flying real world missions is the only way an Air National Guard unit will survive in the future," he added.

The mission was also termed a success by Brig. Gen. John R. Dallager, currently serving as co-commanding general of the coalition task force. A Turkish general shares command.

"The Air Guard was great," he said. "It gives the people who rotate through here regularly from European bases an opportunity to get back to their home station and accomplish other things."

When asked about the relatively short period of time on station for pilots, he commented, "Thirty days is about right. Longer than that and pilots lose their proficiency in munitions delivery."

The Syracuse crews once again reinforced the Total Force concept, Dufour said.

"It was a seamless operation," he added. "Most people didn't even know we were Guardsmen unless they asked."