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## Army Guard aviators given landmark mission

*Complete responsibility of three fixed wing aircraft assumed*

By Capt. Phil Blahut  
National Guard Bureau

In a landmark decision to improve efficiency, the Army Guard assumed complete responsibility for maintaining and scheduling three types of fixed wing aircraft formerly under active duty control.

The mission, called Operation Support Airlift, was approved in June by Gen. Gordon Sullivan, Army chief of staff. The move only applies to aircraft based in the continental United States. This is the first time a reserve component has been given control of a "Total Army" mission, said Col. Arthur W. Ries, director of the OSA project.

"There presently are two OSA scheduling systems. In 1985, the Army National Guard started scheduling all state headquarters aircraft. And later, the Army developed a consolidated aircraft management system of its own. With the Chief of Staff of the Army's decision, we can now marry the two together for a more efficient system," he said.

Army Guard aviation personnel began their new assignment in July. This included the move from Edgewood, Md. to their new home at Davison Army

Air Field on Fort Belvoir, Va.

The three aircraft involved in the shift — the U-21, C-12, and C-26 — are all aircraft familiar to Guard aviators, says Ries.

He added that this high profile mission represents a real challenge, but one that senior Army leadership believes the Army Guard can handle. During the next two years, the active Army and Army Guard will work together to make the transition to "one Army scheduler" smooth.

"The Army Chief of Staff started this initiative and is committed to making sure that the transition stays on target," said Ries.

Staffing the Army Guard OSA Command will be active duty Army National Guard personnel; to include 132 enlisted personnel, 19 warrant officers, and 48 officers. They will be located at OSA headquarters in Fort Belvoir, and at 16 hubs throughout the country.

Currently, approval is being sought to provide Army Guard M-day "roundout" organizations in states that already have active Army aircraft hubs. These "roundout" organizations are

designed to provide a cost-effective means of enhancing levels of support within the U.S.

"Our office has four people who will expand and ultimately perform the Total Army's scheduling activities within the next two years," said Capt. Everett Medlin, NGB OSA scheduling officer.

"All aircraft will be in a pool to support the Total Army's operational needs. This new Army Guard mission will enhance OSA fixed wing support to all components of the Army, the Army National Guard, and

## JOINT EFFORT

Marine Sgt. William Cowart (left), stationed at Camp Lejeune, N.C., works with South Carolina Guard-member Sgt. Marion Breward to hook up a signal dish during annual training in September. The new phone system will allow the two states to communicate between armories up to 100 miles away.



Photo by MSgt. Phillip H. Jones

the Army Reserve," said Medlin.

According to Medlin, there will be no real change for Army National Guard state aircraft coordinators. As it stands, if a state or unit has an airlift requirement, requestors contact their state coordinator with their requirement. The state then validates the mission and submits the request through an automated scheduling

system that NGB-OSA manages. Operational Support Aircraft schedulers then identify aircraft to support the mission.

"Currently, we support all 'Total Army' flight requests within the United States, and those going to Central and South America, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and occasionally flights to Canada," Medlin concluded.



**GOING FIXED** - The Fairchild C-26A will be one of the operational support aircraft the Guard will take over.



# COMMENTARY

## Counterdrug Update

• At the year end fiscal year 1993, 4,145 Army National Guard and 890 Air National Guard members were on duty in all 54 states and territories providing counterdrug support.

• During fiscal year 1993, the National Guard assisted law enforcement officials with the seizure of cash and illegal drugs worth \$40.26 billion.

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## Inhalant abuse running rampant

By CMSgt. Craig Collins  
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Marking pens, paint thinner, butane lighters, polish removers, aerosol frying pan coating, spray paint, correction fluid... the list extends to 1,400 inexpensive, legal, everyday products that are intentionally inhaled for pleasure by an astoundingly high number of school-age children.

Inhalant abuse has not captured the attention of the media or the general public in quite the way cocaine, crack, or heroine abuse has. Since most solvents and aerosols can be easily and inexpensively obtained legally, there is not a great deal of criminal behav-

ior associated with the selling and purchasing of these substances. Inhalant use by teens has increased at a time when abuse of stimulants and marijuana use has declined.

Inhaled chemicals are absorbed very quickly through the lungs and cause the "high" that the abuser seeks. Side effects include mood changes, altered states of consciousness, hallucinations, headaches, nausea, loss of concentration and an unsteady gait. Adverse effects from chronic abuse can include damage to the liver, heart, lungs, kidneys, muscles or the nervous system. After six months of chronic abuse, there is a high risk of irreversible brain damage.

Sudden Sniffing Death can

happen to a user at any time a solvent or gas is inhaled to get high. It has happened to first time users and those who have done it for years. It is impossible to predict who is at risk of SSD. Death actually happens within a few minutes after inhalation.

Toluene, a chemical found in paint thinner, out distances all other solvents in popularity because of its minimal irritant effects, unoffensive odor, rapid vaporization, and supposed "good high." Pushers buy toluene in the form of paint thinner and sell small amounts in dollar-sized bottles to kids on the street, netting a profit of up to \$150 from a can bought for \$10. "Tolley" is sniffed directly from the bottle or poured into a bag and huffed

by inhaling through the mouth, producing the desired effect; this usually occurs within a few minutes.

Aerosol frying pan coating is another popular form of inhalant use. Aerosol pan coating when sprayed directly into a bag and huffed by mouth can cover the lungs with an oil-based substance, cutting off oxygen absorption into the blood and creating an altered state of consciousness.

The discovery of rags, handkerchiefs (used to soak and sniff), balloons or plastic paper bags (used to huff by mouth) containing dried films or solvent-containing products, tubes of glue, strange chemical smells, may be clues to alert parents or teachers.

If you have questions, detailed information is available from the Institute for Inhalant Abuse at 1 (800) 832-5090.

## LETTERS

### FREE TUITION STATES

I'm writing this letter in regard to an article on Page 14 (September issue) about the Alabama National Guard signing a bill that authorized Guardmembers of Alabama to receive free tuition at any state-supported school.

The article stated that Alabama now joins Louisiana as the only states with free tuition programs for Guardmembers at state-supported institutions.

As a recruiter assigned to the state of Illinois, we have offered this program since 1973. I would appreciate a correction to the article to include Illinois as one of the other fine states that offers such a great program for our citizens.

SSgt. David B. Miller  
Illinois National Guard

*Editor's Note: Thanks for the line. Unfortunately, when the story came to us from Alabama we didn't research their claim. We have since consulted the 1993 National Guard Almanac. It says Massachusetts, New Jersey (up to 12 credits), West Virginia, Illinois (after a one-year commitment), Louisiana and Alabama offer their states free tuition. There are several states that offer free tuition to the spouses and family members of Guardmembers killed in the line of duty. Check with personnel officials in your state to learn more about tuition assistance and other benefits provided to members of the National Guard.*

### HOT SHOTS

Due to space requirements in the September 1993 issue, some of the information about the All-Guard international combat shooting team's match in Bisley, England (Page 10) was edited

from the story.

The eight-man team that took the Fortuna trophy from the British Territorial Army consisted of: Capt. Jerry Penn of Oklahoma, Spc. Ralph Young of Vermont, Sgt. Charles Blackwell of Texas, SFC Kay Anderson of New York, Capt. David Kleiber of Alaska, SFC Ron Harter of Nebraska, TSgt. Ken Strohm of Ohio and MSgt. Roger Buechler of South Dakota.

The winner is determined by an aggregate of the best eight out of 10 scores from the Queen Mary rifle and Henry Whitehead pistol team matches. The Guard team defeated the Territorial Army by a score of 2,478 to 2,327.

Kleiber was the top scorer for the Guard with 174 in the pistol (for third place individually) and 164 in the rifle for a total of 338 points. He was followed by Young at 330, who won the Whitehead match with a score of 177 and Blackwell at 323. Eight of the top 12 pistol shooters in the Whitehead match were members of the National Guard.

The Fortuna trophy was purchased by the National Rifle Association on behalf of the National Guard in the early 1880s and was awarded in competition at the Creedmoor matches in 1882. It is a bronze statue of the goddess Fortuna.

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# DRUG USE IS LIFE ABUSE





# IN THE NEWS

- Deactivated units
- Life insurance change
- 'Kerwin' winners

## Officer candidate schools consolidate

*Money, standardization of training, cited as reasons for change*

By Lt. Col. David Super  
National Guard Bureau

**M**ilitary Academy cadets from nine northwestern states made history at Fort Lewis, Wash. earlier this year when they joined an ROTC program to complete the final phase of their Officer Candidate School.

Recently, Kentucky's OCS, located at Fort Knox, combined training with the Tennessee Military Academy. Similar to the Fort Lewis effort, the Kentucky-Tennessee combination was a first step toward regional officer training in the state military academies of Kentucky, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia and North and South Carolina. Many states already combine their programs in the final phase. This was the first time Kentucky and Tennessee have consolidated the first and final phases.

In the OCS program, phase I teaches cadets leadership, land navigation and time management. Phase II concentrates on basic Army and staff operations. The final phase tests the cadet's knowledge in a



Photo by 2nd Lt. John R. Harris  
field environment.

"Consolidation saves money, provides standardized training between states, and allows an enhanced training environment for a greater number of soldiers," said Col. Kenneth R. Nelson, commandant of the Kentucky Military Academy.

At Fort Lewis earlier this year, approximately 100 Army Guard cadets spent two weeks in tandem with senior ROTC students finishing the demanding training that prepares them for commissioning as second lieutenants. Classroom instruction and support facilities were provided by the ROTC program at the large

**INSPECTION** - Capt. Lisa Duncan (left), a TAC officer at the Tennessee Military Academy, inspects a cadet in formation. TAC is an acronym for teach, advise and counsel.

western Washington installation. In a coordinated venture, the states provided Guard tactical officers and additional support personnel.

This pilot program was developed with the active Army in an effort to enhance the quality of training provided to Phase III state OCS candidates and to take advantage of the well established ROTC training facilities at Fort Lewis. National Guard cadets were organized into a two-company regiment that was supervised by National Guard tactical officers. At the conclusion of the training, states had the option of conducting their own graduation exercises in their home state.

Lt. Col. John Asay of Washington served as commander of the National Guard program. States included: Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington and Wyoming.

2nd Lt. John R. Harris of the Kentucky National Guard was a major contributor to this story.

## Oklahoma unit develops battle damage program

By MSgt. Jerry Scott  
and 1st Lt. Rory E. Polson  
Oklahoma National Guard

**T**he 137th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron has been selected to pilot the Air Guard's new Aircraft Battle Damage Repair program.

The Oklahoma Air Guard unit's sheet metal shop has not only been asked to develop this new program, but will also train other Guard C-130 units in the art of battle damage repair.

Recently, the 137th and the 136th CAM Squadron of Dallas, Texas, deployed to the Combat Readiness Training Center, Savannah, Ga., for the first-ever Aircraft Battle Damage Repair program refresher training.

The program's purpose is to enhance the aircraft maintenance turn-around time during wartime conditions. By assessing and repairing damaged aircraft in an expedient manner, the program provides an effective and proven way to have more aircraft available to participate in the



Photo by TSgt. Wes Moorefield  
**TRAINING** - MSgt. Jerry Scott (left) demonstrates the procedure for bending metal.

war effort. "Unless timely repairs are made," notes MSgt. Jerry Scott, one of the program managers for all the C-130 units, "damaged combat aircraft will be unavailable for additional missions." Recent conflicts in Operations Desert Storm and Just Cause proved how effective the program can be, he added.

Scott says he looks forward to conducting the training. "Being able to exchange assessments and ideas has taken our training to a higher level than could have been accomplished alone," he said. "I look forward to working with all these units."

## NATIONAL BRIEFS

### 'Top Doc' retires after 40 years

**Maj. Gen. Michael Adams**, the deputy for Air National Guard medical affairs since 1990, recently retired after 40 years of service.

Adams' unique dual track military career started in 1953 as an aviation cadet. He earned his pilot's wings and a commission to second lieutenant in 1955. After being discharged from the Air Force in 1958, the general joined the California Air Guard.

In 1963, Adams interrupted his military career to attend medical school. After completion of his medical training, Dr. Adams was assigned to Bitburg AB, Germany as chief of flight medicine in 1968.

In 1969, the general was granted dual status as a pilot and physician while serving as chief of aerospace medicine at the 10th Tenth Hospital. In 1988, Adams was promoted to brigadier general after being appointed as the Air Guard Assistant to the Strategic Air Command Surgeon.



Maj. Gen. Adams

### Burial rights change

A recent change in law authorizes burial flags and gravemarkers for Guardmembers who, at the time of death, were entitled to retired pay. The VA pays for transporting a headstone or marker to a private cemetery, but does not pay the cost of placement.

### AAFES offers safety seats

An addition of new child safety seats for Army and Air Force Exchange Service shopping carts has improved safety conditions for customers with newborns. Equipped with strong woven straps and a quick release buckle, the carts and seats are designed to eliminate the need for infant carriers.

### Individual Ready reservists entitled to life insurance

Members being assigned to the Individual Ready Reserve may apply for Veteran's Group Life Insurance, a 5-year renewable term insurance policy. The insurance can be purchased in \$10,000 increments up to a maximum of \$200,000. Rates vary by age. Members may have both SGLI and VGLI provided the combination of both does not exceed the \$200,000 maximum.

## Virginia unit picked most 'combat ready'

29th Division's 3rd Battalion/116th Infantry wins Kerwin Award

By 2nd Lt. John Costanzo  
Virginia National Guard

A Virginia Army Guard battalion has been selected as the most combat-ready National Guard unit in the country. It is the first time in the history of the award that an infantry battalion has been chosen.

The 3rd Battalion 116th Infantry, 29th Infantry Division (Light), based in Winchester, Va., was presented the award last month by Gen. Gordon Sullivan, U.S. Army chief of staff.

The trophy is named for General Walter T. Kerwin, former U.S. Army Chief of Staff. The Kerwin trophy is presented annually to only one unit in the entire National Guard.

"This is it," said Maj. Robert Hunt, 3rd Battalion commander. "You can't get any higher."

Once word of the 3rd Battalion's achievement got out, accolades poured in from across the state. "The 3rd Battalion reflects well upon the Commonwealth of Virginia," wrote U.S. Senator John Warner.

"It's like winning the Super Bowl, only harder," proclaimed Maj. Gen. John G. Castles in a Richmond Times Dispatch interview.

"There are far more battalions competing than there are football teams."

The 3rd Battalion's selection was partially attributed to its outstanding performance at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif., in August 1992. During three weeks of training members operated under continuous combat-simulated conditions, battling the Mojave Desert's 130 degree temperatures along the way. The active Army commanders that worked with the 3rd Battalion had only high praise.

"The 3rd/116th Infantry is undoubtedly one of the finest units we have ever had the pleasure to work with," said Lt. Col. Harry Simmeth, 1st Battalion, 63rd Armor commander.

The battalion is also recognized as one of the top recruiting Guard units in the country, consistently maintaining its strength above 100 percent.

According to H. Russell Potts of the 27th senatorial district, the members of the 3rd Battalion are more than just light fighters. The battalion's various companies have supported local Red Cross blood drives, the Boy Scouts of America Explorer program and have held numerous open houses and family days.

"The 3rd Battalion is not just a National Guard unit," Potts wrote in a commendation given to the unit. "They are an integral part of the local community."



Photo courtesy Virginia Army Guard

**COMBAT READY - Those who have seen 3rd Battalion/116th Infantry in action insist troops do many things well.**



Photo courtesy of the Massachusetts National Guard

## HISTORIC INACTIVATION

CSM Paul M. Brennan (left) prepares to case the colors of the 26th (Yankee) Infantry Division as Maj. Gen. Donald R. Brunelle, its commander, steadies the flag. The Division was inactivated in late August. In Fiscal Year 1993, 103 Army Guard units were shut down. The Air Guard suffered 39 unit losses.

**BRIDGING THE GAP** Members of the Kentucky Guard's 206th Engineer Battalion ensure a motorist safely crosses the Kentucky River. The soldiers provided the free service while a commercial ferry was being repaired.



Photo courtesy of the Kentucky National Guard

## Kentucky keeps ferry tradition alive

By Spc. Christine Edwards  
Kentucky National Guard

With the state's longest running ferry service temporarily out of commission recently the Kentucky Army Guard stepped in to maintain tradition, keeping traffic moving across the Kentucky River.

Members of Company E (Ribbon Bridge) 206th Engineer Battalion, based in Morehead, Ky., used a boat and raft to provide free transportation seven days a week during the project.

The Valley View Ferry, which has been transporting travelers across the river continuously for 118 years, underwent two weeks of repairs.





## PEOPLE

## Fearless Phantom fixer forges forward

Idaho Air Guard's MSgt. Robert Clinton is no stranger to potentially hazardous duty

By Sgt. Christopher Haug  
Arabian Gulf correspondent

A young airman loading weapons onto F-4 Phantom pylons in Vietnam 27 years ago is now a seasoned crew chief deployed in the Arabian Gulf region in support of Operation Southern Watch.

MSgt. Robert F. Clinton, assigned to the 124th Fighter Group in Idaho, entered the Air Force in 1964. Originally trained as a fire control specialist, Clinton went on to work on guidance systems controlling ordnance delivery at Eglin AFB, Fla.

When he arrived at Eglin, the aircraft he was trained for, the F-4C, had not been delivered. While awaiting delivery, he and the members of his wing made things ready. "We mostly painted hangars and occasionally got to work on borrowed Navy F-4B aircraft," he said.

When the Vietnam conflict intensified, the Air Force had a shortage of aircraft armament specialists. They also needed fire control specialists, to include Clinton.

In 1966, Clinton deployed to Vietnam with the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing, known as the 'Wolf Pack.'

"We had six load crews and 24 aircraft based 30 miles from the Mekong River. Occasionally, we would see some terrorist activity or isolated air strikes, but for the most part, we weren't in too much danger," he recalled.

Most missions arming aircraft, says Clinton, were hectic. However, when the aircraft were targeting truck convoys, loading became very much like an Indianapolis 500 pit area. "I can remember the planes lining up like they were on an assembly line. They were only on the ground a few minutes. To expedite loading some of the 500-pound bombs, each

was loaded by hand," he said. Normally, they are placed with the aid of a bomb loader.

Clinton says Jan. 7, 1967 was his busiest day. "We shot down six enemy MiGs in what was called the 'the Big MiG Sweep.' The whole unit had to work together," he said. "There was no room for a mistake that day. We worked all night helping each other out."

After his tour in Vietnam, Clinton returned to George AFB, Calif., where he used his experience to train others. In June 1968, he left active duty and joined the Air Force Reserves as an information specialist.

He served in the Reserves until January 1973, when he jumped to the California Air National Guard. While stationed in California he loaded F-102 and F-4 aircraft.

In 1981, his unit received its first F-4Cs. "When I heard that the unit would be getting the F-4C models, I couldn't believe it. Some of the planes were the same ones I checked out at Eglin," he said.

Clinton followed the Wild Weasels to Idaho in September 1991 when the California Guard switched to RF-4s, a reconnaissance model that does not carry ordnance.

While assigned to the Idaho Guard he volunteered for a six month tour in the Arabian Gulf Region. "It may sound corny, but I'm very patriotic. All my life I've been trained to be in combat. If there is something like this going on, I want to be in it with both feet."

The veteran has seen differences between the conflicts he's served in. "The cooperation and integration of units (here) has greatly improved over Vietnam," Clinton observed. "In this format you get exposed to things you never saw before. You get an opportunity to see how your unit fits in."

Few people get the chance to start careers over again, let alone their lives. In the Guard, Clinton has had a chance to revisit his youth almost three decades later. The years have been kind to both the man and the machine, as they find themselves together in yet another hostile area.

"Both the F-4 and I have grown gray together," he observed. "But we're still here and still performing our missions."



Photo by TSgt. Jim Allender

**PHANTOM FIXER** - MSgt. Robert Clinton of the Idaho Air Guard's 124th Fighter Group installs the wings on a AGM-88 high speed, anti-radiation missile. Clinton's unit was called upon to serve in the Arabian Gulf region.



Photos by 2nd Lt. John R. Harris

# HONING FUTURE LEADERS

By 2nd Lt. John R. Harris  
Kentucky National Guard

Traditionally, when National Guard members train on the weekend they concentrate on individual soldier skills like tying bandages, setting NBC alarms and calling for artillery fire.

When the NCOs and enlisted soldiers of the Kentucky Army Guard's Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 138th Field Artillery travelled to Fort Knox recently to participate in the Leadership Reaction Course, problem solving and leadership were the tasks on the training schedule.

Although leadership skills are expected and evaluated in soldiers beginning in basic training, specific training does not begin until Primary Leadership Development Course for enlisted soldiers.

During the Leadership Reaction

Course, the soldier teams reviewed each dimension of leadership and then applied them during a field exercise.

"Our troops had asked for additional training beyond PLDC that would challenge them on monthly drills," reported Capt. Charles K. Harris, battery

commander. "We decided to devote an entire drill to leadership development."

Kentucky's citizen-soldiers faced several facets of leadership that included oral and written communication skills, initiative, sensitivity, influence and organizational skills. The sol-

diers also exercised problem analysis, judgement, decisiveness and followership.

"The soldiers are doing things they haven't had to do before like a military briefing ... without fear," said Harris. "These skills — self motivation, decision-making and public speaking — are skills I want my soldiers to have."

Many of the soldiers had participated previously in exercises involving data collection and battle analysis. But for a few, the Leadership Reaction Course was the first lesson in troop leadership.

"I'm familiar with common tasks and what we need to know for artillery," said Spec. Jerry Johnson. "But I learned a lot about leadership. I'm really enjoying this."

**POINTERS** - Sgt. William Rives practices his oral skills before fellow soldiers.



Kentucky's 138th Field Artillery wanted more of a challenge, so members travelled to Fort Knox to take on the Leadership Reaction Course





Photo by Sgt. Robin Morr

**BLOWING THEIR HORNS** - Michigan Army Band members SSgt. Stephen Tower (far left), Sgt. Kevin Kent, SSgt. Ed Martin played for the people of Trinidad.

During the past three years, traveling overseas as ambassadors of goodwill has become second nature to many of the Michigan Guardmembers. Prior trips have taken the 126th Army Band to places such as Italy in 1992, and England during 1989 where they performed in the Royal Tournament in London, and played for the Queen and members of the Royal family.

However, glamorous as it may seem, band members travel with more than two-and-a-half tons of musical equipment. This makes coordinating their logistics nearly as important as performing concerts.

"Their best strength comes from being so versatile and conforming to many different environments," said MSgt. Gordon Replogle, band support services specialist.

Several band members are professional music teachers and band directors; others are photographers and disc jockeys. Their average education ranges between bachelor and masters degree level, and the average age of these experienced musicians is nearly 40.

Playing musical instruments in the military may seem pretty far removed from danger and combat in the National Guard. Even though the band's primary goal is to promote goodwill, each band member carries a second military job. If needed, the band members would become a security force for a military police unit.

## And the band played on

Michigan's Army band helps Trinidad celebrate

By Sgt. Robin L. Morr  
Michigan National Guard

A lush canopy of tropical floral, backdropped by some of the world's most spectacular beaches and coral reefs, provided the setting for Michigan's 126th Army Band during its

recent trip to Trinidad-Tobago in the West Indies.

U.S. Ambassador to Trinidad Sally G. Cowal requested the 46-member ensemble to perform a holiday concert.

The celebration, held on a high bluff overlooking the city of Port-of-Spain on the Atlantic Ocean, drew more than 1,800 local residents, foreign dignitaries and Americans who either live or were visiting the island. Decorated in red, white and blue, the U.S. Embassy served ham-

burgers, hot dogs, ice cream and watermelon to all who came to celebrate the United States 217th birthday. Ambassador Cowal, the former Assistant Secretary of State during the Bush administration and ambassador since 1991, said the previous year's celebration lacked spark.

"Something was missing last year without an American band here to add patriotism to the theme," Cowal said. "This year, however, what we got was absolutely delightful!"



Photo courtesy of the Florida National Guard

## Bringing up the caboose

Florida's 144th Transportation Company helps relocate a 16-ton caboose

**COORDINATED EFFORT** - 1st Sgt. Max Thomas (waving with back to camera) directs the movement of a 16-ton caboose.

By Spc. Linda Sluder  
Florida National Guard

A n old railroad caboose finally reached the end of the line with some help from the Florida Army National Guard.

Thirteen soldiers from the Florida Guard's 144th Transportation Company of Marianna recently helped move a 16-ton red caboose from the River Junction switchyard to its final resting place at the newly established Heritage Park in Chattahoochee, located in northwest Florida.

The unit had some prior experience with the railway, having moved a train engine from Orlando to Chattahoochee's sister City, Marianna, for another park display. The job involved training similar to what soldiers might encounter in a battlefield situation where an object needs to be moved for survival or protection.

The caboose, built in 1970, was donated by the Norfolk Southern Railroad of Norfolk, Va. The joint effort involved the Chattahoochee Rotary Club, the city itself and the 144th. The caboose took more than two years to procure. The city was once the site of the biggest railroad switchyard between Jacksonville and Mobile, Ala.

"Our heartfelt thanks goes out to 1st Sgt. Max Thomas and the men of the 144th Transportation Company for a job well done," wrote Don Jackson, vice president of the Rotary Club.

## Adding Value to America

# Givers, not takers

With years of volunteer community service, the National Guard and its members, have carved out an enviable reputation as this country's reliable samaritans

By Capt. Phil Blahut  
National Guard Bureau

At a recent youth program dedication ceremony in West Virginia, Lt. Gen. John B. Conaway, retiring chief of the National Guard Bureau, summed up the Guard's multipurpose role. "The National Guard has always had a traditional role of keeping a force of citizen-soldiers trained and ready to fight, but now we are assuming a non-traditional role of intense community involvement."

Here are examples:

In selected states, new **ChalleNGe** and **STARBASE** programs provide very specialized educational opportunities to youths. Air Guardmembers at 10 state STARBASE sites are helping develop young minds for careers in science and technology by providing first-hand demonstrations of how academic classroom subjects relate directly to their jobs in aviation.

The ChalleNGe program is aimed at providing intensive, residential training

and counseling for at-risk teenagers who have dropped out of high school. Both of these youth programs, and others in development, include strong messages about the risks of illegal drugs and alcohol abuse.

Guardcare programs provide immunizations and basic health services to medically underserved regions of the nation. Last August, Washington's 164th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital supported its state health department by offering free immunizations to residents of Tacoma.

"This was really nice," said Karen Forbuck, who had brought her young daughter and grandchildren to the Guardcare site. Shannon Nichols, Forbuck's older daughter, had problem getting time off from her job to prepare her kids for the school term. "This is a really good opportunity to get shots," commented Forbuck.

In other communities, youth fitness and participation is tied to **Project QUEST** - Quality and Unique Experience to Support Teens. And the popular **DARE** Program - Drug Abuse Resistance Education - provides a forum where Guardmembers can interact with students to develop strong minds and bodies and provide a positive role model for children.

"By having our National Guardmembers go into schools, churches and events, we are reaching young people with the message that drug use is life abuse," Conaway added during the West Virginia ceremony.

In a mission that is more closely aligned with military skills and equipment, Guardmembers provide a wide range of support to civilian law enforcement agencies charged with halting drug smuggling and illegal drug use.

Troops assist U.S. Customs agents with the inspection of commercial cargo and vehicles at ports of entry. Air Guard fighters use their radar and communication gear to detect and monitor suspected aerial and maritime drug smugglers by passing on information to appropriate law enforcement authorities. And in other areas, units tackle the clean up of neighborhoods and demolition of crack houses. Last year, police, with Guard assistance, seized cash and illegal drugs with a value of more than \$29 billion.

The list continues with countless examples of value-adding service to the citizens and communities of the United States. In total, Guardmembers are seen as givers instead of takers. Whether it is during weekend drill or annual training, or during their civilian time, you can find members of the National Guard actively involved with improving their communities, state and nation.

As a community-based defense force, the National Guard not only protects, but adds value to America in ways that will be measured favorably for many years to come.



Photo by MSgt. Gloria Nelson  
**GUARDCARE** - Washington Army Guard's SPC William Cornett (above) of the 164th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital, gives a three-year-old a pre-shot briefing. Washington was one of several states that provided immunizations to medically underserved communities in their state. A member of the 'Guard Against Drugs' parachute team (right) jumps in West Virginia to bring an important down-to-earth message to youths. The team does more than 60 demonstrations a year.







Photo by SSgt. Jack McNeely

Whether its fighting drugs, providing free immunizations, or helping their neighbors in their time of need, the people of the Guard have been there

# Adding value to America



Photo by SSgt. Ray Roman  
**WORLD YOUTH DAY** - When Pope John Paul II visited Colorado, Guard medical experts were there to assist fans injured during the festivities.



Photo by SSgt. Stephen M. Lunn

**FUTURE CANOE** - Members with Hawaii Guard transport a 22-foot long log to Kulo Park Terrace. The log will be carved into a Samoan canoe as part of a community project.



Photo courtesy of the Iowa National Guard  
**FLOOD RELIEF** - When the Great Flood of '93 struck the midwest, the Guard found a way to help.



## SPORTS

- Likable 'Dragon'
- Top shooter
- Race volunteers

## SPORTS SHORTS



Sgt. Roger Roehr takes aim

## NEW HAMPSHIRE COP TAKES PISTOL TITLE

New Hampshire Air Guardsmen Sgt. Roger E. Roehr, 26, of Northwood won the New Hampshire State Open Military Class pistol championships held recently in Pelham, N.H.

Roehr, a full-time security policeman with the 157th Security Police Flight at Pease AFB, N.H., defeated 23 other military shooters firing .45 and .22 caliber pistols.

Last year Roehr, who has been firing competitively for five years, won the state marksmanship class title, a handicap competition.

"It was pretty good competition," Roehr said. "We had people from Massachusetts and Maine, as well as New Hampshire."

Roehr has previously competed at the National Guard Pistol Championships in Little Rock, Ark. He has five years of military service, two-and-a-half each with the New Hampshire Army and Air Guard.

## COMPETING FOR A CAUSE

Running, volleyball, horse-shoes, and golf were events that led the 178th Fighter Group of Springfield, Ohio to their first place finish in their division for the 1993 Corporate Challenge.

The division finished first in the following events: The 5-mile relay team with a time of 25:30, MSgt. Joe Stahl in the 5K 29 and under category with a time of 15:35, and SSgt. Glenn Smith in the 30-34 category with a time of 16:17 and the one-mile run 4:57 finish.

## Pedaling across Maryland

SFC Patricia Sparenberg tackles all the physical challenges put before her

By TSgt. John Malthaner  
National Guard Bureau

Every Nov. 30th, SFC Patricia Sparenberg celebrates her birthday by kicking up her heels. As tradition dictates, those pooped peds go on vacation until after Christmas. Truth is, she needs the rest.

For the past year the NCO in Charge of Administration for the Guard Bureau's Engineering Directorate has been busy pedaling her bicycle. Her efforts recently culminating in a six-day, 340 mile trek in the Cycle Across Maryland.

"It started out pretty flat," she recalls, "but once I got into western Maryland it got really hilly. The last two days were really difficult."

Was there ever a time she thought she may not make it? "Just about every day," joked the Towson, Md native.

The 30-year-old's yen for mountains to climb started in 1990 when she went to the Master Fitness Trainers course. It was while attending the Fort Harrison, Ind. school that she quit smoking — students were not allowed to light up — and dedicated herself to fitness.

"Every year I pick a new physical challenge," she says.

Two years ago, the woman who claims to "swim like a rock" willed herself to

compete in a triathlon (swim, bike and run). She was the fourth female finisher overall, despite being the last person out of the water.

A year later she vowed to run at least one 10 kilometer (6.2 miles) race a month. This year's test was to complete the Cycle Across Maryland and Seagull Century (100 miles in one day) bike ride.

All this from a lady who's earliest athletic ambition was to play goalie on the Olympic field hockey team. "We (goalies) didn't do much running," she says laughing. "We just took the hits." Making contact with a recruiter was foremost on Sparenberg's mind after field hockey season ended in her first year at Towson State University.

"I was tired of the same place and seeing the same faces all the time," she says of her decision to join the military. "I was looking for a way to get out of town with no money."

After enjoying success in the supply and administrative fields in several different units, Sparenberg landed a job with



Photo courtesy of Patricia Sparenberg

STATE CROSSING - SFC Patricia Sparenberg (above) is all smiles before biking 340 miles across Maryland.

the National Guard Bureau in June, 1988.

"I've been very fortunate," she says. "Wherever I've applied, I've been accepted. I guess with my name being unusual people find out who I am."

In 1994 the running world will discover who Sparenberg is as she intends to run a marathon.

One thing is certain. When she turns 31 at the end of this month, Sparenberg will take her annual hiatus from huffin' and puffin'. "I'll eat cake, drink beer and just 'carbo load' for next season," she says gleefully.

Who says you can't have your cake and eat it too?

## Gator race gets a lift

By SSgt. Patrick Summers  
Texas National Guard

When volunteers were needed to ensure the Gator Race and Bike Tour would come off, a race that provides scholarships for dyslexic children, 25 members of the Texas Army Guard stepped forward.

Members of Company D, 386th Engineer Battalion, based in Baytown, provided logistical support for the event. "Gator race would not have been possible without the Texas Army Guard," said Susan Estes, coordinator for the Kent School for Dyslexic Children.

Company D's community awareness goes beyond just the bike race, says SFC Tim Duncan. "We help out the local



Photo by Sgt. Brenda Benner

police with the DARE program, as well as provide crowd control for town events," he said.

Duncan said the unit's history of involvement helped saved it from extinction. "Our unit was targeted for closing, but members of the community signed a petition asking for us to stay, and their request was granted," he said.

WATER BREAK - Volunteer SFC Mario Castillo (right), Company D, 386th Engineer Battalion, provides water to a Gator Race and Bike Tour participant.





Photo by GWO Jim DiDonato

# A DRAGON kids like

Children are turning their lives around through self defense thanks to Delaware Army Guard's SSgt. Tony Reynolds

By CWO Jim DiDonato  
Delaware National Guard

Sgt. Antonio "Tony" Reynolds has a successful recipe for developing good values in kids. It involves kicking, punching, circular motions, personal attention, counseling and friendship.

Reynolds, a 36-year-old switchboard operator with Company A, 280th Signal Battalion, Delaware Army National Guard, has developed a youth oriented program that features tutoring, positive role modeling, drug

awareness and — Tae Kwon Do karate.

Reynolds' group of karate students, who call themselves the Dragons, started in the school playgrounds of Milford in 1973.

"I was just 17 years old myself, so kids could really relate to me. They saw me practicing karate and wanted to join in. Pretty soon there were 27 kids studying with me," he recalled.

Unfortunately for Reynolds, his informal program was too popular for local school administrators, who felt he was teaching kids violent behavior. Reynolds and his pack were kicked off school grounds, effectively bringing the program to a close. He then focused on his own training, and by 1982 achieved the rank of 4th degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do, the Korean brand of karate that emphasizes kicking and circular motions to overcome an adver-

sary.

Then, in 1989, Reynolds and his co-founder Marion Sudler, were invited by city officials to join the Delaware Community Clusters Against Drug Abuse, which provided the framework for a youth-oriented program. Since then, with the blessings of the city and the National Guard, the Dragons have been off and running. And kicking. And punching.

"I'm very proud of the Dragons," Reynolds says. "Since we've started there have been 270 kids through the program. Many are still involved. I've seen a lot of kids turn their lives around."

He attributes much of the kids' improved behavior and attitudes to the self-esteem and self-confidence that each member develops by studying karate and being around adults who care about them.

"About 80 percent of the kids have improved their school grades," said Reynolds. "And nobody gets Ds and Fs!"

He's very quick to recognize that karate is merely a vehicle for teaching other lessons of life — respect, discipline and commitment. During each evening training session, Reynolds and Sudler make sure the group takes time out to talk about other topics. Two recent group talks were on "Unconditional love: doing chores around the house without being told to do them" and "Why I say no to drugs."

Visits from the Guardian Angels, and recovering drug addicts, have been used to reinforce the value of a positive, healthy lifestyle among the youths.

"They're like my own kids," Reynolds says of the group, whose ages range from five to

15 years old.

The days of teaching karate on playgrounds seem far removed for the soft-spoken sergeant. The Dragons now have a permanent home, support and steadily-growing community interest.

The true goal of the Dragons is not to become karate champions, Reynolds will say, but to become champions in life. By using karate as a vehicle to promote the five tenets of the organization — courtesy, integrity, perseverance, indomitable spirit and self control — the program helps youth grow into solid citizens. And at the same time, the National Guard gets a chance to shine.

Reynolds was named Delaware's top volunteer for 1991 and again nominated in 1992. Delaware's governor also nominated him for President Bush's 1000 Points of Light.

# NEWS MAKERS

*The Air National Guard announces the winners of the 1992 Excellence in Training Award. Staff Level recipients include Col. Kathleen Lesjak, Air National Guard Readiness Center; SMSgt. Jerry E. Dean, 166th Mission Support Squadron, Del.; SMSgt. Timothy L. Decker, California Air Guard; SMSgt. James A. Zak, California Air Guard; and TSgt. Brian McCarthy, Alaska Air Guard. Unit Level winners included SMSgt. Thomas A. Ward, 105th Airlift Group, N.Y.; MSgt. Faye Pryor Jones, 201st Airlift Squadron, Washington D.C. and MSgt. Gerald E. Walaszek, 104th Fighter Group, Mass.*

*Like father, like son. Spc. Brian Foulk entered the Delaware Army National Guard's 1945th Maintenance Company, after being sworn in by his father, Lt. Col. Robert M. Foulk. Brian previously served four years active duty in the Marine Corps, with a tour in Saudi Arabia.*

*Spc. Spencer Osborne and Spc. Robert Thomas of the 1st Battalion, 101st Field Artillery/26th Infantry Division, Massachusetts Army Guard have displayed their esprit de corps and artisan skills through the painting of their unit guidon on a rock at Camp Edwards, Mass.*

*Chief of Army Aviation and Safety for the National Guard Bureau Mr. John J. Stanko Jr. ended his military flight status as he retired in July with more than 50 years of service and a passing grade on 52 flight physicals.*

Beginning his Army career in 1942, Stanko flew B-24s and B-29s during World War II. He joined the Pennsylvania National Guard in 1952, became a full-time Guardmember in 1963 and did his first tour with NGB from 1966 to 1970 as the staff member representing Army Guard aviation.

Already a member of the Army Aviation Hall of Fame, Stanko was inducted into the Honorable Order of St. Michael, Gold Level, in his retirement ceremony. He also received Pennsylvania's Distinguished Service Medal and the Pennsylvania Outstanding Aeronautical Achievement Award.

*Beginning with the arrival of the 113th Civil Engineers from Andrews AFB, Md., and the 102nd from Otis ANG Base, Mass., the Air National Guard, with U.S. State Department approval, began sending in Base Engineer Emergency Forces to the Bahamas in a humanitarian mission to lend assistance in rebuilding facilities damaged during Hurricane Andrew.*

The 128th Air Refueling Group, Wisconsin Air National Guard, sent a 52 member detachment consisting of members from its Civil Engineering Squadron, service personnel and medics from the 177th Fighter Interceptor Group from Atlantic City, N.J., McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base, Knoxville, Tenn., as well as from the 128th.

*The recently promoted Lt. Col. Patricia A. Turner has become the first woman in the New Hampshire Army National Guard to attain this rank.*

Turner, a registered nurse, was appointed in 1980 as a first lieutenant with the New Hampshire Army National Guard in the Army Nurse Corps. Since



Officer candidates John Schwab (left) and Keith Tidball, broke ranks.



System repairer S g t. Richard Houchens completes a first.



True to their art, Spc. Spencer Osborne (left) and Spc. Robert Thomas.



C W O Natalie Beaty is the Florida Army Guard's first female Aviator course graduate.

1989, she has worked full-time as the state's Occupational Health Specialist with the state headquarters in Concord.

*Hollywood visited Kansas recently when a film crew from the TV movie Final Justice came to town. Several members of the Kansas Army Guard were also extras in the film.*

SSgt. Mark Seats, 2nd Lt. Ricky Jellison, SSgt. Clay Winters and SSgt. Craig Posch were asked to dress as Marines for a 21-gun salute.

"It was repetitive," Seats said. "We were firing about 90-100 rounds just to get the timing right."

*CWO Natalie K. Beaty became the first Florida Army Guard female to complete the Basic Aviators course recently. Her graduation entitled her to fly the Army's UH-60 "Blackhawk" helicopter for 1st Battalion, 111th Aviation based in Jacksonville.*

She was previously a flight operations specialist with Florida Army Guard's 199th Air Ambulance Company.

*Capt. Richard G. Turner, a member of the Idaho Air Guard's 124th Resource Management Squadron, was recently selected as the 1993 Thomas P. Glenn Award winner. The award is presented annually to the outstanding chief of supply management.*

Turner was cited for designing computer and operational programs that saved the Air Guard more than \$30 million and over 1,300 workhours per year.

*The New Hampshire Air Guard's 157th Air Refueling Group, which recently converted to the quieter, more fuel efficient KC-135 R-model aircraft, was recognized for the following awards: Outstanding Tanker Air Reserve Force and Flying Squadron, best Consolidated Base Personnel Office, Communications Systems Organization Award and Outstanding Services Unit.*

*Kentucky Officer candidates John Schwab and Keith Tidball had good reason to break formation recently.*

While in formation, just a few hundred feet from a softball field, the two heard a call over the field's loudspeaker asking for anyone with medical training to come to the assistance of a woman rendered unconscious from a foul ball.

Schwab, a state-certified Emergency Medical Technician and Tidball, a combat lifesaver, dashed to the scene. Schwab treated the woman for shock and helped control her bleeding, while Tidball dispersed the crowd and sought the woman's mother.

When paramedics finally arrived, the two candidates were credited with preventing further injury. Through tears, the victim's mother also thanked the two.

When the ambulance left, Schwab and Tidball returned to formation and prepared for the next day's training.

*Sgt. Richard K. Houchens, a member of the 306th Ordnance Detachment, became the first member of the Kentucky Army Guard to complete training as a system repairer (27M) for the Multiple Launch Rocket System.*





# Defining 'Aloha spirit'

**BLAZING A TRAIL** - SSgt. Alton N. Lalawai, a heavy equipment operator with the Hawaii Guard's 227th Engineer Company, clears debris in Waimanalo. The Guard prepared a 4.5 acre lot for a transitional homeless shelter.

The Hawaii Guard answered when Iniki devastated Kauai. They have also been friends to their neighbors on several other islands.

By Bonnie Potter-Collis  
and SSgt. Stephen M. Lum  
Hawaii National Guard

In the history of the Hawaii National Guard, no single non-war event had ever occupied the hearts and time of its members more than when Hurricane Iniki blew into Kauai last September.

Iniki, the most destructive hurricane to hit the Hawaiian Islands to date, damaged 14,340 homes; downed thousands of utility poles, knocking out Kauai's electrical and telephone systems; rendered water pumps inoperative and shut off water supply to homes; ruined crops; decimated beaches and shorelines; and severely damaged many luxury hotels along the coast.

Within 24 hours after Iniki had passed, more than 400 citizen-soldiers from the Big Island of Hawaii deployed to Kauai. Guard soldiers provided security and assisted Kauai police while Hawaii Guard airmen reestablished communications and coordinated the air flow. By the end of the day on Sept. 12, more than 100 tons of equipment and supplies had been airlifted to Kauai.

In the first three weeks of the emergency and response phase of Operation Iniki, more than 5,500 members of the Hawaii Guard and the State Department of Defense were directly involved in serving and assisting Kauai residents. Another 250 Guardmembers from other states were involved in the clean-up.

Ten weeks after the storm hit soldiers were still helping the residents of Kauai put their lives back in order. Tasked with cleaning up the public schools and launching "Operation Garden Sweep," a joint county, state and federal effort to collect and transport household garbage, Guardmembers removed approximately 4,850 tons of debris to area landfills. They also cleaned and repaired 13 schools.

In addition, the Air and Army Guard flew over 1,800 sorties, transporting 3,427

tons of cargo, including food and supplies. Guardmembers also went door-to-door, repairing houses for residents who could not do it themselves, served approximately 15,000 meals in combination with the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army, sheltered nearly 7,000 people, manned five full-service distribution and disaster assistance centers, cleared eight streams and evacuated approximately 8,000 civilians, including 42 dialysis patients, from Wilcox Memorial Hospital.

"Our soldiers

and airmen accomplished their state mission with a sense of caring and compassion that captured the humanistic aspect of emergency response operations," said Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, state adjutant general.

While Iniki grabbed most of the headlines, the Aloha State's Guard was busy with other events. They helped support the American Lung Association's annual Superkids competition on the island of Maui and the Big Island of Hawaii work-

ing as as starters, scorekeepers, timers and coaches for hundreds of entrants.

"I think it's great that we're able to help the children of our community," said SFC David Ferreira, a Hilo resident. "I've done this for the past several years, and I know everyone here feels the same way."

In the spring of 1993, Hawaii Guardmembers helped get several community projects underway. Heavy equipment operators and technical advisors

from Kauai and Oahu worked with the county and state housing offices on projects on two Hawaiian islands.

On Oahu, engineers cleared 4.5 acres of land for the site of the Weinberg Village in Waimanalo, an assistance program and facility for homeless families and individuals. Originally asked to clear 1.5 acres, Guardmembers saw the potential for expanding the site. The additional land will add 10 more buildings, making a total of 14 buildings and additional 41 living units in the village.

Hawaii's Guard also helped the Kalihi community come together by transporting two large logs to the housing projects. The logs will be carved into traditional Samoan canoes as part of a community building project. The canoe project is one of several activities to help eliminate drugs in public housing.



Photos courtesy of the Hawaii National Guard

**SCORING THE TOSS** - Maj. Roy Sanchez of the Hawaii Army Guard scores a throw by 10-year-old Keith Boudaug. The youth was participating in a softball throw at Hilo's (on the island of Hawaii) Superkids competition.



# STATES

- Washington's drug reduction
- Hawaii to the rescue
- New York's special day

## HAWAII

In September, while flying on a pilot proficiency training sortie, a C-130 crew from Hawaii's 154th Airlift Group came to the aid of a downed civilian helicopter pilot off the shore of Molokai. After maintaining visual contact, a Marine Corps CH-46 was called in for the rescue.

The crew recorded their first save and was happy to learn that the helicopter pilot suffered only bumps, bruises and jelly fish stings. He was released from the hospital the same day.

## DELAWARE

Delaware Army Guard's 280th Signal Battalion recently showcased its new Digital Multiplexing/Tri-Service Tactical Communications, which replaced almost every piece of communications equipment in the battalion.

The 280th is only the second unit nationwide to receive this equipment. It will allow the unit to install and operate highly reliable and secure voice and data communications anywhere in the world in a matter of hours.

## KANSAS

The 190th Refueling Group became the first Air National Guard unit to have its base map scanned and digitized for an AutoCAD computer program. The process known as photogrammetry will allow the Air National Guard to get a jump on technology since the maps produced will still be valid 10-15 years from now.

The CADD product provides an interactive base plan that will allow

## NO PIPE DREAM

Providing drainage for a new road on the Lake Witton Recreation Park was one of many community projects more than 700 citizen-soldiers from the Virginia Army Guard's 276th Engineer Battalion did for their neighbors.



Photo courtesy of the Virginia National Guard.

base personnel to update all modifications made to the base property.

## MONTANA

The Montana National Guard has emerged as a leader in establishing guidelines for dealing with environmentally sensitive issues that are military related.

According to Maj. Gen. John R. D'Araujo, Jr., director of the Army National Guard, "The Environmental Compliance Assessment Report turned in by the Montana National Guard, is one of the first final reports that has been completed in the entire Army."

## WASHINGTON

The Washington National Guard Drug Demand Reduction Program has responded to requests from schools, such as Barge-Lincoln Elementary School in Yakima, Wash., emphasizing the importance of being drug-free.

Pilots with Detachment 3, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 81st Infantry Brigade, and a crew chief from Det. 1, Co. C, 1st Bn., 106th Aviation, both from Spokane, Wash., stated a common message: "You can't take drugs and fly, or be in the Guard, or be successful in anything, if you choose to take drugs."

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

The floods of the Midwest have prompted the New Hampshire Air National Guard and local emergency management officials in Groveton, N.H., to create a flood scenario. The simulated exercise allows members to respond to an impending disaster.

## NEW YORK

**CAMP GOOD DAYS - A** New York Army Guard staff sergeant plays a game with a young cancer patient at Camp Good Days at Keuka Lake, N.Y. The day included a cookout, tour of a hangar, games, music and a visit by a clown.



The laughter and gasps of surprise and joy make it seem like just another kids' picnic. But looking beyond the joy, there is a sadness in their eyes. The pain and sickness of chemotherapy has taken its toll on both the patients and their siblings. This is when Camp Good Days steps in.

The N.Y. National Guard first became involved in 1990 when Camp Good Days called to ask for a tour. Eventually the tour evolved into a picnic and games. This year the tour included a cookout, tour of a hangar, games, music and clowns.

The highlight was a landing of a C-130 and an F-16 aircraft. Children were allowed to climb into a helicopter and C-130 and sit in the cockpit.

"This is the most fun I ever had," said Kit Marellino. "Would you take my picture in the helicopter?"





## The National Guard in World War II

# Takin' Makin

There were many roadblocks on the long road to Tokyo. One was a sea-plane base constructed on Makin Island

November, 1943, 50 years ago, the Japanese had been punched, but they were not reeling from the blows. Their expansion was stopped at Midway, Guadalcanal, and New Guinea, and gains had been won in New Britain and Bougainville, but there

were many roadblocks on the "long road to Tokyo."

Early in December of 1941, the Japanese seized the Gilbert Islands and had turned two major islands in the group into important military bases. Tarawa was given an airstrip, and a sea-plane base was constructed on Makin. Both islands were garrisoned.

Tarawa and Makin were important outposts in the Japanese outer defense line, and they were also offensive bases where the enemy could threaten supply lines from Hawaii to Australia.

Marines were assigned to take Tarawa. The 27th Infantry Division, New York National Guard, was assigned to take

Makin.

Makin Island, like Tarawa, was a coral atoll, shaped much like a malformed "T" laying on its side. The island itself is about 15 miles long but seldom measures more than 500 meters wide along the shaft of the "T." Makin Island was almost flat, and coconut palms were scattered across the island. Approximately 1,700 islanders lived on Makin and surrounding islands.

There were 800 or so Japanese defenders of these, many were conscripted Korean construction troops of dubious quality. Probably 350 fighting Japanese soldiers were there.

Soldiers of the 27th landed on the crossbar of the "T" on Nov. 20, 1943 at 8:30 a.m. The assault forces consisted of the 165th Infantry, a New York National Guard outfit, supported by numerous specialized units

Maj. Bruce Conard  
NGB Historian



including amphibious carriers. Tanks were landed as soon as possible to assist in securing the beachhead. The crossbar of the "T" was secured first, but the main Japanese defenses were on the shaft of the "T" surrounding what could

be charitably called the "capital" of the island, a few buildings and some piers jutting into the lagoon that washes the north coast of the island.

At 10:30 a.m., the 2nd Battalion, 165th Infantry (reinforced) landed on that northern coast, striking directly into the main defended area of the island. The Japanese had constructed two shore-to-shore anti-tank ditches, one on either side of the area, and the 2nd Battalion landed between these ditches.

The two beachheads reached out for each other. By 3 p.m.

contact was made between the two forces at the western tank barrier. There were many concrete pillboxes to be dealt with, and the going was slow.

Night fell with the 165th Infantry (reinforced) still fighting Japanese hold-outs on the western tank barrier, and part of the 2nd Battalion, 165th, advancing on the eastern tank barrier. The first night was tense, with Japanese troops sniping at uncovered targets. Companies had pulled into defensive perimeters during the night, and the Japanese had infiltrated back into old defensive positions.

The second day was one of consolidating. Positions taken by Japanese infiltrators had to be retaken by the men of the 27th Division. The advance slowed as the 3rd Battalion neared the eastern tank barrier.

After a second night on Makin, the 3rd Battalion broke loose and advanced over 9,000 meters. The next day the 3rd Battalion reached the "tail" of the island at 10:30 a.m. The commander of the 27th Infantry Division, Maj. Gen. Ralph C. Smith reported: "Makin taken" to his superiors.

## Paying homage to their past

New York Guard honors memory of WWI poet Joyce Kilmer

By Pvt. 2 Christopher Moriarty  
New York National Guard

The life and death of American poet Joyce Kilmer was commemorated by four 42nd Infantry Division members recently at Highland Park in Edison, N.J. The soldiers donned the World War I uniform Kilmer wore as a soldier when he was a member of the division.

The ceremonies marked the 75th anniversary of Kilmer's death in action with the 42nd Infantry Division in France and the 80th anniversary of the writing of Kilmer's best known poem *Trees*.

Kilmer, an intelligence specialist in the Rainbow Division during World War I, was killed in action at the Orcq River near Chateau-Thierry July 30, 1918.

The volunteer color guard presented the colors at the post office in Edison, where a tree was dedicated in Kilmer's honor, and at Highland Park, where a statue honors the soldier/poet. Each town claims Kilmer as its own because he lived in both.

Maj. John Kelly, assistant G-2 and unit historian for the 42nd, along with other members of the color guard,



Photo courtesy of the New York National Guard

practiced WWI drill and ceremony maneuvers to ensure their presentation was as authentic as possible. Kelly, a military history buff, procured authentic uniforms and weapons from New York's Museum of Military Heritage and private collectors.

Kelly said he leaped at the opportunity to participate in the day's events, because of what Kilmer represents.

"This is our chance to honor the civilians who put

down their jobs," he said. "Joyce Kilmer had a good job, a promising career, a wonderful family and he laid all of that down to go to war when his country called...he paid the ultimate price."

Others were equally as proud to participate. "For me, it was an honor to serve on this color guard," said SSgt. Mark Deyoe, a 42nd counter-intelligence NCO. "We have to honor our history or else people forget."

**PERIOD GARB-**  
Members of the New York Army Guard's 42nd Infantry Division donned World War I era uniforms fancied by American poet and citizen-soldier Joyce Kilmer. 'Rainbow Division' members from left to right are: SSgt. Mark Deyoe, Sgt. Robert Mackey and Maj. John Kelly. "We have to honor our history or else people forget," said Deyoe.



# TRAINING



**TRUDGING** - 1st Lt. Charles Zimmerman, executive officer of the Maryland Army Guard's C Company, 1st Battalion/115th Infantry, wades through a swamp during jungle training.

Photo by Capt. John Goheen



Photo by Spc. Rick Roth

**ROW YOUR BOAT** - A squad of infantrymen make its way down the Yellow River

Maryland's Infantry spends a weekend in Florida attacking the elements

By Spc. Marc Raimondi  
Maryland National Guard

**W**hat does five hours rowing down a murky, alligator-infested river, four hours trudging through a swampy jungle at night and several raids on suspected guerilla bases equal?

A recent weekend in Florida with the light infantrymen of the Maryland Army Guard's Company C, 1st Battalion, 115th Infantry.

The 115th was joined by about 30 Reserve Officer Training Course Cadets from Baltimore-area colleges for the jungle-warfare training at Camp Rudder, located on the Florida Panhandle.

The U.S. Army uses Camp Rudder to train its Rangers.

After touching down in Florida, the light fighters headed for the shallow, slow-moving Yellow River.

The Maryland infantrymen made their way down the river in small, inflatable rubber rafts called "Zodiac boats." Each boat carried 10 soldiers and up to a 1,000 pounds of weapons, ammunition and other combat gear.

About 12-kilometers and five hours down-river, the sun now set, the infantrymen abandoned their boats, waded

## Jungle training



Photo by Capt. John Goheen

**TAKING AIM** - 2nd Lt. Patrick Wheeler (left) fires an M-16 as Spc. Aaron Gordon looks on

ashore and slung 70-pound "ruck sacks" on their backs.

The inky darkness of night-fall under a thick canopy of trees turned every step in the jungle into an adventure. Lines of infantrymen stumbled over dead and decaying trees, under thorny vines, and through knee deep swamp-muck that often hid sunken vines, tree stumps or deep holes. The jungle movement now made the pace of the zodiac boats seem blistering.

When daylight broke, C Company prepared to evict the ROTC adversaries.

One attack called for a platoon to negotiate a 200-meter field of trees submerged in thigh-high water.

The platoon announced its presence with several bone-rattling explosions representing their 60 millimeter mortars. Next, they let loose with long bursts of M-60 machinegun fire, and then assaulted the objective using smoke grenades, illuminating star clusters and M-16 assaults.

When the smoke cleared, not a cadet was standing. C Company had completed its task.