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## New guidelines to help those hit by Guard cutbacks

By Capt. Phil Blahut  
National Guard Bureau

For those members of the National Guard who might lose their drill status or full-time military assignment because of cutbacks in the Department of Defense, the result of helping to win the Cold War has produced the possibility of an ironic end to their military career.

Personnel officials within the Army and Air National Guard are busy developing new policy guidelines that will help take the sting away from Guardmembers who could face a layoff.

"The National Guard is trying to keep every quality M-Day and Active Guard Reserve (AGR) soldier in the force," assured Lt. Col. James Scott, chief of the Army Guard's Special Actions Branch. "It is very expensive to hire, train and maintain a member."

Personnel officers like Scott, and his counterparts in the Air Guard, are working with new Congressional legislation which directs the Defense Department to provide separation benefits to Guardmembers similar to those offered to active duty personnel, and with Guard-unique policies which will help manage the size of the future M-Day and full-time force.

The impact will be the greatest in the Army Guard where the overall strength is projected to be reduced from an authorized num-

# Policy focuses on conduct

## Homosexual edict applies to Guardmembers

Following extensive review, Congressional hearings and public discussion, the Department of Defense has established new policy regarding homosexuality and military service. The changes, directed by President Clinton, apply throughout the Total Force, including the Army and Air National Guard.

In a July 19 memorandum to the Services, Secretary of Defense Les Aspin wrote: "The Department of Defense has long held that, as a general rule, homosexuality is incompatible with military service because it interferes with the factors critical to combat effectiveness, including unit morale, unit cohesion and individual privacy. Nevertheless, the Department of Defense also recognizes that individuals with a homo-

sexual orientation have served with distinction in the armed services of the United States."

"Therefore, it is the policy of the Department of Defense to judge the suitability of persons to serve in the armed forces on the basis of their conduct. Homosexual conduct will be grounds for separation from the military services. Sexual orientation is considered a personal and private matter, and homosexual orientation is not a bar to service entry or continued service unless manifested by homosexual conduct."

Briefly, the major policy changes include:

- Service men and women will be judged based on their conduct, not their sexual orientation.

- The practice of not asking about sexual orientation in the enlistment procedures will continue.

- An open statement by a servicemember that he or she is a homosexual will create a rebuttable presumption that he or she intends to engage in prohibitive conduct. But the service-member will be given an opportunity to refute that presumption, in other words, to demonstrate that he or she intends to live by the rules of conduct that apply in the military service.

- All provisions of the Uniformed Code of Military Justice will be enforced in an even-handed manner as regards both heterosexuals and homosexuals. Just as was the case under the previous policy, unacceptable conduct, either heterosexual or homosexual, will not be tolerated.

Personnel officials in the Army and Air National Guard are working with their counterparts in the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Army and Air Force to develop more complete implementing instructions for these changes.

## Tennessee mourns adjutant general

Approximately 1,000 relatives and friends said goodbye to Maj. Gen. Jerry R. Wyatt, Tennessee's 71st Adjutant General, at a funeral service held in Brownsville, Tenn.

The 53-year-old died July 6 as a result of a brain aneurysm. The man who led 17,000 troops elicited this tribute from a local newspaper: "A brain aneurysm did what Viet Cong bullets could not."



Maj. Gen. Wyatt

Chaplain Charles McCaskey eulogized Wyatt by telling a story about a young soldier that had been involved in a training accident. The soldier survived, but three of his friends were killed. Wyatt told McCaskey: "Chaplain, your responsibility throughout this day is to take care of that young man. Shepherd him, and make sure he is not overcome by anyone or anything."

Another legacy Gen. Wyatt leaves to



Photo courtesy of the Tennessee National Guard

**LAST RESPECTS-** Members of the Tennessee Guard lined up to give one last salute to their adjutant general.

the Tennessee Guard is one of commitment to community, state and nation. He liked to call the Guard, "Tennessee's community-based defense force."

Military honors during the interment service included a 13-gun cannon salute for a major general, a 21-gun rifle salute for a fallen comrade, a flyover of Tennessee Air Guard C-130's and a missing man flyover of Tennessee Army Guard helicopters.

Wyatt was appointed the Adjutant General of Tennessee by Governor Ned McWherter June 1, 1991. He has been replaced by acting Adjutant General Brig. Gen. William D. Jones.

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# COMMENTARY

## Counterdrug Update

• As of Aug. 12, 4,133 Army National Guard and 913 Air National Guard personnel were on counterdrug support duty in all 54 states and territories.

• As of Aug. 12, the total value of cash and drugs seized by police this fiscal year, with Guard's assistance, is \$26 billion, including almost \$9.17 billion in cocaine.

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## The drug war is winnable

By CMSgt. Craig Collins

National Guard Bureau Drug Demand Reduction Program

America is caught up in the most pervasive drug epidemic in history. This epidemic threatens the health, economy, general well being and the very future of this nation.

Recently, I attended the National Interagency Counterdrug Institute where I learned more about an organization called Mantua Against Drugs (MAD) and its founder Herman Wrice. Wrice has developed a process that has helped clean out drug dealers from Philadelphia and other cities across the country. In California, Georgia, Illinois, Mississippi and Pennsylvania, crack houses shut down by Wrice and his MAD volunteers have been demolished and hauled away by the National Guard.

Next, I visited Philadelphia to find out more about the Wrice process. MAD volunteers confront drug dealers directly and reclaim their right to live in a safe and peaceful neighborhood.

"It's another night; let's go stop the bleeding," Wrice commanded to his volunteers as they were joined by a Philadelphia police captain and a growing number of neighborhood residents. Wearing trademark white construction hats, Wrice and his volunteers walk the streets in drug neighborhoods.

As we walked, community members cheered from front porches. The group stopped at several known crack houses. Suddenly, the lights inside grew dim; this dealer would be forced to move to a new area. A goal of the Wrice process, to confront dealers with a message that says local residents won't tolerate their running a drug market. Wrice's process hinges on the reality of the marketplace - buyers know where the drug sellers are. If residents reoccupy the locations where sales take place, buyers do not come near that location.

During MAD's first three weeks of operation, 14 crack houses were closed. "Wanted" posters with pictures of the dealer of the week were circulated. Since its beginning, more than 500 crack houses have been closed.

I realize the drug problem will not go away any time soon. The economic and human costs of this drug epidemic are too staggering to ignore. Experts estimate its costs more than \$177 billion each year.

After seeing the process of neighbors banding together to fight drug abuse, I'm convinced the war on drugs is winnable. The victory will involve change, especially a change in attitudes of young people who must hear the clear, unequivocal message that drug use is unhealthy and unlawful.

Changing attitudes is what the Guard Drug Demand Reduction Program is all about. Guardmembers throughout the nation are involved in various youth programs in their communities.

If you're not already involved, you can make a difference.

## LETTERS

### WANTS COVERAGE

I would like to say I'm very impressed with *The On Guard* newspaper. It is very informative and interesting. It was my first time reading *The On Guard*, and it was so interesting, I read every article.

Question: Do you cover the District of Columbia Guard?

SpC. Portia McCrary  
Washington D.C. National Guard

**Editors Note:** We try to provide coverage of as many National Guard units as possible. We rely heavily on articles, photos and information provided to us by state and unit public affairs offices. Units and individuals are welcome to send information to *The On Guard* at any time.

### SEEKS EMPLOYMENT

I read your article in the August 1993 edition of *The On Guard* newspaper. I'm a former member of the Pennsylvania National Guard and a recently discharged veteran of the U. S. Army. I would like to apply for an AGR position as an armorer or motor vehicle mechanic with the Army/Air Guard in any state. Please advise as to where I can apply.

Patrick J. McCole  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**Editor's note:** Several readers called or wrote to *The On Guard* regarding the an article about AGR job fairs. The starting point for anyone interested in applying for a full-time position is the Support Personnel Management Office in your state headquarters. Officials in the SPMO have information about AGR and military technician job vacancies. They also are connected to nationwide

job listings within the Guard.

### WATCHING THE CLOCK

Readers of an article in the August edition titled "Honoring their past," may have been confused by a historical date and time reference to World War II's D-Day.

A memorial ceremony conducted by the 1st Battalion, 115th Infantry, Maryland National Guard at Fort Dix, N.J., started at 6 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time. That local time coincided with the late morning in Europe when the 115th first went ashore at Normandy. The distinction of "first in" belongs to another unit of the 29th Division, Virginia's 116th Infantry, which landed early in the morning of June 6, 1944.

Together, units of the Maryland, Virginia and District of Columbia National Guard that made up the 29th Division took heavy casualties during the invasion and later in the war, earning a place in history for their efforts.

### GIVING DUE CREDIT

The August 1993 edition of *The On Guard* incorrectly listed the author of a page two article titled "STARBASE does make a difference." The author of the article was Ms. Patricia Church, deputy director of the Michigan STARBASE program.

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# DRUG USE IS LIFE ABUSE





# IN THE NEWS

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## Humanitarian teams selected

### STATES INVOLVED

**ALABAMA**  
131st Public Affairs Detachment  
**ARIZONA**  
855th Military Police Co.  
**ARKANSAS**  
Company A, 39th Supply and Transport Bn.  
**CALIFORNIA**  
670th Military Police Co.  
**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
715th Public Affairs Detachment  
**ILLINOIS**  
258th Quartermaster Co.  
Company C, 634th Field Support Bn.  
**MINNESOTA**  
Company C, 134th Field Support Bn.  
**MISSOURI**  
Company A, 203rd Engineer Bn.  
**NEW YORK**  
138th Public Affairs Detachment  
**NORTH CAROLINA**  
Company A, 505th Engineer Bn.  
**OHIO**  
196th Public Affairs Detachment  
**OKLAHOMA**  
1245th Transportation Co.  
**PENNSYLVANIA**  
Company G, 104th Aviation Bn.  
**PUERTO RICO**  
544th Military Police Co.  
**TENNESSEE**  
268th Military Police Co.  
**TEXAS**  
Company E, 149th Aviation Bn.  
**WISCONSIN**  
832nd Medical Co.

*Units from 17 states placed on call to respond to worldwide crises*

Army National Guard units from 17 states have a new assignment in the Total Force - to provide support to any overseas humanitarian mission directed by the President.

Chief of the National Guard Bureau Lt. Gen. John B. Conaway described the Humanitarian Support Unit Program as a way that select Army Guard units can be called to federal active duty for commitment to humanitarian trouble spots for up to 45 days. Members of these units would volunteer for the missions and must be ready for deployment within 72 hours. The active duty drawdown, coupled with recent emergencies in Haiti and Somalia, has placed greater strategic importance on the National Guard and led to the establishment of this program.

While National Guard volunteers have been involved in supporting humanitarian missions in an annual training status, the new program streamlines the process and permits short-notice utilization of specific

units. The identified units represent skills often needed for humanitarian missions: medical, aviation, engineer, transportation, military police, logistics and public affairs.

When called, a unit will deploy with its necessary organic equipment, drawing additional gear and supplies from active duty sources. No Guard equipment would be prepositioned to support the Humanitarian Support Unit Program. Airlift for personnel would come from Air Force assets, which could include Air National Guard aircraft.

Volunteers will be in Title 10 status, eligible for standard federal benefits provided to anyone who serves on active duty for 30 days or more. This includes provisions of the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act.

The plan initially uses 18 units from 17 states. Additional units will be added as potential missions are identified. Volunteers from within a state can be cross-leveled into a deploying unit as required. The program has been in development for more than a year in coordination with the Department of Army, Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Secretary of Defense.

## NATIONAL BRIEFS

### COL. WILLIAM BILO SELECTED AS ARMY GUARD DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Col. William C. Biló, a member of the Maryland Army National Guard since 1974, has been appointed as the Deputy Director of the Army National Guard.

Biló's new position will require him to oversee the Army Guard's operations in 50 states and four U.S. territories.

"I'm proud to say that Maryland's loss will be the nation's gain," said Maryland Governor Donald Schaefer.

Biló assumed the post in August.

"I look forward to be part of the team that is going to reorganize and resource the National Guard to ensure it is capable to meet new national and international challenges," Biló said.



Col. William Biló

### M60 STATIC DISPLAYS

The U.S. Army currently has a large number of basic M60 tanks available for use as static displays, museum displays or hard target programs.

The cost for any required demilitarization and transportation of the vehicle from source of supply will be the responsibility of the customer.

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

### FREE RESUME HELP

The Non-Commissioned Officers Association now offers a free resume-listing service to veterans, family members and Department of Defense civilians seeking employment.

The service is called the "People Bank/Resume Registry."

Using NCOA's unique "mini-resume," a job seeker's qualifications are entered into a computer data base that can be accessed by hundreds of companies across the nation.

Membership in the NCOA is not required, and no rank or grade restrictions apply. For a mini-resume, contact your local NCOA Service Center or write to: NCOA, Attn: Veterans Employment Assistance Program, P.O. Box 33610, San Antonio, TX 78265.

## Nevada 'recon' squadron gets 'sidewinder' missiles

The Nevada Air Guard's 152nd Reconnaissance Group, the last organization to use Vietnam-era Phantoms for aerial photography, will be sporting AIM-9 missiles, giving the unit air defense capability for the first time.

It was a long battle to get there.

Capt. Jeff Turney, the group's weapons and tactics officer, said getting permission to modify the aircraft for the "Sidewinder" missiles took five years and a lot of hard work. "Every other airplane has self-defense capability," Turney noted.

The Air Guard members have been training for years to overfly and photograph targets in enemy territory. The photos provide critical intelligence to Air Force commanders and can be a decisive factor in a military operation.

But the Phantoms have relied on their speed to escape a confrontation with an enemy fighter, or on protection from other aircraft. The Air Force had vetoed arming the RF-4Cs because of concerns that reconnaissance pilots might forget their mission and engage in dog-fights with an enemy.

The unit argued for the missiles, claiming they would provide more flexibility for the crews and more safety



Photo courtesy of the Nevada National Guard

**MISSILE MOUNT - Nevada Guard crews work on home-designed mounting for the AIM-9 missile.**

for the mission itself if escort aircraft were not available.

When the 152nd was called up for Operation Desert Shield, pilots arrived on the island of Bahrain in the Persian Gulf with their RF-4Cs packing two AIM-9 missiles. The squadron's planes were stripped of their missiles to conform with their Air Force counterparts. Nevada's aerial reconnaissance planes flew over hostile territory for the duration of the war without any armament.

Turney expects all remaining RF-4C aircraft to be modified this year.

He says Nevada pilots are pleased. "We're not always escorted," Turney said. "It's been a long time coming."

## Catalog purchases can be made via 'deferred payment'

*AAFES makes  
shopping easier*

Exchange customers will be able to use the Deferred Payment Plan, or "DPP," to pay for catalog purchases beginning with the new Fall/Winter '93 All Services' Exchange Mail Order Catalog.

The new catalog previewed at all military exchanges beginning this summer.

Authorized exchange customers can reserve a copy now by calling toll-free (in the United States) 1 (800) 527-2345, or by writing to Exchange Catalog Sales, P.O. Box 660211, Dallas, TX 75266-0211.

The catalog, which includes a \$5 coupon good on the first order of \$25 or more, costs \$3. Customers also may place orders through the free, electronic in-store ordering program available only at AAFES main stores.

Authorized customers include active duty members of all military services, as well as National Guard and reserve members and retirees. Anyone with exchange privileges can use the catalog.

The new catalog features 528 pages of items from around the world. Clothing, jewelry, cameras, hi-fi/video equipment, home appliances and sporting goods are all available. This catalog also includes expanded lines of toys, giftware and furniture.

An exercise trainer for people confined to a wheelchair is a new addition to the home health-care category.

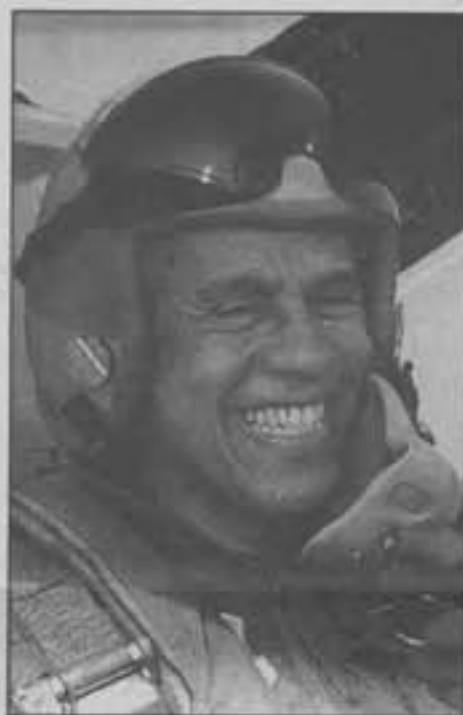
## Here's looking at you



Spc. Steve Poston (right photo) peers through a truck wheel after packing a bearing. Sgt. Donald Wilson (above) sits atop a Bradley Fighting Vehicle. Both, with the South Carolina Army Guard, pulled their two weeks at Fort Stewart, Ga.



Photos by MSgt. Philip H. Jones



## Virginia governor soars in an F-16

Virginia Governor L. Douglas Wilder likes to be in control, but he gladly takes a back seat to the pros when it comes to flying an F-16.

Wilder recently became the first governor in the 46-year history of the Virginia Air Guard to fly in a Guard fighter aircraft.

"I gained a healthy respect for both the mental and physical demands on our fighter pilots," said Wilder, a Korean War veteran who holds a Bronze Star for valor.

Acting on a long-standing invitation, he took an 80-minute flight on June 8 with Col. William C. Jones Jr., commander of the 192nd Fighter Group.

The high-flying governor did some ma-

neuvers over the Dare County, N.C., bombing range in the Outer Banks before heading over the Atlantic to break the sound barrier.

Above the range, Jones invited the governor to take the controls. Wilder tipped the stick to the side and put the plane into a roll. Coming out of the roll, Jones decided it was time to lend a hand.

"They say sometimes you don't know whether you're straight, sideways or upside-down," Wilder said. "Quite frankly, I was at that point."

For someone unaccustomed to flying in jet fighters, the governor held up well under the multiplied forces of gravity, Col. Jones said. After the flight, Wilder was made an honorary member of the "9G Club."

But did the Governor really do 9G's? "Well," Jones said, "he got more than halfway there."

**INTO THE 'WILDER' BLUE YONDER - Virginia Governor L. Douglas Wilder smiles before taking off in an F-16.**

## TRANSITION From Front Page

ber of 423,000 in 1993, to a projected strength of 410,000 next fiscal year. Air Guard numbers for the same time period are from 119,000 to 117,000. States will work to absorb most of the cuts via attrition and retirements. However, in some locations, especially where units are being reduced or eliminated, follow-on assignments will not be available for all Guardmembers.

As a result of the potential cuts, the National Guard has developed alternatives such as the recent AGR job fairs which are designed to encourage AGR members in states losing force structure to take assignments in gaining states (see article in the August "On Guard"). Coupled with the Guard's programs are Congressionally-mandated transition benefits designed to help those who cannot accept transfer to a distant unit.

The key to any member's success is to remain "retention eli-

gible," according to Scott. "In a generic sense," continues Lt. Col. Richard J. Krimmer, chief of the Army Guard military personnel division officer branch, "retention eligibility means you have met the military and civilian education requirements for your rank and have taken the steps necessary to be competitive amongst your peers. It is up to the military member to insure that their records reflect these achievements."

The new policies begin with tactics that create the least disruption to the member - usually a transfer to a unit within a reasonable commuting distance (typically a one-hour's drive). Those who refuse transfer to a position within the reasonable distance will not be eligible for transition benefits. Members may volunteer for reassignment beyond the reasonable distance.

The Army Guard AGR program is using attrition and transfers, coupled with a hiring freeze, to balance the needs in each state.

"The Army AGR attrition rate, nationwide, is 5 to 6 percent," explains Scott. "The normal attrition rate, and a hiring freeze, have allowed us to meet our needs."

The Air

Guard has about 500 individuals affected this year," according to Lt. Col. Ken Wiggins, chief of the Air Guard's personnel management division. "In our plan, the financial (transition) benefits are mainly directed at involuntarily separated enlisted personnel."

Both the Army and Air National Guard will be implementing transition programs for M-Day personnel who face losing their assignment. However, only the Army National Guard will implement the program for Title 32 AGR members. For the Army Guard, transition benefits will be available only to soldiers who lose their positions because of unit inactivations or reorganizations.

Because the policies, regulations and laws governing transition benefit programs are complex, individuals are strongly urged to contact knowledgeable personnel officials within their units and states for complete details. This article only highlights some of the key points in the program.

## TRANSITION BENEFITS

- Two years commissary and PX/BX privileges.
- Continued eligibility for Montgomery G.I. Bill.
- 1-year priority placement in Reserve Component units.

### Special Benefits:

- Separation Pay (for those with 6 to 15 years of service).
- Early Qualification for Retired Pay (15 Year Retirement Letter).
- Special Separation Pay (for those with 20 or more years of service).





# PEOPLE

## Adopting a school

SSgt. Chris Bell spends his time tutoring fifth graders

By Sgt. Diane L. Farrow  
Ohio National Guard

When fifth grade teacher Jennifer Dunn suggested to Bethany Bell that her father would be a good role model for fellow school mates, Beth could only giggle.

"He'll just play with them in the hallway," she said.

That was more than two years ago. And although Ohio's SSgt. Chris Bell does spend time with Mrs. Dunn's fifth grade class in the halls of Clinton Elementary, "playing" is hardly an accurate description of his efforts.

Bell, unit supply sergeant for the 684th Medical Company, has been tutoring students two hours every Monday afternoon since the fall of 1991. He chose to assist the students at Clinton Elementary because he lives in the Clintonville area and because his four children have attended, are attending, or will attend the school. His unit adopted Westerville North High School.

While Bell works full time with his unit, his wife, Geri, works at home raising



Photo by Sgt. Diane L. Farrow

Aaron, 13; Beth, 10; Maggie, 8; Katie, 5; and Chastity, their 13-year-old foster daughter. A true family man, Bell's desire to keep his home a happy one far outweighs even his career ambitions.

In 1989, he accepted a full-time position in the Port Clinton area which offered a promotion to sergeant first class. Nine months later, when his family realized their initial unhappiness brought on by the move wasn't improving, Bell decided to look for another job back in Columbus. It was only a matter of weeks before he found the supply position with the 684th.

"We're very happy living in Clintonville. I grew up here. In fact, we live in the same house I grew up in," Bell said. He also spoke of his deep respect for the teachers and administrators at his

children's elementary school.

Without question, both he and Geri are very devoted to their children, believing in total parental involvement in all aspects of their lives.

"Kids whose parents don't care, don't care themselves," he said.

Mrs. Dunn, who was Aaron's second and fifth grade teacher, knew Bell would be an ideal mentor because of his continued support of the school and its activities. Her suggestion, combined with today's reality of single-parent homes, convinced Bell that many Clinton students could benefit from a positive male role model.

Dunn explained that last year Bell was needed because several students were lacking a male influence in their lives.

"He worked hand over fist with a couple

**TUTORING** - SSgt. Chris Bell helps fifth-grader Tanisha Golson with a history lesson.

boys," she said.

This year, he's primarily been helping out students who are behind in their studies. Usually three to seven students leave the classroom during silent reading time to work through problem subjects with "Mr. Bell." He moves around the table, from student to student, figuring math calculations one moment and correcting spelling errors the next.

"He helps me with a whole bunch of different classes," said Matt Munro. Rather than trying to catch up by himself, Matt said he definitely prefers working with the helpful sergeant. "It's more fun with Mr. Bell. It's easier, faster to get caught up."

Bell also brings his experience as a Guardmember into his mentoring role. "After spending last year's annual training supporting the engineers in Jamaica, I gave a presentation to the whole class so they would know the kind of humanitarian aid the Ohio Guard provides," he said.

"The class spends a lot of time keeping up with the world situation, like what's going on with Bosnia and Somalia," said Dunn. "When Mr. Bell comes in, the kids get to see that people in the military are just regular people."

"He even taught me everything I know about compasses," she added, referring to a two-day nature camp the Bells chaperoned last spring. The instructor who was assigned to show the kids how to run a land navigation course appeared a bit confused, so Staff Sergeant Bell offered to take over the class.

When asked how long he plans on working with the fifth grade, Bell just smiled and said, "Well, I've still got two kids to go."



Photo by Sgt. Susana Allende

## Keeping law and order in the family

By Sgt. Susana Allende  
Puerto Rico National Guard

These days, everyone would like to have a live-in policeman. The Wilkins family has two.

1st Sgt. Fernando Wilkins, a native Panamanian, is in the California Army Guard. His son, Spc. William Wilkins, is in the unit that his father helps lead.

"The fact that my son is in the same unit doesn't mean that he receives preferential treatment," revealed the elder Wilkins. "The Army does not create special rules for family or related members — all are treated equally."

Twenty-five years ago Wilkins joined the military. William followed his father's footsteps three years ago.

"We have a very close-knit relationship, but he still

**FAMILY AFFAIR** - 1st. Sgt. Fernando Wilkins inspects his son William.

yells at me, that never changes," stated the younger Wilkins.

Undergoing their annual training at Fort Clayton, Panama, the 670th traveled with 45 service members to Wilkin's native land. The 670th was in Panama as part of a program that rotates military police units into U.S. Southern Command to assist the active component units providing law enforcement support and security for U.S. military personnel and their families.

The 670th also was the first unit to respond to the riots caused by the Rodney King trial.

"This was the most challenging experience ever lived between father and son. Working side-by-side with my son made me feel very proud of his development, maturity and expertise," said Wilkins.

Based on its service during this crisis, the 670th was selected from 19 other units from California to receive the Humanitarian Service Unit Citation.

# Keeping the flood at bay

Once again the National Guard was the answer for a country in need of help

**S**gt. William Hill wiped away a tear as he accepted yet another soft drink from a resident of the flood-stricken area of Manhattan, Kan.

"I can't believe these people," said Hill of the Kansas

Army Guard. "They are about to lose everything and they stop what they're doing to bring me food or a drink. It's incredible."

The same could be said about the National Guard's response to one of the most devastating floods in the history of the United States. By early August, close to 9,000 Guardmembers from several states had been called upon to contain flood water.

The flooding began in June after months of above-average precipitation in Minnesota and Wisconsin. According to the Illinois State Water Survey, 1993 has been the wettest spring and early summer ever recorded in the upper Mississippi River basin.

From Illinois came the largest contin-



Photo by Spc. Nicole Smith  
**RELIEF-** Illinois Army Guardmembers (left) shore up a point in their home state. Ohio's Spc. Ryan Adkins (above) gives out purified water to a flood victim.

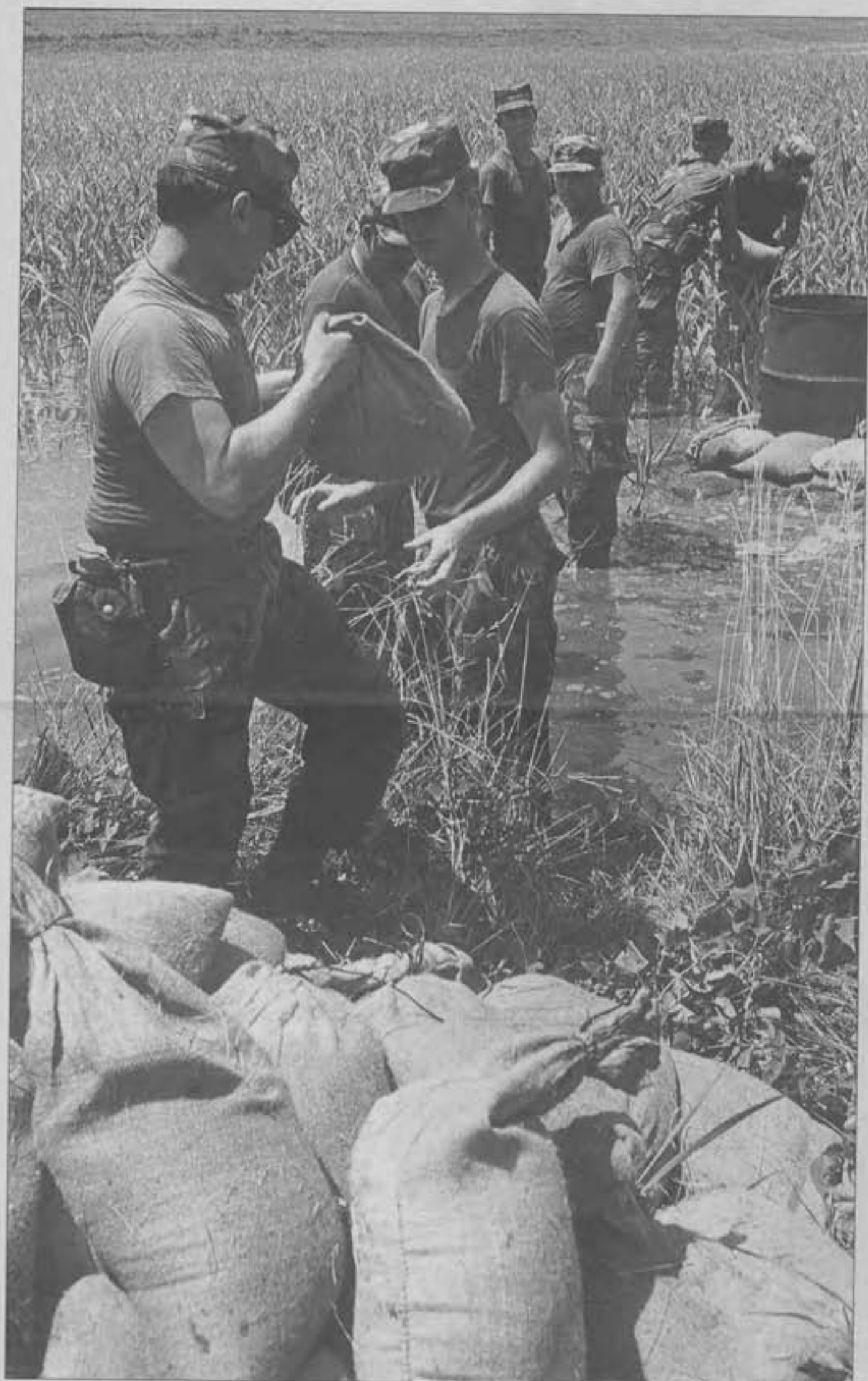


Photo courtesy of the Illinois National Guard



gent of Guardmembers, totaling close to 5,000. Not since the civil disturbances of the late 1960s and early 1975, had so many Illinois citizen-soldiers answered the call.

In the seven affected states (Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Nebraska and South Dakota), the extent of damage has been astronomical. According to reports, flooding in the region has killed more than 43 people (including one on-duty Guardsman from Iowa), caused at least \$10 billion in property damage, forced the evacuation of at least 37,700 people, damaged at least 19,000 homes, and left at least 16,000 square miles of farmland under water. Additionally, estimated crop loss was a conservative \$2 billion.

Men and women from Illinois Army and Air Guard units across the state filled sandbags, evacuated citizens, patrolled flooded towns and distributed water along a 580-mile stretch of the river from East Dubuque to south of Jonesboro.

Illinois Governor Jim Edgar estimates some 8 million people, or about 68 percent of the state's population, were affected by the flood.

In Ohio, annual training for 62 Ohio Army Guard soldiers had been anything but typical. After spending four days training at Camp Grayling, Mich., in mid-July, they were deployed to Camp Dodge, Iowa, to provide as much potable water, as fast as they possibly could, for the residents of Des Moines.

At the time, more than 250,000 residents were without drinkable water. Water purification specialists from Alabama, Arkansas and North Dakota joined Ohio with their own purification equipment and storage bladders.

"On the trip over, we were laughing and having a good time on the bus," recalled Spc. Amy L. Magill, a water purification specialist. "Then we saw some of the disaster areas and everyone got quiet. I realized that Iowa had problems, but I didn't know how severe they were."

Many soldiers echoed Magill's feelings. "I was extremely excited when I found out I was coming to help," said Spc. Olivia Guerra, a heavy equipment repair specialist. "This is my country, these are my people, and this is my home."

The pain for the residents of Wisconsin included injury from flash floods and prolonged high water. To ease the problem, Wisconsin Governor Tommy Thompson activated more than 200 Badger State Guardmembers.

Wisconsin's Baraboo River climbed 10 feet in five hours, cresting at 22.9 feet. Flood stage is 16 feet. The flood waters swept vehicles into ditches, killing a 12-year-old boy. Railroad beds disappeared in some places, leaving bent, twisted rails leading to the State Historical Society's Circus World Museum. Flood waters imploded the doors of one factory and carried away a one-ton truck and three fork-lift trucks.

Sgt. Jim Smasal had just arrived at his home in Altoona after completing weekend drill in Abbotsford. "In a half hour I was out of the house," he said as he shoveled sand near the Baraboo torrent.

On July 22, the citizens of Baraboo held an evening "thank you" picnic for the soldiers. The party included a visit from the Governor.

The nightmare for the Iowa Guard started June 28 when a record rainfall in Iowa and Minnesota caused the Mississippi River to crest at 22.4 feet, about 7 feet above flood stage. Residents from Dubuque to Keokuk felt its wrath.

Forty members of Company A and Combat Support Company, 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry, Dubuque, were the first of 4,000 total Iowa Guardmembers ordered to state active duty.

During the next few days, flooding spread throughout the state.

Sgts. Kurt Johnson and Randy Pohl patrolled a dike in Davenport. Their presence did not go unnoticed by local Iowan Kathy Fogler. "We think the Guard is doing a great job," she said. "We see them out walking and driving around. As far as I'm concerned, it makes us feel very safe."

Meanwhile, Johnson watched as Davenport residents provided food and drinks to fellow Guardmembers; some stopped by to talk. As he surveyed the devastation, he shook his head. "If anything good comes out of all this," he said, "it shows there's still some humanity left."

On Independence Day, Battery B, 1/128th Field Artillery of Kirksville, Mo., held the distinction of being the first unit called to help Missouri back on its feet. By August more than half of the state's overall force would be involved.

The flooding also affected a cemetery in Ray County, located near Hardin, Mo., causing caskets and vaults to be dislodged from their graves.

Volunteers from the Missouri Funeral Directors Association and the Ray County Coroner, had retrieved 143 caskets and/or vaults. Several hundred graves were unaccounted for as of early August.

The recovery and identification process, say officials, is very detailed. The funeral directors will meet with families to obtain critical information. That information, along with records from the area funeral homes and the cemetery, is then transferred to the temporary morgue location.

With the help of the Missouri Guard and countless others, volunteers hope is to provide a dignified burial for the deceased.

The flood took its toll on Kansas as well. One soldier lending a hand was Kansas Guardmember Spc. Doug Jensen. "I've made several trips across the water in my 2 1/2 ton truck, but had to stop because the water began to rise again. Those poor people are going to lose everything."

Spc. Chad Porter, also with the Kansas Army Guard, worked the noon-to-midnight shift providing security in an evacuated trailer park near Manhattan. "There was an old woman who just lost her husband and finally decided to leave," he said. "We packed her up as much as possible and took her to Kansas State University where they have a shelter. She'll be better off there. This place is supposed to flood."

Kansas' Spc. Juan Sotelo, says he intends to stay until it's over. "This is what we do in the Guard," he observed. "We're here to help our community when needed, and right now... we're needed."

Illinois' Capt. Jayna Legg, Ohio's Spc. Nicole C. Smith, Kansas' Sgt. Gary Skidmore, Wisconsin's SSgt. Vern Borth, Iowa's Spc. Duff E. McFadden and members of the Missouri state public affairs office contributed to this story.



Photo courtesy of the Illinois National Guard

**UPLOAD - Civilian workers assist in loading an Illinois Army Guard CH-47 Chinook helicopter from the Peoria-based 106th Aviation Battalion. An Iowa Guardmember (below, center photo) shovels sand into a sand bag with the help of a civilian volunteer. (Photo courtesy of the Iowa National Guard)**



Photo courtesy of the Missouri National Guard

**CASKET RECOVERY** - Missouri Guard soldiers were called upon to help retrieve caskets and vaults unearthed from a cemetery in Hardin, Mo.



Photo by Sgt. Gary Skidmore

**TRAFFIC DUTY** - Spc. Juan Sotelo of the Kansas Army Guard directs traffic on the corner of Casement Road and Hayes Drive in Manhattan, Kan.

## Guard Against Drugs

# Tackling illegal drugs

The National Guard continues to chip away at a problem that is destroying America

The National Guard first provided support to counterdrug law enforcement operations in 1977 when volunteers aided lawmen in Hawaii with a marijuana eradication program.

For the next decade, National Guard law enforcement support spread across the United States, in a state

active duty status or incidental to regular training. The situation changed in 1989 when Congress provided specific funding for military counterdrug support operations and mandated three distinct missions for active duty and Reserve component forces:

- The President designated the Department of Defense as the lead federal agency for detection and monitoring of aerial and maritime drug smuggling into the United States.

- The Department of Defense was given the lead role for the development of an effective counterdrug communications network to be used by federal agencies. This assignment largely is finished and the network is in place.

- The role for National Guard support to civilian law enforcement agencies was defined and funded. This mission continues, with each state executing

its own Secretary of Defense-approved providing support under the command and control of the governor.

In addition to support to law enforcement agencies, the Guard has a wide range of separate youth programs that all feature very strong anti-drug themes.

The budget for the National Guard portion of the overall counterdrug military support program has grown from \$40 million in 1989 to \$237 million this year. All of the military's counterdrug efforts are being examined as part of the Clinton administration's "bottom-up review" of the Department of Defense.

During 1992, the Army and Air Guard, using volunteers, supported law enforcement agencies in nearly 6,000 operations with more than 1 million mandays of effort. This year's pace is expected to top the previous 12 months. The estimated street value of illegal drugs seized during 1992, with the assistance of the

## DRUG SUPPORT

- Cargo inspection
- Engineer construction support
- Training of military and law enforcement personnel
- Marijuana and drug laboratory eradication
- Ground and aerial surveillance
- Surface and aerial transportation support
- Aerial and ground reconnaissance
- Ground radar support
- Aerial photo reconnaissance and film processing
- Aerial interdiction support
- Administrative, data processing, logistics and maintenance support

men and women serving in today's Guard, was \$69 billion.

# UP IN SMOKE

Close to 50,000 marijuana plants have not made it to the streets

By 1st Lt. Carter Langston  
Kentucky National Guard

Simple economics is the driving force behind the Kentucky National Guard's support role with law enforcement in counterdrug activities. Kentucky's Guard began its marijuana eradication season, attempting to reduce the supply of the illicit drugs, send prices soaring and decrease demand as a result.

In 1986, the Kentucky Army National Guard, the Kentucky State Police and the U.S. Forest Service began operating from a small room and eradicated marijuana with limited resources. Seven years and 11 agencies stronger, Kentucky's Joint Support Operation has reported destroying 47,235 marijuana plants, found in 700 separate plots and worth more than \$70 million.

The Kentucky Guard, more recently to include the Air National Guard, has supported federal, state and local law enforcement agencies with personnel and equipment as part of the Kentucky Governor's Marijuana Strike Force.

"The National Guard is the force multiplier in support of the Forest Service's counterdrug activities. Alone, we don't have the manpower or the equipment to detect and discourage cultivation on federal land," said Special Agent Harper Corder, U.S. Forest Service law enforcement officer.

With over 700,000 acres of federal land within eastern Kentucky alone, the U.S. Forest Service has been a major player in the Governor's Marijuana Strike Force, because of misperceived grower anonymity on federal land.

Strike Force success is evident in its numbers. Since 1986, the team has reported a steady growth in the number of plants destroyed. In 1986, 28,000 plants were destroyed, while in 1992, 922,965 plants were cut and burned.

"The systematic increase in plants eradicated since 1986 is directly proportional to the support Guard members have provided law enforcement in the

numbers of personnel and equipment," said Capt. Bill Lewis, Kentucky State Police liaison officer.

Eastern Kentucky's mountainous terrain, not conducive to vehicles, creates a "home field advantage" for the growers. Strike Force member and Kentucky State Police Sgt. Jim Tipton said this year's crops are more difficult to find than in previous years because growers are planting in smaller plots scattered over a larger area.

Kentucky National Guard Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Robert L. DeZam, said he is proud to work with a multi-agency cooperative effort that also doubles as a real-world test for tactical training.

"This is but one of the many ways the Kentucky Guard has sought to give its community an increasingly successful counterdrug program," DeZam said.



Photo by 1st Lt. Carter Langston  
**WEED BURNING - A Kentucky Guardmember ignites a stack of marijuana.**



"KEEP KID OFF DRUGS!"





## ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGHS

Colorado, like many states around the country, has taken many positive steps to help educate America's youth about the dangers of drugs. As part of its drug demand reduction effort, the Colorado Guard helped support the Colorado State D.A.R.E. program (left), where more than 5,000 children attended. The Colorado Guard also lent a hand at a youth camp (bottom photo) for ex-gang members and at-risk youth. The camp focused on pursuing positive lifestyle alternatives. The Guard was also on hand (below) at the Laramie River Valley Rendezvous, a program designed to work with teenagers from single parent families. Studies indicate single parent teens are more likely to come in contact with the law.



Photos by SSgt. Ray Roman



## Celebrating a drug-free week

By Sgt. Cindy Loughran  
Washington National Guard

"Hey, look at me, I'm drug free," shouted one young girl as 1,800 youngsters marched up Capitol Blvd., the main street of Olympia, to the steps of the capitol building, for their "Youth Recognition Rally" - a part of Drug-Free Washington Week.

Drug Free Washington Week is an opportunity for education and celebration - educating people about substance abuse prevention and celebrating those involved with efforts against alcohol and substance abuse.

Thirty-nine counties throughout the state participated in the event, coordinated and hosted by the Washington State Substance Abuse Coalition - of which the Washington Guard Drug Demand Reduction is a member.

The children marched along with some of their school bands, cheerleaders, banner holders and athletes, all wearing t-shirts identifying the substance abuse programs they are affiliated with, and brightly colored ball caps with the DFWW logo on them.



Photo by Sgt. Rick Rabe

**MASCOT MANIA** - Bust'R Bear, the Washington Guard's Drug Demand Reduction Program mascot, makes a friend at a recent rally.

The Washington Guard had 72 members volunteer to help in the event.

At the debriefing meeting following DFWW, one teacher on the committee related the story of a youngster who was not drug free, who attended the meeting with some friends who were. The next day, he went to his counselor, telling him he felt guilty by attending the rally and not being drug free - he then asked to go into a program to help him be drug free.

## Putting dealers out of business

Pennsylvania Guard helps confiscate drug vials

By Ann Everest  
Pennsylvania Guard

The machines were running non-stop, 24 hours a day, mass producing an exclusive container, to be distributed throughout the Mid-Atlantic coast. Business was booming for two factories in Warminster, Penn., and Metuchen, N.J.

Successful businesses often gain wide recognition. This one did. In fact, it gained so much recognition, it was shut down.

In the predawn hours more than 400 law enforcement officials, assisted by 23 Pennsylvania Guardmembers, raided the two factories, their storage facilities and local distributors, seizing 100 million crack cocaine vials and arresting 14

people.

"The operation shut down two rival organizations that provided the bulk of crack cocaine vials to drug dealers in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and New York City," said Pennsylvania Attorney General Ernie Preate Jr.

According to Preate, the vials are illegal because they have no other use than as packaging for drugs. Cylindrical in shape, the tiny vials range in size from about 3/4 inch to 1 1/4 inch and are mostly clear plastic, with a colored cap that fits snugly on top.

Preate explained that the raid was an effort to go beyond the normal prosecution of street-level dealers and to eradicate not only drugs, but the tools of the trade. Costing between one and two cents to manufacture, the vials are sold - often in lots of 40,000 - for about 10 cents a vial.

In addition to the vials, police confiscated 26 prop-

erties allegedly used in the drug trade, 16 in Pennsylvania. Also seized were \$1.4 million in cash and 16 cars.

So much was confiscated, the Guard was requested to join forces with other local, state and federal agents.

"We're used to dealing with multi-level operations and large numbers of soldiers," a Guard spokesman explained. "With our experience, we can lend guidance to their operations."

"It's become a reflex action to ask the National Guard to become involved in our operations," remarked Joseph C. Peters, executive deputy attorney general, with the Drug Law Division.

Although the media covered the raid, the Guard's role was kept low key. Apparently letting the "bad guys" get the bulk of the coverage is one way the Guard fights illegal drugs.



## SPORTS

- Calendar guys
- Jolly good shooters
- Meeting the 'Master'

## SPORTS SHORTS



Photo courtesy of TSgt. Jan Brown. Burt (above left), Master Sell, Frederick Perry and Brown.

### New York Guard hosts martial arts seminar

Grandmaster Edward B. Sell, 8th Dan, the highest ranking American recognized by the World Tae Kwon Do Federation, and head of the U. S. Chung Do Kwan Association presided over a seminar at Stewart Air Guard Base, Newburgh, N.Y., where a Chung Do Kwan School has existed for several years.

TSgt. Jan Brown, 3rd Dan and chief instructor of the 105th Martial Arts Group at Stewart, hosted the event. Instructors from schools at 21 U.S. Air Force bases around the country were invited to attend the event. Brown's school, and those 21 schools invited, are all members of the U.S. Air Force Tae Kwon Do Association.

The highlights of the seminar, Brown said, were a lecture by Grandmaster Sell on his views of the martial arts, and a class taught by CMSgt. John Burt, 2nd Dan.

Because of the success of the event, Brown says a future martial arts seminar will be held later this year at Stewart Oct. 8-9.

### Firefighters become calendar pinups

SSgt. Terald Dixon and AIC Milton Sikes, firefighters with the 165th Airlift Group, Ga. were recently selected to pose in a calendar being published by a local Lupus foundation.

Both agreed that the selection process was basically "a Miss America" pageant.

## Cengeri one step faster



Photo courtesy of the Pennsylvania Guard

*Hours after finishing basic training, Pennsylvania private wins a gold*

For Pvt. Steve Cengeri the summer of 1993 has been busy — and rewarding.

Immediately following his graduation from Bethlehem Catholic High School (Pennsylvania) in June, Cengeri — a member of Co. C, 1st Battalion, 111th Infantry (Dutch Associators) — attended the split-option Basic Training at Fort Benning, Ga.

Within 18 hours of returning to Pennsylvania after BCT Aug. 1, Cengeri represented the Lehigh Valley at the 36th

**LEADER OF THE PACK - Pvt. Steve Cengeri (front) motors for the finish.**

International Track and Field/Gymnastics Meet of Slovak Catholic Sokol at Bloomsburg University.

More than 300 athletes from across the U.S. and Canada participated in the event, having qualified in district eliminations throughout May and June.

Proving the PT payoffs, Pvt. Cengeri won a gold medal in the 400 meter dash, a silver in the 200 meter and two bronzes in the 800 and 1,500 meter runs.

A week later Cengeri packed his bags and headed for the Virginia Military Institute at Lexington, Va., where he'll major in electrical engineering. He's also enrolled in VMI's Reserve Officer Training Corps.

Steve is the son of Spc. Bill Cengeri, a military personnel technician for the Pennsylvania Army Guard in Philadelphia.

## Guard shooters put on jolly good show

Queen Elizabeth  
graces Royal Army  
Skill-at-Arms  
shooting match in  
Bisley, England

By 1st Lt. Ellen G. Lampkins  
Arkansas National Guard

It was an event fit for a queen. So she showed up. Queen Elizabeth II was the honored guest for the awards ceremony at the centennial of the Royal Army Skill-at-Arms Meeting held in Bisley, England in July.

"I was more nervous than the day I got married," said Brig. Gen. Robert M. Schulte, the assistant adjutant general of North Dakota. "Then all at once she was here and was so nice that I relaxed right away."

Schulte, the chairman of the Marksmanship Advisory Council, and Maj. Michael K. Clites, the officer-in-charge of the All-Guard International Combat Shooting Team, were presented to the Queen at a gathering of the team captains and other dignitaries.

It was the first visit by a member of the royal family since Queen Victoria opened the matches in 1893.

"It's always nice to see a celebrity," said Clites, who obviously had the day's shooting events on his mind.

Unfortunately, the Queen did not present her medal for the top individual shooter to a member of the National Guard.

However, six Guard shooters were named to the Queen's 50 and an eight-man team took the Fortuna trophy from the British Territorial Army later in the week.

Majs. Bob Beard of Alabama and Jerry Penn of Oklahoma, SFC Kay Anderson of New York, Sgt. Charles Blackwell of Texas and Spc. Ralph Young of Vermont, all of the Army Guard; and TSgt. Ken Strohm of the Ohio Air Guard were



Photo by 1st Lt. Ellen G. Lampkins

**GUNNING FOR A WIN - 2nd Lt. Shannon Saucy (above, right), leads teammates SSgt. Neil Mellor and SFC Kay Anderson on a two-mile run during a section match. The team recently competed in Bisley, England.**

awarded medals for placing in the top 50 individual shooters in the competition.

After the final event for the overall individual title, Blackwell was the top Guard shooter with an eighth-place finish.

"I was most happy with that," Blackwell said. "To end up being the highest shooter on our team, I've never been that before."

"I was always down midway in the pack," he added. "I never could bring my scores up high enough with the top shooters. This time I ended up with them. It was my turn to win something, I guess."

More than 300 shooters from around the world competed in the three-week meeting, including the Royal Australian Army and Navy, the Royal Air Force, Navy, Naval Reserve and Marines, the British Territorial Army and regular Army, the Sultan of Oman's Armed Forces, the Canadian Armed Forces and the U.S. Army Reserve.



# Vowing not to forget

Bruce Prunk carried an MIA bracelet for 20 years. His wait is now over

By 1st Lt. Mike Allegre  
Oregon National Guard

In the fall of 1971, sentiment against the Vietnam War was very high in America. Some who supported Americans serving in the war purchased bracelets with the names of the missing or captured U.S. servicemen. They were to wear the bracelet until that person returned home.

When Maj. Bruce Prunk was a high school senior he bought a silver bracelet engraved with the name of Capt. Douglas C. Condit, an American pilot missing in action. Little did the 142nd Fighter Group's Social Actions officer know that when he pledged to honor Capt. Condit, he would do so for 21 years.



Photo by 1st Lt. Mike Allegre

It was May 26, 1967, when Condit was piloting an F-4 Phantom that was shot down 75 miles north of the Demilitarized Zone in Cambodia. A team of Phantoms attempted to locate their fallen buddy, but were chased off by anti-aircraft fire.

Last May, Condit's half-brother, Don, received news that his younger brother's remains were discovered in the Vietnamese coastal hamlet of Rau But in Quang Binh province. Doug Condit's remains subsequently were identified by Air Force forensic specialists in Hawaii.

It was over.

The Condit family could finally put

Doug's memory to rest.

For Prunk, a lieutenant with the Portland Police Bureau, the sobering news of Condit's demise came after reading a newspaper article. "I had to read the article twice to believe it," Prunk said. "I didn't think I'd ever hear anything."

**"I wanted his family  
to know someone else  
has cared."**

For years, says Prunk, people have asked him about his bracelet. He even discovered that a fellow police officer had attended college at Oregon State University with Condit. "I recently learned that Lt. Col. Carl Hellis and former 114th Fighter Squadron commander, Col. Scott Powell attended ROTC with him at Oregon State."

After more than two decades of faith-

**GRATEFUL RELATIVE** - Maj. Bruce Prunk (left) gave the bracelet he wore for more than 20 years to a very appreciative Lt. Col. (now retired) Jim Condit.

fully wearing the symbol of Condit's MIA status, Prunk says the discovery of his remains has been emotional and satisfying at the same time.

"I wanted his family to know someone else has been paying attention and has cared," said Prunk. "His mom and half-brother never gave up hope and neither did I."

Condit was buried July 24, with full military honors in Forest Grove, Ore. Four F-15s from the Oregon Air National Guard's 123rd Fighter Squadron flew the missing man formation.

During a private moment following the graveside ceremony, Prunk approached Condit's other brother, Lt. Col. James Condit, a retired Air Force officer. He saluted, introduced himself and briefly explained the story of the bracelet.

"Thank you for caring for this so long," Condit said. "I've been looking forward to accepting this for a long time."

It was over, but Prunk says he will buy another bracelet as a reminder to everyone that more Americans are waiting to come home.

*Editor's Note: On Sept. 10, Americans will observe POW-MIA Day, the annual recognition of servicemen who are unaccounted for from all wars. There are 2,248 Americans still missing from Indochina. Joint Task Force-Full Accounting, headquartered in Hawaii, is charged with the mission of accounting as fully as possible for those still missing from the war in Vietnam. Among the missing are two Air Guard aviators from New Mexico and one from Colorado.*



## ROYAL VISIT

Brig. Gen. Robert Schulte (far left), North Dakota assistant adjutant general and Maj. Michael Clites, officer in charge of the National Guard's international combat shooting team, had the honor of meeting Queen Elizabeth II. "I was more nervous than the day I got married," Schulte said. The two were in England watching the Guard's shooting team participate in the Royal Army Skill-At-Arms shooting match. See related story on Page 10.

## NEWS

## MAKERS

**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.

**T**he United States Army Chemical School, Fort McClellan, Ala., recently presented the Maj. Gen. William L. Sibert Award to Maj. Patrick W. Guy and 1st Sgt. Rieke A. Medcalf of the 438th Chemical Company, at the 11th Worldwide Chemical Conference.

**T**Sgt. Gary E. Anderson and SSgt. Louis L. Hugg of the 133rd Civil Engineering Squadron, Minnesota ANG, installed four bookshelves in the Nokomis Public Library Minneapolis during their drill assembly.

Both airmen spent about 70 hours constructing the shelves once the library provided the supplies.

**C**haplain (Capt.) Alphonse Stephenson, of the 170th Air Refueling Group, New Jersey ANG formed his first orchestra in New York's Theater district while he served at Saint Malachy's known as the "Actors Chapel," a place where he introduced young people to good music.

In 1980, Stephenson became the conductor and music director of the smash hit, "A Chorus Line" conducting nearly 3,000 performances of the record-breaking musical.

Father Alphonse is also the founder of the Cecilia Foundation, a non-profit organization funded solely through private contributions, which brings the full orchestra to Catholic schools throughout the state.

**T**Sgt. Beverly Jackson, a public affairs NCO with the 111th Fighter Group, based in Willow Grove, Penn., was the recipient of the Federal Executive Board's 1993 Annual Excellence in Government Award for Community Service.

Jackson, a personnel staffing specialist with the Internal Revenue Service in civilian life, helped develop a cooperative learning and mentoring program, called the Lincoln Alliance Mentoring Program. The program took 23 high school seniors and introduced them to real-world work environments with the IRS. As a result, all 23 went on to graduate from high school.

**S**Sgt. Keith Smith and Sgt. Raymond Knowles recently were cited for the apprehension of an assault suspect near the Headquarters of the Rhode Island National Guard. They responded to a woman's scream, ran to her aid, and pursued the suspect for two city blocks, cornering him until police arrived.

Both Guardmembers said their training and physical conditioning were keys to their quick reaction in apprehending the suspect. They were recommended for (Impact) Army Achievement Medals.

**T**he 105th Airlift Group, based in Newburgh, N.Y., released the video "Sometimes a Cause Arises," a 60-minute program that documents the Persian Gulf



Sgt. Raymond Knowles (left) and SSgt. Keith Smith thwart thief.



T Sgt. Beverly Jackson develops program that spurs high school seniors to graduate.



The 162nd Communications Group responded to the riots.



Rodeo Clowning is Spc. Bryan Carson's hobby.

War efforts of 3,500 men and women from 30 units.

The video was written, produced and directed by Lt. Col. (retired) Frank J. Adinolfi Jr.

Original footage for the documentary was shot by the Air National Guard in Kuwait, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Europe and the United States. Additional footage was obtained through military archives, private corporations and New York television stations.

Call (518) 786-4580 or DSN 489-4580 for information.

**M**embers of the 224th Joint Communications Support Squadron, Georgia Air National Guard, recently received the 1993 Secretary of Defense Maintenance Award.

**W**hile the verdict was being reached during the trial of four Los Angeles police officers in the Rodney King case, most Americans heard media reports about hundreds of Army National Guardmembers standing by in armories throughout the Los Angeles area.

What went virtually unreported was the elaborate communications network put in place by the 162nd Communications Group of Sacramento. Members of the 162nd are veterans of providing communications support for a variety of state emergencies, including earthquakes, wildfires, storms and floods.

**C**apt. Christina Daniel, state equal employment opportunity manager for the Kansas National Guard, has earned distinguished graduate honors at the Department of Defense's Equal Opportunity Management Course. Daniel was one of the top four in a class of 66.

"Equal opportunity can be nothing less than a combat multiplier. If we lose a soldier due to prejudice or discrimination, we lose personnel strength," believes Daniel.

**T**he California Air National Guard's 216th Engineering Installation Squadron, based in Hayward, has been selected as the outstanding unit of its kind for 1993 by the National Guard Bureau. The award will be presented in Biloxi, Miss., at the 1993 annual conference of the National Guard Association of U.S.

**S**pc. Bryan Carson, a machine gunner for Company D, 2/137th Infantry (Mech), Holton, Kan., recently completed his two-week annual training at Fort Carson, Colo. Carson has no trouble putting on his camouflage makeup because his hobby is rodeo clowning. Since he was 14-years-old in Oakes, N.D., he's been performing in rodeos.

**S**Sgt. Oakley C. Gillispie, 997th Ordnance Company, during a readiness NCO course conducted at the National Guard Professional Education Center in Arkansas, submitted a research paper deemed "outstanding" by those in the know.

His paper, titled "History of the National Guard, an NCO's Perspective," was acknowledged during his graduation ceremony.



West Virginia engineers move 80,000 cubic yards of dirt to build airstrip at Fort A.P. Hill

# PAVING THE WAY

By SSgt. Jack McNeely  
West Virginia National Guard

**S**FC Larry Bramer could only smile as he watched bulldozers, earth scrapers and dirt packers turn a barren stretch of land into a combat assault airstrip.

"It's a lot more technical than taking dirt from one place and putting it in another place," said Bramer, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the daytime airstrip construction crew.

Bramer and several hundred members of West Virginia Army Guard engineer elements participated in their two-week annual training at Fort A.P. Hill, Va.

At the end of annual training, the 4,000-foot, packed dirt runway could welcome a C-130 cargo plane or the U.S. Army's new C-17 aircraft.

Two 10-man crews worked around the clock, moving more than 80,000 cubic yards of dirt, according to Bramer.

"This is the largest single project I've observed in the U.S. in my 20 years with the Guard," said Maj. David Spencer of Headquarters, 111th Engineer Battalion.

In addition to the main 4,000-foot runway, engineers from the state's trio of units — the 111th, 119th and 1092nd — constructed a 300-foot turnaround overrun on the south end of the runway and 600 feet of overrun on the north.

The engineers were supported during annual training by the 3664th Maintenance Company, members of the 1/150th Armored Cavalry and pilots from the 146th Medical Co. (air ambulance) and 2nd Bn/104th Aviation.

**WORTH SMILING ABOUT - SFC Larry Bramer smiles as he watched bulldozers work on an airstrip.**



Photos by SSgt. Jack McNeely  
**DIGGING IN - Sgt. Orland Greenleaf digs a ditch at Fort A.P. Hill.**

Meanwhile, the second largest engineering project was the construction of a rang berm. The 1,400-foot berm, which separates two firing ranges at Fort A.P. Hill, has a base of 44 feet, is 12 feet high and 12 feet wide at the top.

Nearly 20,000 cubic yards of dirt were moved for the berm project, according to SSgt. David Ferrebee, a member of the dump truck detachment of the 119th Engineer Co. from Clarksburg.

"This is our thing. We haul dirt," said Ferrebee, who noted that an average of 160, 20-ton dump trucks were used each day during the five-day project.

While the engineers were constructing runways and large berms, members of the 1/150th Armored Cavalry joined forces with other engineers in a complex obstacle demonstration.

"This demonstration shows these engineers the importance of using mine fields as obstacles on the battlefield," explained Lt. Col. Bill Raney, commander of the 1092nd Combat Engineer Battalion.

"This is a give-and-take situation for two different units in the West Virginia Army National Guard," he added.



## DID YOU KNOW

### SAVING THE SLEEVE

One of the original purposes of putting ornamental buttons on military uniforms was to keep soldiers from wiping their noses on the sleeves of their dress uniforms.

### WHY A TRIANGLE

The American custom of folding the national flag into a triangular shape — stars showing — is supposed to represent the cocked hat of the American Revolution.

### MUSICAL MIND

The music we now use for Taps has a curious history. Originally, the American Army used the French L'Extinction des Feux (lights out) for Taps. This call — said to have been Napoleon's favorite — did not suit Gen. Daniel Butterfield, of the Army of the Potomac. Without knowing a note of music, Butterfield, with the help of brigade bugler Oliver W. Norton, created Taps one night in July, 1862. Its original use was to signal the end of a day's activities.

### TO THE RIGHT

In walking with a senior or riding in a vehicle, the junior ranking person is on the left. The national flag is carried or displayed on the right of all others. This practice of assigning the right as a point of heraldry, originates from the days when gentlemen carried swords

for protection. The stronger swordsman was given the position of honor (the right) so that his sword arm would be unhampered.

### HATS OFF

Years ago a junior ranking person would remove their headgear in the presence of superiors. With the advent of cumbersome headgear that could not be readily doffed, the act of removing the hat degenerated into a gesture of grasping the visor. It eventually became conventionalized into something resembling a salute.

**Editor's Note:** If you have an interesting fact or tidbit about your unit, or the military, FAX it to us at DSN 289-1924 or (703) 756-0726.



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## MINNESOTA

*Capt. Paula Plum is the first female commander of Minnesota's 34th Military Police Company.*

Plum downplays the fact that she is the first of her gender to command the unit. "I see it as a company command, which is something I think every officer wants in his or her career," she said. "I want to do the best job that I can. That's the bottom line for me."

## NEW YORK

*The Harlem Hellfighters of the New York Army Guard's 369th Transportation Battalion and (before 1917) the 15th Infantry Regiment celebrated their 80th anniversary Aug. 8.*

"I've been coming to this armory since 1937, as a soldier and as a veteran," noted Gladstone A. Dale, national executive vice president of the 369th Veterans' Association. "Every day I am reminded of our history and accomplishments."

## OHIO

*C-130 crews and support personnel from Ohio's 179th Airlift Group have yet to forget their 58-day deployment to Somalia in support of Joint Task Force Provide Relief and Restore Hope.*

The primitive landing strip was not the only surprise. "Being used to the well-coordinated military way of off-loading, it was different to watch barefoot Somalis sing as they picked the 110-pound grain sacks off the pallets and carried them to the

## ALL WIRED

*Sgt. Ken Porter of South Carolina's Company C, 151st Signal Battalion places concertina wire around one of his unit's communication vans during annual training at Travis AFB, Calif. Porter's unit was participating in Operation Bold Standard.*



Photo by MSgt. Philip H. Jones

truck parked behind the tail of the plane," said navigator Maj. Addison Goodell.

"They had a system. Two men lifted the sorghum on to the back of a third, who carried it the 25 feet to the truck," he explained. More than 30,000 pounds were unloaded by hand in a little over 15 minutes.

## OKLAHOMA

*Forty four members of the Oklahoma Army Guard recently completed training to become certified in maintenance of either the CH-47D "Chinook" or the UH-1H "Huey" helicopters.*

The Oklahoma Guard is the only reserve component in the area to provide this type on-site maintenance training at a National Guard facility.

## MONTANA

*Montana wants to claim a first in the nation on behalf of one of its newest members, Amn. David Robbin, a soon-to-be-trained intelligence staffer with the 120th Fighter Group of Great Falls. Robbin was recognized by the Air Combat Command inspecting team as a superior performer during his unit's recent Operational Readiness Inspection.*

## KANSAS

*Col. Ron Tinscher, Kansas Army Guard, has been selected for brigadier general. "The day the Adjutant General informed me I had been selected for promotion," Tinscher said, "I was on duty for floods in Kansas City."*

## ALABAMA



*A bill passed during the 1993 session of the Alabama state legislature that will provide free tuition to members of the Alabama National Guard at any state-supported school. Alabama governor Jim Folsom signed the bill into law in July.*

The new law provides educational benefits to active Alabama Guardmembers who have either completed advanced individual training or been commissioned and are enrolled in a degree-enhancing curriculum.

**BILL SIGNING - Alabama Governor Jim Folsom signs a free tuition bill for Alabama Guardmembers.**

Maj. Gen. James E. Moore, the Alabama adjutant general, a former longtime teacher and principal, was present for the signing. He was joined by the bill's sponsor, state senator Gerald O. Dial, who serves as the deputy commander of the 167th Support Command, based in Birmingham.

Alabama now joins Louisiana as the only states with free tuition programs for Guardmembers at state-supported institutions. With the benefits already available under the new GI Bill and the Alabama National Guard Education Assistance Program, it is anticipated the average annual cost to each school for the program will be less than \$50 per student.





## The National Guard in World War II

# Air Guard claims World War II hero

Ohio Guardmember receives Medal of Honor as combat leader

By Dr. Charles J. Gross  
NGB Air Guard Historian

Ohioan Addison E. Baker was one of two Air Guardmembers to win the Congressional Medal of Honor. His exploits epitomized the most significant contribution of Guard aviation in World War II: training and leading the hordes of volunteers who flooded the ranks of the Army Air Forces (AAF) during that global conflict.

In 1940-1941, Baker was among 4,800 experienced National Guard aviation personnel who were mobilized. They provided a significant augmentation of the Army's rapidly-expanding air arm. Abandoning a plan approved in July 1940 to convert them to pursuit squadrons for the air defense of the United States, the units were stripped of many personnel, especially pilots, and reequipped with modern aircraft. Many of their key people were used by the rapidly expanding AAF as individual fillers.

Baker's talent, courage and sacrifice as a leader shaped one of the new AAF units and earned him a place in history.

Baker's military career had begun in 1929 when he enlisted in the Air Corps' 90th Attack Squadron at Fort Crockett, near Galveston, Texas. Subsequently, he earned his wings and was commissioned in the Air Corps Reserve. Baker served on active duty with the 94th Pursuit Squadron at Selfridge Field, Mich. Following his release from the active ranks, Baker joined the 107th Observation Squadron of the Michigan National Guard in 1936. After moving to Akron, Ohio, he transferred to the 112th Observation Squadron, which was then part of Ohio's 37th Division.

Baker was called into federal service with the 112th in November 1940. Baker and his squadron mates were ordered to Pope Field, N.C. to train for anti-submarine patrol missions. But, Baker's talents were in demand elsewhere. After the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, he was reassigned to a tow target detachment at Pope. Then, in early 1942, he was sent to Barksdale Field, La. to help form the 328th Bombardment Squadron, an element of the AAF's 93rd Heavy Bombardment Group which was to be equipped with brand new B-24Ds. He rose to command the 328th and then the 93rd after they were dispatched to the United Kingdom in May 1942.

On Aug. 1, 1943, Baker commanded his unit, nicknamed the "Traveling Circus," on a daring but ill-fated low-level attack against enemy oil refineries at Ploesti, Rumania. The Ploesti raid, named operation "TIDALWAVE," had been authorized by American and British military leaders at the Casablanca Conference in January 1943. The conference had settled the allied strategy for Europe once Axis forces were expelled from North Africa. At Casablanca, Presi-

dent Franklin D. Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill had agreed that the allies would demand "unconditional surrender" of the Axis powers. Rejecting Soviet demands for a second front in Western Europe that year, and British proposals for an invasion of the Balkans, Roosevelt and Churchill agreed to drive Italy out of the war by first invading Sicily and then attacking the Italian mainland. Apparently to appease Stalin and Churchill, as well as to relieve military pressure on the Red Army and the Allies once they landed in Sicily, the Americans offered to bomb the crucial oil facilities at Ploesti.

To destroy the Ploesti oil complex, the Air Staff proposed a massive attack by B-24s. To achieve surprise, the bombers would maintain radio silence while flying at a low level from bases in North Africa. Since the bombers would be flying a round-trip mission of 2,100 miles, there would be no fighter escort. Ploesti was heavily defended by anti-aircraft guns and German fighter planes. But, execution of the mission was badly flawed. Early on, the element of surprise was lost. The lead B-24 group then made a navigational error as it bore down on Bucharest, not Ploesti. German ground and air defenses were waiting.

Baker was one of the first commanders to react to the crisis. When he saw the smoke from Ploesti's refineries on the wrong side of his aircraft, he wheeled "Hell's Wench" sharply and headed toward the target, from the south, instead of from the west, as had originally been briefed. Although Baker maintained radio silence as planned, the "Traveling Circus" followed. The 93rd flew into withering fire from German anti-aircraft guns. While approaching the target, Baker's B-24 was heavily damaged and set ablaze by a large caliber shell. Baker refused to jeopardize the mission and break up the formation by making a forced landing in his heavily-damaged aircraft. According to Lt. Col. George S. Brown, a future Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, flying on Baker's right wing, suitable terrain



Photo courtesy of NGB Historical Service

**REAL HERO - Medal of Honor winner Lt. Col. Addison E. Baker, pictured in 1943, is one of only two Air National Guardmembers to receive the Medal of Honor.**

was available for "Hell's Wench" to land safely. Instead, Baker led his unit to the target, bombing it with devastating effect. Baker's aircraft then crashed in the target area. For his "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action with the enemy," Baker and his co-pilot, Maj. John J. Jerstad, were each posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

Despite the courage displayed by Baker, the Ploesti raid was considered a failure by some independent observers. Operation "TIDALWAVE" exacted a heavy toll: 54 of 177 bombers were lost and 532 of 1,726 people were listed as dead, missing or interned. Although the Americans heavily damaged the oil complex, the Germans recovered quickly by activating idle capability at Ploesti and making speedy repairs to damaged refineries. Ploesti was ignored until the spring of 1944 because other operations were considered more important.

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# TRAINING



Photo by SFC Wayne T. Iha



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**ALOHA STYLE-** Spc. James Buche (far left photo) radios in a report. PFC Marvin Bulusan (below) perches behind a machine gun. Pvt. Ryan Bravo (left), with a 60mm mortar tube, waits for orders to move.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Steve C. Lai

## Aloha spirit

Steady rain doesn't dampen the spirits of Hawaii's Guard

**M**ore than 1,800 Hawaii Army National Guard soldiers from around the state began their final week of annual training with an eye on improving tactical proficiency and unit cohesion.

Rains from tropical storms Dora and Eugene failed to dampen the spirits of these Aloha State citizen-soldiers.

"Rain or shine, we still must carry on with our mission," said 2nd Lt. Reid Nakamura, of Company C, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, based at Honokaa, Hawaii. "Although the mission comes first, safety is a major concern when we train." Nakamura is a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

In some ways, the rain helped more than it hurt.

"The wet weather is actually a plus for us," said 1st Lt. Wayne Yamashita, executive officer for Company B, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry, based at Kapaa, on the island of Kauai. "The rain keeps the troops cool during nuclear, biological and chemical training when they wear masks and chemical protective suits."



Photo by SFC Wayne T. Iha

The emphasis this year is on platoon and squad level training. Soldiers improved their combat skills, including weapons firing, land navigation using a map and compass, NBC, bayonet assault and night operations.

More than 900 soldiers from the 1st and 2nd Battalions, 299th Infantry, returned home to the islands of Kauai,

**GETTING TO THE POINT-** SSgt. Orlando Mateo (above, right) shows Sgt. Cesar Dullaga how to attack a bayonet assault dummy.

Maui, Molokai and Hawaii in late July aboard Air Guard C-130 Hercules from Hickam AFB.