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## Clinton releases \$57.5 million for youth programs

**P**resident Bill Clinton has directed the Department of Defense to release \$57.5 million to the National Guard for urban and rural pilot programs to help youth at risk and residents of medically underserved communities.

Release of the money to fund the initiatives was the final step in launching the domestic assistance programs approved by Congress as part of the 1993 Defense Authorization and Appropriations Acts. The legislation enables the National Guard Bureau to enter into agreements with the nation's governors to conduct these domestic assistance programs which are designed to be preventative rather than remedial.

"Challenge" targets 16 to 18 year-old youths at risk - high school dropouts who are not in trouble with the law, are drug free and unemployed. A combined staff of state civilian employees and members of the Guard, supported by a \$44 million budget, will conduct five-month residential programs for participants who will receive a graduate equivalency diploma in addition to other life skills training. Following the residential phase, youths will be supported by a year-long mentoring relationship with a specially

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## Senate confirms Lee appointment

*Former Armed Services Committee staffer becomes advisor on Guard/Reserve matters*

By Lt. Col. David Super  
National Guard Bureau

**I**n the Pentagon, stewardship of the Total Force Policy has been passed to a former senior staff member of the House Armed Services Committee.

Ms. Deborah R. Lee, confirmed by the Senate May 28, now serves as the third Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs. She directs a staff of 130 military and civilian officials who coordinate on a wide range of National Guard and Reserve policy issues that link the Reserve components to the active duty establishment.

Ms. Lee, a New Jersey native, recently spoke with *The On Guard* about her viewpoint of the Total Force. As an Assistant Secretary, Ms. Lee serves on the "cabinet" of Secretary of Defense Les Aspin. She succeeds James H. Webb, 1984-87, and Stephen M. Duncan, 1987-1993.

Her principal role is to advise Secretary Aspin on National Guard and Reserve matters. In that job she asserts that the Total Force Policy is, "something that we absolutely must preserve and strengthen. Having citizen-soldiers integrally involved with the monumental decisions affecting war and peace is extremely valuable and something that we cannot afford to lose."

She is an advocate for boosting Reserve component readiness via realistic training, especially in full partnership with active duty forces, and with adequate equipment. "Readiness is what it is all about, making sure we can get the job done."

**Q:** How is the National Guard part of the process of change brought by a new administration?

**Ms. Lee:** The National Guard and Reserve can help sustain the momentum through its community-based roots. The Reserve components are involved not only with the post cold war world and the defense against regional threats, but they're



Photo by MSgt. Philip H. Jones

## THIRST FOR TRAINING

**SFC Jay Lee**, with South Carolina's 263rd Air Defense Artillery Brigade, takes a water break while training at Fort Bliss, Texas. Lee and the 263rd participated in Operation Roving Sands '93. This month *The On Guard* takes a look at training in the Army and Air Guard. See Pages 6-9.

involved with our domestic national security. They are well-placed to get the message out to the rest of society that the change is real, and that this President and this Secretary of Defense are committed to a strong national defense as well as to the philosophy of rebuilding America.

This administration has launched a bottom-up review of the Department of Defense. We take a clean sheet of paper, inventory the threats and then build forces accordingly. I believe, when this work is done, the news for the Guard and Reserve

will be very positive. We will see real roles coming out of the bottom-up review, not only for combat units, which will be the key difference between this administration and the last, but also we will see an ongoing, important role for the combat support and combat service support units of the Reserve components.

**Q:** How do you see your role in maintaining harmony between active and Reserve component forces?

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# COMMENTARY

## Counterdrug Update

• As of June 14, 3,168 Army National Guard and 751 Air National Guard personnel were on counterdrug support duty in all 54 states and territories.

• As of June 14, the total value of drugs seized by the National Guard this fiscal year is \$7.98 billion, including almost \$5.47 billion in cocaine.

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## SUPER RECRUITERS

In reading the June 1993 issue of "Newsmakers" in The On Guard, I came across an article that stated that SFC Dan Jore had set a national recruiting record by enlisting Kristie Morlan. This is an outstanding accomplishment, but I know of another recruiter for the Army National Guard who has topped that figure.

SFC Jacob Raile of the North Dakota Army Guard, has spent the last 15 years recruiting and has enlisted approximately 1,350 people.

I congratulate SFC Jore on his accomplishment and do not mean to take away anything from his achievement. I just want to recognize another recruiter who has given time away from his family and personal time to accomplish a difficult mission.

SFC Steven M. Krebsbach  
North Dakota National Guard

We enjoyed reading in your most recent issue on the story of the Michigan recruiter who had achieved the milestone mark of 1,000 recruits. The story is in apparent error in stating that his mark is a national record.

According to records here, three Missouri Army Guard recruiters have made that mark.

SFC John Baughman hit 1,000 in 1987 and now has 1,253 to his credit, despite the fact that he is now a retention NCO and has not been actively recruiting for several years. SFC Rocky Shrum, who achieved 1,000 in 1990, now has 1,200 and is still a production recruiter. MSgt. James Webb hit 1,000 in 1982 and has a total of 1,100. He is now an area NCOIC.

We're certain there are others in the nation who share this record of excellence with Michigan's fine NCO.

Maj. Ken MacNevin  
Missouri National Guard

Editor's Note: Forgive us, for we have sinned. In an effort to recognize all those

super recruiters who have reached the milestone of 1,000 recruits, we asked the National Guard Bureau's Recruiting Office to furnish us a list. Unfortunately, no such list exists. They have since, however, solicited each state to gather that information. We hope to publish that list in our August edition.

## FAMILY MATTERS

Here I am, at the National Guard Armory on Saturday, May 29 — a holiday weekend, working to prepare my unit for our Inspector General inspection. I happened to pick up The On Guard (which I read regularly) and read your page two article on "Our family should matter most."

I have been in the military for almost 24 years. And I'm sad to say that throughout that entire time I have truly abused and used my family. I'm conscientious and a hard worker, and most of all, I want to learn everything, everywhere. Most of the people I work with in the military are like that too. They, like me, come in on weekends, holidays and work late at night to make it better — and we have.

My family has paid the price. I should be home right now with my family and friends. I have missed most of life's little pleasures. My family has missed me. We so often communicate by phone and letter. Do you also sometimes forget what they look like?

The number one family abuse is not being there, isn't it? I feel tremendous love and support from these people who have taken so much loneliness from me; sometimes it is hard to fathom. I learn that strength comes from them — the strength to work on Saturday, to go to war, to have a heart attack, to keep on fighting for what's right and good in America.

This story is typical. It shouldn't be. The better we are, the more we should be able to give back.

MSgt. Christine A. Schafrik  
Alabama National Guard

## YOUR OPINION COUNTS

I had an interesting conversation with two specialists at a bus stop. It seems they were unaware they could write to their elected representatives. They had strong feelings on a number of national issues, but did not know how to express them.

Your elected representatives are linked to your home of record. You can call or go to your local library to find out who they are.

Senators can be reached at: The Honorable (name), Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.

Your Representative can be reached at: The Honorable (name), House Office Building, Washington D.C. 20515.

President Clinton and Vice President Gore are at: The President (or Vice President) of the United States, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, D.C. 20500.

When you write be sure to include your full name and address, date the letters and add your work phone number. Keep it to one typewritten page.

Why is this important? CNN is continually saying, "Military people have no opinion on this issue." If you don't write and you don't vote, and you don't like what's happening, don't gripe, because you allowed it to happen.

CWO2 John Buffum  
Fort Belvoir, Va.

## TRAINING CURES IGNORANCE

Nothing in the military will ever impact our career with such prominence as training. It begins with boot camp, and continues without end until retirement. We are all involved with it — like it or not. Regardless of your rank, position, or career field; you cannot escape the boundaries of training.

Consider the attitude you convey to younger members assigned to your organization. Does it include training as an integral part of each job, or simply something to do when the "real" work is completed — if there is time. Do you encourage study time with career development courses, or just tolerate these books as another millstone around your neck.

The attitude you project toward training affects retention. It sets the stage for proper work habits.

If you think training is a pain — try ignorance.

MSgt. Clyde H. Beal  
West Virginia National Guard

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# DRUG USE IS LIFE ABUSE





# IN THE NEWS

- Medics go to Somalia
- Tornado victims helped
- Better field conditions

## Army Guard pay system undergoes major change

*Leave and earnings statements will be mailed to home address*

By Lt. Col. David Super  
National Guard Bureau

Pay, one of two essential ingredients in a soldier's life (the other is chow), is being improved this summer for every member of the Army Guard. In the first major change to Reserve component military pay procedures since 1975, something called the Joint Service Software Reserve Component system goes on line during July. The program will provide faster computation and more accurate military pay records for members of the Army National Guard.

For most members, the visible change will be a new Leave and Earnings Statement mailed directly to homes approximately three days prior to the payment issue date. Weekend drill payment will be electronically transferred to your bank account, unchanged from the current schedule. With very few exceptions, military pay for annual training will be available in your account on the last day of annual training.

The new program also makes it easier and more accurate for military pay clerks to track and pay Guardmembers who might serve a mixture of active duty and weekend drill during a month, or for those who attend schools at active duty installations.

Army Finance Center officials are advising Guardmembers to monitor their first few LESSs under the new system to ensure their federal income tax and any state withholding calculations will meet their tax obligations. The new JSS-RC makes federal income tax withholding based on the required daily tax table rather than the previously used monthly tables. The change will result in more federal taxes withheld from your pay.

Military pay officials in your state and unit can assist those members who need to adjust how many exemptions they claim. For the 1993 tax year, Army National Guardmembers will receive two W-2 forms because the tax data from the old system will not be carried over to JSS-RC. A W-2 from each system for the year 1993 will be mailed to your home address not later than Jan. 31, 1994.

Pennsylvania volunteered to become the first Army National Guard

state to 'go live' with the program in March. Indiana was next, followed by 19 states in June, and the remainder during July.

### PAY SYSTEM ADVANTAGES

\* Payment for both active duty (annual training) and inactive duty training (drill pay) is issued from one central site.

\* Any Army National Guard input station or Reserve Component input site can access your pay account to process payment.

\* Electronic Funds Transfer (direct deposit to the bank or credit union of your choice) is now available for all National Guard pay - not just your drill check.

\* The Leave and Earnings Statement will be mailed to your home address.

\* Pay computations are completed in a more timely manner. The system has the capacity to issue paychecks twice weekly.

\* The Air National Guard has been using the new system since March 1992.

## Delaware, North Carolina send medical airmen to war-torn Somalia

*Renewed fighting prompts necessity*

By Capt. Phil Blahut  
National Guard Bureau

Seven Delaware and North Carolina Air Guard flight nurses and medical technicians landed in war-torn Mogadishu, Somalia June 14.

Their arrival comes on the heels

of an attack on United Nations peacekeeping forces where 23 Pakistani's were killed. A swift U.N. military counterattack by an Air Force AC-130 Spectre gunship renewed the possibility for casualties and the need for more military medical specialists.

The seven are members of Delaware's 142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron and North Carolina's 156th AES, said SMSgt. Wes Hamilton of the Air National

Guard Readiness Division. Hamilton said the 142nd and 156th went to Somalia to augment people working at a Mobile Aeromedical Staging Facility in Mogadishu.

They'll join five other ANG volunteers from their states, along with two members from Tennessee's 118th AES and Wyoming's 187th AES, respectively, he said.

Since Dec. 9, 1992, 39 ANG aeromedical nurses, medical technicians, and now radio and other mission essential ground personnel, have deployed to Somalia to help evacuate injured troops and civilians.

The deployed Air Guard personnel will join other U.S. military doctors, nurses and technicians to provide medical care to patients prior to evacuating them to larger hospitals.

## NATIONAL BRIEFS

### D'Araujo gets second star



Maj. Gen. D'Araujo

MAJ GEN. JOHN R. D'Araujo Jr., director of the Army National Guard, was promoted to his present rank June 1. He had been serving as deputy director, and then acting director, prior to his promotion.

D'Araujo joined the Guard in his native state of Hawaii in 1960. He was commissioned in 1963, and saw action in Vietnam when his unit, the 29th Infantry Brigade, was activated.

### Hispanic artifacts sought

A NATIONWIDE SEARCH HAS BEEN started by the National Guard Bureau's Office of Historical Services to locate photos, drawings, artifacts and information that will be used to produce a videotape about Hispanics in the National Guard.

"We have access to a considerable amount of technical information," explains project director Ms. Renee Hylton-Greene, "but we are searching for visuals to help tell this important story. We especially need 'old stuff' - World War I, World War II, or even earlier."

Greene says her office can copy nearly anything that can be photographed; to include old photos, color slides, drawings, home movies, letters.

Individuals are encouraged to call or write Ms. Hylton-Greene to discuss details of the project. Telephone numbers are (703) 756-1980 or DSN 289-1980. The mailing address is: NGB-PAH Ms. Hylton-Greene, Skyline 6 Suite 401-C, 5109 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3201.

### 'Force Provider' promises better field conditions

CALLED "FORCE PROVIDER," A system is under development that will mean better field living conditions.

Purchase and testing will begin in October on Army gear that will provide brigade-sized units with improved kitchens, latrines, showers, laundries, water supplies, power generation and heating and cooling, all in a containerized system.

## PROGRAMS

From Front Page

trained Guardmember from each teenager's community.

Challenge states include: Arizona, Arkansas, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, New York, Oklahoma and West Virginia. If Congress approves a technical correction to the 1993 legislation, four additional states - Mississippi, New Jersey, North Carolina and Virginia - will join.

"Starbase" is a five-day program for students in all grades from the states of Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, New Mexico, Oregon and Vermont.

Aimed at inner city pupils and their teachers, the \$2 million program exposes participants to real-world applications of math and science at Guard aviation bases.

The \$10 million Los Angeles Unified School District Outreach Program is being conducted jointly by the California Guard and L.A. School District to enrich math and science instruction for pupils in that district.

"Guardcare" is the title of a nationwide effort, also authorized by the President, to provide assistance to medically underserved communities. National Guard medical personnel will work with state health authorities to administer inoculations, physicals and basic preventative medical care.

Guardcare is being funded separately from the youth programs. To date, 12 states have submitted plans, while an additional nine have expressed interest. The program will be staffed by federally reimbursed Guard personnel on state active duty. States each will receive \$75,000 to \$150,000 for Guardcare.



Photos courtesy of the Oklahoma Army Guard



## Twister assisters

Lt. Col. Troy Hale (pointing), Oklahoma Army Guard, maps out a plan with civil emergency officials immediately after a tornado (above) struck the town of Catoosa, Ok. About 125 citizen-soldiers with 1st Battalion, 279th Infantry, based in Tulsa, were called up for three days of active duty in May. The tornado did more than \$100 million of property damage.

## LEE

From Front Page

**Ms. Lee:** I'm a believer that whenever you have a problem you consult widely and get a wide array of viewpoints. Giving people ownership of the situation and accommodating viewpoints is a great way to go in terms of consensus building.

We need to seek as many training opportunities for our Guard and Reserve forces as possible, both overseas and at home. To have a realistic training environment makes all the difference in the world. To the extent that active duty commanders have more and more association with the National Guard and Reserve decreases the tension and increases the level of confidence. The key is to keep the lines of communication open and to keep encouraging interaction at every level.

**Q:** Do you see any changes to the National Guard's state missions?

**Ms. Lee:** The Constitution is very clear with regard to the role of the militia which, of course,

translates into the state mission of the National Guard. I see this as a growing area. The National Guard will continue to provide traditional support and will likely remain heavily involved with drug issues.

The new area is one President Clinton has stressed - rebuilding America. If we can use the National Guard to work with youth at risk, to deliver medical care in underserved areas, and meet other needs, we'll make a big difference in the lives of many people.

**Q:** Activations for the Gulf War revealed some personnel-related shortcomings in a member's ability to deploy. What kind of changes can Na-

Secretary Aspin, then Chairman (of the House Armed Services Committee) Aspin took a first cut at writing a series of reforms which will correct some of these deficiencies and build on the lessons learned. They are called Title 11 initiatives. Title 11 will encourage more frequent medical exams and dental work. This will cost millions of dollars so we have not yet worked out the program. One idea might be to try to target some of these reforms to early-deploying units. There may be other options.

**Q:** What challenges and opportunities do you see in the area of family support and employer support?

**Ms. Lee:** Again, the Gulf War demonstrated a great success story in this regard. Clearly, there were some problems but the degree of problems was far overshadowed by the degree of success. We need this kind of support in peacetime and wartime for the same reasons.

If a troop is deployed and he or she is worrying non-stop about a spouse, or children, or a job back home, they won't be very effective. We have a responsibility there. We are doing pretty well but we need to make every improvement we can.



Deborah R. Lee

"We believe more in the reserves' ability to get the job done."

tional Guardmembers expect that will have an impact on these issues?

**Ms. Lee:** First of all, the vast majority, well over 95 percent of Guardsmen and Reservists who were called, were ready to go.

## LEE'S FILE

\* Bachelor of Arts, Duke University, 1979.

\* Master of International Affairs, Columbia University, 1981.

\* Speaks, reads and writes Spanish fluently.

\* Married, two children.

\* Selected as a Presidential Management Intern, assigned to Department of the Army Materiel and Development Command, 1981.

\* As an intern, served rotation assignments with the House Armed Services Committee and the National Security Council staff, 1982-83.

\* Professional staff member for the House Armed Services Committee's Subcommittee on Military Personnel and Compensation, 1983.

\* Senior professional staff member and advisor to then Chairman Les Aspin, 1989.

\* Confirmed by the U.S. Senate as Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs May 28, 1993.

**Q:** Final thoughts?

**Ms. Lee:** I'm committed to working with the Reserve components and helping them be the best forces they can. I believe that the overall force structure numbers will be higher than under the base force. That is because we believe more in the reserves' ability to get the job done.





# PEOPLE

## PORTRAITS OF QUALITY

### Spc. Lee R. Smith II

Military policeman.  
Time in service: 3 years, 6 months.  
Civilian employer: Natchez Regional Medical Center.  
Civilian education: 4-year degree.  
1993 Mississippi Soldier of the Year.  
Second Army/FORSCOM Soldier of the Year, 1993.  
Assistant Scoutmaster.  
Isshinryu Karate instructor, 4th degree.  
"Expert" with the .45-caliber and 9-mm pistols, M-16 rifle, and the grenade launcher.



### Sgt. Troy M. Mouton

Counterintelligence agent.  
Time in service: 5 years.  
Civilian employer: Louisiana Army Guard.  
English/French major, University of Southwestern Louisiana.  
Fifth Army/FORSCOM NCO of the Year, 1993.  
Interpreter for the City of Baton Rouge, La.

U.S. Attorney's Office Certificate of Commendation.  
"Expert" with the .45-caliber pistol and M-16 rifle.  
Scored 300 on Army physical fitness test.

## Super soldiers

Smith, Mouton picked top soldier, NCO in Army Guard

By Capt. Phil Blahut  
National Guard Bureau

**S**pc. Lee R. Smith, II and Sgt. Troy M. Mouton, the 1993 National Guard Soldier and Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, respectively, have a lot in common.

For example, they're both expert marksmen, college students and have strong military family affiliations.

Yet they are different in unique ways. Smith waited until age 35 to enlist in the Guard. Mouton enjoys reading about au-

thors of 19th century French realism.

CSM Steven Blackwood, Army National Guard's senior enlisted advisor, insists, however, they're both prime examples of what a soldier should be.

"These two individuals represent the 'cream-of-the-crop' of the over 370,000 enlisted Army National Guard soldiers."

Smith, a military policeman with the 162nd Military Police Company, Mississippi Army Guard, is one of three soldiers from the 162nd who has won the battalion-level Soldier of the Year competition for three consecutive years.

"Everyone in my platoon was mobilized for Operation Desert Storm. So when I was competing for Soldier of the Year, I was competing for them."

When asked why he waited so long to enlist into the Guard, Smith commented, "I was a little misguided right out of high school. The urge was always there to enlist, and I do not regret it. As a matter of fact, my son and I have used my story to help recruit at least six local high school kids," he said.

Smith's military family includes his

father, a retired Army colonel, and his son, PFC Leroy R. Smith, III.

Less than 100 miles away lives Sgt. Troy Mouton, a member of the Louisiana Guard's Company A, 415th Military Intelligence Battalion.

Mouton currently attends the University of Southwestern Louisiana. "I like being a student. I like to read about 19th century French realistic authors and 19th century American literature," he said.

He is also a fan of the Guard. "If I have a say so, when and if I have children, I will encourage them to join the Guard," Mouton observed. "I believe it provides an excellent environment for one to succeed."

Finalists for the NCO of the Year competition were: SFC Kurt Muchow, California; Sgt. Michael E. Blount, Connecticut; Sgt. Sidney E. Collins, Mississippi; Sgt. Barry Kundert, Oregon; and Cpl. Michael Grunst, Alaska.

Finalist's for the Soldier of the Year competition included: Spc. Soren A. Schaller, Indiana; Spc. Troy Heavener, Arkansas; Spc. Guy Simon, Louisiana; Spc. David C. Hodel, Washington; Sgt. Jay V. Kofoed, Idaho; and Spc. James Palembang, Alaska.

## Idaho's Marjorie Blew is lauded by DoD for environmental work Saving her planet

By Lt. Col. David Super  
National Guard Bureau

**M**arjorie Blew, one of the National Guard's leading environmentalists, has received this year's top Department of Defense individual environmental award for her efforts in natural resource conservation.

The award was presented to Blew at the Pentagon April 21, by senior Department of Defense officials. She was the top Army representative in earlier competition and the only National Guard winner in this year's Secretary of Defense Environmental Awards competition that recognized the accomplishments of installation and individual environmental programs throughout the Department.

A native of Kansas with a masters degree in environmental ecology from Emporia State University, Blew started her career with the Idaho National Guard in 1987 as a civilian environmental specialist for the 138,000 acre Orchard Training Area. There she directs the stewardship of natural resources on Bureau of Land Management property that is home to some of the region's most intensive armor training.

"There has been a totally different change in thinking," she says of her role in creating a program that protects the

environment that lies in the path of 60-ton tanks and soldiers focused on realistic tactical training. "Our Guardsmen have a sense of ownership." The troops enjoy hiking, camping, fishing and hunting in these areas, so they have a growing appreciation for the value of conducting environmentally-sound training, she continues.

The foundation of the program is the Integrated Training Area Management system. This program's aim is to carefully monitor environmental resources on the southwest Idaho training area. Blew says that data from the Land Condition Trend Analysis Program, and other evaluations, are used to lessen any long-term impact on the environment.

In addition to carefully monitoring the natural resources on the Orchard Training Area, and to ensure units are directed into places where their tactical training has the least impact, Blew has developed an education program that shows soldiers how to protect natural resources while they are training. A videotape highlighting environmental concerns is shown to all soldiers who visit the site. Posters, handbooks, maps and reference cards reinforce the messages and are available to everyone. Major emphasis is given to reducing damage from wildfire and in preserving the nesting area for several birds of prey in the Snake River habitat for raptors.

Blew reminds Guard members that environmentally-

"Our Guardsmen have a sense of ownership."



Marjorie Blew

smart training makes good tactical sense. Survival in combat means you don't give away your position to the enemy with a "big footprint" that includes leaving garbage behind, tearing up roads and trails and being careless with fires. The discipline required to conduct "small footprint" training is good for the environment, the award-winner concludes.

In addition to her duties with the Idaho National Guard, Blew provides expert assistance to other Army National Guard environmental programs. Her experiences and programs at Orchard are being used to assist similar initiatives at more than a dozen National Guard training sites.

Special **TRAINING** issue

**TRENCH DIGGING** - Spc. Joel Plummer, with the Louisiana Army Guard, uses a backhoe to dig the trenches for the foundation of a school-house in Guatemala as curious local children look on. Guatemala is just one of several Central American countries where the Guard has made a positive impact.



Photo by Capt. Curtis Matsushige

# Ambassadors of good will

The Guard  
is building  
more than  
structures  
in Central  
America

By  
**Capt. Phil Blahut**  
National Guard  
Bureau

During the last three years, more and more Army and Air National Guard engineers, medical, military police, aviation and other support personnel have deployed to Panama to provide humanitarian assistance during their two-week an-

**W**hen it comes to training in Central and South America, National Guard members discover that they are more than just citizen-soldiers and airmen. They are ambassadors.

"Since Operation Just Cause, emphasis has been placed on rebuilding Panama's roads, schools, clinics and public buildings and to spread democracy," said Col. Michael J. Nevin, deputy chief of staff for reserve affairs in Panama.

nual training.

"During the Noriega ruling years, very little money was spent to improve roads and public structures. Last week, I visited a remotely-located school that had a bad roof, no electricity, no plumbing for water and the road was bad getting there," he said.

Fuertes Caminos '93, Spanish for "strong roads," and Cosecha Amistad '93, meaning "harvesting friendships," are two major joint military exercises that are making a physical difference in Panama.

In June, Fuertes Caminos, a 17-mile road building project, was completed. Headed up by engineers from South Dakota Guard (Task Force Rushmore), the project drew more than 5,000 Guard and Reserve soldiers and airmen from 36 states for training. As a result, a farm-to-market road, and many schools and clinics were built. Medical treatment was also provided to nearby residents and their livestock.

"Some of the cuts through this particular mountainous area took tremendous construction efforts by the engineers," noted Nevin.

In Panama, another ongoing Cosecha Amistad '93 project is about to start. Lasting for 8 to 15 weeks, this smaller

scale construction training program uses up to two platoons of Army National Guard engineers per rotation. Guard soldiers work shoulder-to-shoulder with Panamanians.

The Commander-in-Chief of U.S. Southern Command, Gen. George A. Joulwan, considers the reserve component training a central part of his strategy for the future. The future he refers to is the transition of all U.S. facilities, to include the Panama Canal and military installations, back to Panama on or before Dec. 31, 1999.

Although U.S. facilities may be given back to Panama, a strong message of support for reserve component training was given when SOUTHCOM authorized construction of a Guard-commanded Theater Equipment and Maintenance Site, or TEAMS. This nearly-completed building provides equipment, storage and maintenance personnel for rotating Army National Guard soldiers in Central and South America. Nevin notes the building will save the Southern Command and the Guard money by eliminating equipment transportation to and from the states.

Other Central American countries benefit from Guard training as well. In Belize and Guatemala, a Fuertes Caminos exercise just ended using active duty and Guard and Reserve support personnel from Honduras.

In Honduras, Army Guard artillery and infantry soldiers trained with the Honduran Army, while Air Guard civil engineers worked on schools and community buildings.

In Costa Rica, Camino de la Paz '93, meaning "highway of peace," just ended, involving elements from the Missouri Guard. All totaled, more than 800 citi-



Photo by SFC Wayne Iha

**TALKING SHOP** - SSgt. Lindy Peterson (above, left), a South Dakota Guardmember, discusses the construction of a clinic with a Panamanian mason.

zen-soldiers and airmen from eight states took part.

"We (the Guard) are in every Central American country this year except Nicaragua," said Nevin. "Next year we plan to take a large number of Guard personnel to Ecuador, in South America."

Nevin insists that the Guard's influence through training exercises in Central America has made a difference.

"We are definitely strengthening Panama's democracy and have spread a great deal of American goodwill throughout Central America," he concluded.





**PIG IN A POKE** - Maj. Lyle Jackson, a veterinarian with the Utah Guard's 19th Special Forces Group, treats a pig for a Thai farmer.

## Special Forces hone unique skills

Balance Torch '93 allows Utah to show humanitarian side

By SFC Bob Hudson  
Utah National Guard

In pioneer times, neighbors helped one another with a variety of activities: House and barn raising, fencing and harvesting. Members of Utah's Army Guard are continuing that tradition in Thailand.

Soldiers from B Company, 1st Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group recently shared their expertise with 500 airmen from the Royal Thai Air Force at Balance Torch '93. The exercise allowed Utah Guardmembers to teach their Thai comrades such things as air ground defense, special operations and the use of the M-24 sniper rifle. The 19th was also involved several humanitarian projects.

"It's been a long time since I've worked through an interpreter," noted Vietnam veteran MSgt. Pete Bell, a special operations instructor. "It was a learning experience ... both ways."

The Thais, who benefitted from the instruction, spoke highly of their Utah teachers. "We're impressed with the trainers - their enthusiasm, their preparedness and especially their helpfulness," noted Group Captain (Colonel) Uthai Monyanont. "They're willing to help in any way they can."

That was evident in the many humanitarian efforts the 19th performed. Their surgeon, dentist, veterinarian and medics joined Thai doctors and medical personnel to provide care for Thai villagers.

More than just providing a much-needed service, Balance Torch allowed Utah's citizen-soldiers to get in extra training.

"A special forces medic is the pinnacle of all medics," noted Capt. Greg Dunnivant, battalion surgeon, "but they don't normally get to exercise their diagnostic skills on the range that can be seen in this environment."

A typical humanitarian project, like the one the 19th Special Forces Group participated in the town of Ban Nong Wa, said SGM Doyle Asay, involved 57 animals, 236 medical patients and 24 dental patients. "This is the neatest project," he observed. "It's just amazing how much help we can provide."

## Barnes Storm

A 104th Fighter Group A-10 (right) was one of nearly 50 fighter, transport and tanker aircraft that took part in Barnes Storm '93-2 at Plattsburgh AFB, N.Y. in May. One of the goals of the exercise was to test the Air Guard's ability to align and deploy with its active duty and Reserve counterparts. The exercise was conceived by the Massachusetts Guard's 104th, based at Barnes ANGB.



Photo courtesy of Tom Kaminski, Journal of Military Aviation

## WHERE THE GUARD TRAINS

### ARMY GUARD (stateside)

**Celtic Cross '93** - Camp Shelby: 6,000 Guard/Reserve/active soldier and airmen involved in medical readiness training.

**Roving Sands '93** - Fort Bliss, Texas: Joint Air Defense and Tactical Operations training will involve over 13,000 from all services.

**MEDRETES USA**: Medical soldiers treat residents in medically underserved areas in Tennessee.

### ARMY GUARD (overseas)

**Fuertes Caminos '93** - Panama: Over 5,000 engineers and support units from South Dakota and other states build 17-mile road, schools and clinics.

**Camino de la Paz '93** - Costa Rica: More than 700 soldiers from Missouri ARNG and other states build roads, bridges, schools and clinics.

**Team Spirit '93** - Korea: Units from Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Mississippi, Kansas, Utah, Delaware, Missouri and New Mexico deploy.

### AIR GUARD (stateside)

**Silver Flag**: Nevada  
**Phoenix Rodeo**: Arkansas  
**Ready Norseman**: Wisconsin  
**Ready Olympiad**: Georgia  
**Quick Force**: California

### AIR GUARD (overseas)

**Drug Interdiction**: Panama/Bahamas/Honduras/Columbia.  
**Coronet Nighthawk**: F-16 Drug Interdiction intercept missions.  
**Operation Restore Hope**: Somalia/Spain/Egypt.  
**Operation Provide Relief**: Kenya.  
**National Science Foundation Support**: Antarctica/Greenland.  
**Operation Desert Calm**: Saudi Arabia.

The above is a sampling of the dozens of exercises involving the Army and Air Guard.

Special **TRAINING** issue

**CLEAN SHAVE** - Alabama Army Guard's Spc. Sean King (right), a radio operator, takes advantage of a field shower point to shave. SSgt. Michael Guthrie (center photo, with gauze) patches up a mock-casualty during Celtic Cross '93 held in May.



Photo by Sgt. Howard Johnston



Photos by Sgt. Howard Johnston



**READY FOR ANYTHING** - Pvt. 2 William Wheeler, a combat medic, takes a defensive posture during a simulated battle. He and 6,000 others converged on Camp Shelby, Miss., in May to participate in Celtic Cross '93.

Photo by SSgt. Larry Moore

# Celtic Cross

Medical field training exercise at Camp Shelby, Mississippi tests 6,000 soldiers and airmen, 50 units from 16 states

By 1st Lt. Lee Elder  
*Tennessee National Guard*

Nearly 6,000 soldiers and airmen from more than 50 units representing 16 states converged on Camp Shelby, Miss., for a four-day field training exercise designed to test the capabilities of medical and support personnel.

According to one of its planners, Celtic Cross '93 allowed Reserve component and active duty personnel to perform in "a wartime environment." Lt. Col. Robert H. Spell, exercise project officer, said bringing the different services and divergent units together was a key Celtic Cross aim.

"It's difficult, unless you're into a simulated or a wartime environment, to see if plans really work," Spell said. "Celtic Cross is a medical exercise ... to see if, in fact, the units could do the job in a wartime environment."

Opposing forces, who probed the units' field perimeters, helped provide a combat setting for the exercise. In addition to weapons fire, units also had to deal with simulated nuclear biological and chemical attacks. While in full protective gear,



Photo by SFC Ron Werndli

medical and support soldiers had to go about all their normal tasks — including surgery — when casualties arrived from the air and ground ambulances.

Nearly 1,200 casualties were treated during Celtic Cross '93, according to Spell's estimation.

The artistic efforts of the Utica, N.Y.-based 331st General Hospital Moulage Team gave casualties realistic, often gruesome-looking wounds. Using ingredients ranging from oatmeal to Alka Seltzer, they transformed Fort Benning, Ga. soldiers into walking and bed-ridden wounded.

For many of the medical and troop support soldiers in the field, Celtic Cross '93 was an opportunity to do their job in a field setting.

Sgt. Michael Corley, a medic with the Mississippi Guard's 134th Combat Support Hospital, is an electrician in civilian life. He said his experience working in the intensive care unit was a welcome change.

"During regular drill it's classes, classes, classes," he said. "But you don't get a chance to really apply your skills unless you have a way to work together and use them."

It also took a great deal of effort to keep the fleet of aircraft flying throughout the





**FIELD LAUNDRY -** Spc. Henry Grady (above), with the 324th Combat Surgical Hospital in Miami stacks just-washed clothes at a field laundry site. A pair of UH-1 Huey helicopters (left) wait to receive casualties during Celtic Cross '93, a four-day medical exercise involving nearly 6,000 Guard, Reserve and active duty soldiers and airmen from 16 states.



exercise, said Lt. Col. Jack Purvis, aeromedical officer for the 213th Medical Brigade. In that capacity, he was in charge of 44 aircraft. "The support and logistical work has been very beneficial," he said.

Spell said keeping the units talking to each other was an important training point in the exercise.

Sgt. Marvin Mincer, a communications chief for the 411th Medical Company, who works with Goodwill Industries in civilian life, said he saw success during the exercise.

"The highlight here for us was being able to set up all my commo and getting it all in order," Mincer said. "It's always a challenge, because it's never easy to communicate in the field."

Brig. Gen. James D. Polk, who commands the Mississippi Army Guard's 213th Medical Brigade, said Celtic Cross '93 was "a one-of-a-kind exercise." Three years in the planning, the exercise was one of the largest of its kind ever, says Polk.

"Celtic Cross '93 was a rare occasion for the military medical community to train to win," Polk said. "We hope we'll never have to do any of this, but if we do, we'll be ready."

## Protecting the ground forces

South Carolina air defenders use 'Operation Roving Sands' to hone skills

By SSgt. Danny Brazell  
South Carolina National Guard

The sleek and awesome-looking B-1B bomber circled the mountains and prepared for its next strike. Two soldiers from the South Carolina Army Guard's 263rd Air Defense Artillery locked in on the approaching "enemy" bomber with their hand-held, ground-launched "Stinger" missile. Zap. Scratch the bomber.

The Guardmembers were part of a 37-member detachment from Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 263rd ADA, who participated in Operation Roving Sands '93, at Fort Bliss, Texas.

The Anderson-based unit worked closely with their active Army counterparts of the 108th (Patriot) Air Defense Artillery Brigade from Fort Polk, La. Many of that unit's members are veterans of Operation Desert Storm.

"This has been an excellent cooperative effort," said the Guard detachment's officer-in-charge, Maj. Ernie Bell. "This reaffirms the fact that we are all one army."

The members of the ADA unit were at Fort Bliss, located near El Paso, for their two-weeks of annual training. While there, the unit practiced tracking enemy aircraft, providing ground units with enemy aircraft situation reports and mock-firing their antiaircraft weapons. They also spent time learning about new air defense technology from the 108th, a unit that saw action against the Iraqi SCUD missiles during the Persian Gulf war.

"Air defense is here to stay," said the 263rd Brigade's CSM William A. Hyder. "Where there is a conflict with a significant enemy air or rocket threat, there is a need for air defense. Ground commanders cannot adequately protect their forces without air defense."

Hyder said that while many Americans are concerned with cutting the defense budget, it is still important that National Guard troops receive the best of training.



Photo by MSgt. Philip H. Jones

**TAKING AIM -** SFC Ted Brown (above, left) aims a Stinger missile at a B-1B Bomber as Spc. William Johnson helps track the aircraft. Their South Carolina Army Guard unit went to Fort Bliss, Texas to train with their active duty counterparts during Operation Roving Sands.

"This is a real world scenario with real (combat) data and real aircraft flying overhead," he added. "We are learning what it is like sleeping in the desert for 15 days and learning to adapt to a totally foreign environment."

Hyder said the change in training environments has also been good for

unit morale, important for a unit that is working 12-hour shifts in the field. "This training gives us a sense of mission. The soldiers are getting to see what the regular Army does in the field ... that in itself is a means of excitement."



# SPORTS

- Davenport's coaching success
- Centeno-Ayala goes the distance
- Marksmen on target

## SPORTS SHORTS

### Davenport coaches track team to title

MAJ. WILLIE DAVENPORT, a Louisiana Guardmember, coached the mens and womens All-Army track teams to victory at the 1993 Armed Forces Track and Field Championships held in Atlanta June 3-4.

The mens and womens teams, made up of active Army, Guard and Reserve athletes, outdistanced second place Air Force teams; Marine Corps men finished third, followed by Navy. In the women's competition, the Navy finished third, followed by the Marine Corps.

"I got more than I expected from my athletes," stated Davenport, a U.S. Olympic team standout and Gold Medal winner in 1968.

Maj. James Barrineau of Georgia and 1st Lt. Melvin Hemstead of California were the only Guardmembers on this year's team. For the second year, Barrineau won the high jump clearing 7-1. Hemstead, the '92 pole vault champ, did not meet qualifying heights.

The next stop for coach Davenport is the USA Track and Field Championships in Eugene, Ore.

### Guard dominates All-Army championships

SSGT. LARRY REYNOLDS of the Vermont Army Guard was named the "Top Gun" at the U.S. Army Combat Arms Matches held at Fort Benning, Ga. in May.

The Guard dominated the active Army and Army Reserve in all four disciplines: Rifle, pistol, machinegun and sniper.

Reynolds, a citizen-soldier with Co. C, 186th Forward Support Battalion based in Colchester, Vt., led two other Guardmembers in points. He was followed by SSgt. Millard Butler, also of Vermont, and Connecticut's Charles Allen.



**MASSACHUSETTS MARATHONERS** - CWO2 Joseph Quinn (far left, 1602), SFC John O'Brien (center, 1902) and Lt. Col. Robert Soldani (1901), all with the Massachusetts Guard team, ran part of the Lincoln Marathon course together. Their team finished 23rd overall. For the last 10 years the marathon has served as the qualifying race for the 'All-Guard Marathon Team.'

## Puerto Rico outdistances marathoners

*Centeno-Ayala, Cuevas-Cardona lead the way*



Photos courtesy of the Nebraska Guard

**TOP TROTTER**- Sgt. Ramon Centeno-Ayala (above) led all Guard runners at the Lincoln Marathon.

By SSgt. Ron Bradrick  
Nebraska National Guard

Puerto Rico, Wisconsin, and Alaska marathon runners dominated the 1993 Lincoln Marathon as the National Guard marked its tenth consecutive year of participation in the Nebraska race.

Sgt. Ramon Centeno-Ayala of Puerto Rico set a tremendous pace as the National Guard's first place winner at 2:28:21.

"My running coach in Puerto Rico, Pablo Dones, has helped me very much," said Centeno-Ayala.

Centeno-Ayala, a citizen-soldier with Company D, 1-295th Infantry, based in Gurabo, Puerto Rico, has improved steadily each year, finishing fifth in Lincoln last year.

Sgt. Victor Cuevas-Cardona, also of Puerto Rico, with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1/296th Infantry, finished third for the National Guard at 2:36:38. He too improved over last year.

Sgt. Michael Zeigle, from Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, continued his domination of the Masters division (over age 40) finishing in 2:35:30. His effort placed him second amongst all National Guard runners.

"Even though it snowed a lot this win-

ter in Wisconsin, I didn't mind it because I like to train in the snow," said Zeigle.

In the women's division, Wisconsin's Sgt. Sandra Jensen, led all female Guard competitors with a time of 3:05:39. The win marked the third year that Jensen has

dominated the Lincoln race against other National Guard women. She is a member of Detachment-1, 105th Maintenance Company based in Milwaukee.

SSgt. Deanne Trauba, Detachment 1, Utah State Area Command, was second with a time of 3:18:08.

In the team standings, Centeno-Ayala's and Cuevas-Cardona's first and third place finishes respectively allowed Puerto Rico to easily take the team title. Capt. Robert Aunan of Anchorage, Alaska, fourth overall with a time of 2:37:40, along with SFC Laddie Shaw, tenth overall, sparked their team to a second place finish. Led by MSgt. Robert Lindsey, the team from California placed third.

Last year's National Guard winner, 1st Lt. Barry Holder of West Virginia, was not able to compete due to a foot injury.

The Lincoln Marathon has been used for the past ten years, since teams were formed, as the qualifying race to determine the National Guard's 50 member "All-Guard Marathon Team."

#### TOP 10 MEN

Sgt. Ramon Centeno-Ayala (Puerto Rico) 2:28:21  
Sgt. Michael L. Zeigle (Wisconsin) 2:35:30  
Sgt. Victor Cuevas-Cardona (Puerto Rico) 2:36:38  
Capt. Robert B. Aunan (Arkansas) 2:37:40  
Sgt. John A. Snoozy (Nebraska) 2:38:05  
Spc Jeff L. Allen (Minnesota) 2:38:11  
MSgt. Robert A. Lindsey (California) 2:38:28  
SrA Curt R. Rogers (Kansas) 2:40:04  
Sgt. Chase E. Duarte (Minnesota) 2:40:30  
SFC Laddie Shaw (Alaska) 2:41:50

#### TOP 10 WOMEN

Sgt. Sandra K. Jensen (Wisconsin) 3:05:39  
SSgt. Deanne A. Trauba (Utah) 3:18:08  
Pfc Kelli J. Feeney (North Dakota) 3:19:58  
SFC Jody A. Reidenhour (Arizona) 3:22:55  
SSgt. Debbie A. Cole (Minnesota) 3:25:45  
TSgt. Susan C. Jay (Rhode Island) 3:28:00  
Sgt. Susan J. Michalski (Maryland) 3:28:34  
SFC Kathleen E. Kennedy (Nebraska) 3:29:47  
SSgt. Debbie Herbert (Louisiana) 3:32:02  
1st Lt. Cindy M. Whiting (Wisconsin) 3:41:29





**LOCK AND LOAD** - SSgt. Neil Mellor of Utah checks his M-16 before a match.

# Hot shots down under

International team  
hits target in Australia

By 2nd Lt. Ellen Lampkins  
Arkansas National Guard

After two weeks of competition, the All-Guard International Shooting Team had to dig down under for the stamina and concentration to win the M-16 title at the Australia Army Skill-at-Arms Meeting held in Brisbane, Australia.

"We were the best rifle shooters in the competition," said Maj. George Baker, the officer-in-charge of the All-Guard team, "and the service rifle championship is indicative of that."

The four-man team of 2nd Lt. Shannon Saucy of Arkansas, 1st Lt. Dave Kleiber of Alaska, Spc. Robert Young of Vermont and TSgt. Ken Strohm of Ohio combined for a score of 1,240 points to win the "Chief of the Defense Force" match.

The same four-man squad placed second in the "Citizen-soldier" competition, an aggregate of four matches, finishing only one point behind a team from New Zealand.

"We're competing against some of the best shooters in the world," noted Baker. "Age-wise, we had the oldest team here. You've got to be in shape to do this for two weeks."

Col. D.J. Meed, director of Infantry for the Australian



**HOT SHOTS** - 1st Lt. Dave Kleiber (above, left), 2nd Lt. Shannon Saucy, Spc. Robert Young and TSgt. Ken Strohm, knew how to handle a rifle.

Marksmanship Training Detachment, said the competition offered a fairly realistic view of firing under pressure.

"Battle stress is the largest single factor that degrades shooting accuracy in combat," he said. "This form of stress is difficult to reproduce in training, but stress resulting from competition pressure and physical exertion may have a similar effect."

Baker agrees. "Going out and fighting a war every day is not good personnel management," he noted. "This is an

easier way to put these guys under physical and mental stress."

Over the two week period, Strohm was the leading medalist on the Guard team with seven medals. He was followed by Young with six.

"Some you win and some you lose, but you've got to suit up for all of them," Baker said. "If you want to be competitive at this type of match at the



Photos by 2nd Lt. Ellen G. Lampkins

**STEADY PACE** - Maj. Bob Beard maintains an even clip during the two-mile run of the section match held in Brisbane, Australia in May.

international level, you've got to be consistent."

Proof of this occurred in the last three days of competition as the Guard's international team placed second in the section match for international teams, third in the "Vickers," the international team champ-

ionship, and fourth in the Commander-in-Chief's trophy match.

The same 14-man team will represent the Guard compete in the Royal Army Skill-at-Arms Meeting in July in England.

"Next year," Baker promised, "We'll set our sights higher."

# NEWS

# MAKERS

**T**he 118th Mobile Aerial Port Squadron, Tennessee Air National Guard, has received the 1992 ANG Aerial Port Unit of the Year Award. Members attribute the win to their training and Total Quality Management.

The 118th supported the Caribbean relief effort to Eleuthera Island for Hurricane Andrew victims, processed cargo for the war-torn Middle East, provided vital logistical support for visits of President and Vice President of the United States, loaded highly sensitive, fragile, advanced technology cargo associated with the Strategic Defense Initiative program and processed equipment for USO troop morale tours to Guantanamo Bay.

**2ND LT. MARGARET WILCOX**, a police officer from Seattle, Wash., and a platoon leader in Company C, 1st Battalion, 106th Assault Helicopter Brigade, Washington Army National Guard, just finished annual training in Panama flying helicopter support for *Fuertes Caminos Americas '93*.

As a recent graduate of flight school, Wilcox found that Central America flying conditions were not the same as in the United States.

"When you first get behind the controls, it's scary," Wilcox said, describing her flight school "nickel" ride. "The helicopter goes every which way that you think it wouldn't."

According to Wilcox, after the first ride, the student pilot gives the flight instructor a nickel minted in the pilot's birth year.

**SPC. TIMOTHY J. DONCHEZ**, an equipment records and parts specialist with the 3623rd Maintenance Company in Bethlehem, has been named the Pennsylvania Army National Guard's Soldier of the Year.

"The attitude I have about the Army is a very serious one," said Donchez. "I believe I am responsible for everything I do and want to be the best at everything I attempt."

**T**he 157th Central Base Personnel Office, New Hampshire Air National Guard, is tops in the Air National Guard for 1992.

Any given year is a busy one for the CBPO, but 1992 was exceptional, according to Maj. Carol Protzmann, 157th support group commander and CMSgt. Jacqueline Collette, 157th personnel resources manager. In 1992, 72 Operation Restore Hope activations were processed on 24-hours notice.

Aside from regularly maintaining records for 1,100 members, the CBPO coordinated more than 70 awards and decorations, 120-plus enlistments/reenlistments, and some 75 separations/retirements.

**F**or three of the past five years, the 438th Chemical Company, Indiana Army National Guard, of Terre Haute, has been listed among the nation's best company-sized chemical units.

The United States Army Chemical School, Fort McClellan, Ala., recently presented the 1992 Maj.



Sgt. Thomas E. Hinds, Virginia's NCO of the Year.



Sgt. Dora A. Smith, Image Award winner.



2nd Lt. Margaret Wilcox, a new pilot, is out a nickle.



Maj. John L. Whiteman, Judge Advocate of the Year.

Gen. William L. Sibert Award to Maj. Patrick W. Guy and 1Sgt. Ricke A. Medcalf of the 438th Chemical Company, at the 11th Worldwide Chemical Conference.

**MAJ. JOHN L. WHITEMAN** of the Florida National Guard recently was recognized as the National Guard Bureau's Judge Advocate of the Year during the National Guard Bureau's annual Judge Advocate Workshop in San Antonio, Texas.

Whiteman provided essential legal support especially, in regard to reemployment rights, financial and domestic relations matters, to both the command and soldiers of the Florida National Guard during last years' devastating Hurricane Andrew.

**SGT. JOHN D. AYER**, 714th Maintenance Company, Topeka, beat the odds when he submitted a suggestion to the U.S. Army's Project Supply and Maintenance Assessment Review Team to improve the .50-caliber machine gun.

Project SMART has an approval rate of 140 suggestions out of every 700 submitted. Ayers' reward for submitting an outstanding suggestion was a certificate of commendation and \$100.

**SGT. DORA A. SMITH**, an administrative NCO at the Army National Guard's Professional Education Center, Camp Robinson, Ark., has received the 1993 National Image, Inc., Meritorious Service Award.

"Throughout Smith's military career, she has dedicated numerous hours to help Hispanic Americans and worked with others who are engaged in similar endeavors," said Col. Richard D. Wilhelm, commandant, PEC.

"She has been an outstanding example for Hispanic Americans while serving as an interpreter on a volunteer basis for numerous generals in the Pentagon when they were visited by or were visiting high level military and civilian officials from Spanish-speaking countries," said Wilhelm.

Smith was recently recognized in a military award ceremony in San Antonio, Texas.

**MSGT. HENRY M. GARRIDO**, Nevada Army National Guard, retired recently with the distinction of having more years of military service than any active Guardmember in that state.

Garrido's military career began more than 43 years ago when he enlisted in the California Army National Guard at the age of 15.

**SGT. THOMAS E. HINDS** has been named the Virginia Army National Guard NCO of the Year.

Hinds, 31, also placed second in the competition for First Army Region NCO of the Year, an evaluation covering 21 states. He is a UH-1 crew chief assigned to Company A, 2nd Battalion, 224th Aviation of Sandston.



Spc. J.D. Biros  
Ohio National Guard

When the eyes of the world looked upon the life-threatening prison riot in Lucasville, Ohio, in April, they were witnessing one of the National Guard's most impressive operations dealing with civil disorder.

"We did it better this time than it has ever been done before," said 16th Engineer Brigade commander Brig. Gen. James J. Hughes, who led the Guard troops and has dealt with 19 civil disturbances throughout his 38 year military career. "We brought under control an extremely dangerous situation because of training and patience. This epitomizes the role of the citizen-soldier."

More than 800 Ohio Army and Air National Guard members joined the efforts of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections and the Ohio Highway Patrol to peacefully resolve one of the longest prison riots in U.S. history. Though the majority of the troops activated were not called upon to perform a full-scale military operation to reclaim the prison, the presence of the National Guard in Lucasville was considered "reassuring" and "key to helping end the riot" by civilian authorities in charge of the operation.

On April 11, Easter Sunday, more than 400 prisoners overthrew one of the three cell blocks at the Southern Ohio Corrections Facility, Ohio's only maximum security prison. During the initial 12 hours of chaos, six prisoners were killed by fellow inmates, 10 guards were injured and eight guards were taken hostage.

Civilian law enforcement officers from across the state were immediately called to the scene and several National Guard units were placed on stand-by status that evening.

For the next two days, the rioting prisoners barricaded themselves in L-block of the prison and began making demands and death threats. Among the 21 demands espoused by the inmates were: freedom to practice religion and wear religious clothing; no reprisals for the seven dead; less crowded conditions; and an end to forced cell integrations. They often called to the neighboring prison block for fellow inmates to join the riot, causing the situation to be even more tense for prison officials.

The morning of April 14, Ohio Governor George Voinovich signed a proclamation activating the Ohio National Guard to support the civilian authorities. In less than 24 hours, the Guard mobilized more than 500 troops to Lucasville and set up a base of operations at the Scioto County Fairgrounds. Within 48 hours, an additional 300 Guardmembers were moved to the staging area. Several engineer and

# Ohio helps cool riot

Lucasville prisoners surrender after 11 days

military police companies were some of the first units to be activated because of their training in handling civil disturbances.

Training and refresher training was conducted by all units upon arriving in Lucasville and during the operation. Crowd control, arrest procedures and riot shotgun training were rehearsed by the engineers before replacing the Ohio Highway Patrol troopers on the prison perimeter. Perimeter shifts ranged from 12 to 16 hours day and night.

The engineers also were responsible for monitoring storm water drains and securing the ravine around the prison after authorities suspected possible tunneling by inmates. Hundreds of yards of razor tape and concertina wire were strung around wooded areas near the prison as a precautionary measure.

Inside the prison, the military police units underwent special training for their role in the operation.

"As soon as we arrived at the prison, we began working with the State Highway Patrol," said Spc. Dennis Anderson, 135th Military Police Co. Ironically, Anderson's unit had trained at another state prison for such correction disturbances just two weeks earlier. "They



Photo by Spc. J.D. Biros

were impressed with our training, organization and professionalism. We developed respect for each other."

This mutual respect proved to be imperative to the operation.

"In my 33 years with the Ohio Highway Patrol, I don't think I've seen a more combined and cooperative effort than what we had in Lucasville," said Col. Thomas Rice, superintendent of the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

Though the public, through the eyes of the media, primarily saw the National Guard as a strong military force, other vital roles were fulfilled. Medical personnel and

members of the judge advocate general corps worked as phone hotline operators to communicate information to families of prison inmates. Other units played more legis-

**CONCERTED EFFORT - Ohio Guardmembers worked side-by-side with state police outside the gates of the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility.**

tical roles to ensure equipment was in place and operational, and that communications between units were constant.

The mission of the Ohio Guard lasted nine days, until the inmates finally surrendered late April 21 after 11 days of negotiations. Even during the surrender, the National Guard played an essential role by providing medical personnel for the inmate processing. Guard doctors and nurses assisted prison medical personnel with visual examinations and first aid treatment when needed.

"The Ohio National Guard was a welcomed support during the 11 days of the siege," said Director Reginald A. Wilkinson, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. "This disturbance ended as a result of patient and thoughtful negotiations. Our goal from the beginning was the preservation of life. We certainly had the ability with the support of the Guard."

"Thankfully, we did not have to use force," he added. "However, it was better to have the troops on hand and not need them, then to need them and not have them."

## BUCKEYE INVOLVEMENT

HHC, 16th Engineer Bde, Columbus  
HHC, 134th Engineer Grp, Hamilton  
HHC, 416th Engineer Grp, Walbridge  
HHC, 216th Engineer Bn, Portsmouth  
Co. A, 216th Engineer Bn, Chillicothe  
Co. B, 216th Engineer Bn, Manchester  
Co. C, 216th Engineer Bn, Felicity  
Co. D, 216th Engineer Bn, Columbus  
Co. A, 372nd Engineer Bn, Dayton  
Co. C, 372nd Engineer Bn, Lebanon  
1193 Engineer Co., Cincinnati  
135th Military Police Co., Brook Park  
323rd Military Police Co., Toledo  
838th Military Police Co., Youngstown  
196th Public Affairs Det., Columbus

HHC, 112th Medical Bde, Columbus  
145th MASH, Port Clinton  
684th Medical Co., Westerville  
Co. C, 237th Spt Bn, Columbus  
Co. A, 1st Bn, 147th Infantry, Cincinnati  
Co. B, 1st Bn, 147th Infantry, Hamilton  
Co. C, 1st Bn, 147th Infantry, Hillsboro  
Co. D, 1st Bn, 147th Infantry, Cincinnati  
State Area Command Liaison, Columbus  
State Area Command Spt, Columbus  
251st Combat Comm. Gp, Springfield  
269th Combat Comm. Sq., Springfield  
123rd Air Control Sq., Blue Ash  
124th Air Control Sq., Blue Ash



# STATES

- Florida goes Hollywood
- Kansas saves money
- Mississippi builds bridge

## MINNESOTA

THE AWARD OF MOST OUTSTANDING Flying Unit in the Air National Guard now belongs to Minnesota's 133rd Airlift Wing of Minneapolis.

The award, called the Spaatz Trophy, evaluates the following criteria: flying safety, aircraft operational readiness, weapons firing, unit alerts, unit manning, skill level qualifications, retention, drill attendance, operational readiness inspections, outstanding accomplishments and special missions and exercises. Ninety-two Air Guard units competed for the award presented annually by the National Guard Association of the United States. The 133rd first won the award in 1968.

## MISSISSIPPI

ARMY GUARD SOLDIERS training at Camp Shelby in 1993 will discover that most of the post's narrow-and-sometimes-intimidating tank trail bridges have been widened and modified for safer crossing maneuvers.

Last year, three Tennessee Guard soldiers assigned to the 196th Field Artillery were killed when their 155mm self-propelled howitzer accidentally ran off one of the old narrow steel bridges during annual training.

## WYOMING

THE EQUALITY STATE recently hosted two members of the British Territorial Army (equivalent

## Missouri know-how

Spc. Randy L. McDonald, of the 203rd Engineer Battalion, Missouri Army Guard, helped renovate a vocational school in Costa Rica. The 203rd, with units from seven states and the U.S. Southern Command, were in Costa Rica for Caminos de la Paz (Roads of Peace) '93, a mission of humanitarian assistance. The unit was part of more than 800 soldiers and airmen who worked in this peaceful Central American country. During the four month project, which began in January, troops upgraded roads, built and repaired culverts and bridges, and renovated 15 schools.



of our National Guard) who were in the United States to observe Reserve component training. Two Guardsmen from Wyoming will visit England soon for a similar exchange of military and cultural information.

## KANSAS

The 170th Maintenance Company of Norton is welcome at Camp Dodge, Iowa, anytime. The 170th recently complete work during annual training which saved the Army Supply System more than \$200,000 according to 1st Lt. Todd Starin, the unit's commander.

## MICHIGAN

NINE MEMBERS FROM THE Selfridge ANGB Honor Guard presented the colors for the Detroit Tiger's opening day at Tiger Stadium April 13.

"It isn't very often we get to perform in front of 50,000 people and a statewide television audience," observed TSgt. Jake Williams, one of the founders of the Selfridge Honor Guard. The Selfridge Honor Guard has posted the colors for such notables as former Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney and Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The Tiger stadium gig was a change of pace for Williams and company. "Normally, we participate in 40 to 50 events a year, such as funerals, weddings, or change of command ceremonies," he said.

The Detroit Tigers went on to beat the Oakland Athletics 20-4.

## FLORIDA

IF YOU SAW THE NBC Movie of the Week "Triumph Over Tragedy, the Hurricane Andrew Story," you may have noticed several of Florida's Guardmembers playing extras.

The program, which aired May 24, was filmed around the Homestead armory, also the location of Company C, 1st Battalion, 124th Infantry. Among other tasks, troops erected a mini-tent city.

"I was in a major scene," said Spc. Russ Mayfield with Miami's 494th Medical Detachment. "When one of

the main characters died on the way to the hospital, I was sitting right next to Kim Hunter, one of the stars."

The film's director, Marvin Chomsky, was impressed. "Without their (the Florida Guard) support and advice," he said, "we may not have been able to capture many of the moments that make up the magic of the movies."

**SETTING THE STAGE** - Florida Guardmembers set up one of the many tents used in the filming of NBC's "Triumph Over Tragedy, the Hurricane Andrew Story."





# History he won't forget

92-year-old SFC Otis Porter remembers the 45th Division

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The proud history of the Oklahoma Army National Guard and its famed 45th Infantry Division is slowly dimming, passing away along with the men who wrote the history with quills dipped in their blood.

The dull pages of history books fail to make the legacy of the 45th Division come alive. But, in the stories and fading memories of retired SFC Otis Porter that history sparkles.

Porter, a 92-year-old living textbook, enlisted in the Oklahoma Guard in July, 1919—just a few short years after its creation. His first assignment was with Pawnee's Headquarters Detachment, 3rd Battalion, 120th Quartermaster Regiment.

His connection to the Guard goes back to his father Rufus, who chased the Creek Indian Chief Crazy Snake during an Indian uprising in central Oklahoma in 1909.

Porter's first duty assignment was as a wheelwright — something that you'll

never find in today's lengthy list of Military Occupational Specialty codes.

"My job basically was to rebuild wagon wheels. I was also the 'parts man' for the 45th Infantry Division. It was my job to sort parts and to issue them, whether they were for tractors, tanks or trucks... for anything that moved."

Porter, who served 24 years in the Oklahoma Guard, served all but three in Pawnee. In the early '30s, a civilian job change brought him a transfer to the Perry-based Battery C, 158th Field Artillery. The transfer brought him new duties and new responsibilities.

"I was a signal sergeant. I drove a horse-drawn reel cart and laid communications wire so the unit could communicate when we were on maneuvers," he recalled.

In the mid-'30's, he transferred back to the Pawnee Quartermaster unit, serving another five years before being hit with two not-too-pleasant surprises. The first came when the 45th's division's patch, the southwestern Indian sign of the Thunderbird, a sign of good luck, was officially replaced. The design, a counterclockwise swastika, too closely resembled the symbol of Adolf Hitler's hated Nazi Germany. It was replaced



COMRADES ALL - SFC Otis Porter remembers those who didn't return.

with a modernized version of the Thunderbird, a patch that was later to earn respect from those same Nazis.

"We were the maddest 'Joes' you ever saw when we learned we were going to have to give up our patch. It had come to mean so much to us," Porter reminisced.

The second surprise even more directly affected Porter. After the division was federalized September 15, 1940, he served only seven days before being medically discharged.

"They told me it was for having insufficient natural teeth," he said, deftly removing his top partial plate.

When his comrades departed Oklahoma, before being sent to Europe's dark and bloody ground, Porter left too. He spent the war at an aircraft plant in California, helping to produce more than 7,000 B-24's.

With the war's end, it was back to the rolling hills of Pawnee. The Pawnee unit, converting to a infantry company, offered Porter the job of heavy weapons sergeant and the job of helping to rebuild the war-weary unit.

"They took me in with open arms, because they knew my record and knew that I could do the job. I guess they decided my teeth didn't really matter."

Porter said the nearly three-quarters of a century between his enlistment and today's National Guard has brought changes beyond belief.

"A couple of years ago, I went down to the armory during a drill weekend and it was really a surprise. They got radar now, and those nighttime binocular things...I told 'em I thought I'd just join back up."

A pronounced limp and slightly less than perfect hearing mark his physically capabilities. He walks daily from his home to the nearby nursing home where his wife of 66 years, Gladys, has been since February. Nightly, he cranks up his worn ham radio, conversing with other ham enthusiasts in Ireland, Germany, and other locales around the globe.

"They tell me I'm the oldest ham radio operator still on the air," he says.



## The National Guard in World War II

### The Fight for Sicily

Even before the surrender of Axis forces in Africa, the British and Americans began to look to the future. The Allies had come to a decision point. The main question: "Where do we go now?" After numerous discussions at the highest level, eyes started to look at the island of Sicily.

This island had some points to recommend it as an interim objective in the war. First, it was part of the Italian home territory. Second, the force that controlled Sicily, also protected sea lanes in the western Mediterranean Sea. Third, an attack on Sicily might well force the Axis forces to lessen the pressure on the "Eastern Front" (the Soviet Union) by transferring troops to the Mediterranean theater. One other argument for invading Sicily was that there were already Allied troops in North Africa, troops who would be looking for a mission.

One of the American divisions earmarked for the first landings on European soil was the 45th Infantry

Division, a Guard Division from Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Oklahoma. The 45th had been one of earliest mobilized National Guard divisions. Mobilized in 1940, the division had participated in the Louisiana maneuvers, and had been trained longer than most American divisions.

When the 45th was mobilized, its shoulder sleeve insignia was an Indian religious symbol that was remarkably similar to the Nazi Swastika, so the old insignia was changed to a Yellow thunderbird on a red square.

German and Italian troops defended Sicily against the invasion. The Italians were, on the whole, unmotivated and poorly armed, however, intelligence reports indicated that there were more than 300,000 enemy troops on the island. This would not be a "walk over."

In the early morning hours the Thunderbirds descended into their landing craft. The pre-dawn darkness was ripped by two enemy searchlights pointing out targets for their anti-ship guns on the beach. Navy guns soon knocked out the lights. Guns from the Navy continued to pound the shoreline, as American infantrymen moved toward the beach. Modified landing craft fired salvos of rockets at the unseen

enemy, momentarily lighting the sky.

High waves and beach conditions made the landings themselves hazardous. Some boats beached incorrectly, some hit sand bars far from the land, forcing the soldiers inside to swim for the beach without their equipment, and some over eager sailors dropped the ramps of their LCVs (Landing Craft, Vehicle, Personnel) too soon. Soldiers were forced to wade through neck-deep water to dry ground. Even with these complications, troops of the 179th Infantry from Oklahoma were on the beach by 3:45 a.m. Colorado's 157th Infantry landed on "Bailey's Beach" at 4:20 a.m., and Oklahoma's 180th Infantry landed at "Wood's Hole Beach" 14 minutes later. All three regiments of the 45th division were ashore before sunrise.

Resistance on the beach was mercifully light since the landings, though timely, were disorganized. Troops were put ashore far from their initial objectives, and it took hours for some regiments to collect all their men for the move inland. By the end of the day the Thunderbirds controlled the beachhead in their sector and were preparing to move inland to capture their follow-on objectives. The fight for Sicily was not over, it was only beginning.

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# TRAINING

## Bringing media to war



**LIVE FROM THE FRONT** - A briefing officer addresses DoD Media Pool reporters covering an exercise from the Mojave Desert. Air and Army Guard commanders are already receiving training on how to handle media in the field.

Photo courtesy of the Department of Defense

Commanders, like it or not, must win the battle, and the hearts of a viewing audience

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**I**n the 1990s, Americans have come to expect that journalists, especially television crews, have the technology and authority to go anywhere they want - including a battlefield where U.S. troops might be in harm's way.

The most vivid example of this phenomenon developed during Desert Storm when a wartime peak of 600 to 700 civilian journalists taxed the patience and logistics capability of military forces who coped with anxious reporters intent on covering a war for a worldwide audience that wanted immediate news. Based in large part on the Gulf War experience, the entire military, not just its public affairs community, is learning to be better prepared for the realities of go-anywhere, broadcast-anytime news organizations.

A new training ground for this environment is the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Chaffee, Ark., where the Army is taking the lead with its Media on the Battlefield program. As combat units work their way through the complex tactical scenario, Army National Guard and Army Reserve Public Affairs Detachments (PADs) around the country join the exercise play in realistic situations that put the media on the front lines.

Public affairs unit members get to practice their media escort skills under tactical conditions with any civilian journalists who visit the training center. They also double as civilian journalists who can be inserted into exercise play in circumstances that place Army unit commanders and others face-to-face with combat-savvy reporters who know how to ask meaningful questions.

The fourth PAD to cycle through this kind of training was New York's 138th Detachment commander Maj. Paul Fanning was pleased with the opportunity it provided his troops. "My concern was that we weren't ready for the big time. It turns out we were. Coming to Fort Chaffee

was great because we're in on the beginning of something very new and very big for the Total Force."

To keep things realistic, everyone wears MILES gear and PAD members are evaluated on their ability verify media credentials, get reporters and their equipment into the field at the right place at the right time, and to assist reporters in gathering their information without violating operational security. When the JRTC re-

opens in the fall at its new location, Ft. Polk, La., this kind of media training will continue.

Much further behind the scenes, officials within the Department of De-

fense, Joint Chiefs of Staff and the public affairs offices of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force are developing new documents that address the realities of "live from the front." Broadly stated, the new guidance explains that civilian journalists will be part of future military operations and that operational plans must include provisions to support media visits.

The Army was first with a revision to

its FM 46-1, "Public Affairs Operations," the doctrine that explains how journalists are part of military events. The Department of Defense is writing a new Public Affairs Directive and new Public Affairs Doctrine. These documents will provide joint arena doctrine and concepts on public affairs-related logistics, communications, transportation and access by the media to troops in the field. Publication of these documents is expected in 1994.

The Department of Defense public affairs office also is completing a Fact File designed to provide journalists with plain-language, single-page fact sheets about military equipment (how much does an M-1 tank weigh?), military organizations (is a division bigger than a battalion?) and other operational matters (what does airland battle mean?). Answering these technical questions absorbed a huge amount public affairs manpower during the Gulf War. The new Fact File is a lessons-learned response to this need for information.

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