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Fitness program approved

Lt. Gen. John B. Conaway, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, recently approved a plan that permits all states to conduct Youth Physical Fitness Clinics.

Patterned after a test program conducted last year in Connecticut and North Dakota, the fitness clinics reward high school students for their athletic and academic accomplishments through a series of local and statewide competitions. Events include situps, pushups, standing long jump, pullups and a one-mile run/walk.

State public affairs offices will have key assignments in helping to increase awareness about the local and state competitions. Instructions for conducting a Youth Physical Fitness Clinic have been distributed via All States Letter Log No. 193-0159.

Approval of the program permits and encourages states to use local resources to fund the competitions. Future federal funding for the fitness clinics is awaiting Congressional approval. Several other youth programs are awaiting DoD approval and/or Congressional funding.

New York claims first female fighter pilot

*Maj. Jacquelyn Parker
makes Air Guard history*

By Lt. Col. David Super
National Guard Bureau

To a long list of aviation accomplishments, Maj. Jacquelyn S. Parker can add an event that will make her part of Air National Guard history.

In the days following the April 28 Pentagon statement that combat assignments for female service members were being expanded, Air National Guard officials at New York's 107th Fighter Group announced that Parker had been selected for a billet in a F-16 Fighting Falcon. The distinction makes her among the first female members of the entire Air Force to be picked for combat training.

As Parker, a new member of the Niagara Falls-based unit, leads the way for women in the National Guard to enter previously closed combat assignments, personnel officials throughout the Defense Department are working to change administrative regulations and procedures to match the major policy change announced by Secretary of Defense Les Aspin. Numerically, the change is easiest to accommodate in the Air Force where assignment to fighter aircraft and bombers were the only jobs previously closed to women. The equation for the Army is more complex since more assignments have a direct combat role, and not all billets were made gender-neutral. Infantry, armor and field artillery jobs remain closed.

Parker has started her requalification training in the T-38, an aircraft she previously flew as an instructor pilot. Once requalified in the T-38, a dual-engine supersonic trainer, Parker will attend the Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals Course flown in a similar AT-38. Her final training will be at the Air National Guard's F-16 school at McConnell AFB, Wichita, Kan. She expects to return to the New York Air National Guard next spring, prepared for a fighter pilot assignment.



Photo courtesy of the 107th Fighter Group

The announcement of Parker's selection was a major news story in northern New York where, during a tarmac news conference, Col. James Burdick, com-

HISTORY MAKER - Maj. Jacquelyn Parker will be the first Air Guard female pilot, and among the first in the entire Air Force, to attend fighter pilot training. She recently joined Niagara's 107th Fighter Group.

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COMMENTARY

Our family should matter most

By 1st Lt. John Daigle Jr.
Florida National Guard

Not long ago I attended the retirement ceremony for a colonel who had served 36 years in the Florida National Guard and Army Reserve.

The colonel accepted the thanks from his colleagues, some medals and a plaque. He stepped forward to speak and did a curious thing. He turned, not to his long-time coworkers in the Guard, but to his family.

"There have been a lot of anniversaries, school plays and little league baseball games I've missed during drill weekends over the last 36 years that I've been in the Guard," he told his family. "I know you've given up a lot so that I could be in the Guard. I want to thank you for your selflessness."

Recently, all branches and segments of the U.S. military, including the National Guard, celebrated the month of the military child. In considering the meaning of this month, the colonel's remarks ring especially relevant.

As one of six Army brats in my family, I've known the benefits and sacrifices involved with being a military child.

The children in my family had to grow up fast and help my mother while my father served a tour in Korea and two in Vietnam. It meant regular moves, overseas and around the United States, during the important early school years.

There were many sacrifices, but even more benefits.

Out of necessity, we learned discipline, adaptability and independence. We learned why we were without a father so much and why sacrifice was important. Long before my father lobbied for any of us to join the military, we all learned what it meant to sacrifice for the sake of the country.

As a platoon leader in the Florida National Guard, I remember watching with envy during December drills as the married Guardmembers in our battery brought their children into the armory for our annual Christmas party.

Anyone who has seen the look on the face of a small child in the arms of a father or mother in uniform knows there is something unmistakably special about it. It's hard to tell whether the parent or the child is prouder.

This past year has been especially hard on the spouses and children of Florida Guardmembers. With many troops gone for long stretches of time during Operation Andrew and Operation Overpass,

our family support has been tested to the limits.

Earlier this year, Maj. Gen. Ronald Harrison, state adjutant general, said these tests have proven that family support in the Florida Guard is strong, vital and crucial to the success of the Guard.

There have undoubtedly been many anniversaries, school plays and little league baseball games missed by members of the Florida National Guard serving unexpected tours of active duty during this past year. And many Guardmembers have had to try to explain to their small children why they have had to be gone so much.

So, as we celebrated the month of the

military child, and throughout the year, take a moment to appreciate the sacrifice the families of Guardmembers have made recently. Without the support of these spouses and children most of the soldiers in the Guard would not be able to do the great work they do.

"I know you've given
up a lot so I could
be in the Guard."

Guardmembers serving long hours under stressful conditions are far more effective because of the cooperation and

patience of their families back home.

It should surprise no one that the military honors our children and families for the sacrifices they have made for the good of our country and state. Their recognition is well deserved.

On Guard seeks
'letters to editor'

In an effort to make *The On Guard* easier to read, the staff has redesigned the newspaper. Along with the new look, we are looking to our readers to send us more letters on anything affecting the National Guard. We will publish your letters on Page 2 — our Commentary Page — every month.

Your letters don't have to be only on issues you've seen covered in *The On Guard*. Let us know your

thoughts on issues such as the Bosnian conflict, homosexuals in the military or women in combat. After all, the entire page is dedicated to you, so we're counting on you to fill it with observations you feel relevant to each member of the Guard.

If possible, we ask that your letters be typed and double spaced. Frankly, if it's legibly written on any kind of paper, we'd consider it.

Our deadlines are usually the 10th of the month. For example, if you wanted your letter to appear in the August *On Guard*, we would need to receive your letter by July 10th. All letters are subject to editing due to space and style considerations.

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Counterdrug
Update

• As of May 5, 2,915 Army National Guard and 506 Air National Guard personnel were on counterdrug support duty in all 54 states and territories.

• As of May 5, the total value of drugs seized by the National Guard this fiscal year is \$6.95 billion, including almost \$5.25 billion in cocaine.

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IN THE NEWS

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New York soldiers emerge heroic after World Trade Center bombing

Sgt. Fred Ferby and Col. Michael Driscoll use training to save lives

By Maj. Bill Riley
New York National Guard

Two New York Army National Guard soldiers emerged heroic Feb. 26, after a bomb exploded at the World Trade Center in Manhattan, wreaking havoc at the city's largest buildings.

It began as a normal day for Sgt. Fred Ferby, a squad leader in Company A, 152nd Engineer Battalion in Kingsbridge, N.Y., who is in a full-time building mechanic at the World Trade Center.

"When the bomb went off I was thrown across the room and ended up under a pile of debris and some tool storage lockers," Ferby recalled. "My immediate thought was that it had to be a bomb. We've had electrical transformers blow up, but it was nothing like the explosion from the bomb. I was numb at first, but then felt sore all over as I dug myself out." Ferby, a resident of Jamaica, Queens, has been in the Army Guard for 16 years.

The NCO said he spent the next hour or more in an environment filled with black smoke, with only a mini flashlight to provide illumination, as he helped a total of six workers escape the bomb-ravaged subterranean levels of the building.

"I could hear two guys yelling and screaming and got to them, leading them up a staircase," he said, describing



Photo by Capt. Tina Prosonic

HEROES CHAT - Col. Michael Driscoll (above, left) and Sgt. Fred Ferby, both members of the New York Army Guard, discuss their actions on Feb. 26 at the World Trade Center.

the intense heat and smoke that permeated the air. After that group reached safety, Ferby decided to go back to see if he could find coworkers on level B-2, where the bomb had exploded. As he reached the level, he recalled hearing more voices from men trapped inside the cab of an elevator.

"The area was pitch black and filled with smoke, so I had to crawl on my hands and knees to get to them," Ferby said, adding he employed techniques learned in

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Pentagon celebrates 50th birthday

In honor of its 50th year of service, the Pentagon has been designated a National Historic Landmark. Ceremonies were held in the world's largest office building May 12, to mark the anniversary.

Construction of the Pentagon, which eventually became the Department of Defense headquarters, was actually completed on Jan. 15, 1943 - in a record 16 months.

Since 100 percent of the National Guard had been called to active duty for World

War II by that time, hundreds, perhaps thousands of citizen soldiers and airmen were working in the building on its opening day.

The Office of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, along with other National Guard Bureau offices, remain in the five-story complex located across the Potomac River from the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.

The building has 17.5 miles of corridors and a gross floor area of more than 6.5 million square

feet. It cost approximately \$83 million to construct on land previously used as a municipal airfield. The Pentagon covers 29 acres of ground and often is called, simply, "The Building" by the 24,000 military and civilian personnel assigned within its 72 foot high concrete walls.

To honor the event, an exhibit highlighting construction of the structure will be open inside the Pentagon through the summer. Visitors to Washington, D.C. may participate in guided tours of the Pentagon on weekdays from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

NATIONAL BRIEFS

Kuwait Medal update

SOME NATIONAL GUARD SOLDIERS may be wearing the wrong Kuwait Liberation Medal, according to service officials.

A Kuwaiti version of the medal was presented by Kuwaiti government representatives to several soldiers. In February, the Acting Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs directed that soldiers may accept and keep the medals. But they are not authorized to wear the Kuwaiti versions on the Army uniform, officials said.

New Air Force specialty codes

ALL OFFICER AND ENLISTED AIR Force specialty codes will change once the classification restructure is implemented Oct. 31. Officer and enlisted AFSCs will share common first digits depending on the functional area.

Air Force officials are finalizing the alignment and mapping of AFSCs from today's structure to the new AFSCs.

Women's memorial seeks registrants for honor roll

WHILE MORE THAN 70,000 WOMEN have already signed up, The Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation, Inc. hopes to register more active-duty, Guard and Reserve servicewomen in the memorial's computerized honor roll in recognition of Armed Forces Day.

"Some women have hesitated to register because they don't feel they have done anything special," said (Ret) Brig. Gen. Wilma Vaught. "Many feel their memorable experiences in the military are yet to come."

Each registration includes the photo, military history, and personal memories of its subject. Visitors will be able to access the registration of any servicewomen through a computerized database at the memorial.

More information of registration is available by calling 1-800-4-SALUTE or by writing to WIMSA, Dept 560, Washington, D.C. 20042-0560.

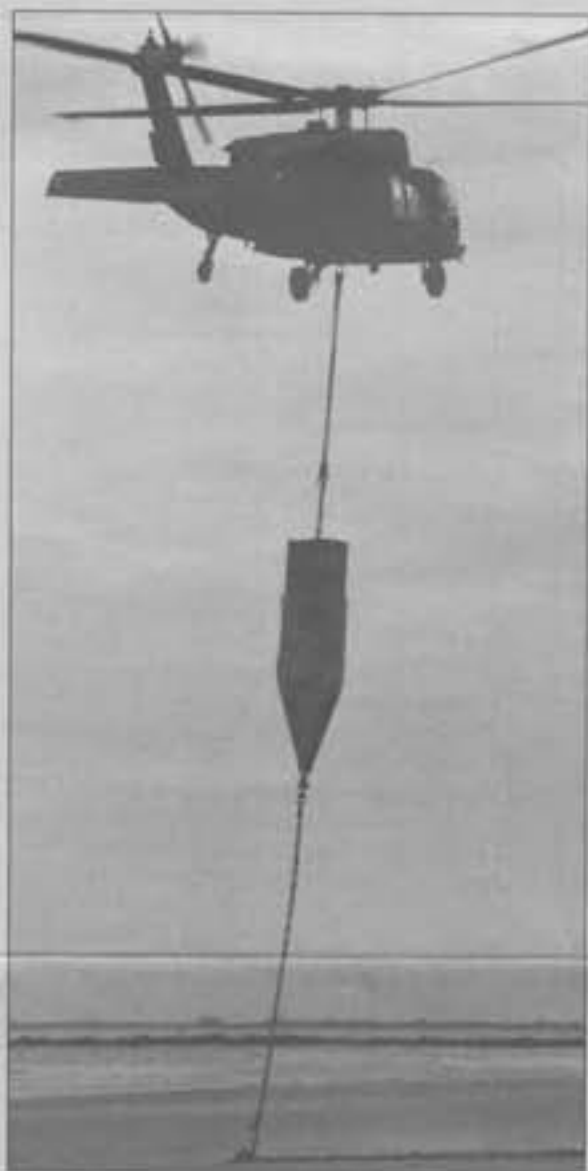
Mammograms now free

AIR GUARD WOMEN AGED 40 AND over will be offered free mammograms as an added health benefit.

According to Maj. Phil La Kier, Air National Guard chief of professional medical services, female members must be in a military duty status while on the appointment.

For more information, contact your base/unit clinic.

IN THE NEWS



Sea buoys recovered

Two blackhawk helicopters from the Florida Army Guard's 111th Aviation Regiment helped the U.S. Coast Guard in retrieving four sea buoys ripped loose by a storm. No helicopter in the Coast Guard's inventory was able to lift the 3,500 pound, 11-foot long buoys. The buoys, entrenched along a five-mile stretch of Cumberland Island, Ga. were taken to a repair yard 30 miles away in Mayport, Fla.

Photos by
Sgt. John Studwell

Chemical unit comes to life

With military cuts being brought about by Operation Quicksilver, it seems the only units making headlines are those being deactivated. There is, however, one bright exception from the Connecticut Army Guard in the recent formation of the 103rd Chemical Company.

The unit, headquartered in Ansonia, came to life last September and has quickly grown to 60 percent of its 140-member authorized strength. Company commander Capt. Michael Casey says he hopes to have the company at 100 percent by its 1994 annual training.

The company's mission, says Casey, is to decontaminate people and equipment that have come under chemical attack. "We go in and provide the equipment necessary for the incoming units to perform their own decontamination," Casey said. "We run the equipment and provide assistance if necessary. We are the technicians, so to speak."

The 103rd is currently undergoing intensive training to get all of its people qualified. An eight weekend-long course is being run by the Army Reserve unit at Camp Weicker in Niantic to help.

"About 30 percent of the people in our unit are already qualified," said Casey. "These people will be going with us for annual training and will act as trainers."

Casey is optimistic about the unit's future, although people are still needed to fill entry-level positions up through the specialist rank.

"The members of this unit are very excited," he noted. "It's a chance to be part of a new beginning, to build something ourselves from the ground floor."



Photo by Spc. Thomas A. Jones

NEW UNIT - Members of the 103rd Chemical Company train with newly-acquired decontamination equipment.

BOMBING

National Guard combat training exercises to reach the trapped men.

When he reached the elevator, Ferby discovered the doors were jammed shut. "I kicked at it and pushed and we finally got it open, freeing two men inside," he explained.

Ferby's efforts did not stop with that rescue, however. He again heard voices yelling for help and went to assist two more coworkers felled by the blast.

"They were covered with debris and couldn't walk," said Ferby. To free the men, Ferby carried victims Jerry Hines and Floyd Edwards from the scene, tucking one under his right arm, as he dragged the second along by his belt.

Hines and Edwards, in inter-

views broadcast on national television, credited Ferby with saving their lives.

"There's no doubt in my mind that if Fred Ferby hadn't pulled us out we'd have been dead," said Hines. Edwards, recuperating from his injuries in Alabama agreed. He said he was nearly unconscious when Ferby reached him.

"I've been thanked by all of those I've helped. It's a good feeling," Ferby acknowledged.

While Ferby was acting in the underground levels of the World Trade Center, Col. Michael Driscoll, commander of Detachment 3 (Selective Service), Headquarters STARC-NY, was on the 67th floor of the 110-story skyscraper.

I was leaning back in a chair and suddenly felt the whole building just bounce," said Driscoll. He compared the blast

to the shock one feels when standing behind two main battle tanks fired simultaneously. "Even that doesn't do it justice," added the former tanker said.

The lawyer, a resident of Ocean Township, N.J., said it became apparent that something was "seriously wrong," although it was impossible for those on the upper floors to find out what had happened. Within minutes the building's electrical

and air conditioning systems went off and the telephone system became inoperable, he said.

Driscoll said he returned to

his office on the 66th floor to find most of the Port Authority's legal staff in the process of evacuating the building, which was rapidly filling with smoke. Soon, only Driscoll remained with his deputy, Donald Burke, and Kathleen Collins, a multi-

ply-handicapped staff lawyer who is confined to a wheelchair.

"We decided to stay with Kathy until someone came for her," Driscoll explained. However, after a half hour it was clear

to Driscoll that help was not on the way. "We came up with a plan to take Kathy and her wheelchair down a stairwell," said

Driscoll. He and Burke then began a four-hour trek, taking turns carrying Collins through the smoke-filled passageway.

The trio slowly descended more than 30 flights to an area where New York City firemen were able to assist them. They exited the Trade Center building at 5:25 p.m. "If there was anything I have learned in the military, it's that you don't leave your wounded behind," the colonel said.

As for being labeled a hero, Driscoll notes matter-of-factly, "There were a lot of heroes at the World Trade Center that day."

The two say they have no fear of returning to the Trade Center, but note it was lucky only six persons were killed from the estimated 100,000 who regularly occupy the structure. "It could have been much, much worse," Ferby said.

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PEOPLE

GUATEMALA FACTS

- Capitol: Guatemala City
- Country the size of Tennessee
- Life expectancy: 55 years

A thousand words of thanks

By SSgt. Vicki S. Paulson
Oregon National Guard

It has been said that a picture is worth a thousand words. In this case they're a thousand words of thanks.

Capt. Richard G. Bryan, a Monroe, La. resident, brings an additional skill to his job as the 528th Engineer Battalion's adjutant. He is an accomplished artist.

Recently, the 528th's adjutant drew on his experience to express his unit's gratitude to a fellow military man. Unit members were looking for a special way to acknowledge the hospitality of Guatemalan Col. Rene Julio Prado, commander of the Guatemalan military units working with the battalion in Baja Verapaz, Salama Valley.

Since the Guatemalan people are accomplished artists and craftsmen, the captain's fellow Guardmembers suggested he create a pastel likeness of the colonel.

Bryan had hoped to surprise his host with the gift. However, when a photo couldn't be obtained without Prado's knowledge, the colonel insisted on meeting the artist.

"He was ecstatic about it," said Bryan. "He said he felt very honored having it done and honored that I wanted to do it."

The portrait was presented to the colonel in appreciation of his cooperation and support of U.S. military involved in Fuertes Caminos '93 - North (in Spanish, "strong roads").

The exercise is a combined and joint operation involving military units from the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Army National Guard and Reserve, as well as military units from Guatemala and Belize. In cooperation

with governments in each Central American country, the troops work on humanitarian-aid projects to benefit the host country.

Beyond a few classes in high school, Bryan has had no formal training as an artist. However, he has worked in several media including water colors, oil paints, pen and ink, wood sculpture and pastels, which is similar to colored charcoal.

"For portraits I prefer pastels," said Bryan. "It's quick, it's permanent and it's challenging because it is a little unforgiving. You have to get it right the first time or you'll end up doing it over."

Bryan said he likes using animals as subjects for his work. "I do a lot of wild-



Photo by SSgt. Vicki S. Paulson

life wood carving. I'm an avid hunter, and I love the outdoors." He admits, however, that his Guard duties leave little time to paint.

"Because of time restraints, I primarily use quick mediums like water colors and pastels," Bryan explained. "Over the last 10 years the majority of my work has been portraits. I just don't have the time to sit and do work for pleasure."

Bryan says he only makes time to do a few portraits for family and special friends.

One example is a larger-than-life-size portrait of the oldest living former member of the Louisiana Guard, Mr. "Tommy" Thompson, a retired warrant officer.

Occasionally, Bryan has been able to

FINISHING TOUCHES - Capt. Richard Bryan, of the Louisiana Army Guard's 528th Engineer Battalion, draws a pastel portrait of Guatemalan Col. Rene Julio Prado. The 528th presented the drawing to Col. Prado in appreciation for his hospitality.

use his talents as an artist in his role as an officer, dressing up booklets and briefing materials.

At the Guatemalan base camp, Bryan painted a sign that first greets visitors at the front gate. It depicts the exercise logo and the flags of the U.S. and Guatemala flying side-by-side in friendship.



Possessing the right stuff

2nd Lt. Sami Said had one dream when he was growing up and that was to fly ... and fly he has. Said is the first person ever to garner all available awards upon graduation from Air Force Undergraduate Pilot Training.

Said attended UPT at Columbus AFB, Miss. from March 1991 to March 1992. During the graduation ceremony, he was presented with the academic excellence award, the military training award, the flying training award, the Air Training Commander's Trophy and was named a distinguished graduate.

As easy as the flying seemed, it took much hoping and praying for Said to become a member of the 125th

PREFLIGHT- 2nd Lt. Sami Said of the 125th Fighter Group made history at pilot training.

Fighter Group, based in Jacksonville, Fla. After visiting numerous units, both active duty, Guard and Reserve, Said was hoping to become a member of the 125th. "I was not only impressed by the aircraft, but by the people in the unit. The members that I met during my visits were great and I knew I wanted to call the 125th and Jacksonville my home."

After the unit selected Lt. Said as their pilot candidate, the sweating began for him. Up until this time, Said was not yet an American citizen and he had to have his citizenship before he could begin pilot training.

"The 125th took a huge risk by selecting me knowing that I was not a citizen, but they had faith in me and I can never repay that," he said.

HONDURAS FACTS

• Capitol is Tegucigalpa • Democratic government • Bananas, coffee their chief exports

SCHOOL BUILDING - Sgt. Terry Stevens of Fortuna, Calif. places a cinder block on the wall of a new kitchen being built at Escuela Matilde Cordour de Suazo in Honduras. Stevens was part of a 52-member Army Guard contingent from the 579th Engineer Battalion, based in Eureka, that helped build an elementary school.



Photo by SSgt. Jim Hein

By SSgt. Jim Hein
South Dakota National Guard

An exercise in humanity sent 52 soldiers from Company A, 579th Engineer Battalion (Combat) of the California Army National Guard more than 2,000 miles. The unit, from Eureka, Calif., reconstructed an elementary school in central Honduras.

The Guard engineers arrived as part of Joint Task Force - Bravo and began working on the project the next day. The task force, based at Soto Cano Air Base, is an Army and Air Force operation of approximately 1,500 people who support training, assist the Honduran government's counter-drug trafficking effort and participate in numerous humanitarian and nation assistance programs.

The Escuela Matilde Cordour de Suazo School, 12 miles southwest of Comayagua, boasts a class of 70 children in the first through sixth grades.

Company A soldiers went to work removing the old concrete floor from a classroom that was damaged by high water. They replaced it with 18 cubic yards of concrete made with two small portable mixers. The unit also built a new

The 579th Engineers help construct schools in Honduras

An exercise in humanity

20-by-20-foot kitchen, painted both the inside and outside of the school and enclosed the school yard with a new wire fence, according to Capt. Matthew Coleman, Company A commander.

"It's not hard keeping the troops motivated on these types of projects," said Coleman. "All the soldiers can see the progress they are making."

The engineers also built a new swing set and repaired an older one for the children's enjoyment. An area behind the school was cleared to make room for a new soccer field.

The new kitchen, built from more than 900 cinder blocks that were purchased

locally, will be used to feed the children, thus eliminating the two-hour break the children previously needed to go home for lunch. The kitchen's new adobe fire stove also was fitted with a new vented range hood under the supervision of Sgt. John Mohon, project sergeant from Arcata, Calif.

Back at the air base, 12 carpenters worked swiftly to build 50 two-person desks with chairs and two larger, teacher desks with hopes of delivering them before returning home, said project leader SSgt. Sherman Arnold.

Books and school supplies that were received as donations from residents of

Eureka were given to each student.

The school's water well, which also serves most of the nearby homes, needed repair when the unit arrived. A few minor repairs were made on the pump and a drainage field was installed.

Trees and bushes in the school yard were trimmed by Sgt. Bill Long, a combat engineer, who owns a landscaping business. "I wish I could come back again," Long said. "I have had 13 years of sitting in a foxhole. This is the best annual training ever."

Despite being Californian natives, many of the engineers needed a few days to adjust to the Honduran climate.

The Honduran families in the area were very friendly and curious, according to Coleman. As the unit traveled down a dusty road each day, he said it was not unusual to see children stand outside their homes and wave "goodbye."

After completing their two-week project, Company A engineers say they will return home with a good feeling about their mission — knowing they helped improve the quality of life for the children of the small Honduran village.

"I don't know Spanish," said Sgt. Terry Stevens, "but to see these kids smile in return is worth the effort."

PANAMA FACTS: • About the size of South Carolina • Capitol: Panama City • Tropical climate

Plugging up a problem

Louisiana's 528th Engineer Battalion helps repair a Guatemalan hospital

By Sgt. Lance Kamisugi
Hawaii National Guard

Louisiana Army Guard soldiers from Company C, 528th Engineer Battalion, are literally plugging away at a problem at the Salama National Hospital in Guatemala.

The citizen-soldiers from the "Pelican State" are part of a combined, joint-engineering and medical exercise called "Fuerzas Caminos Americas - 93." Approximately 200 U.S. soldiers were deployed to Guatemala every two weeks through June.

"During the rainy season we have a problem because parts of the roof are not properly joined," said Dr. Jorge Conde Estrada, an administrator for at the hospital. "We are extremely grateful to the United States for helping us correct this situation."

A team of carpenters and masons installed gutters and improved the drainage system on three sections of the hospital's roof.

"This hospital sometimes receives three to five inches of rain per hour," noted Sgt. Scottie D. Williams of the problem.

"Although the 528th spent only two weeks in Guatemala, their engineers worked diligently. "We hope to

have the gutters put up on all three roof sections," said Sgt. John B. Fleming. The units that followed sand-blasted the old layer of paint off the roof, filled the grooves and cracks with cement and finished the roof with a paint sealant.

The soldiers also had the opportunity to work with two Guatemalan Corps of Engineer soldiers. "They are very hard workers," said Williams. "It's a little slow having a conversation with them, but we have an interpreter to help."

The Guatemalan soldiers also enjoyed the experience. "I am amazed with the machines that the Americans have," said 2nd Class soldier (Pvt. 2) Jose Iserm Bin, referring to the jackhammer and concrete saw. "I am learning how to use them and it makes the work easier."

The 100-bed facility serves villagers who ride the bus for hours to get medical attention, some as far as 37 miles. The mountains and rough terrain make the trips seem longer, according to Dr. Ruben Arriola, the director of social security for the hospital.

The Louisiana contingent travelled approximately 80 miles from Guatemala City across the same roads to reach the Salama Valley.

"The staff is very happy someone is helping for the first time," said Arriola. "We hope they come back a second and third time."

Now there's a "plug" for the Louisiana troops.

PLUGGING AWAY - A Guatemalan soldier (far right) saws a piece of wood with the help of the 528th's Pvt. 2 Artemus Thompson.



Photo by Sgt. Lance Kamisugi

Two wheels of justice

The 290th MP Company learns the value of bike riding in Panama

By Maj. Wayne Yoshioka
Hawaii National Guard

A bike has never won a race against a mechanically sound car. It is definitely not as comfortable and requires a lot more human energy to operate. However, at least two Maryland Army National Guard military police soldiers, who are also police officers in civilian life, say a bike may be better and has some distinct advantages in law enforcement.

Forty-one soldiers from the Maryland Army National Guard's 290th Military Police Company, based in Towson, spent two weeks of annual training at Fort Clayton, Panama. There, they performed



Photo by Maj. Wayne Yoshioka

a number of military police duties at various installations in the vicinity including patrolling residential areas on mountain bikes.

"On bikes, our military police are outside and can use all of their senses," said SSgt. William Bates, 36, squad leader

from Leonard, Md.

A 17-year veteran police officer and sergeant with the Maryland State Department of Natural Resources, Bates pointed out the "stealth" qualities of police on bikes. "They can see and hear better than if they were in a car," he said. "Bikes can

also maneuver where a car cannot."

Spc. Rene Marshall, 40, a Baltimore City police officer in civilian life, said she volunteered for the bike patrol assignment.

"I drive a patrol car with a big V-8 engine when I work in Baltimore," Marshall said. "I wanted to spend my two weeks in Panama getting some physical exercise."

And that she did. Marshall, who has 13 years in the Maryland Army Guard, went on 14 bike patrols in as many days, with each shift lasting eight hours.

So, is Marshall ready to turn in her car keys? "I like riding a bike so much that I am going to buy one when I get home," she said. "We have a police bike patrol in Baltimore and if I continue to ride, I might ask for a transfer to the specialized unit when I'm eligible in six months."

For two Maryland Army National Guard military police, anyway, the bike, it seems, has won this contest.

BIKE PATROL - Spc. Rene Marshall (left), 40, a Baltimore city police officer, volunteered for the physically demanding bike patrol while pulling her annual training at Fort Clayton in Panama. Marshall says she'll buy a bike when she returns to the United States.

Special FAMILY SUPPORT Update

FAMILY PROGRAM'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The National Guard Family Programs office in Washington D.C. has created an Advisory Committee of military members and civilian volunteers who provide feedback and ideas for the growing mission of assisting National Guard families.

The Committee has met twice this spring and will conduct an August session to review the National Guard Family Action Plan. And, according to officials at the National Guard Bureau Family Programs Office, efforts are underway to establish similar, formal initiatives within the Air National Guard.

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National Guard civilian volunteers also serve on the Total Army Volunteer Task Force. These members work with the Army Community and Family Support Center and other Army volunteers to develop standardized volunteer training programs and materials for the Total Army.



States like
Minnesota offer
their youths an
alternative

Going to Guard camp

In Minnesota, and a growing number of states, going to "Guard Camp" has a new meaning for the children of National Guard members. For the third summer, youngsters, ages 10 to 12, who are the legal dependents of active or retired Minnesota National Guard members can spend a week at Camp Ripley, the 53,000-acre training site near Little Falls.

The program, and ones like it in other states, is designed to provide youngsters with a positive, esteem-enhancing experience in a safe environment. While the kids have fun biking, camping, canoeing and orienteering, they gain an additional understanding of why their parents serve in the National Guard. They also hear a presentation from the Minnesota Drug Demand Reduction officer.

The program opened in 1991, serving 60 youngsters for one week. This year, the camp will operate two, 60-student cycles, each lasting one week. Staff members are all volunteers, either Guard members or their spouses. Administrative and

policy assistance is provided by MSgt. Tony Nathe, the head of the camp's board of directors, and Capt. Eric Ahlness, the state's full-time Family Program coordinator.

Youth camp programs in other states serve a wide range of needs. Some, like Minnesota's, are tailored to provide youngsters from National Guard families with an opportunity to spend a week in a military garrison environment. Utah has operated a "Freedom Academy" for several years, a program with a citizenship emphasis open to high school student government leaders.

Other states operate youth programs at their training facilities for disadvantaged children or youth at risk. Many National Guard units also serve as sponsors for Scouting and other youth groups on a year-around basis.

SIZING UP- Retired Minnesota Army Guard MSgt. Ted Schulz (right), shows a camper how to select the correct length for a paddle.



ALL IN THE FAMILY

Duty in Panama has been a family affair for members of South Dakota's 665th Heavy Equipment Maintenance Company. Spc. Aaron Schuh (far left), Spc. Schane Schuh, SFC Maylon Schuh (father) and uncle SSgt. Russel Young have been repairing equipment in the Chiriqui Province.

Photo by Sgt. Lucia V. Carusoni



Photo by MSgt. Howard Berg

Missouri group stays involved

St. Joseph commander says family support helped get his unit through the war

By Capt. Randy Parlett
Missouri National Guard

Col. Robert Biehunko remembers the long days, and late nights, Operation Desert Storm introduced to his life. But as the 139th Airlift Group commander recalls with pride, he was not alone.

"I'd walk through the base operations building halfway late at night," notes Biehunko, "and they'd still be at work. They were our direct line to the families of the Air Guard members deployed to the Persian Gulf."

Family support groups, like the one that helped see Missouri's 139th (based in St. Joseph) through the war, have

prompted many commanders like Biehunko to speak out about the immeasurable value they provide to units across the country. Although the 139th's family support group gained most of its experience and prominence during the Gulf War, the group is still active and making big plans for 1993.

Their current project is the development of a 'telephone tree.' "The tree will help keep family members aware of what's going on," explains member Robin Shalz.

She says the 'tree' will help Guard spouses better understand their significant other's weekend occupation. "When I first came through the front gates of the base I was very intimidated," adds Shalz, the wife of MSgt. Robert Shalz. "I became familiar with the base first as a girlfriend, then as a fiancée, and later as a wife. And I'm still learning all the military terminology."

"Hopefully we can create the same feeling of togetherness we all felt in Operation Desert Storm," continues Pam Ross, wife of CMSgt. Joe Ross. "We want the

spouses, girlfriends, boyfriends, or family members to get more comfortable with the Guard. We hope the phone tree will become more than a listing of statistics."

Like other Air Guard airlift and tanker units across the United States, the 139th has had an informal family support group since the late 1960s when aircrews flew volunteer missions to Vietnam and continued with other worldwide assignments, according to Maj. Ken MacNevin, Missouri's state public affairs officer. Today, encouraged by success from the Gulf War and more formal guidance from National Guard leadership, the support group continues its growing volunteer service to the unit.

"We're accountable - just like the Guard member," states Mrs. Ross. "I understand our records, rules, regulations and bylaws will be examined during an Operational Readiness Exercise or Inspection."

During Operation Desert Storm, the 139th's family support group developed a 'Hometown Hero' award to recognize the children of deployed members who often carried on a large share of their parent's home or farm workload while they were gone. "We knew it was a nice idea from the beginning," commented a staff officer from the 139th, "but we were unaware of how much impact it would have. Some of the award ceremonies were pretty emotional."

Making a difference

Some call Family Support Groups the National Guard's 'secret weapon'

In some states they are described as more powerful than a tank or faster than a fighter. A new secret weapon? Well, sort of, and as National Guard units everywhere learned during the Gulf War, a well-oiled Family Support Group can be one of a National Guard unit's most effective tools. "The reason we exist is readiness," asserts Ms. Dorothy Ogilvy-Lee, chief of the National Guard Bureau's Family Program Office. As the all-volunteer force continues to mature and the pace of Total Force involvement for National Guard units grows, the value of an effective Family Support Program increases.

As they did during Desert Storm and in years past on a more informal basis, Family Support Groups keep the home fires going - and more, as National Guard family members are taken away from their civilian lives to attend annual training, respond to a state emergency or serve on active duty, sometimes in far away, dangerous places. Flexible and tailored to the needs of a unit, community, state or region, the groups provide equal servings of administrative help and moral support.

Each state has one full-time coordination, most often a

military technician who coordinates the efforts of extra-duty military personnel and countless volunteers. Together, and with guidance from the National Guard Bureau and support programs run by the Services, group members operate their programs centered around activities that emphasize: communication/education (about the military for National Guard family members); involvement with unit and community affairs, support for each other when Guardmembers are away or during emergencies; and recognition to reward those who volunteer so much to help everyone.

"The National Guard's program is successful because it is so lean," Ogilvy-Lee says of the \$1.6 million nationwide budget. "Ours is not a requirements-driven program; it is lean on reports, quotas and things like that. We get a lot for our money because of the people who are involved. We know that we are effective because performance in the field increases when a soldier

or airman is secure in the knowledge that their families are 'in the loop'."

Started in 1984, each state now has a Family Support

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SPORTS

EVEREST FACTS

- Located in Nepal, Tibet
- 29,028 feet above sea level
- First scaled by Edmund Hillary

SPORTS SHORTS

Alvaro takes 2nd at Navy Angels marathon

CAPT. SHIRLEY A. Alvaro, a nurse administrator with the Hawaii Army Guard, finished second in her age group at the Navy Angels Marathon in Pensacola, Fla. She competed against a field of 900 runners.

Alvaro's Pensacola trip was paid for after she finished in the top ten among National Guard women at last year's Lincoln, Neb. marathon.

A 12-year veteran of more than 40 marathons, Alvaro runs 40 miles a week. "Running becomes such a big part of your life," she says, "so when I don't run, I miss it."

Alvaro ran her first marathon in 1980 at the age of 34.

McLeod punches way to Golden Gloves title

2ND LT. TOM McLEOD, 24, defended his Omaha Golden Gloves title recently earning a trip to the Midwest Golden Gloves competition.

McLeod, a fire support officer with Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1/168th Field Artillery, based in Wahoo, Neb., was also awarded the tournament's sportsmanship trophy.

Fuller wins gold medal

TSGT. JEFFREY FULLER, a command and control specialist with the Delaware Air Guard, recently won a gold medal in the welterweight division at the Law Enforcement Olympics held in Memphis, Tenn. Fuller is a full-time federal marshal in Washington, D.C.

Fuller says his real passion these days is working with troubled youths. "Everytime I see a kid in the gym, I figure, 'Hey, at least he's in here and not getting in trouble somewhere else.'"

Vermont sergeant tackles Everest

SSgt. William Pelkey set U.S. elevation record

By **Spc. Patrick Toner**
Vermont National Guard

After eying the peak of Nepal's famed Mount Everest, having fought exhaustion and the brutal Himalayan winter for nearly a month, SSgt. William Pelkey and a team of British climbers decided to wait out the weather before attempting to conquer the world's most elusive peak.

Then disaster struck.

"We were sleeping in camp, and when we awoke found it had been completely demolished," recalled Pelkey, a member of the Vermont Army Guard and a full-time instructor at Jericho Mountain Warfare School.

A severe winter storm had descended during the night and blown the fragile climbing camp shelters to smithereens. The expedition lost all of its camps that night and a good deal of equipment as well. Fortunately no one was badly injured, or worse, killed. Several climbers, including Pelkey, suffered frostbite from exposure to the bitterly cold winds, but the team remained otherwise intact.

The loss of their hard-won camps and essential climbing equipment was a stunning blow to the weary team.

"We just decided that it would take too long to regroup and start another peak

assault," said Pelkey. The climb was abandoned on Christmas, the day the group had originally hoped to reach the top of Everest. Despite the disappointment, the group—part of the British Territorial Army Expedition, had broken the English winter height record for Mount Everest.

To become a member of the elite Darc Star team, Pelkey was selected from a large group of applicants to fill out the English team. He was the only American involved in the climb.

Although Pelkey is proud to have broken the U.S. record for elevation reached on Everest during a winter climb, he still feels unfulfilled. "The emotions are hard to explain," he said. "We were badly disappointed at not making it up, but we were so worn down from the storm, and all the other problems we had dealt with in the last few days, that it was



Photo courtesy of SSgt. William Pelkey

EVEREST CLIMBER - SSgt. William Pelkey, a Vermont Army Guard member, set a U.S. record for elevation.

impossible to go on."

Some day, says Pelkey, he hopes to return. "I want to try and get back and try it again," he remarked, "but I don't think I'll do it again this winter."

The Darc Star participants were honored for breaking the English and U.S. records at a London ceremony.

Barnes skiers win again

For the fifth time in six years the Barnes Ski Team, members of the 104th Fighter Group based at Barnes ANGB, Mass., won the U.S. Air Force Invitational Ski Meet. The meet was held at snow-basin ski area in Ogden, Utah.

The meet consisted of five days of racing in giant slalom, super giant slalom (controlled downhill) and slalom events.

This year's team had five members of the 104th representing Barnes against teams from 17 other bases. They were: Capt. John Skinner, Maj. Chris Randall, Capt. Dave Whittemore, Maj. Kurt Syer, and this year's rookie, Sgt. Scott MacNeil.

Skinner won two of the five races and finished second overall out of 120 of the Air Force's best racers. Randall finished in the top ten in every race and placed fifth overall and second in the senior division. Whittemore finished 22nd overall while Syer finished 26th.



Photo courtesy of the Barnes Ski Team

KINGS OF THE HILL - The Barnes ANGB, Mass. ski team (above) are champs once again.

COSTA RICA FACTS • *Smaller than West Virginia* • *Capitol: San Jose* • *Democratic government*



DITCH DIGGING- Spc. Scott D. Yonker, with the Missouri Army Guard's 204rd Engineer Battalion, operates a Small Emplacement Excavator to dig a drainage ditch in Puerto Jimenez, Costa Rica. Yonker is a student at Missouri Southern State College.



Photos by Spc. J. Tanimoto

ELECTRICAL BONDING- MSgt. Randolph Swedberg (above, right) of the Kansas Air Guard shows Costa Rican Jose Luis, 18, the finer points of wiring.

Roads to peace

By Spc. J. Tanimoto
Hawaii National Guard

To many Army and Air Guard members who have battled the sweltering Costa Rican sun to build roads, Operation Caminos de la Paz, or "roads to peace," was more than a construction mission, it was a way to build a friendship.

"They're concerned about their children and their community and want the same things for their children as we want for ours," noted Sgt. Michael P. Collins, a preventative medicine specialist with Missouri's 235th Engineer Detachment.

Invited by the government of Costa Rica, the task force of Army Guard and active duty soldiers was headed by Missouri's 203rd Engineer Battalion. Troops upgraded 10 kilometers of road, replace three bridges and three culverts. They also constructed or repaired classrooms in 15 schools in the Puerto Jimenez and Golfito areas.

"The exercise provides the reserve components with valuable overseas deployment training in addition to refining their engineer skills and support training," said Maj. Nils R. Ranum, Task Force 203 commander.

Nils says the exercise will provide communities with much needed upgrades and repairs that will improve safety, education and transportation. Costa Ricans from the public works and transportation, and public safety ministries worked alongside U.S. citizen-soldiers.

Good relations seemed to build naturally with the exercise.

"The project is very good," said Graciela Montero, 14, who works in a bakery in Puerto Jimenez. "It better the community and enhances the education standards of our country."

At its completion, Caminos de la Paz will have involved more than 800 U.S. soldiers and airmen. And with each member, a bridge of friendship has formed that could last a lifetime.

Missouri
engineers
build a
friendship
in Costa
Rica

NEWS MAKERS

CAPT. STEVEN SPITZE, commander Headquarters and Headquarters Company 1st Battalion, 113th Aviation, based at Stead, Nev., is one of the Army National Guard's national recipients of the Gen. Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award for 1992. The Gen. Douglas MacArthur Foundation, in coordination with Headquarters, Department of the Army, selects its leadership award recipients annually. The award is given to soldiers who most demonstrate the ideals of "Duty, Honor and Country."

SGT. MICHAEL E. BLOUNT, of Danbury, Conn. was selected as the NCO of the Year for the state of Connecticut, and for First Army for 1993. In 1992, Sgt. Blount, then Spc. Blount, was also selected as the Soldier of the Year for the State of Connecticut, and for First Army. Blount is assigned to Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 192nd Field Artillery in Danbury.

SFC DAN JORE, an Army Guard recruiter from Alpena, Mich., set a national record in recruiting when he swore-in his 1,000th recruit, Kristie Morlan, a junior from Alpena High School.

Recruiting 1,000 people into the military is no easy task, but "Uncle Dan," as most area residents call him, has been at it since 1975.

"I believe in young people and I believe in the National Guard," said Jore of his success.

REVEREND DANIEL W. GERRES, Delaware National Guard's State Chaplain, was promoted to the rank of colonel on March 21, 1993. Gerres' promotion moves him to the highest rank ever attained by any chaplain in the Delaware Guard.

Gerres began his military career on January 18, 1975 as a first lieutenant in the 198th Signal Battalion in Wilmington. Putting his motto "Don't Die Dumb" into action, Gerres joined the Guard to experience life in the military.

"I come from a very small family, but the National Guard and my parish are my large, extended family," said Gerres. "I am truly blessed."

For the past five years, Gerres has served as the Pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary in Wilmington. Prior to that appointment, he was the Pastor of Saint John the Beloved in Wilmington.

Father Gerres has been the state chaplain since 1980. Gerres' total service time of 18-plus years honors him as the chaplain with the most years of service in the Delaware Army Guard.

Winners for the 1992 Air Combat Command (ACC) Intelligence Awards were announced recently. Two of the six Air Force Reserve/Air National Guard awards went to the 111th Fighter Group. The winners were **MSGT. DEL DAVIS**, for Outstanding Intelligence Senior Noncommissioned Officer for Air Reserve Forces, and **CAPT. PAUL H. VEZZETTI**, for Outstanding



Capt. Steven Spitze, MacArthur Leadership award winner.



SMSgt. Clem Barry, award-winning photographer, retires.



SFC Dan Jore enlists his 1,000th recruit Kristie Morlan.

Chaplain (Col.) Daniel W. Gerres of Delaware gets promoted.



Intelligence Company Grade Officer for Air Reserve Forces.

Davis is a traditional Guardsman, assigned to the 103rd Fighter Squadron, as the Noncommissioned Officer-in-Charge of the Intelligence Section. He is a 16-year intelligence veteran, having served in the U.S. Navy and New Jersey Army Guard before joining the 111th in 1984.

Vezzetti is a ten-year intelligence veteran and is a full-time intelligence technician.

MSGT. CLEMENS J. BARRY of the 105th Airlift Group, based in Newburgh N.Y., retired from the Air National Guard. Barry, an award-winning photographer and veteran of two wars, received a Meritorious Service Medal at his retirement banquet. A retired New York City policeman, Barry worked with the 105th's Mission Support Flight as its Visual Information Branch chief.

TSgt. ROY R. GOWER, 137th Aeromed Evacuation Squadron, Oklahoma Air National Guard was selected as the Air Guard nominee for the 1992 Brig. Gen. Sarah P. Wells Award.

Gower earned this nomination for providing outstanding medical care to deployed Army and Air National Guard personnel at Las Delicias, Honduras during Fuertes Caminos '92 and instructing the ANG Emergency Medical Technician Course.

SHAWN DANIEL, formerly with the Arkansas Army National Guard, has graduated from West Point as the Cadet first captain, or brigade commander. Daniel is one of a few who can say they completed the Primary Leadership Development Course at age 15, Battlefield Skills Course at 16 and Army Ranger training at 19.

He was allowed to attend PLDC and BSC as a Junior ROTC cadet.

TSgt. LOIS E. APT of the 136th Mission Support Squadron, Texas Air National Guard is the recipient of the 1992 ANG Outstanding Recruiter Award, while **TSgt. David J. Minton** of the 217th Engineering Installation Squadron, Illinois Air Guard was chosen for the 1992 Air Guard Outstanding Rookie Recruiter Award.

CWO2 DOROTHY CUMMINGS of Company E, 149th Aviation, Texas Army Guard, has been awarded the Air Medal and was inducted into the Order of St. Michael for her accomplishments in International World Helicopter flying competition in Swindon, England last fall.

Cummings was cited for her distinguished competition by displaying superior airmanship while competing against 41 other aircrews.

MSGT. FREDERICK W. GREAVES of the 157th Air Rescue Group, New Hampshire ANG is the recipient of the 1993 ANG Outstanding Career and Education Manager of the Year Award.

Ohio's 137th Supply and Service Battalion feeds Toledo's homeless

Helping the homeless

By Sgt. Lori King
Ohio National Guard

When Sgt. Ryan Riches handed out dinner rolls to homeless residents, he also dished out a huge dose of reality to himself.

"It makes you realize there are more people worse off than you," he said after helping serve spaghetti dinners to residents from St. Paul's Community Center. "I'm from a small town, so I didn't realize there were so many homeless people right here in Toledo."

But as temperatures dropped, he witnessed even more homeless victims coming off the streets to join the residents for a hot meal. By the end of the Sunday afternoon, 112 dinners had been served.

Riches is one of five volunteers from the 137th Supply and Service Battalion who bought, prepared and served the spaghetti dinners. Though it was Riches' first community service experience, it was the unit's third year to participate in



Photos by Sgt. Lori King

St. Paul's Sunday dinner program.

St. Paul's is a social service agency that depends on volunteer organizations to come into their kitchen on Sundays to prepare and serve hot meals to the homeless. The organizations are responsible for purchasing, preparing and serving the meals.

Without the volunteer groups, there would be no Sunday meals for the homeless, explained Marsha Langenderfer, St. Paul's food program coordinator. She estimated that about 8,000 Sunday meals were served last year.

One of the soldiers responsible for the unit's donated meal is SSgt. Michael Moore and his wife, Rebecca. Not only did they donate money toward the meal of spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, bread and cookies, Moore also has been the head cook all three years.

Moore said he is all for helping the homeless and would like to become even more involved, particularly since the homeless population continues to grow.

Another volunteer who envisions con-

NEW FRIENDS - Toledo's homeless show their gratitude to members of the Ohio Guard.

tinued involvement is Spc. Terry Rychener, a new Toledo resident and unit member. He said he and his fiancée had been looking to assist a local program to feed the hungry since they moved to Toledo from Colorado last year. So when the unit asked if he wanted to help at St. Paul's, he jumped at the chance.

"It's pretty exciting to see people around here who care. I think we should go out into the community and do even more," he said.

Langenderfer said she hopes the Ohio Guard will continue to support St. Paul's.

"Some of the clients have been amazed that anyone cares enough to give up time on Sundays to lend a helping hand," she said. "Not only does the National Guard have numerous skills, contacts and people, but the homeless are also interested in talking with them about their military experiences."



SPAGETTI DINNER - Spc. George Burke (above) was clearly happy to be at the St. Paul's Community Center volunteering his time to feed Toledo's homeless.



Community service

Sgt. Mark Boen (right) was just one of several (above) members of the California Air Guard's 163rd Reconnaissance Group who volunteered to help rid the city of Moreno Valley of graffiti. "The city saw first hand the commitment of the Air National Guard to our communities," noted SSgt. Curtis May.



Photos by Sgt. Cindy Kelleher



STATES

- Tarheels assist Saudi Arabia
- Oregon feeds food bank
- Defense execs tour Keystone State

SOUTH CAROLINA

McENTIRE ANG BASE participated in a joint training exercise Ready Wolverine held at Alpena, Mich. recently. Air National Guardmembers from Illinois, Arkansas, Pennsylvania and Texas joined the Carolinians training in different types of combat scenarios and air refueling. South Carolina's 169th played the role of "the bad guys."

Alpena's training site staff can provide barracks, meals and runway support allowing many units to train there at a minimum expense.

FLORIDA

AIRCRAFT MUNITIONS airmen from the 125th Fighter Group at Jacksonville occupied center stage recently to receive their 1992 Air National Guard Missile and Explosive Safety Plaques.

During 1992, 125th munitions load crews and missile maintenance personnel transported and loaded over 1,700 AIM-9 Sidewinder and AIM-7 Sparrow missiles without a mishap.

Munition service and maintenance shop personnel convoyed and inspected the missiles, also maintained an inventory of nearly 230,000 items that support all Florida Air Guard units.

OREGON

THE OREGON FOOD BANK Bank was more than 65 tons fatter following the efforts of the Oregon Air National Guard in March.



IDAHO HOSPITALITY

A Russian general and a Chinese colonel were among the 47 military attaches that visited Gowen Field in Boise recently. The Idaho Guard introduced its visitors to a ranch where they "line danced" (above); some had the opportunity to sit on a horse. "They rode horses, took hay rides, had their picture taken with a cowboy and ate a western style barbecue," said Lt. Col. Ron Ujiye.



Photos by 2nd Lt. Darren Blagburn

Food was collected through "Project Second Wind," a competition amongst Portland-area schools during a four-day food gathering frenzy.

Guardmembers flexed their muscles and loaded trucks from more than 40 locations, and delivered the food to a warehouse for sorting, packing and distribution to needy families in the Portland area.

NORTH CAROLINA

THE 145TH AIRLIFT GROUP of the North Carolina Air National Guard became one of the first Guard units to assist in airlift missions at Dhahran Air Base in Saudi Arabia, after the Persian Gulf War.

Four C-130s, aircrews, and other support personnel were tasked to replace the Air Force Reserve.

SOUTH DAKOTA

MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH Dakota Army National Guard's Detachment 1, Company D, 153rd Engineer Battalion of Sioux Falls and the 124th Engineer Group, Idaho Air National Guard, worked with local Panamanians to improve a school at Plaza de Caisan during exercise Fuertes Caminos Americas '93.

South Dakota had the largest contingent of soldiers among the 5,000 participants from 27 states in Task Force Rushmore. The Task Force is building roads, drilling water wells, installing water pumps, renovating and improving medical clinics and conducting medical readiness exercises.

PENNSYLVANIA

FUTURE LEADERS IN THE DEPARTMENT of Defense got their first look at the National Guard during a visit to Ft. Indiantown Gap, Pa. recently. Thirty students in DoD's Senior Executive Leadership Development Program toured medical, maintenance, and aviation facilities — and came away with a new respect for the strength and professionalism of the Guard.

The students work at Army, Navy and Air Force installations around the country. Their trip was part of an intensive, nine-month program of education and orientation for high-level executives. It's designed to prepare them for advancement to the Senior Executive Service, the federal civilian equivalent of the general officer ranks.

Joining the group on its visit was Maj. Gen. Raymond Rees, National Guard Bureau vice chief. "I wanted to show them that we're a very economical way to maintain a strong national defense — and that we have a great impact in our communities as well."

The students learned their lesson well. "This was the first National Guard experience of my life," said Lyn Beamer, an intelligence officer at the Pentagon. "I found out the Guard is clean, sharp, up-to-date — even better than the active Army, in some cases."



Photo courtesy of the Pennsylvania Army Guard
EXECUTIVE BRIEFING - Col. Thomas G. Jacoby, state aviation officer, explains the Pennsylvania Army Guard's aviation mission to members of the Senior Leadership Development Program.

PARKER

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mander of the 107th described her as, "the best of the best. We are proud to have her (Parker) as a member of the 107th Fighter Group."

"At the age of 14, I wanted to be an astronaut," Parker told reporters. "It's still a goal of mine to either be an astronaut or test pilot for NASA."

Formerly an active duty Air Force pilot, Parker joins the 107th with impressive academic and aviation credentials. She was the youngest graduate of the University of Central Florida at the age of 17, where she received a degree in mathematics and computer science.

She worked as a computer systems analyst for the space shuttle program before joining the Air

Force and earning her wings in 1981. At Reese AFB, Texas, she became the Air Force's first female T-38 instructor pilot. She was selected as the outstanding T-38 academic instructor five times. She also gained distinction as the first female to graduate the Air Force Test Pilot School, qualifying her to fly 25 different aircraft.

Before joining the 107th, Parker was at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, where she was aircraft commander for 12 extensively modified KC-135 testbed aircraft. She's also commanded worldwide test support for NASA and DoD space flight operations.

PARKER'S FILE

- Graduated at 17 from University of Central Florida 1978.
- Received Golden Eagle Award as NASA's youngest space flight controller.
- Undergraduate pilot training 1981.
- Became Air Force's first T-38 instructor pilot 1983.
- Transition to C-141, served as instructor pilot and squadron executive officer, also as instructor pilot for the Shuttle Crew Escape System Test Program.
- First female to graduate from the Air Force Flight Test Pilot School; qualified to fly more than 25 aircraft.
- Completed KC-135 Aircraft Commander School.
- Program manager for the T-38 Heads-Up Display program.
- Also served as the program manager and test pilot for the C-27.
- Aircraft commander for KC-135 testbed aircraft.

FAMILY

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Program and often hundreds of volunteers. They hold meetings, conduct training, communicate with each other, and raise money to keep their highly-localized programs going.

"Trying to keep up the momentum is a challenge," acknowledges Ogilvy-Lee.

Here's a sampling from Family Support Programs:

• **Florida** - "It works because we have a grassroots program," states CWO2 Bobbie Hall, Family Support Program coordinator. Hall says her state has programs tailored for small communities and urban areas.

• **California** - A big state that recently saw Guardsmen activated for the second trial of Los Angeles police officers, California established a very active family support program to assist Guardmembers called to duty this spring. The Support Group

first operated a comprehensive telephone information tree from their homes. As the operation stabilized, action shifted to the armory where volunteers continued to assist with information and critically-important rumor control.

• **Mississippi** - Family Support will operate a summer camp where for \$35 youngsters will participate in a full range of outdoor activities at Camp Shelby.

National Guard civilian volunteers also serve on the Total Army Volunteer Task Force. These members work with the Army Community and Family Support Center and other Army volunteers to develop standardized volunteer training programs and materials for the Total Army.

Members include: Cassie Dunn, Strabane, Penn.; Cheryl Wolf, West Bend, Wis.; Connie Bunnell, Riverton, Utah; Brooks Marr, Tupelo, Miss.; and Fran Kraus, Littleton, Colo., who also serves on the National Guard Advisory Committee.



The National Guard in World War II

The fall of Munda

The Allies set their sights on the Solomon Island chain in New Guinea

By Maj. Bruce Conard
NGB Historian

After the fall of Guadalcanal, the Allied forces in the Pacific were ensconced in the southern portion of the Solomon Islands chain, and on the north shore of New Guinea. The next major objective for the Allies was the port of Rabaul.

The geography of the Solomon Islands dictated the next move. The Islands chain was really two lines of islands of differing sizes. The body of water separating these two lines of islands was referred to as "The Slot." In the first half of 1943, the allies, who were inching their way up "The Slot" were aiming at New Georgia, approximately half way up the island chain. The landings were still more than 400 miles away from the prize of Rabaul, but the Japanese reacted.

The objective for the landing on New Georgia was to take the Munda airfield. This follows the standard practice for the Pacific war, of landings to seize airfields, which could then provide air cover for further advances to seize more airfields. Therefore operations in areas where large distances were involved, forced the coordination of Navy, Marine, and Army units, all three of which had their own air units.

The 43rd Infantry Division, a National Guard

division hailing from Maine, Vermont, Connecticut, and Rhode Island had a major part in the seizure of New Georgia. The black morning hours of June 1, 1943 were used by companies of the 169th and 172nd Infantry of the 43rd Division. These jungle-trained troops took important points to further the landings of the Division.

Rendova Island, a sister island of New Georgia was taken by troops of the 172nd Infantry and attached units. After this important island fell, units of the 43rd Division crossed the narrow channel to the main island of New Georgia. Crossing the channel guided by natives in canoes, the men of the 169th and 172nd gained a foothold. Artillery positions were found on the offshore islands, and the 43rd was waiting to advance.

Soldiers of the 145th Infantry and the 149th Infantry from the 37th Division (Ohio National Guard), landed on July 5 to march overland from their landing beach at Rice Anchorage approximately 10 miles north of Munda airfield. Therefore the scene on the morning of July 6, 1943 showed two beachheads on New Georgia on the north of Munda (Rice Anchorage) and one to the East (Zenana). The stage was set for the fall of Munda.



TRAINING

'Here to help'

Maryland Guard trains with Baltimore police in civil disturbance exercise

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The scene looked like one out of a war-torn city: gutted buildings with shattered glass, broken brick, torn drywall, and huge scraps of rusting metal strewn everywhere.

As night fell, the sound of sporadic gunfire and rowdy crowds of rioters and looters ran through the streets. Soldiers, assigned to protect the inhabitants, were quickly surrounded by the sights and sounds of violent strife.

But this was no combat scenario. This was a mock civil disturbance exercise for more than 280 members of the Maryland Army National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 175th Infantry at the dilapidated former Bainbridge Naval Training Center near Port Deposit, Md.

And the Guardmembers quickly discovered that the rules they learned for combat won't apply if they have to take the streets of America.

"In a civil disturbance, we'll be asked to protect life and property, not conquer and take over ground. We'll get in, regain control, restore order, and get out," said SFC Mark Jagger, a member of Company A, 2nd Battalion, 175th Infantry.

"But, if I had the choice of being deployed for combat or handling a civil disturbance," he added, "I would choose combat."

During the civil disturbance training exercise, the Maryland Guard



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A POINTER - Police officer Steve Kuhn (right), a member of Baltimore's Quick Response Team, instructs Spc. Chris Landback on how to properly cover a suspect.



RIOT CONTROL - Sgt. Sheldon Chandler (far left) learned to properly use a baton, while others (above) learned how to communicate.

trained with Baltimore City police and local firefighters.

"After watching the after action reviews of the Los Angeles riots and the lessons learned, we've redefined our standard operating procedures," said Maj. Jeffrey Marshall, 3rd Brigade training officer. "By training this closely with local police and firefighters, we will trust and respect each others' strengths and know our limitations."

Amidst the rubble, training was given in proper search and arrest procedures and the use of wooden batons for protection.

If called upon to handle a civil disturbance, the soldiers' mission is to restore order, support and protect the lives of police and firefighters, and protect the lives and property of citizens.

"One of the hardest things to do is to take a soldier who's trained for years to fight in a combat scenario and place him in a situation to restore law and order and preserve property," said SFC Scott Miller of Company B, 2/175.

In years past, the units' civil disturbance training was limited mostly to classroom sessions. However, recent events requiring the Guard to respond to civil disturbances, reminded many soldiers of the seriousness of their training.

"It's 'real life' out here," said SSgt. David Cook, Company A, 2/175. "It's not a joke anymore, but a test every time. Now we can show the police we're ready to go."

After spending hours of daylight practicing their new skills, the Guardmembers' evening turned violent with simulated riot scenes that included arson fires and looting.

"I was part of the team of aggressors who acted as protesting townspeople after a sniper and police shooting," said Sgt. Joseph Michalski of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2/175. "The adrenaline was really pumping as we went crazy breaking glass."

Those Guardmembers who played as angry townspeople said they gained some insight into the dynamics of an

angry mob. "It was easy to see how a small group of people can put an entire neighborhood on edge," said Sgt. Kevin Smith of HHC, 2/175. "We also saw how a show of force (by civil authorities) could affect us. When we realized that they meant business, it unnerved us, quieted us down."

All of the Guardmembers welcomed the chance to practice side-by-side with Baltimore's police and firefighters.

"This was a learning experience for both us and the Guard," said Sgt. Robert Edwards, of the Baltimore City Police. "There's nothing worse than going into a dangerous situation when we all are strangers."

"The best thing is now the Guardsmen realize that using the usual military show of force can cause a peaceful disturbance to escalate into violence," Edwards added. "In a civil disturbance, we're not the enemy, we're here to help."