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Army Guard hit by restructuring

After more than two years of analysis and discussion, senior Department of Defense officials have announced a major restructuring of the Army National Guard and Reserve. There are three key parts to the plan:

- The Army Guard will be focused on wartime combat missions and its traditional role of support to states for domestic emergencies. To meet this change, some force structure currently in the Army Reserve will be transferred to the Army Guard, including artillery, aviation, mechanized infantry, armor and special forces units. The Army Guard will retain sufficient combat support and combat service support units to perform state missions and to fulfill requirements for its major combat units.

- The Army Reserve will be focused on providing combat service support missions during wartime. Some force structure currently in the Army Guard will be transferred to the Army Reserve, including medical, signal, military police and transportation units.

- Both components will become smaller. By fiscal year 1999, the Army Guard strength

will be reduced from its present 422,700 to 367,000. The Army Reserve will be reduced from 279,000 to 208,000.

"It signals the beginning of a new era for America's Army," commented Director of the Army National Guard Maj. Gen. John R. D'Araujo Jr. "One that transcends parochial boundaries, and ascends to a higher calling of service to our nation. This has been a team effort and I am confident that we will continue to work together for the betterment of our nation and America's Army."

Defense officials anticipate that savings resulting from the manpower cutbacks will be used to enhance the overall readiness of both components and their relationship to the post-Cold War active Army. Detailed unit level information about force structure changes will be announced as they are developed starting early this year.

The restructuring process involved a wide range of senior leaders and action officers from the active Army, National Guard, Army Reserve and the leadership of their supporting non-government membership organizations. It is designed to meet the objectives of the Bottom-Up Review and creation of a force structure capable of winning two simultaneous regional conflicts with "power projection" rather than "forward presence."

EAGLES NEST

A CH-47 Chinook crew from the Pennsylvania Army Guard's Company G, 104th Aviation recently erected an eagle and osprey site on the Susquehanna River. According to retired Pennsylvania Game Commission Officer Lou Gable, in the Keystone State the osprey is a threatened species and the eagle is endangered. Gable said the new nest provides, "a good view, good food, plenty of water and low rent. I hope the birds appreciate it." To see more stories on the National Guard adding value to America, turn to pages 8-9.



Photo courtesy of the Pennsylvania National Guard



COMMENTARY

Counterdrug Update

• As of Dec. 8, 2,896 Army National Guard and 792 Air National Guard personnel were on counterdrug support duty in all 54 states and territories.

• As of Dec. 8, the total value of cash and drugs seized by police this fiscal year, with Guard's assistance, is \$3.644 billion.

Drug war far from over

By CMSgt. Craig Collins
NGB Drug Demand Reduction

Although drug related violence and abuse continue to be among the most profound problems confronting our nation, much of the public attention that accompanied the drug crisis in the 1980s has begun to fade.

The loss of public focus may be due in part to some past encouraging news suggesting drug use among our nation's youth has dropped since its peak in 1985 and 1986. This prompted some to naively assume that the drug problem, if not over, is no longer a crisis.

This conclusion is as dangerous as it is wrong.

Recently, a survey was conducted polling 17,000 high school seniors, 15,000 sophomores and another 18,000 eighth graders on a variety of drug-related topics. What the kids had to say should jolt everyone who thought the war against drugs has been won.

• In 1992, more eighth graders (mostly 13 and 14-year-olds) report using marijuana, cocaine, crack, LSD, hallucinogens, stimulants and inhalants than they did a year earlier.

• One in every six eighth grade student reported using an inhalant at some point in their life. Inhalants (glues, butane, solvents, nitrous oxide, etc.) are preferred.

• In 1992, eighth graders were significantly less likely to see cocaine or crack as dangerous.

• For the first time in recent years, high school seniors saw less risk in using LSD, heroin and amphetamines. They also showed less concern about marijuana, cocaine and barbiturates.

• Virtually no progress was reported in changing the percentage of kids who smoke cigarettes. It remains 16 percent among eighth graders, 22 percent among sophomores and 28 percent among seniors. All this, despite falling smoking rates among adults.

• The use of LSD increased at all three levels.

All of the above were findings uncovered from a study entitled "Monitoring the Future." It is widely recognized as the definitive national high school senior survey and is conducted under a series of grants from the National Institute of Social Research. The survey was released last April.

The challenges before us today are as daunting as they were in the mid 80s. Drug education/prevention programs and volunteers are important ingredients in reducing the demand for drugs. Citizens of all ages, from all occupations, in every community can become meaningfully involved in the lives of at-risk children. If you are ready to volunteer and help stop the madness, contact your state National Guard drug demand reduction coordinator.

LETTERS

NOT A SIDESHOW

Many thousands of well-trained Army and Air Minutemen (and women) without delay deployed by truck, auto, bus, helicopter and plane to battle the ravages of the raging rivers on rampage.

More than just neighbors, these lads and lasses brought sinew and muscle for 12 to 20 hours a day of backbreaking sandbagging, at times cold meals, and restless sleep on folding cots in abandoned garages or schoolhouse gyms. They did this for less pay and at risk of losing their civilian jobs.

Indeed, it is an honorable duty for our neighbors who are on emergency call for civic disorders, riots, humanitarian needs or a war to respond. No, it is not all beans and bayonets, parades and badges—it is our military legacy, our heritage from the pioneers at Concord, Valley Forge and all our nation's other emergencies.

Since 1636 the American faith and the American dream have been unbroken. The National Guard, our citizen-soldier patriots, have met every national emergency and foreign threat confronting this country.

As it should and must be, these civic-minded volunteers are America's forever faithful minutemen and women.

God bless the National Guard and God bless America.

Marvin E. Allesee
Arlington Heights, Illinois

TANKS DISPLAY

I read your article about the Army M-60 tanks available for use as static displays in the September issue of *The On Guard*. I would like to know where I could obtain more information.

Pvt. 2 Dennis Thurman
Richmond, Virginia

Editor's Note: For more information on how to acquire these vehicles, please send a written request to the following address: Commander, U.S. Army Tank-Automotive Command, ATTN: AMSTA-FRM (Anita E. Hampton or Thomas W. Smith), Warren, MI 48397-5000. Call DSN 786-7574 or (313) 574-7574.

LANGUAGE VOLUNTEER

I have just returned from a humanitarian effort in Russia with an orphanage agency and am very excited about returning to the Slavic world with the National Guard. I would like some information about how to get the All States letter and questionnaire you mention in your October *The On Guard* issue.

SSgt. Brian York
Indiana National Guard

Editor's note: Those interested in the language school opportunities may call DSN 223-3435 or (703) 693-3435.

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IN THE NEWS

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Technicians honor 25th Anniversary

For a quarter-century the National Guard has been served honorably by its former 'caretakers'

By Lt. Col. David J. Super
National Guard Bureau

It has been a long time since they fed a unit's horses and were called "caretakers," but for 53,000 members of the National Guard, this month marks an important career milestone.

A quarter of a century ago, the National Guard Technicians Act was passed by Congress to convert the full-time "caretakers" of Army and Air National Guard units to federal employee status. The legislation, which took several years to pass, standardized the employment programs of the individual states and further recognized the growing role of the National Guard in what became the Total Force Policy in the mid-1970s.

The Act, part of Public Law 90-486, provided for fringe benefits associated with federal employment, clarified a member's legal status relative to claims arising from accidents occurring within their scope of employment, and changed a member's job title from "caretaker" to "technician."

"Joining the federal retirement system was the biggest part of it,"

acronym for Administrative and Supply Technician, the common title for the multi-purpose clerks who served hometown-sized units.

Doering, who will be reaching retirement age as a military technician in the next few years, said the change in the law 25 years ago demonstrated to him and his colleagues that full-time career opportunities in the National Guard had gained an important advantage over the old system that had evolved through many changes.

From colonial times until the early 20th century the maintenance of militia equipment and facilities was handled by the volunteer members and any helpers who were hired on a local basis. This workforce was

very small, with little standardization across the growing nation.

The Militia Act of 1903 gave the federal government an expanded role in supporting the National Guard of the states and set the stage for additional legislation that continued the growth. The National Defense Act of 1916 further provided for "caretakers" and federal funds to buy equipment

and for the "compensation of competent help for the care of material,

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TECHNICIANS ACT OF 1968

- Became effective Jan. 1, 1969.
- Converted Technicians from state to federal status.
- Purpose: To provide a retirement and fringe benefit program that would be both uniform and adequate. To recognize the military requirements and the state characteristics of the National Guard. To clarify the legal status of Technicians for certain legal protections.

* Approximately 95 percent of the 42,500 who were provided for under the new law were required to hold concurrent military membership as a condition of their employment, a requirement that remains in force for all Technicians.

* The law states: "The concept of the Technician program is that the Technicians will serve concurrently in three ways: Perform full-time civilian work in their units; perform military training and duty in their units; and be available to enter active federal service at any time their unit is called."

remembered CWO4 Durward Doering, then a staff sergeant and "AST" with South Dakota's 109th Engineer Battalion. AST was an

Pence named Bureau's Army enlisted advisor

The Army National Guard has a new Command Sergeant Major. He is CSM Larry D. Pence, of Decatur, Ill., who became the Bureau's Senior Army Enlisted Advisor.

Pence held a similar assignment as state CSM for the Illinois Army Guard. He is replacing CSM Steven Blackwood, a North Carolina Guardmember who had held the job since 1988.

Pence's new assignment will be as a member of the staff of Maj. Gen. John R. D'Araujo Jr., director of the Army National Guard.

As advisor, CSM Pence will travel extensively representing the Bureau and monitoring the training and welfare of more than 400,000 enlisted Guardmembers.

Pence is a graduate of the Sergeant Major Academy at Fort Bliss, Texas. He has pursued undergraduate work in political science, government and personnel manage-



CSM Larry Pence

The 47-year-old joined the Illinois Army Guard in 1971, and has served as a first sergeant, operations and intelligence sergeant at both the battalion and brigade level, and as command sergeant major of a brigade. He had been Illinois' enlisted advisor since February 1989.

ment from the University of South Carolina, Columbia College, El Paso Community College and Lakeland College.

Pence enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1969 and has served in a variety of assignments to include drill sergeant, squad leader, platoon sergeant, first sergeant and operations sergeant. He also served a combat tour in Vietnam.

NATIONAL BRIEFS

ARMY AND AIR FORCE SECRETARIES ANNOUNCED

The U.S. Senate confirmed the nomination and the President approved the commission of the Honorable Togo D. West Jr. to become the Secretary of the Army on Nov. 20.

Earlier in the year, the Honorable Sheila E. Windall was confirmed and sworn in as Secretary of the Air Force.

MATERNITY CLOTHING POLICY AMENDED

Effective Nov. 1 the Air Force and the Air National Guard have adopted the policy of issuing maternity clothing to its members versus cash allowances for payment of such clothing.

Now an Air Guard member can use AF Form 656 to receive an issue of maternity clothing, but unlike the Air Force, the Air Guard will continue to use the mandatory items listed in AFR 39-23, Attachment 2, para. 9. Also, the Air Guard adopted the issue of maternity clothing once every three years for part-time members.

ANG members do not receive an annual clothing allowance like their Air Force counterparts because their uniforms are in-kind use. Full-time ANG members will be allowed to replace their maternity uniforms in-kind with the fair, wear, and tear policy stipulated in AFR 67-1 in order to correct the disparity.

NATIONAL GUARD TO GET NEW IDENTIFICATION CARDS

The Department of Defense has introduced the new military ID card. The new ID cards will be issued to members of the seven uniformed services, including the National Guard and their family members.

The new application will enable the user to produce each type of ID card for any branch of service using the new automated process. Information obtained electronically from the DEERS data base will be incorporated with a digital photograph image of the bearer and bar codes containing the pertinent machine-readable information.

The card is credit-card sized, tamper resistant and saves cost by taking less time to produce. It doesn't require controlled card stock, application forms or photographic film. The color of the cards will remain the same.

World wide implementation will begin in January 1994 and will take place over a four year period.

Supply's finest recognized

By SSgt. Jennifer L. Taday
National Guard Bureau



PROUD WINNERS - Being part of the Guard's best CBPO was cause for SMSgt. Clyde Michael (above, left) and MSgt. Bill Miller to smile.

Maryland unit boasts best personnel office

135th, 175th team up to take top honors

The Maryland Air Guard's Consolidated Base Personnel Office has received a top national award for its outstanding work.

Some 53 members of the 135th Airlift Group and the 175th Fighter Group comprised the team that brought home the honor of "The Air National Guard Outstanding CBPO of the Year Award."

CMSgt. Raymond F. Ayres, CBPO superintendent said there are only nine of these awards given each year. He said the units also won the award in 1990.

Capt. Rita Mansfield, 135th director of personnel, said the unit's performance during recent back-to-back inspections put them over the top. "Everyone on both sides put in a lot of extra time," she said.

Maj. John Furetti, 175th director of personnel, cited "teamwork" as the reason.

"It was purely a team effort that made us a winner," he said.

SSgt. Sandra Fletcher, a secretary for the State of Maryland and a member of the 175th, said the teamwork was real.

"Sometimes people (in each of the two units) would trade off with each other," she noted. "They would do drill during our drill weekend and help us out, and we would do the same when they needed help."

"We have fun," she continued. "And we're serving more customers."

Attention to detail, appearance and implementation of successful management have made the difference for this year's Chief of Staff Army Supply Excellence Award recipients for the Army National Guard.

Two winners were selected within the Table of Organization and Equipment (TOE) division and one for units organized under a Table Distribution and Allowances (TDA).

The 1st Battalion, 194th Field Artillery, Iowa Army National Guard won in the TOE division for level two, and Company B, 135th Signal Battalion, Nebraska Army Guard took honors in level one. For the TDA organization, the Headquarters Detachment, State Area Command, West Virginia, received first place.

SGM Luis Camareno, NGB Army Logistic Directorate supply management non-commissioned officer, said the appearance and management of Nebraska's supply room in particular was superb.

"It (Nebraska's supply unit) is the best supply operation that I have seen in my 28 years of service," he said. "The unit is complying with regulatory requirements to the point of fine tuning their operation." He continued, "Their unit is truly the 'best of the best.'"

According to the 1993 guidance for the award, the primary criteria used in evaluation is demonstrated success in operating an effective supply operation in accordance with current regulations. Other categories judged were appearance and management, nonexpendable equipment accountability, management of expendable/durable supplies and logistics management.

TECHNICIANS

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animals, armament and equipment."

Following World War II, and especially after the Korean War, substantial increases were made to the number of full-time personnel to maintain equipment and administer training. The federal government began assuming more responsibility for the careers of the caretakers. As an example, in the late 1950s the Department of Defense began financing their Social Security costs.

Because of the dual employment status of the caretakers (a federal military obligation along with duties for the state) and absence of uniform benefits such as retirement and insurance, the Guard had difficulty in recruiting and retaining full-time staff



SUPPLY EXPERTS - SSgt. Phillip Hansel (far left photo) and SFC Bob Bergman (left) were singled out for their professionalism.



Photos courtesy of SGM Luis Camareno

EVALUATING - SGM Luis Camareno (right), NGB Army Logistic Directorate supply management NCO, listens to SSgt. Donald Kinna Jr. of the Iowa Army Guard explain his supply system. Camareno and his evaluation team went around the country to judge the Army Guard's finest supply teams.

During the on-site visit at each unit, evaluators chose members who excelled in being instrumental in successful supply operations. Two people within each of the winning units were selected to receive individual awards.

The following have received recognition for their efforts: SFC Robert Martin and SSgt. Phillip Hansel of the Iowa Army Guard; SFC Bob Bergman and SSgt. Larry D. Blecha of the Nebraska Guard; and CWO3 Clifton P. Browning and SSgt. Faron D. Beckett of the West Virginia.

The awards were designed to recognize supply excellence at the Department of the Army unit and organizational level.

Starting in 1986, the award program was implemented to improve effective-

ness and efficiency of supply operations within the Army force; including recognizing unit supply personnel for their accomplishments.

The award guidance allows the evaluators to select one winner and one runner-up for each TDA and TOE level. This year's runners-up included the following units and individuals: SFC Laura M. Carlson and SSgt. Donald S. Kinna Jr. of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Brigade, 34th Infantry Division, Iowa; SFC Leonard L. Smith Jr. and SSgt. Kirtiss Swearingen of the 1092nd Combat Engineer Battalion, West Virginia; and CWO4 Gary W. Bullard and SSgt. Ernest C. Truitt of Headquarters Detachment, State Area Command, North Carolina.

members before the 1969 reforms.

Nonetheless, many dedicated Guardmembers served as full-time caretakers for their units. And duty wasn't always a daily hometown task of maintaining equipment and paperwork. MSgt. Gene Howland, who retired from the Massachusetts Army National Guard in 1978 after 36 years of distinguished service, served a total of 11 years of active duty during the three times his unit was activated - World War II, the Berlin Crisis and the Vietnam War.

The Technician Act gave a significant boost to the stabilization of the full-time workforce, according to Kermit Lusk of the National Guard Bureau's Directorate of Human Resources.

"Today, Army and Air National Guard military technicians work in close partnership with their drill-status counterparts and those personnel who serve on active duty in a state (Title 32) status," Lusk added. "Their collective efforts have made the National Guard into a preeminent military force."



PEOPLE

Overcoming her disability

Sheila Dean takes home Outstanding Employee with Disability Award

By TSgt. John Malthaner
National Guard Bureau

Sheila M. Dean loves being a telephone operator with the Maine Air National Guard. "Where else can you get paid for talking on the phone all day and staring at men in uniform," she joked.

Her sense of humor was just one reason she was recently selected the 1993 National Guard Outstanding Employee with Disabilities Award recipient. The 28-year-old was born with spi-

nal bifida. She is paralyzed from the waist down and relies on a wheelchair for mobility.

Dean joined the 101st Air Refueling Wing, based in Bangor, more than two-and-a-half years ago, after beating out five applicants for the position. Since landing the job, she has bought a specially-equipped car to get to and from the office.

"She manages to get to work on her own even in the most severe winter weather Maine has to offer," noted her supervisor 2nd Lt. William C. Smith. "This is no small feat."

Others within 101st are equally impressed. "Sheila Dean is not only a superior performer, but also an inspiration to all who come in contact with her on or off the job," wrote Col. George P. Christakos, 101st Support Group commander. Adds 101st Wing Commander Col. Wilfred

Hessert, "It is a privilege to not only have an employee of Ms. Dean's caliber working on base, but to know such a warm and caring person."

Those soldiers coming home from the Persian Gulf know of Dean's compassion. She greeted more than 200 return flights, a majority of them during the wee hours, throughout the war. "I'm a patriotic person," she said. "I wanted to show my support in some way." The former poster child for the March of Dimes has done volunteer work for sev-

eral charitable causes, to include the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Phillip Saims, NGB Human Resources Division, says Dean sets a stellar example for all to follow. "As civilian employees, persons with disabilities are making invaluable contributions to national security, and to the National Guard," he said. "I encourage each person to think of the abilities and not the disabilities of each individual and reemphasize efforts to recruit, select and advance persons with

TOP EMPLOYEE- Sheila Dean, a telephone operator with the 101st Air Refueling Wing in Maine, is shown at work.

disabilities within the National Guard."

Dean says being picked one of the Guard's outstanding employees motivates her to improve. It hasn't, thankfully, diminished her ever-present sense of humor. "Geez," she said, "I'd better live up to this, or they'll yank it away from me."



Photo courtesy of the Maine National Guard

Doing MacArthur proud

By Spc. J.D. Biros
Ohio National Guard

For the first time in the history of the Ohio Army National Guard, one of its soldiers has been recognized as one of the nation's most outstanding young officers in the U.S. Army.

Capt. Rufus J. Smith, with the Ohio Army Guard's Inspector General's Office, is a recipient of the MacArthur Leadership Award. The award, given in conjunction with the General Douglas MacArthur Foundation, recognizes those company grade officers who epitomize the ideas of "duty, honor and country."

"There is no way I could have won without the support of the soldiers and leaders of the Hawk Battalion," Smith said. It was during Smith's previous tenure with the Hawk Battalion that he was nominated for the award.

After serving on active duty for four years as an enlisted soldier, Smith joined the Ohio Guard in 1982. In 1983, Smith attended active duty officer candidate school and received his commission in the Air Defense Artillery branch. Smith assumed duties as administrative officer with the state's Duster unit that evolved into 2nd Battalion, 174th Air Defense Artillery, HAWK, nestled in McConnellsville. Smith was an active participant in the

transition of the battalion and moved into the role of training officer. As the assistant S-3, he was instrumental in organizing the battalion's successful live-fire exercise at Fort Bliss, Texas, in 1992.

"I believe it is very important to provide soldiers with the best leadership possible," Smith said. "They deserve it."

Having served as an enlisted man, Smith says he understands soldiers. "I chose to become an officer because I thought there was a void in strong leadership and I felt I could make a significant contribution," he said.

Smith firmly believes in leading by example. Besides having "maxed" the physical training test for the last three years, he said he also "seeks the tough jobs."

When not in uniform, Smith demonstrates this same attitude in his community of Marietta, Ohio. He participates in civil organizations, has helped develop a Leadership Confidence Course for the Marietta College (his alma mater) McDonough Leadership Program, and coaches and referees soccer leagues.

Somehow slotted in Smith's usually busy life are marathons. The New York native runs between five to 12 miles a day to stay in shape. "A friend challenged me to try the Columbus marathon, so we trained and ran it



Photo courtesy of the Ohio National Guard

NO BUST - Ohio's Capt. Rufus J. Smith took home the hardware.

November of 1991," Smith said. "I had never run a marathon before that time."

Though Smith has set a precedent for leadership in the Ohio Guard, he remains humble about his national recognition. "Wherever they need me or ask me to serve," he observed, "I'll be happy to do so and give it my best effort."

Maryland duo from the 135th Airlift Group, SrA Robert Holmes and A1C Christine Lang, had a box seat to atrocities in Bosnia, Somalia and the Persian Gulf

By Maj Jean Marie Beall
Maryland National Guard

He was mobilized for the Gulf War, flew sorties over and through Somalia and now has been to Bosnia and back.

He is 20 years old. For SrA Robert E. Holmes, a Laurel, Md., resident and member of the 135th Airlift Group, Maryland Air National Guard, the last three years have really flown by.

"I was in the aerial port with my unit (135th) when we were mobilized and sent to Dover AFB, Del., during Desert Storm," Holmes said.

While that experience was rewarding, Holmes still had that one goal he wanted to pursue. So he changed from working aerial port to flying C-130s as a loadmaster. "I was interested in flying," he explained. So he went on for training

Seeing some action

as a loadmaster, a job he has held for a year and a half. As part of that training, Holmes said he went through survival training, including a special section on surviving as a prisoner-of-war.

"A lot of the stuff is classified," Holmes said, explaining his briefness on the subject, "but in part of it you have to stay alert for 35 hours straight." Recently, Holmes flew the Operation Provide Relief and Restore Hope mission over Somalia, followed by trips to Bosnia.

"It (Bosnia) was a really neat mission," he said. "A bit hairy at times. Somalia was a little different in that there wasn't any western civilization, though the mission was exactly the same."

Would he go back to Bosnia? "Oh, yes, I'd go back."

But for now, he continues his studies as a full-time student at the Catonsville Community College. "I hope I can go on to be a pilot. I'd like to fly C-130s, because it is



Photo by MSgt. Joseph Cummings

ACTIVE FLIERS-SrA Robert Holmes (2nd from right) and A1C Christine Lang answer a reporter's questions.

where I started."

A1C Christine Lang was busy planning an evasion plan for her next mission, a mission that would take her around the Maryland countryside.

This time it was just training, but Lang was attending to the details as if she were headed out to war.

In fact, Lang knows a bit about flying in a combat environment: hence her penchant for detail. For several weeks in September and October last year, Lang served as a loadmaster on a joint Air National Guard crewed C-130 that flew medical and food supplies into a besieged Sarajevo.

Lang hesitates for a minute in describing her reaction to being on her first flight into a combat zone. "The first flight I was very...aware," she responded quietly, without fanfare. "But after that, it was pretty calm."

"All these houses are gutted out," she

continued. "You're down less than six minutes, and that includes taxi time. You're not allowed to spend the time on the ground because of the snipers. But the terrain is really beautiful."

Lang, a 27-year-old Severna Park resident and spacecraft scheduler for NASA, said she was part of a joint Air Guard crew. "We were attached to the 123rd Airlift Wing, Kentucky Air Guard," she said. "We had an Ohio Air Guard aircraft commander; a Kentucky pilot and co-pilot and the loadmasters were from Maryland."

Lang said she loved flying with the Air National Guard and averaged 13 trips each year. "I try to keep a low profile about taking time off from work," she said with a sheepish grin.

Tanks a lot

They said it wouldn't work. There was no way a 63-ton M1-A1 Abrams could be transported via a barge. It would flip the barge and sink to the bottom of the Arkansas River.

It didn't.

The move started at Fort Chaffee, Ark. Two barges loaded with four M1-A1 Abrams main battle tanks, four Bradley fighting vehicles, two M-113 armored personnel carriers, one armored combat excavator and one armored tank retriever moved up the Arkansas river 100 miles overnight to the Port of Muskogee, Okla. The drivers stayed with their vehicles and enjoyed the twelve-hour trip.



Photo courtesy of the Oklahoma National Guard

Once the barge reached Muskogee Port, the convoy then drove nine miles on hardtop to Davis Field. The vehicles were then loaded on C-5A Galaxy aircraft and flown home to Fort Stewart, Ga.

"The whole purpose of this movement was to verify to the Army that those M-1 main battle tanks can be moved on barges," explained James M. Monroe. "This was a demonstration that the Army can move its heaviest equipment along the country's inland waterways."

Lt. Col. Jim Humphrey said he knew the barge would remain afloat. "There's not a load too heavy for a barge," he said. "The Oklahoma National Guard has been moving military equipment for more than seven years without a hitch."

Despite Humphrey's confidence in barges, there were contingency plans just in case the tanks went into the drink.

"The 24th Infantry Division people weren't too sure," confessed James Richardson, Fort Chaffee traffic manager. "They had trucks standing by at Fort Chaffee and at Muskogee just in case it didn't work. I told them no problem. We had plenty of help."

Aside from the nautical achievement, Richardson said the government saved \$26,000 using the barges.

1st Lt. Scott Thomas of the 24th Division deemed the move worthwhile. "Any time we can gain skills, learn how to deploy anywhere in the world more rapidly, we look forward to doing it."

LAND BOUND - An Abrams M-1 makes its way to land after a 100-mile, money-saving journey on the Arkansas River.

HAMMERING - A North Dakota engineer drives a nail into a board in Texas.



Down by the border

North Dakota engineers go South to make a border patrol checkpoint more liveable

When the 48 civil engineers stepped off the C-130 that transported them to Corpus Christi, the North Dakotan Guardmembers were greeted by a sweltering Texas sun.

This was the third deployment of its kind for the 119th Civil Engineering Squadron, based in Fargo. Their mission was to continue the construction of two 30-by-100 foot border patrol checkpoint registration and detainment facilities. Two previous Prime Base Engineering Emergency Force teams out of Mississippi and Michigan started the ground work and main concrete slabs for the two buildings. The team stayed in Navy barracks at Kingsville Naval Air Station.

During the first week of the 15-day training deployment, the Fargo unit worked mainly on the forming and pouring of concrete slabs for various sidewalks, dog kennels, and transformer and HVAC unit pads at the two sites. They also did some painting on existing buildings and buried some utility lines.

The second week saw the team install the red iron for the two buildings. However, they learned the steel was not going to arrive on schedule. Immediately 119th personnel began scrambling to locate other projects for their people to work on. Navy Seabees, based in Kingsville, had a lot of smaller projects that were running behind schedule. 119th masons, electricians and carpenters put their skills to use in off-base housing, a car wash and some electrical work at the base club.

The border patrol also asked the engineers to perform some remodeling work on their headquarters buildings in Falfurrias and Kingsville.

"It turned out to be a great deployment," said Capt. Gary Sorlie. "The engineers received training in many skills."



PAINT JOB - Members of North Dakota's 119th Civil Engineering Squadron paint structural supports for a weather cover. The 119th spent two weeks in Texas doing work at border patrol checkpoints in Kingsville and Falfurrias.

Photos courtesy of the North Dakota National Guard



HOLE DIGGER - A North Dakota engineer digs a hole for a concrete slab to be used as a helicopter pad.

Adding VALUE to AMERICA



IT'S OK MOM - 217th Evacuation Hospital's SSgt. De-lano Ross screens Rosa Chapa for tuberculosis while her daughter Sandy provides emotional support.

Photo by Sgt. Brenda Benner

A shot in the arm

Texas Guard medical unit responds to needy community, again

By Sgt. Brenda Benner
Texas National Guard

The 217th Evacuation Hospital recently returned to Starr County to provide free immunization clinics to the community. One of the poorest counties in the state, many residents can't afford health care.

The 217th - a Lone Star state unit based in San Antonio - joined active duty medical counterparts from Fort Hood and Fort Sam Houston as part of a pilot program designed to provide preventative health care through nutrition counseling, dentistry and immunizations to medically underserved parts of Texas.

"We have Texans taking care of Tex-

ans," said Col. Jody Mitchell, state chief nurse.

As a follow-up to the first visit last May, the 217th used a former grocery store to serve as headquarters in Rio Grande City. Several outreach clinics extended to nearby Roma.

"The first day we served more than 500 people at the Roma site, and here in Rio Grande City, we gave nearly 1,000 immunizations," said SFC Santos Pagan.

Numerous immunization stations were set up, including those for influenza, diphtheria/tetanus, measles/mumps/rubella and tuberculosis screenings. An oral polio vaccine also was available for children.

Sgt. Raveta A. Johnson, a licensed practical nurse with the 217th, said it is important to be involved in the community. "When I can help someone out, it makes me feel better. Hopefully, in turn, someone would do the same for me if I needed it," she said.

One Rio Grande City couple, Miguel and Yolanda Gonzalez, brought their 18-month-old daughter, Gabrielle, to the clinic.

"I hope the National Guard comes back every year, because there's a lot of people in this county who have no other way of paying for it," noted Miguel.

By the end of this combined civil-military action, nearly 3,700 patients had been seen and nearly 7,000 immunizations had been given.



Photo by Sgt. Ann Everest

DRUG TALK

MSgt. Warren Parks, Pennsylvania Guard, preaches staying off drugs to campers. The Guard sponsored the event.

Making a DIFFERENCE

Ohio detachment makes positive impact in its community

By SSgt. Ralph Rohner
Ohio National Guard

An Army infantry detachment from Urbana, Ohio, planted the seed for a local community relations program that grew into a tri-county event.

The action-packed day was the result of bold initiative and a lot of enthusiasm by Detachment 1 of Company D, 1st Battalion/148th Infantry.

The detachment has only been in Urbana since September 1992. New to the community, the members decided they needed to meet their neighbors.

SSgt. Ike Wintz and SSgt. Ralph Rohner laid the groundwork last February when they met with Urbana city officials and asked what their detachment could do to help. Art Bear, City of Urbana administrator, and Bruce Euliser, an Urbana police officer, took the unit's offer to heart and brought the Guard's proposition to a city council meeting.

After the meeting, Bear called the unit with the city's ideas. Planters downtown needed some dead shrubbery replaced, a wooded section of the city park needed thinning and there was a littered section of roadway outside town that needed cleaning up.

The unit responded by accepting all three of the city's projects and adding a few more of their own. The detachment decided to call their venture "Community Relations Day."

Beginning early, SSgt. Joe Keel led a group downtown to handle replacing dead shrubs in planters, pick up of litter and washing down the streets with fire hoses.

SSgt. Dan Wallace took a second group to a section of city road that needed cleaning and painting. With the city of Urbana supplying the tools and paint, unit members went to work. Trash was picked up, brush was cut down and a graffiti-covered railroad underpass was painted.

"It's hard to believe this is the same



place," said Spec. Chris Theobald, looking around after the work was completed.

Sgt. Adam Richards and a third group headed for the city park to meet Rocky Teets of Urbana City Park & Recreation. Clearing the wooded area was the largest task facing the unit. "I know you won't be able to finish the job," Teets told the group, "just get as far as you can."

Much to Teets' surprise, Detachment 1 had cleared the area by day's end.

Not done, unit members then decided to find a way to add charities to their list of community efforts. Teamed with the

Ridding their streets of drugs

Kansas Guard assists local law agents in seizing narcotics, educating neighbors

By Maj. Joy D. Moser
Kansas National Guard

For "R.C." working to take drugs off the streets of Southeast Kansas is very personal. "I have two small children," he said. "I want them to grow up in a world where they won't be approached by drug dealers in school playgrounds or church parking lots."

"I'm doing this for the next generation," he added.

The Kansas Guardmembers who volunteer to toil in the Guard's counterdrug operations world are

forced for the protection of themselves and their families to work anonymously. Many, however, feel the satisfaction outweighs the risk.

"I feel that it definitely was worthwhile," said "Vern," also a Kansas Guardmember. "Operations like this and the school drug awareness program, I believe, will curb the problem our society is faced with today. I feel very fortunate to work on this operation."

The support the Guard provided recently during Operation Four Corners was vital.

As the title may indicate, the operation's goals were four-fold: To arrest and prosecute criminals involved in drugs; destroy the narcotics captured (particularly marijuana); seize assets obtained with drug money; and educate the community on how they can get involved in cleaning up their neighborhoods.

"The Guard provided the framework that has allowed us, as law enforcement officers, to do our job," said Barry Jamison, agent-in-charge of the Drug Enforcement Agency.

That framework, says "Joe Smith," Guard coordinator, came in the way of providing "total site security, perimeter security and Tactical Operations Center security."

"Smith" deemed the operation a success. "We learned we could communicate and work with other agencies," he



Photos by Maj. Joy D. Moser

DRUG STOPPERS- Members of the Kansas Guard unload marijuana plants (above), then haul them into an incinerator (top photo).

said. "It was conducted without a single injury, except chigger bites and poison ivy."

Others echoed their coordinator. "With more show of force, it is more of a deterrent to people wanting to establish in this line of work," said "Mark." "They're not playing games out here. We are taking money out of their pockets."

At about \$1,500 a marijuana plant, the eradication done by Kansas law enforcement is indeed a financial setback for illegal growers, but more importantly, a step toward giving the children of Kansas a drug-free world to live in.



BRUSH REMOVAL - When the Urbana city council asked Ohio's Detachment 1, Company D, 1st Battalion/148th Infantry to help clean a city park, citizen-soldiers like Sgt. Adam Richards (left) were happy to accommodate.



Photos by Spc. Tim Hardgrove

CHARITY AT HOME - Detachment 1 challenged the local sheriffs to a wheelchair basketball game (left). Infantrymen (above) helped diabetic children by collecting aluminum cans.

Champaign County Chapter of the Shriners they held an aluminum can drive to benefit the Shriners' Hospital for crippled and burned children.

The end result was a three county (Madison, Clark and Champaign) aluminum can drive using Army Guard two-in-a-half ton trucks as transport.

Other unit members deployed to the Moose Lodge Local 824, where they collected the pull tabs from aluminum cans. The money raised from their efforts helped to defer the cost of insulin and syringes for diabetic children.

The final event of the day was a wheelchair basketball game between

unit Guardmembers and the Champaign County Sheriff's Department. In wheelchairs donated by Action Wheelchairs of Columbus, Guardmembers and sheriff's deputies struggled to play ball from the confines of their wheelchairs. Proceeds were divided between the Shriners and a local senior citizen center.

PFC Steve Holland summed up the feelings of many noting that while it was nice to have a break from the normal drill training, it was "even nicer that the city could benefit from our efforts."



SPORTS

- Martial artist
- Top skeet shooter
- Athletic events

SPORTS SHORTS

ATHLETES SOUGHT

DoD athletes will have the opportunity to demonstrate their prowess during interservice sports competitions next year.

The Armed Forces Sports Committee recently announced the dates and locations of 1994 interservice sports tournaments.

The military services hold their own tournaments to determine their DoD-level representatives. Service tournaments usually end just before DoD tournaments begin, said sports officials.

For information on service-level play and the DoD interservice tournaments as well as national championships and Conseil International du Sport Militaire games, check with the installation sports office.

Sports officials said dates or locations for the interservice championships could change. The initially announced dates and sites are:

- Basketball, men's; NAS Alameda, Calif.; March 10-16;
 - Basketball, women's; Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa.; March 21-26;
 - Bowling, men's & women's; Camp Lejeune, N.C.; April 17-23;
 - Boxing; NAB Little Creek, Va.; Feb. 6-11;
 - Golf, men's & women's; Camp Pendleton, Calif.; Sept. 12-17;
 - Soccer; Charleston AFB, S.C.; Oct. 30-Nov. 5;
 - Softball, men's and women's; Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa.; Aug. 16-21;
 - Tae Kwon-do; Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa.; April 2-3;
 - Track and Field; Fort Sill, Okla.; May 25-29;
 - Volleyball, men's & women's; Camp Lejeune, N.C.; May 11-18;
 - Wrestling; NAS Pensacola, Fla.; March 30-April 3.
- Interested National Guard members may call Maj. Willie Davenport at DSN 289-5772 or (703) 756-5772 for more information.

Pennsylvania guns down Wilson title

Keystone State shooters regain state championship

By Capt. Sherri Daniels
Arkansas National Guard

Pennsylvania and Vermont have been passing "the big one" back and forth at the Wilson Matches for the past five years. This year, it was Pennsylvania's turn to claim the title of "Overall State Champions" at the Winston P. Wilson Championships.

"We've got it this year," said CWO4 Dave Logan, assistant marksmanship coordinator for Pennsylvania, before the matches even began.

Pennsylvania teams excelled in every discipline - rifle, pistol, machinegun and sniper.

The rifle team from Headquarters State Area Command won the service rifle team championship with a score of 4,819. Team captain, SFC George E. Morgan, led his team to victory. Team members included 1st Lt. Alexander M. Stallman, SFC Gregory T. Ray, SSgt. Lloyd A. Byers, Logan L. Fenstermacher, David J. Kerin, Charles L. Prince, John M. Teasdale and Sgt. Scott C. Zinn.

Morgan, Byers, Kerin and Zinn won the expert rifleman team event and set a new match record of 996 in the fire team counterattack event.

Pistol team members SMSgt. Stephen Gustkey, MSgt. William Rundquist, SFC Thomas J. Boyle and Spc. Carl Trompeter took second place in the combat team match and the Gen. Patton match.

The team also included Capt. William Foster, 2nd Lt. Phillip V. Jenks, SFC Greg Neiderhiser, Sgt. Daniel E. Ott and TSgt. Mark Volchko.

The machinegun team - Sgt. Eugene L. Rossi and SFC Mark Todero - placed fourth in the team aggregate. Both placed in the top three in several individual matches. Rossi set a new record in the field fire event.

Not to be outdone by their counterparts, the sniper team also was victorious. SSgt. Benjamin Groves was the overall sniper individual champion, setting a new match record.

Groves, along with his partner Capt. Charles Felty, won the field fire aggregate event, and came in second in the sniper team championship.

Pennsylvania won the championship in 1989, 1991, and now in 1993. Vermont won the championship in 1988, 1990, and 1992.

The Wilson matches are conducted annually by the National Guard Marksmanship Training Unit at Camp Robinson, Ark. The matches are de-

signed to promote marksmanship by providing high level combat oriented training and competition among states.



Photo by MSgt. Jim Holmes
HOT SHOTS - Machinegunner Sgt. Eugene Rossi fires an M-60 while partner, SFC Mark Todero, guides him.



Photo courtesy of the California National Guard
EYEING A TITLE - Capt. Mark Taylor, an F-16 pilot, is also the best military skeet shooter in the world.

Pilot claims world skeet honors

Capt. Mark Taylor, an F-16 pilot with the California National Guard, won high honors recently at the World Skeet Shooting Championships in San Antonio.

Taylor, 34, is the first Guardmember to win the military division overall title, missing only four of 550 targets. He and his wife, Pam, also finished as runners-up in the husband-wife 28-gauge competition.

Competitors came from the U.S., as well as from countries such as Great Britain, Canada, Australia and Jamaica.

The captain, based at Fresno Air National Guard Base, has been shooting competitively for five years and estimates he has shot 150,000 targets. He has been on the National Skeet Shooting Association All-American team twice and has won numerous category championships in various matches. He has been in the 144th Fighter Wing 17 years and has been flying fighters for 12 years.

The Fresno base also boasts another distinguished marksman. Maj. Gary Goorjian holds the Indoor .45-caliber National Match record for the nation and serves on the All-Guard International Pistol Team. He has qualified for the "President's 100" five times and holds other national honors.

Fighting in RUSSIA

Nebraska's Sgt. Gene Silverstrand, a member of the U.S. Martial Arts team, returns from the land of "Big Red"

By Spc. Kevin Hynes
Nebraska National Guard

Sgt. Gene Silverstrand is a man who knows what it's like to live in the land of the "Big Red."

Having lived much of his life in Lincoln, Neb., where the eyes of the entire state seem to be continually focused upon the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Silverstrand recently had the opportunity to see what life is like in the land of the other "Big Red," when he travelled to St. Petersburg, Russia, as a member of the U.S. Martial Arts Team.

According to Silverstrand, known as Ray to friends, the trip was truly an eye-opener.

"A lot of the old communist system is still alive and well over there," he said. "People still have this desire to control things or be controlled."

Seeing how much different the Russian society is in comparison to that of the U.S. had a major impact upon members of the American team, Silverstrand said.

"A lot of guys, who weren't very patriotic when they left, became extremely patriotic while they were over there," he said.

Silverstrand, who serves as a cook with the 134th Infantry Detachment, says his trip to Russia was 25 years in the making.

"I first got started in martial arts when I was eight-years-old," he recalled. "I was picked on quite a bit by the bigger guys when I was a kid, and I guess I figured if I could be like those

actors (he was a fan of Bruce Lee movies) I would be able to take care of myself."

Silverstrand said he soon learned that the sport meant much more than just a chance to learn how to defend himself.

"Like everyone else who takes up the sport, I wanted to kick butt," he said. "But learning martial arts teaches you to be nicer to people, because if you don't, you'll end up either in jail or dead."

"Martial arts teaches you how to walk away from dangerous situations," he added. "You have a very powerful weapon at your disposal and you don't want to misuse it." Silverstrand is a qualified instructor in karate, jo-jitsu, judo, jujitsu and aikido.

Silverstrand owns his own martial arts school and works part-time as a loader for the U.S. Postal Service.

Despite the amount of time that being a teacher requires of Silverstrand, he said that much of his free time is dedicated toward getting himself more prepared for the variety of martial arts tournaments he enters throughout the year. A typical workout usually includes six hours of weight or cardiovascular training and three to four hours of form, sparring and bag training.

According to Silverstrand, the workouts can frequently extend well into the evening.

"I love training for tournaments," he said. "It helps to motivate me to get into peak physical condition."

The training has paid off as evidenced by Silverstrand's placing third in the All-Military Martial Arts tournament.

That placing also qualified Silverstrand to take part in the First International Martial Arts Tournament, held in St. Petersburg.

In all, hundreds of competitors from Russia, Venezuela, China, France, Puerto Rico, Canada and the United States were represented.



Photo by Spc. Kevin Hynes

Silverstrand said he was amazed to find out how popular the sport is becoming in Russia.

"At one point, 10 to 12 thousand fans came to watch the tournament," he said. "In fact, my match and several other matches were carried live on the Russian national TV."

The Americans, he says, were very popular. "After my fight, the Russian fans actually gave me a standing ovation," he said. "I've traveled around the world and competed in a lot of different countries, but I have never

"There is nothing like going to a foreign country and competing for the U.S."

seen anything like it."

Competing in a foreign land did prove to be disadvantageous for the Americans in a variety of ways, Silverstrand said.

"The judging seemed to be much harder on the United States than it did on anyone else," he said. "Also, the head judge for each competition was Russian,

and whatever he said, went.

"So, if the American fighter was more of a passive athlete, he would get beat up," he added. "If he was more aggressive, he would get disqualified."

The northern environment also seemed to have an adverse effect upon American athletes.

"We were there during what the Russians call 'White Nights,' which is their summer over there," he explained. "The sun never completely sets, so we would come out of our fights as late as 2 a.m."

Despite the variety of inconveniences, Silverstrand was able to battle himself through the first opening rounds of the tournament and qualify for the semi-finals. Yet, it almost wasn't to be.

"When we came into the tournament, we were expecting it to be a light contact type of fight," he said.

"It wasn't," Silverstrand added.

Instead, the Americans frequently found themselves engaged in an all-out battle.

"Often the fights ended up being an outright, open-handed

FIERCE FIGHTER - Sgt. Gene Silverstrand, a cook with Nebraska's 134th Infantry Detachment, assumes a stance. He recently won medals in Russia.

brawl," he said.

During one such fight, Silverstrand took a strong (and illegal) hit to his face, causing his cheekbone to shatter in several places.

"It was an illegal technique and it almost put me out of the tournament," he said.

Much discussion and last-minute pleas were all that saved Silverstrand from seeing his tournament end prematurely.

The sergeant shook off the momentary set back and went on to battle himself to a second-place finish in the overall men's light-heavy blackbelt division and a sixth-place finish in kata or forms.

Despite the aggressiveness shown during the fights, Silverstrand said the American and Russian fighters hit-it-off when away from the tournament.

"Once the fights were over, everything changed," he said. "The Russians and Americans seemed to get along together quite well. I made quite a few friends while I was over there."

Making friends wasn't the only thing Silverstrand did. Following the tournament, he learned that his finish had qualified him for the U.S. Martial Arts Team. According to Silverstrand, that means his next trip will be to Beijing, China, for another tournament.

Yet Silverstrand said he hopes the sport will take him even further. In fact, he said he would like to fight for the United States in the Olympics someday.

"Right now there is no karate competition in the Olympics. Instead, everyone fights in Tae-Kwon-Do," he said.

"There is some talk about making it an event for the Atlanta Games (1994), but even then it depends upon what form of karate they use as to whether or not I can make the team," he said. "The different forms of karate are widely separated, like the difference between the sprints and the marathon."

No matter what the future holds, Silverstrand said he is happy about where he is now.

"There is nothing like going to a foreign country and competing for the U.S.," he said. "And there is no feeling like the one you get when the airplane sets down in the United States after its all over."

NEWS

MAKERS

Compiled by Capt. Phil Blahut

The Outstanding Aircrew of the Year Award was won by a crew from the 118th Airlift Group headed by Capt. Donald F. Knox. All belong to the Tennessee Air National Guard.

Knox's crew members, consisting of Maj. David R. Chesser, 2nd Lt. Kevin Blaser, MSgt. Michael Dwyer, TSgt. John L. Clark and Sgt. Mark A. Harris, were recently recognized for earning the Ricks Award for Outstanding Airmanship in the Air National Guard.

Brig. Gen. David M. Rodriguez received his one-star rank during a recent pinning ceremony in Hawaii.

Rodriguez, 58, Hawaii's assistant adjutant general for Air, has served in numerous Hawaii Air Guard assignments and is credited with providing outstanding leadership immediately following Hurricane Iniki in September 1992.

Armed with the recipe for success, Mississippi Army National Guard's, Company B, 223rd Engineer Battalion mess section is really cooking in the 1993 Philip A. Connelly Awards competition.

And what is this Mississippi unit's recipe for success? It has got to be the seasoned cooks - no pun intended.

"I know there are a lot of good cooks in Mississippi because I have worked with most of them," said SFC Shelby J. Dye, food service supervisor. "but I will put my five cooks up against any of them. They are the best in the state."

PFC Ronnie Evans, Indiana Army National Guard, and his bride the former Misty Shilling, passed under crossed bayonets of fellow Indiana Guard soldiers at their wedding ceremony at Camp Atterbury.

This was the first time that a Second Brigade Headquarters soldier was married during a deployment to that location.

When it comes to community involvement in Licking County, Ohio, Maj. Clarence D. "Dave" McCutcheon, commander of the 211th Maintenance Company, Ohio Army National Guard, just doesn't get enough.

McCutcheon is a member of Licking's United Way board of directors, a labor representative to the United Way Executive Campaign Cabinet and member of the local Vietnam Veterans chapter. He's also active with several United Way-supported agencies, a member of the board of directors of Spencier Halfway House and citizen advocate for the Association for Retarded Citizens. Recently, he and several unit members led two vehicles in a large United Way Campaign parade to show support for their community.

"Having come from a very disadvantaged childhood," McCutcheon explained, "I understand the pain caused from being poor. I appreciate the fact that there were several individuals and agencies who had a tremendous impact on my life."

For the second year in a row, Company D, 1st Battalion/147th Infantry was invited to participate in the "Taste of Cincinnati."



Maj. Dave McCutcheon (3rd from right) and his band of do-gooders.



SSgt. David Mitchell (left) and Spc. Ralph Williams stirred things up.



Brig. Gen. David Rodriguez gets pinned by his wife Geraldine and Hawaii Governor John Waihee.



PFC Ronnie Evans and wife Misty receive a bayonet salute.

Competing with the pungent aromas of local restaurants, and catering to an estimated 500,000 attendees, these Guardmembers served generous helpings of Meals-Ready-to-Eat.

"It is amazing how many folks were anxious to try the MRE," said PFC Chris Johnson of Company D. "One lady even came back for a second helping."

What SSgt. Dennis Pannell, Company C, 700th Support Battalion, Oklahoma Army National Guard, didn't know that a family cookout at Lake Thunderbird would result in his saving the life of a six-year-old boy.

Finishing his meal, Pannell heard a cry for help. He turned to see a young boy being carried out of the lake. He ran to the scene, and along with a nurse, worked as a team to revive and stabilize the lad until an ambulance arrived.

"I was surprised that I remained so calm," he said. "I didn't get nervous until after the ambulance had taken him away."

Col. Michael Killworth, of the 124th Fighter Group, and fellow members of the Idaho Air National Guard, had the opportunity to chat with a Chinese general and listen to a Russian general explain political happenings in his country. The Idaho National Guard was one of several stops for a group of foreign military leaders visiting the U.S. to gain a greater knowledge of the National Guard, its members, facilities and equipment.

SrA Rebecca Faultner of the 134th Air Refueling Group, Tennessee Air National Guard, recently received a \$1,500 college scholarship from the "Volunteer State's" National Guard Association. With the financial help, Faultner will attend the University of Tennessee.

SSgt. Stephen C. Cryan of the 107th Fighter Group, New York Air National Guard, recently was presented with the New York State Medal of Valor.

While serving as an Erie County Sheriff's deputy, Cryan earned the award for his quick action, poise and accurate assessment of saving an elderly woman's life during a 1991 Christmas Day fire.

The 224th Joint Communications Support Squadron, and the 165th Air Control Party Flight of the Georgia Air National Guard, held an appreciation breakfast for the Glynn County school system's principals and counselors in November.

The purpose was to say thank you to school officials and to show the Air Guard's appreciation for the educational opportunities offered to Glynn County students.

TSgt. Paul Mendez of the 149th Fighter Group, Texas Air National Guard, recently received the Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez Outstanding Maintenance Personnel Award in the civilian manager category.

While working in the unit's operations support squadron, Mendez's achieved many accomplishments. Most notable was his research in the substitution of one kind of testing equipment for another. It resulted in savings in excess of \$132,000 to the Air Force.

No vacation in Bahamas

The District of Columbia's 113th Civil Engineering Squadron does some handywork for the people of the Bahamas

By Maj. Mike Milord
District of Columbia National Guard

When Bahamian students returned to their Harbor Island Government School last fall, they saw drastic changes, thanks in part to the District of Columbia Air National Guard's 113th Civil Engineering Squadron.

Struck head-on in 1992 when Hurricane Andrew blasted its fury of wind and water, the school suffered extensive damage. Immediately following the storm, a U.S. Navy SEABEE unit provided temporary repairs.

Then more than one year after the di-



saster, the 113th spent its annual training period on the island to make permanent repairs to the school as part of U.S. Atlantic Command's Earib '93 joint military and humanitarian exercises.

"These are the types of conditions that we could expect to incur if we were



Photos by Maj. Mike Milord

UPGRADES - SSgt. Kenneth Frey (above) keeps his eye on his work as he saws some plywood. SrA Clifton Walker (left) connects wiring for a newly installed light fixture. Both are members of the District of Columbia Air Guard's 113th Civil Engineering Squadron.

activated for a wartime mission," explained Maj. Frank J. Tiscione, commander of the 113th CES. "Our job is to arrive at a site and do construction or make repairs while we survive in the environment."

Engineers of the 113th tackled a range of repair projects throughout the school. They extended the roof and ensured that all of the new plywood panels were fastened with hurricane clips that help strengthen the bond. They also installed new lighting and ceiling fans.

"So many people in the unit do this kind of work in their civilian occupations, so that gives us a lot of versatility," according to MSgt. Barry Bone, in civilian life a technician for a mechanical contractor.

The classrooms doubled as living quarters for the airmen, with other elements of the 113th providing support for meals, living quarters, supply and a small clinic.

The 113th was followed by Air Guard civil engineers from Michigan, Massachusetts and Missouri.



NOBLE LION

SFC John Montgomery (right photo, front) and his gunner, Sgt. John Valley, take their tank for a spin. SFC Jeff Coon (above) prepares to drop a mortar round. All are members of the Vermont Army Guard's 1st Battalion/172nd Armor who participated in Noble Lion '93. The exercise, held in Gagetown, also involved several thousand Canadian troops.



Photos by Capt. Nate Denny



STATES

- Ohio immunizations
- New York code talkers
- Maine hosts visitors

TEXAS

All members of the Texas Army and Air National Guard and Texas State Guard joined the Texans' War on Drugs during the last week of October by wearing a new ribbon on their uniform. The ribbons were part of the 1993 Texas Red Ribbon Campaign which represented a visible commitment toward a drug-free Texas. Full-time Guardmembers wore the ribbons for one week in October and traditional members wore them during drill.

OHIO

The Ohio Army National Guard, the Columbus Public School System, Columbus Health Department and the Franklin County Board of Health took aim at youngsters throughout Columbus recently. The "shots" being fired were free measles/mumps/rubella inoculations, made available to more than 6,000 sixth grade students in Columbus City Schools. Troops from the 112th Medical Brigade visited Columbus middle schools for several weeks prior to immunization dates in preparation for the free clinics.

MASSACHUSETTS

The salute guns of the 1st Battalion, 101st Field Artillery roared into action at the historic Boston Commons last month to honor the promotion of Maj. Gen. Raymond A. Vesina, the state's new adjutant general.



FINAL SALUTE

The inactivation of Ohio's 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment was cause for Sondra Monastra (above) to cry. Her husband Nate is a sergeant major. Col. Mark Ryan hands off the cased colors to Ohio Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Richard Alexander.



Photos by: Sgt. Lon King

WISCONSIN

More than 50 Milwaukee-area clergy participated in the 128th Air Refueling Group's eighth annual Clergy Day. Unit members invited their religious leaders to spend a day with the 128th. "Today was a great educational experience for me," said Sister Rene Kuban, principal and social studies teacher at St. Mary's School in Hales Corner. "I didn't know the Air Guard existed, but now that I've seen them in action, I'm looking forward to telling my students of this exciting opportunity."

NEW YORK

Members of the 152nd Air Control Group, located at Hancock Field, in Syracuse, presented a program to almost 500 local high school students entitled "The Navajo Code Talkers," in honor of Native Americans and their contribution to encrypted communications during World War II. The students live on or near the Onondaga Indian Reservation in Syracuse.

TENNESSEE

Nearly 40 Knoxville-area high school students were chosen by their guidance counselors to participate in Aviation Career Education Week at McGhee Tyson ANGB. "We sponsored the event to send students interested in aviation a message...Use drugs and there's no way you will be able to pursue a career in aviation," stressed Lt. Col. Roy E. Harrell, ACE program administrator.

MAINE

FOREIGN VISITORS- Maine Air Guard's MSgt. Balazs "Bo" Gereben (left) chats with Russian Col. Igor Tishin and Hungarian Col. Janos Sagi. He and Sagi used the foreign officers' tour of the Bangor base to chat in Hungarian.



Photo courtesy of the Maine National Guard

The 101st Air Refueling Wing at Bangor recently hosted 41 international military officers who are attending the Air War College at Maxwell AFB, Ala. The visitors, including Russian and Hungarian officers, learned about the role of the Reserve components in the Total Force and watched an air-to-air refueling enroute to Maine.

Leading the group around the Bangor base was MSgt. Balazs "Bo" Gereben. His father was a member of the Hungarian Freedom Fighters. Upon being introduced to Col. Janos Sagi of the Republic of Hungary, the two began conversing in Sagi's native language.



The National Guard in World War II

Christmas of

'43

The holiday season wasn't a time to celebrate 50 years ago in Italy

Christmas in Italy, 1943. The season of peace did not bring respite to the cold, weary soldiers of the Fifth U.S. Army facing Hitler's Germans. As planned, the Germans had fallen back to their prepared positions in the Gustav Line, the shortest line across the Italian peninsula. Since the line was short, it took fewer Germans to hold against the Allied attacks.

On the American portion of the line, the Garigliano-Rapido rivers covered the German front, and behind the rivers rose the massif of Monte Cassino, a mountain that stood like a silent sentry at the entrance to the Liri River Valley, the expressway to Rome. Atop Monte Cassino, stood a Benedictine Abbey built in the sixth century, and still inhabited by the monks, and declared off-limits by the German commander.

In late December, the Fifth Army was engaged in preparing for two operations, one was to capture Monte Cassino, the other was to outflank the German positions by an amphibious landing at the town of Anzio, a few miles from Rome itself. Both operations would end with

less-than-expected results. The National Guard's 45th "Thunderbird" Division from Oklahoma, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona was being pulled from the line to prepare for Anzio. The 36th "Texas" Division was in the line, after hard-won victories at San Pietro and Monte Lunga, and the 34th "Red Bull" Division from Minnesota, South Dakota and Iowa was moving into the lines to relieve the exhausted Texans.

Early January ushered in the attacks upon the outposts to the Gustav Line. Under the control of the "Red Bull's" headquarters, troops of the "Texas" Division's artillery, and the infantry of the 34th, along with men from the 1st Armored Division pushed the Germans back. By mid-month, the 36th "Texas" Division was brought back into the line after its well deserved rest. Well rested as they were, the objective was to cross an ice cold, swiftly flowing, well defended river (the Rapido) — soon to be known as the "Bloody Rapido" — and move up the mountains. Well-trained and entrenched Germans waited for the Texans, and stopped the assault. The 141st Infantry, having crossed the Rapido, held on against determined German counterattacks. Again, and again, the Texans attempted to cross. Bridges were built, only to be ripped apart by German tank guns and artillery fire. Of the men of the 141st Infantry who made it across the Rapido, only 50 came back to friendly shores by the end of the battle. As the Texans were bleeding on the banks of the Rapido, men of the "Red Bull" were preparing for an attack on Monte Cassino itself. Troops of the "Red Bull" were

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forced further up stream. Assault units of the 133rd Infantry and Japanese Americans of the 100th Battalion established a bridgehead on Jan. 25, but were held by stiff German opposition. The commander of the "Red Bull" attempted to get around the German positions that were threatening the 133rd's attack. He sent for the 135th from Minnesota and the 168th Infantry. After a bad start, the Iowans from the 168th and an attached regiment of Texans from the 142nd Infantry forged across the Rapido River, and moved to higher ground. That real estate, however, was on the German side of

the river.

In the first week of February 1944, the three regiments of the "Red Bull" and the Texans from the 142nd Infantry advanced toward Cassino. For a time it seemed that victory was in sight. The 133rd was fighting in the town of Cassino itself, while the other three regiments were wresting the high ground from the Germans. By mid-February, however, the reinforced 34th Division was too exhausted to go any further. Arguments circulated in the higher commands as to which units should exploit the gains of the 34th. In the end, nothing happened. By the conclusion of this phase of the battle on the Gustav Line, the infantrymen, tankers, engineers, artillerymen, medics and others would be doomed to more cold, more mud, more rain, more casualties and no victory. Troops facing the Germans continued to look toward Monte Cassino and the abbey. To these men, the monastery was an ominous presence. Those were dark days in Italy.

Ohio's 37th Division distinguished itself in World War II

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Fifty years ago members of the National Guard were called upon to make many sacrifices, and in some cases, to make the ultimate one.

The largest Guard unit in Ohio at that time was the 37th Division. The 37th was ordered to active service for a period of one year beginning on Oct. 15, 1940, more than one year before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

Most people in the U.S. saw no need for a large military buildup, but President Franklin D. Roosevelt was sure that the U.S. would eventually be drawn into the war, and was determined that the country should be prepared.

Not all of the 37th's soldiers understood the wisdom of the activation order, but the general attitude was "what the heck, it's only for one year." Many sol-

Determined offense, impenetrable defense

diers even relished the idea of a "vacation" from home at Camp Shelby, Miss.

Camp Shelby, however, was to be no vacation. There the 37th underwent basic training, including such standard fare as military courtesy, sexual hygiene and intelligence testing.

By June 1940, the 37th was deemed ready for large scale field maneuvers, much to the joy of the troops, who expressed the sentiment that, "Maneuvers will be a vacation after this place."

Unfortunately, due to limited production and Lend Lease requirements, little modern equipment was available for these maneuvers. Jeeps were used to represent whole tank units, while trucks drove behind "enemy" lines disgorging "paratroopers." One local newspaper described the scene as "Just like a bunch of school kids playing cops and robbers."

Men began to count the days until their deactivation in October, despite rumors that they might be extended another six months. The acronym "OHIO" began to appear everywhere there were federalized Guardmembers. It stood for "Over the Hill."

In October, when the President did extend the service time by six months, most remained philosophical, if somewhat disgruntled. The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor galvanized the nation and ended all griping about service extensions.

The 37th Division was initially earmarked for deployment to Europe. However, rapid Japanese victories necessitated the 37th being sent to the Pacific to guard the Fiji Islands, part of the vital link between the U.S. and Australia. The 37th sailed for Fiji in February 1942.

When the 37th arrived on Fiji it found no enemy. Training and



Photo courtesy of NGB Historical Services

digging in were the order of the day. The 37th established its own officer candidate school on Fiji, and two years later most of its company commanders were graduates of the school — although half of the school's graduates had been either killed or seriously wounded by then.

The Division spent 10 months on Fiji and then moved to the recently captured island of Guadalcanal to prepare for its first combat operation, the attack on New Georgia.

While on Guadalcanal, the division received its baptism of fire, administered by the Imperial Japanese Air Force. The men had not dug in immediately upon arrival, but when the bombs started to fall, many men could

CROSSING OVER - Members of Ohio's 145th Infantry, 37th Division at Luzon, Philippines in 1945.

not be convinced to stop digging, until the call "One more shovelful and you're AWOL."

Once the 37th Division began its attack on New Georgia, it would be in almost constant contact with the Japanese until the end of the war. On the rare occasions that they were pulled back for "rest and refit," the men of the 37th would still be too close to avoid enemy air attacks.

Through New Georgia, Bougainville, and the Philippines, the 37th acquired a reputation for determined offense and impenetrable defense.



TRAINING

Giving tankers something to get 'fired up' about

Nebraska NCOs design high-tech tank gunnery courses

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An idea for developing a realistic tank gunnery course has become high-tech reality on the rolling plains of the Nebraska National Guard training sites at Hastings and Head.

According to SGM Charles E. Nerem, range developer for the Directorate of Plans, Operations and Training of-

fice in Lincoln, the creation of the two all-weather tank gunnery courses developed out of a necessity to train the Guard's heavy gunners in state.

"The biggest problem we encounter here in Nebraska is that we simply don't have the room to fire our 105mm or .50 caliber guns," said Nerem. "So to counter that problem, many of the state's armor units had to send their crews out-of-state or were creating improvised training methods to get their crews up to speed before going to camp."

Yet, realism was sorely lacking, he said.

In fact, trainers sometimes went so far as to hang buckets of burning charcoal from trees to simulate the thermal readings a gunner would see if he were firing at a real target. Yet, Nerem said, it was far from a practical solution.

That problem was further complicated when the Nebraska Guard transitioned to the newer M60-A3 main battle tank.

One evening, Nerem recalls, three or four NCOs were sitting around talking about the situation. The problem as they saw it, was that they not only needed a range that would combine realism with the state's space limita-



REAL TARGET - 1st Lt. Ross Finley (left) drops himself into the turret of his tank after donning his protective mask. A Nebraska Army Guard tanker (below, left) ensures his headset and radio are functioning. One of the 29 new tank targets (below, right) sits in the grass at a Hastings, Neb. training site. The targets cost the Nebraska Guard \$3,000, compared to the \$348,000 it would have cost using conventional means.



tions, but also a set of moveable targets. This would ensure that gunners would not be able to see a particular target in a particular place.

According to Nerem, the solution to their problems was rather simple.

"The CSMS (combined support maintenance shop) had a bunch of quarter-ton trailers they were going to turn in, which, with a little modification, suited our needs perfectly," he said.

The Nebraska Guardsmembers then solved the thermal imaging problem by turning to a recent, state-of-the-art advancement - all-weather thermal paper.

When seen through the thermal sites of an M60-A3 tank, the paper appears as either a white or black square, similar to that of heat emanating from the engine of an enemy vehicle.

With those two problems solved, the project was turned over to SFC Roger A. Groetzinger, who designed the targets and was responsible for their final construction.

"The first prototype took about a week to create," Groetzinger said. "A lot of that had to do with designing

several different ideas and incorporating them with the materials we had."

In all, it took Groetzinger and three other soldiers approximately two-and-a-half weeks to cut, weld, build and paint the targets. When completed, the targets were then dismantled and sent to their respective range sites. Nerem said he was amazed at how quickly the project took form.

Probably the most important factor, however, was that the targets were built at just a fraction of the cost of other tank ranges. The entire 29-target project cost \$3,000, Nerem said.

In comparison, to develop the pop-up targets used on such ranges as at Fort Riley, Kan. or Fort Carson, Colo., would have cost the Nebraska Guard \$12,000 per target or \$348,000 for the entire project.

Nerem added that the two-wheeled targets provided two other benefits.

"Normal pop-up targets require generators and a lot of other equipment, so they are pretty immobile," he said. "We are able to constantly change the set up of the range so that the soldiers don't get too accustomed to seeing

vehicles in a certain place."

"Another benefit," he added, "is that since we are only shooting lasers at the targets, rather than actual shells, the life expectancy of the range is indefinite."

The ingenuity, however, did not end there. Soldiers from the 1st Battalion/195th Armor, made the targets an even greater training tool by combining them with equipment they already had.

"The armor guys were able to design a way to make the targets light up when they are hit by wrapping them (the targets) with MILES gear attached to a battery-operated light system," he said.

According to Capt. Michael Maguire, commander of Company B, 1st Battalion/195th Armor, setting the targets up is a relatively simple task. In all, it takes a team of two soldiers approximately three hours to set up an 11-target course.

"Everyone thinks the new range is just the 'cats meow,'" Nerem said. "Tankers like to be able to reach out and touch someone and see the results. This enables them to do exactly that."