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Guard assists in extinguishing California fires

Six Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve C-130 Hercules aircraft, operating out of Channel Islands Air National Guard Base, battled wildfires in Ventura and Los Angeles counties, supporting U.S. Forest Service and California Department of Forestry ground firefighting operations.

The aircraft were flown by Air National Guard aircrews from California's 146th Airlift Wing, based at Channel Islands ANGB, and augmented by the 153rd Airlift Group from Cheyenne, Wyo.

Two C-130's from the 145th Airlift Group in Charlotte, N.C., joined the tanker force, bringing the Air Guard and Air Force Reserve tanker force to eight Modular Airborne Fighting System-equipped C-130s.

Each C-130 is equipped with a MAFFS capable of dispensing 3,000 gallons of fire retardant over forest or brush fires.

On the Channel Islands flightline, a continuous pumping operation mixed dry chemical retardant with water, creating a red-colored slurry mix, which was then pumped into MAFFS tanks aboard the aircraft. Once airborne, the tanks containing the retardant mix were pressurized, allowing the retardant to be dropped from an altitude of from 150 to 250 feet.

As of Nov. 15, Air Guard and Air Force Reserve C-130s have dropped more than 1.8 million pounds of chemical retardant on fires in Ventura County.

Puerto Rico responds to civic problem

*Guard helps police
eliminate drug threat*

By Lt. Col. Wilson Torres
Puerto Rico National Guard

For the past six months, 1,200 Puerto Rico National Guardmembers have joined local police to fight urban crime and rid public housing areas of drug dealers.

The program, considered a success by the Guard and civilians alike, has drawn widespread media attention and earned broad community support.

During a recent raid, for example, more than 500 citizen-soldiers assisted police when they entered three public housing projects in Rio Pedras. The crackdown netted several known drug dealers and an unspecified amount of crack cocaine, heroin and marijuana.

The Guard's role in this campaign, said Maj. Gen. Emilio Diaz-Colon, Puerto Rico's adjutant general, is to restore peace and security. "We're fulfilling our state mission: to protect Puerto Rican citizens," he said. "By getting rid of drugs and criminals, we can ensure public safety for future generations."



Photo by Sgt. Milton Hernandez

Before the Guard's assistance, near anarchy reigned in many Puerto Rican neighborhoods. While on routine patrols, police cruisers and helicopters drew random fire from drug dealers, who openly challenged any intrusion on "their turf."

After being mobilized for state duty, the Guard and local police launched a three-phase campaign to restore order.

In phase one, aviation and military police units assisted police with ground

STANDING GUARD - A member of Puerto Rico's Guard assists police during an early dawn raid.

patrols and aerial surveillance. Guard soldiers provided security while police served arrest warrants, seized drugs and confiscated weapons.

In phases two and three, after the areas were made safe, the Guard worked to improve living conditions by building security fences and renovating quarters.

Air Guard units, pilots soar at Gunsmoke

By SSgt. Jennifer L. Taday
National Guard Bureau

Gunsmoke '93 pitted 17 top aircraft crews against each other in a week-long competition at Nellis AFB, Nev., in October. But once the smoke cleared, three Air National Guard units flew away with top honors.

Capturing the title of Top Gun in the fighter pilot division was Maj. Gregory Brewer, 140th Fighter Wing, Buckley ANGB, Colo. He is the third 140th Guardmember to win the title. Brewer

also took the dive-bomb award.

The Air Guard also was visible in the low angle bomb division as Maj. Steven Verhelst of the 150th Fighter Group, Kirtland AFB, N.M., finished first. His 1,632 points in the Top Gun fighter category earned a third place finish.

Another award winner in the strafe (continuous shooting) competition, was Maj. Russell Thomas of the 103rd Fighter Group, Bradley ANGB, Conn.

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COMMENTARY

Counterdrug Update

• As of Nov. 10, 2,469 Army National Guard and 557 Air National Guard personnel were on counterdrug support duty in all 54 states and territories.

• As of Nov. 10, the total value of cash and drugs seized by police this fiscal year, with Guard's assistance, is \$553 million.

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LETTERS

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

Throughout my career, the National Guard has been much more than a job — it has been a part of my family. And it has always been this feeling of family that has made my tenure as a Guardsmember so memorable and rewarding.

This sense of family is the bedrock of the National Guard. It is what sets us apart from the rest of the Total Force. It is the foundation upon which our relationships with our communities, state and nation are built.

Together our Guard family has come a long way in the first few years of this decade. We have made significant and lasting improvements in readiness, equal opportunity, health and safety, and in our environmental responsiveness. We have also improved our responsiveness to civil emergencies; increased our support of counterdrug operations; improved our support to our families, employers and our communities, and we have institutionalized a quality culture throughout the National Guard.

I take great pride in the accomplishments and the progress we have made in our quest for excellence. But there are more important milestones on the road ahead.

Our National Guard family and the communities we serve are on the verge of an exciting new century. We have a

shared vision for the future ... of a quality National Guard made up of dedicated Americans; an organization that is recognized as the world's most effective Reserve Force; a full partner in the Total Force; eager and competent to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

As the eve of my retirement draws near, I know you will continue to do your part to "Add Value to America." I take my leave secure in the knowledge that our National Guard family will grow even stronger throughout the rest of the 1990s and into the 21st century.

Lt. Gen. John B. Conaway
Chief, National Guard Bureau

ROYAL GAFF?

I'm a full-time technician with the Army National Guard and I faithfully read *The On Guard* newspaper. I have always held it above the other magazines and publications, because of your attention to detail and accurate reporting. My high regards for your publication was shattered when I was reading the September issue, namely on page 11.

The picture depicts Brig. Gen. Robert Schulte, North Dakota Assistant Adjutant General, and a Major, meeting Britain's Queen Elizabeth II.

In the picture, the Major does not have a name label over his right breast pocket on his BDU shirt and his left breast pocket has several pens/pencils sticking out of it. It may be just the reflection of the light from the camera flash, but it also appears that the Major is not wearing the regula-

tion brown T-shirt.

The picture accompanying the article titled "Royal Visit" is very unbecoming the quality of your publication.

SSgt. Michael A. Brill
Ohio Army National Guard

Editor's note: The On Guard is the newspaper of the Army and Air Guard. The Major pictured is a member of the Air National Guard. As many of our Air Guard readers already know, the name tag can be worn in the form of a patch over the left breast pocket, a design change adopted by the Air Force to save personnel money and to provide simplicity.

RECIPIENTS, NOT WINNERS

In the September issue of *The On Guard* I read a story entitled "Air Guard claims World War II hero" written by Dr. Charles J. Gross.

I am sick and tired of valiant, oftentimes fallen, comrades being referred to as "winners." When did the Medal of Honor become a blue ribbon at a county fair? One who has been awarded our highest military decoration should always be afforded the utmost dignity and respect, whether in person or in print. Please refer to such persons as recipients, not winners. The only winner is the United States, for having such gallant soldiers willing to make the supreme sacrifice in defense of our nation.

As a member of the American Legion, and someone who has met several Medal of Honor recipients, this issue is of a genuine personal concern.

Jack W. Attig, Jr.
Meriden, Kansas

FAMILY SUPPORT

I'm the president and secretary of the Family Support Group in Berwick, Penn. I read *The On Guard* and enjoy it. I put that information in my newsletters. I would appreciate more articles or information on the Family Support Groups.

Margaret Eddinger
Berwick, Pennsylvania

Editor's Note: You will be happy to know that The On Guard's theme subject for next May is "family issues."

NOT JUMPING FOR JOY

The October issue of *The On Guard* incorrectly credited the picture accompanying the article "Jumping for joy" showing paratroopers from Company A, 5th Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group. The photo was taken by Barbara Atwell.

Maj. Thomas C. Schultz
Colorado National Guard

'On Guard' staff relocates

The newspaper staff of *The On Guard* recently moved to a new location.

If you have stories or a letter to the editor you want published, mail them

to our new address: NGB-PAC, 2500 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310-2500. Our phone numbers, DSN 289-1924 or (703) 756-1924, will remain the same.

DRUG USE IS LIFE ABUSE



IN THE NEWS

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Guard selects first black female General

Irene Trowell-Harris makes history

Story and photo
by TSgt. John Malthaner
National Guard Bureau

As a child, Irene Trowell would labor for hours picking cotton with her 10 brothers and sisters on their parents' farm in rural Aiken, S.C. Occasionally, her spirits would soar when she looked up to discover a plane. When you grow up in Aiken in the 1950s such an occurrence can become an event. For Trowell, however, it was a calling.

Each time a plane buzzed, she would announce to all assembled that "one day I will fly on one of those things." And just as frequently, her siblings would laugh heartily at her far-fetched boast. She too would join in the laughfest. After all, at the time, there weren't very many African Americans making a living in aviation.

She who laughs last...

The 53-year-old would go on to log hundreds of hours flying as a flight nurse, an instructor and an examiner. She then became recognized around the country as the first female in Air Guard history to command a medical clinic. Previously, the post had been the exclusive domain of white, male doctors. Along the way she would earn degrees from such Ivy League stalwarts as Yale University (a master's in public health) and Columbia - a doctorate in health education.

Brig. Gen. Irene Trowell-Harris has done much more than just break ground on her parents' farm. Recently, she became the first African American woman in the National Guard's 357-year history to become a general officer.

When you make history, things change. The reverend at her church asked her to stay for a second service so the assembled throngs could catch a glimpse. People she works with every day at the Department of Veteran's Affairs now come around with cameras and request photos for their personal albums, and autographs are sure to follow. Even a hardened senior NCO with 27 years in service practically swooned over seeing his "first black general."

The celebrity status of being a general is somewhat amusing to Trowell-Harris. Recently, the nurse who has spent a lifetime helping others was given a personal escort when taking a physical.

"It (being promoted to general) makes you more aware of everything you do," she said.



Brig. Gen. Irene Trowell-Harris makes a point.

Staying focused has never been a problem for Trowell-Harris. She credits her mother, Irene Battle Trowell, for pushing everyone in her family to achieve in life. "My mother always said, 'Stay in school and stay in church,'" the general said. She heeded her mother's advice, earning a scholarship to the Columbia Hospital School of Nursing; her high school and the Mt. Hill Baptist Church footed the bill.

It was while attending nursing school, 30 years ago, that Trowell-Harris got wind of opportunities in the Air National Guard. Shortly thereafter, she attended the Aerospace School of Medicine. At the time, very few minorities ventured into the flight nurse arena. Sadly, she recalls, some were made to feel uncomfortable because of the color of their skin.

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Pennsylvania Air Guard runs newest food service school



201st Civil Engineering Squadron operates one of three such institutions

Pennsylvania's Fort Indiantown Gap is the site of a new school called Prime Rib, teaching some old and new procedures in the Food Services Field.

One of only three such schools in America, it is operated by the Air Guard's 201st Civil Engineering (RED HORSE) Flight.

HAMMERING - Two students from the Minnesota Guard hammer a Prime Rib school lesson home.

The school opened its doors for instruction to Air National Guard, Air Force Reserves and active duty Air Force food services personnel in August.

"Classes are limited to 20 students to allow a closer student/instructor ratio," noted CMSgt. Robert T. Quirk, school commandant. He said the intense one-week course includes field feeding procedures for preparing and serving rations; field subsistence procedures for requisitioning, receiving, storing and accounting for field rations; field sanitation; Mobile Kitchen Trailer set-up, operation and maintenance; field billeting and locator operations.

Quirk says the school's six instructors come from units throughout the country.

"We'll have 40 classes per year once the school gets off the ground," said Lt. Col. Harvey D. Perkins, 201st Engineer facilities manager.

NATIONAL BRIEFS

Muslim faith recognized

The Muslim Military Members, the military section of the American Muslim Council recognized by the Department of Defense, is beginning an annual membership drive. The religious, cultural and social Islamic organization assists Muslims in the United States Armed Forces exercise the requirements of their religious faith. For more information, write to Muslim Military Members, 1212 New York Avenue, N.W. - Suite 525, Washington, DC 20005 or call (703) 640-3363/3369; DSN 278-3363/3369.

Military Traffic Command announces '800' number

Servicemembers and government civilians have access to Military Traffic Management Command (MTMC) through an 800 number. Dialing 1 (800) 756-MTMC (6862) will put the caller in touch with one of the customer service representatives at MTMC's Customer Service Center, which was created as a result of a Total Quality Management initiative.

Exchange catalog available

A free, 48-page mini catalog is now available at all Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine exchanges worldwide.

Current catalog users will receive a copy of the Holiday Gift Values Catalog in the mail. Other customers may pick one up at their closest exchange.

This mini catalog features gifts from around the world.

All authorized exchange customers may use the catalog. The full Fall/Winter '93 Exchange Catalog is also available at exchanges worldwide. It costs \$3 and includes a \$5 coupon good on the first order over \$25. Customers in the United States and Puerto Rico may order one by calling toll-free, 1 (800) 527-2345, while all customers may write to: Exchange Catalog Sales, P.O. Box 660211, Dallas, TX 75266-0211.

Combat rescue school opens doors in Nevada

The Air Force Combat Rescue School opened for business recently under the 57th Fighter Wing at Nellis AFB, Nev., after the headquarters air rescue service was inactivated at McClellan AFB, Calif.

"I'm very excited about taking command of the first Air Force Combat Rescue School and joining the Nellis community with its long tradition of excellence," said Col. Edward LaFountain, first commander of the school.



Photo by TSgt. Mike Kobylanski
Retired MSgt. Walter Kuczma salutes the 112th.

Keystone State pays homage to its Air Guard

112th Air Refueling Group is inactivated

More than 3,000 people attended the sixth annual Flight of Freedom Ceremony hosted by the 171st Air Refueling Wing and the 112th Air Refueling Group at Pittsburgh International Airport recently.

This is an annual salute to the Pennsylvania Air Guard. Included in the ceremonies was the induction of Tom Foerster, chairman, Allegheny County Board of Commissioners, into the Pennsylvania Air National Guard Hall of Fame.

"His crowning accomplishment, and the one most directly impacting the Pennsylvania Air National Guard, is the Pittsburgh International Airport project. From his first term as commissioner, he had the foresight to acquire large tracts of marginally useful land adjacent to the airport," commented Maj. Gen. Gerald T. Sajer, Pennsylvania's adjutant general.

Also included in the ceremonies was the inactivation of the 112th Air Refueling Group. Beginning as a fighter unit in 1942, the 112th began wartime operations immediately. During this time, the unit participated in nine major air combat campaigns in Europe and Africa, earning the Presidential Unit Citation.

The inactivation of the 112th places both flying squadrons in the 171st Air Refueling Wing, reuniting them under a common command, as they were more than 50 years ago.

Florida unit garners two awards

290th 'Commo' Squadron recognized for Gulf efforts

MSgt. Mark Westover can recall with great pride the times Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf would stop by their communications van during the war and pronounce the 290th Joint Communications Support Squadron as the "best communicators in the world."

It seems everyone is now jumping on the General's bandwagon. Recently the 290th -- part of the Florida Air National Guard based at MacDill AFB -- received two honors: The Air Force Outstanding Unit Award and a National Guard Distinguished Mission Support Plaque.

"The 290th is well-deserving," assured Westover, the NCO-in-Charge of their electronic computer and switching maintenance section. "We put a lot of hard work and training into it. It's a great honor to be recognized."

According to the citation, the unit received the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for its efforts from July 1, 1990 to June 30, 1992. During this period, 290th personnel and equipment deployed to the Persian Gulf to provide communications support to Schwarzkopf and the U.S. Central Command during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

TSgt. Lee Vaughan, NCO-in-Charge of the 290th's portable UHF communica-



Photo by SMSgt. Fred Prewitt

GOOD VIBRATIONS - MSgt. Mark Westover (rear) and SrA Ramon Perez check their equipment before being deployed.

tions and airborne operations sections, said his unit's role was vital. "We were sent to monitor SCUD launches," he said. "If there was an incoming (Scud), we would sound the alarm and alert the local headquarters."

As for filling a purported "support" function during the war, Vaughan was succinct: "Without communications you cannot fight; you're dead in the water."

The 290th also received the Distinguished Mission Support Plaque. The awarded is given annually to the most

outstanding mission support unit by the National Guard Association of the United States.

"I realize it sounds kind of egotistical to say we deserved these awards," observed Vaughan, "but with the caliber of people that we have, I know we certainly earned it."

GUNSMOKE

From Front Page

The world-wide gunnery meet judges aircrew teams in three profiles: basic deliveries, tactical deliveries and navigation/attack. Each crew flew one basic and tactical delivery sortie, and two sorties in the navigation/attack division.

According to the Maj. Bruce Collins, chief of 140th FW public affairs, units use individual strategies designed to assist them when approaching the profiles.

Gunsmoke provides unique challenges for all competitors within the profiles judged, he said.

Each of the categories judged offer the opportunity for units to improve their accuracy in hopes of becoming a much more effective combat force.

"Pilots are expected to drop 'dumb bombs' more accurately on targets than ever before," Collins said. "Some of these bombs are dropped from about 10,000 feet and have to travel about three miles before ever hitting their target."

In a training environment, Gunsmoke teaches pilots that what works good in theory may not be as effective in practice, he said.

Pilots and aircrews train daily in the events judged. Gunsmoke is considered the final exam for a year's worth of work. However, unlike school, only the best are allowed to compete in the gunnery meet.

The selection process varies depending on the unit and aircraft. According to Lt. Col. Mike Edwards, 120th Fighter Squadron operations officer, the gunnery competition starts up to 18



Photo by SSgt. Gerald Currington

CONNECTICUT CONNECTION - An OA-10 Thunderbolt 2 from the Connecticut Guard's 103rd Fighter Group gets ready for a sortie.

months prior to the shoot off.

"On a normal basis, our squadron uses similar criteria as that used in the competition to select the pilots, who make up the Gunsmoke team," he said. "For this past cycle, 12 months were used because of our recent conversion to the F-16."

Once the top five pilots were selected, they competed in Gulfport, Miss., in June against five other National Guard units for the honor of flying in Gunsmoke, he added.

"The competition prior to Gunsmoke was very peculiar this year because of all of the conversions occurring within the Air National Guard," he said. "Many units chose not to send teams this year."



PEOPLE

A squad of Scholls

Dad brings three of his sons into the Florida Guard

By 1st Lt. John Daigle
Florida National Guard

Sgt. Richard Scholl of Daytona Beach has turned his family into a small squad.

Scholl, the personnel support

non-commissioned officer, Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 265th Air Defense Artillery, recently received the Florida National Guard's Minuteman Award after enlisting his third son.

Scholl's sons, Steven 22, and Michael, 20, enlisted in the Guard two years ago. His youngest son, Adam, 18, raised his hand in September.

Dad, 48, and his wife Elizabeth said they didn't pressure their sons to join, but are proud they wanted to serve.

"I wanted the decision to be theirs," Scholl said. "I didn't push it. I admit I brought home recruiting literature and left it out in plain sight, but I wanted them to make this decision on their own."

"Be sure your boots are bloused right," Elizabeth Scholl told Adam as he put on a uniform for the first time before a recent recruiting awards ceremony for her husband. She said she's had plenty of practice helping her Guardsmen look sharp.

Adam, assigned to the 153rd Cavalry, joins his brother Mike, a specialist with the 705th Military Police Company in Cocoa. Steven is a private first class with the 46th Ordnance Battalion based at Camp Blanding.

"I like the military's teamwork concept," said Adam, a freshman at Daytona Beach Community College. "I'd like



Courtesy of the Florida Guard

to go on active duty after college."

Florida National Guard recruiter SFC Michael Whalen said the Scholl family has set a new recruiting record in Florida. No recruiter had ever signed three members of the same family, he said. A family with four Guardsmembers in two genera-

SCHOLL SQUAD - SSgt. Richard Scholl (top left), along with wife Elizabeth, encouraged their sons Adam (left), Steven and Michael to join the Florida National Guard. Michael is not pictured.

tions is an impressive record, Whalen added.

"I've been a recruiter five years, and I'm not aware of a case (in Florida) where a father and his entire family of three sons are serving in the Guard at the same time," Whalen said.

Adam, the latest Scholl to sign up, said the main reasons he joined was the state's new half price tuition program. The new program, which became law last year, allows many Guardsmembers to attend college at state universities for half the normal tuition. Adam Scholl said he will receive more than \$31,000 in educational benefits.

Passing the torch

Generations of Turners have left their mark on the Oklahoma Air Guard

By 1st Lt. Kim Malloy
Oklahoma National Guard

In the late 1940s, Col. Joseph W. Turner took command of the 138th Fighter Group. Little did this Tulsan realize that he was well on his way to establishing a legacy of family commitment to the unit that would last through five decades.

Joseph W. Turner retired as a brigadier general. He had four sons, all of whom served in the 125th Fighter Squadron, and one who still serves. It is that son, Colonel-select Ron Turner, who followed his father's footsteps and serves as commander. He was recently selected to become the next commander of the 138th Fighter Group.

Between father and son, they have flown every aircraft assigned to the 125th, from the O-38 to the F-16.

The retired general said his interest in aviation began when Lindbergh flew across the Atlantic. "I built model planes like the Spirit of St. Louis," he said. He was hooked.

When he joined the unit he began flying the O-38, one of the first observation planes. "We didn't think about jet airplanes in those days," he said. In the early years the Air National Guard unit didn't even think about getting new planes.

He has proudly watched as the Total Force policy of equipping all National Guard units with top-of-the-line aircraft and weapon systems has been implemented.

"The Air Guard has progressed so far it's kind of inconceivable that we have the best fighter aircraft in the Air Force inventory today," the General said.

He is very proud of the unit's accomplishments such as winning the Spaatz Trophy in 1949. The 125th was the first Air National Guard unit to win the coveted award.

The general flew 16 different aircraft while serving with his unit. "I enjoyed flying the F-51 because it had a lot of power to perform maneuvers, including some acrobatic maneuvers."

His least favorite was the F-84. "It was horrible, it flew like a dog," he said. "It was not very reliable."

The general jokingly said he decided to leave the service when all four of his sons joined the Guard. "It convinced me to retire," he kidded.

In 1960, as the second generation entered the unit, 17-year-old Ron Turner started what has become a 33-year career in the military. He joined as a high school



Photo courtesy of the Oklahoma National Guard

junior and went to basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas, between his junior and senior year. His first job was polishing the aircraft. Later, he trained as a loadmaster on the C-97.

The younger Turner later worked in the comptroller's office. He attended college at the University of Arkansas and then was commissioned and sent to pilot training. He prefers not to talk about the first aircraft he flew, the C-97, or even the C-124. He also flew the T-33, F-100 and A-7D. When he began working in the comptroller's office in the 1960s there were 50 people. Today less than 10 run the daily operations because of computer technology.

Why is he the only son to stay in the Guard? "My brothers are still big propo-

FELLOW COMMANDERS - Col. Ron Turner (in cockpit) and his father Brig. Gen. (retired) Joseph W. Turner have both commanded an Oklahoma Air Guard unit.

nents - strong backers - of the Guard," he notes. "As civilians they will continue to back us in whatever we do."

This traditional Guardsmember began his own manufacturing firm, Tulsa Truck Manufacturing, in 1969, and is the company president.

He and his wife Diane have four children, two sons and two daughters. His oldest son, Todd, has been selected to attend pilot training. It appears the 125th Fighter Squadron's "Turner tradition" will continue into the next century.

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Service before self

When fires broke out in California, they responded. When Somalians were starving, they flew in relief. When a flood brought the Midwest to its knees, they lent a hand. Even with substantial cuts to its force, 1993 will go down as the year the National Guard and its people put its country first.



Courtesy of the Massachusetts Guard
INVOLVED - Downsizing caused the Massachusetts' 26th Infantry Division inactivation (above). In FY 1993, 103 Army and 39 Air Guard units were inactivated. South and Central American countries like Costa Rica (right) benefitted from Guard medical and construction efforts.

EXERCISE - Members of the California's 234th Combat Communication Squadron (right) were in Korea participating in Team Spirit.



Photo by PFC Nicole Lubinsky

ACROSS the COUNTRY

ALABAMA

More than 1,200 Army and Air Guard members opened more than 50 armories for shelter and provided food, transportation, aerial reconnaissance, generator power and search and rescue missions for those stranded during the Blizzard of '93. In August, 50 volunteers and 14 water purification units were sent to Des Moines, Iowa, to help flood victims.

ALASKA

A running team from Air Guard's 168th Air Refueling Group participated in a 110-mile race that commemorated the historic Klondike Gold Rush of 1898. An Army Guard helicopter crew rescued an injured Russian soldier on Big Diomedé Island, the first time a U.S. military aircraft has ever visited the island for that purpose.

ARIZONA

Launched Project Challenge, an innovative, five-month residential program to assist high school dropouts in completing their educations and developing life skills. Both Army and Air Guard members responded to more than 200 state-wide missions during three-months of severe winter flooding.

ARKANSAS

Some 270 children attended a three-day Adjutant General's Youth Camp. The camps focused on drug awareness, building self-esteem and improving communication skills. The Army Guard was one of six finalists for the 1993 Army Community of Excellence Award, earning \$110,000 for more improvements.

CALIFORNIA

Guardmembers helped more than 75 law enforcement agencies collectively seize nearly \$2 billion in illegal drugs. Since 1991, the California Guard has supported more than 1,000 law enforcement missions.

COLORADO

During September, personnel provided medical support during the historic Papal visit and World Youth Day near Denver. At the same time, 55 members of the 3650th Maintenance Company cleaned and trimmed trees and shrubs, painted, roofed and dug out stumps to help 40 disabled adults living at the Johnstone Developmental Center in Lakewood.

CONNECTICUT

Opened the first National Guard Youth Corps "ChalleNGe" Program for high school dropouts in the country. Its first class of 100 began a five-month residential program that emphasizes GED instruction, job skills and self-discipline. Drug educational programs reached more than 12,000 students in 31 communities.

DELAWARE

The 280th Signal Battalion became the second unit in the country to receive a state-of-the-art communications equipment system. In June, seven Air Guard nurses and medical technicians deployed to Somalia to run a small Mobile Aeromedical Staging Facility.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

In January, more than 350 Guardmembers served during inaugural ceremonies for incoming President

Clinton. Some 1,000 teenagers participated in two D.C. Guard sponsored weekend camps that focused on drug education and positive lifestyles.

FLORIDA

Since 1989, counterdrug program personnel have worked with federal task forces to seize \$2.6 billion in cocaine, \$103 million in marijuana, \$42 million in contraband, \$27 million in currency and \$9.5 million in heroin.

GEORGIA

In Atlanta, more than 300 Army Guard medical professionals immunized some 3,000 inner-city children during two weekends in April. Georgia Guardmembers from the 165th Airlift Group deployed to Europe last October to provide relief support to the conflict in Bosnia.

GUAM

In June, more than 400 soldiers from the 294th Infantry deployed to Tinian Island, while 45 other members learned Tube-Launched, Optically-tracked, Wire-guided or TOW arms lessons in Hawaii.

HAWAII

Since Hurricane Iniki devastated the island of Kauai last year, relief continued with the transportation by the Army and Air Guard of materials for 35 temporary cabins and 58 emergency generators. On Oahu, engineers cleared 4.5 acres of land for 14 buildings to house the homeless.



Photo by Spc. J.D. Bros



Photo by Curtis Matsushige

RIOT CONTROL - Members of the Ohio Guard (center photo), armed with 12 gauge shotguns, secured the Lucasville prison perimeter after a riot broke out there. TSgt. Nathan Kum(left) of the Hawaii Army Guard provided communication support for Exercise Cobra Gold in Thailand.



Photo by MSgt. Dick Breach



Courtesy of the Vermont National Guard

'CRACKED' HOUSE - The Pennsylvania National Guard (center photo) and their equipment were called upon to destroy known crack houses. The Vermont National Guard hosted 100 countries at the Conseil International Du Sport Militaire. It was only the second time in the competition's 35-year history that the event has been held on U.S. soil.

A C R O S S t h e C O U N T R Y

IDAHO

The 124th Fighter Group's F-4 "Wild Weasels" and selected aircrews and support personnel deployed in April to Southwest Asia to fly combat missions in support of a United Nations imposed 'no-fly' zone mandate against Iraq.

ILLINOIS

More than 5,000 Guardmembers were called to state active duty during the disastrous Flood of '93. They assisted law enforcement personnel with traffic control and neighborhood security, filled and delivered thousands of sandbags, cooked and delivered meals for the homeless flood victims.

INDIANA

Members of Indiana's 151st Long Range Surveillance Detachment placed first in their category during a grueling Commemorative Bataan Death March at White Sands Missile Range, N.M. in May... More than 800 infantry and field artillery troops trained with Honduran soldiers in the Central American highlands.

IOWA

This summer's flood caused the activation of more than 4,500 Guardmembers to respond to the state's worst natural disaster. They performed massive sandbagging operations, patrolled levees, evacuated citizens, provided security, cooked meals, distributed water and provided showers.

KANSAS

The 190th Air Refueling Group sent aircraft and 70 volunteers to join a tanker task force in Spain. They formed a bridge for air refueling aircraft traveling from the United States to Somalia... Air Guard units from Topeka and Wichita operated two STARBASE one-week camps to teach science, math and aviation technology to youths.

KENTUCKY

Guardmembers were credited with the eradication of more than 600,000 cultivated marijuana plants, and nearly 7 million wild marijuana plants... Air Guard C-130H's and crews from the 123rd Airlift Wing deployed to Kenya and Somalia to support Operations Restore Hope and Provide Relief.

LOUISIANA

Was one of 10 states chosen for the Youth Challenge Program. The Guard received \$4.4 million to prepare 400 high school dropouts for the GED... Counterdrug teams helped seize more than \$200 million in heroin, the third largest heroin bust in U.S. history.

MAINE

The 1136th Transportation Company transported 35,000 pounds of potatoes to hurricane ravaged victims in Homestead, Fla... Maine's Drug Demand Reduction program financially supported a Youth Leader's Trend Setters Program where 30-45 high school students receive team-building, leadership and problem-solving training.

MARYLAND

In September, more than 80 high school dropouts re-enrolled in a five-month residential program called Operation Challenge. The education program offers basic life skills and an opportunity to earn a GED... Maryland's 136th Combat Support Hospital unit gave 7,000 immunizations to more than 4,000 medically underserved citizens in Operation Guard Care.

MASSACHUSETTS

Members of Company A, 114th Support Battalion moved, stored and sorted food for the annual Greater Boston Food Bank... In August, the historic 26th Yankee Infantry Division was inactivated.

MICHIGAN

The Air Guard launched STARBASE, a program that focuses on at-risk fourth, fifth and sixth-grade children. During the five days, students study aerodynamics and physics, participate in teamwork activities, work on computer flight simulators and build and launch model rockets.

MINNESOTA

The 133rd Airlift Wing proved to be the best among Air Guard flying units by winning the National Guard Association's Spaatz Trophy... Drug Demand Reduction teams got the word out about the dangers of drugs by visiting more than 6,000 children at 46 schools and summer camps.

MISSISSIPPI

The 155th Armored Brigade was the nation's first Army Guard unit to receive the Army's improved M1A1 Abrams tank... The 172nd Airlift Group and their C-141 aircraft logged thousands of miles transporting personnel, food and supplies to Somalia, Bosnia, Honduras and other foreign countries.

MISSOURI

More than 5,000 Guardmembers served in 85 communities between July and September in the largest state duty callup in history during the Flood of '93... Missouri Army Guard engineers deployed to Costa Rica to refurbish schools and clinics while others worked in Missouri to destroy a crack house.

MONTANA

Emerges as a leader in establishing guidelines for dealing with environmentally-sensitive issues. The Environmental Compliance Assessment Report turned in by the Army Guard is one of the first final reports that has been completed in the entire Army.

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Photo by Spc. Nicole Smith

HELPING OUT - SFC Norma Miranda (right), Puerto Rico National Guard, hands out anti-drug material to youths. Members of the Ohio Guard's 217th Quartermaster Detachment (above) pumped water from a flooded river in Iowa. Nearly 11,000 Guardmembers came to the assistance of their neighbors when the Great Flood of '93 hit the Midwest.



A C R O S S t h e C O U N T R Y

NEBRASKA

The 134th Infantry deployed more than 500 soldiers to Honduras for infantry tactical training and humanitarian service projects...The Air Guard ended 22 years of flying the RF-4C reconnaissance aircraft and accepted the first two KC-135R tankers to begin their transition to a new mission.

NEVADA

The 1st Battalion, 221st Armor qualified 30 tank crews, earning the distinction as the "Top Gunnery Battalion" in the entire 40th Infantry Division...The 152nd Reconnaissance Group successfully tested new digital imagery production equipment by transmitting photos taken by their RF-4C Phantom II jets to South Carolina via telephone lines.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The 157th Air Refueling Group deployed to Moron AB, Spain, to lead 22 aircraft tankers in conducting refueling operations in support of Operation Restore Hope in Somalia...The 157th was also recognized for several national awards: Outstanding Tanker Air Reserve Force and Flying Squadron, Best Consolidated Base Personnel Office, Communications System Organization Award and Outstanding Services Unit.

NEW JERSEY

In December, 312 Guardmembers were called to state active duty to assist residents overwhelmed by severe winter storms. Doctors and nurses were transported to work; dialysis patients were moved to safety; and citizens evacuated from flooded areas. Twenty-six communities benefited from their efforts.

NEW MEXICO

The New Mexico Guard has more than 160 people assigned to track drug smugglers on its southern borders...Sponsored several "Youth Fest Days" throughout the year warning teens about drugs...Repair technicians from Sante Fe are overhauling 770 Army vehicles brought back from Europe as result of the U.S. military drawdowns.

NEW YORK

Empire State Guardmembers came to the rescue twice last winter performing rescues and providing shelter when storms raked the East Coast...The 105th Airlift Group, based in Newburgh, conducted a high-tech program called "Galaxy," introducing younger children to the wonders of math and science. The 105th flies the C-5A Galaxy aircraft...When soldiers from Fort Drum needed a lift to Mogadishu, Somalia, the New York Air National Guard responded.

NORTH CAROLINA

The 145th Airlift Group flew more than 153 tons of cargo in support of Hurricane Andrew's victims...Army Guard 105th Engineer Group members completed a farm-to-market road in Honduras...The North Carolina National Guard eradicated more than \$20 million in marijuana plants during one week alone.

NORTH DAKOTA

Sent 28 quartermaster personnel to Des Moines, Iowa, to purify water for three major hospitals in the city using four Reverse Osmosis Water Purification Units. Working 12-hour shifts, the soldiers purified more than 4.6 million gallons of water.

OHIO

More than 800 troops reported to Lucasville in April to help resolve one of the longest prison riots in U.S. history...A few months later, the Ohio Army Guard deployed to Iowa where members purified and distributed 1.3 million gallons of water to more than 40,000 residents.

OKLAHOMA

Aerospace America '93, regarded by many as the largest and best airshow in North America, was described as an outstanding success...deployed medical personnel to Somalia and had aircrews fly relief missions to Bosnia.

OREGON

The Oregon Air Guard's 142nd Fighter Group's Alert Detachment ended its 24-hour F-15 alert mission Sept. 30, at McChord AFB, Wash...the Oregon Military Academy's new \$4 million federally-funded facility became the first of its kind to be located on a state college campus at Monmouth.

PENNSYLVANIA

When gale force winds dumped two feet of snow and caused white-out conditions, nearly 1,200 Guardmembers performed search and rescue missions, assisted power companies in restoring electricity and transported medical professionals to work...The 193rd Special Operations Group, based in Harrisburg, celebrated 140,000 hours of accident-free flying. The unit has flown without an accident or incident for 37 years.



Photo by Sgt. F. Sefta



Photo by 2nd Lt. John R. Harris

NEEDING A LIFT - An officer candidate (left) at Tennessee Military Academy gets a hand from fellow candidates. It was the first time Tennessee and Kentucky consolidated their Officer Candidate Schools. Idaho's F-4G Wild Weasels (below) spent time in the Persian Gulf protecting the no-fly zone imposed against Iraq.



Courtesy of the Idaho National Guard



Courtesy of the Kentucky National Guard

HUMANITARIANS - The Kentucky Air Guard was in Somalia delivering much-needed food and medical supplies to the people of Somalia.

A C R O S S t h e C O U N T R Y

PUERTO RICO

In an effort to fight drugs, more than 1,200 Guardmembers hit the streets to support local police departments, helping police protect 27 public housing projects... The 130th Engineer Battalion cleared rivers of debris, refurbished facilities for the poor and helped the government prepare terrain for construction of sports complexes used for the XVII Central America Games.

RHODE ISLAND

While floods gripped the Midwest, a drought depleted the precious reservoirs in the communities of Block Island and Jamestown. The Rhode Island National Guard responded with more than 3 million gallons of water to those communities.

SOUTH CAROLINA

The 4th Battalion, 178th Field Artillery, called the Swamp Fox Battalion, was laid to rest; victim of downsizing... The 169th Fighter Group and 240th Combat Communications Squadron deployed to locations across the U.S.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Immersed in a six-month project in Panama called *Fuertes Caminos*, Spanish for "strong roads." Task Force Rushmore built more than 16 miles of road and renovated 16 schools and six health clinics... The 114th Fighter Group participated in a two-week deployment to St. Truiden, Belgium.

TENNESSEE

With 39 of the state's 95 counties identified as medically deficient, the Guard stepped forward with a program called *MediGuard*, where Army and Air Guard doctors and nurses provide free medical and dental screenings, and children receive needed inoculations.

TEXAS

The 217th Evacuation Hospital, as part of the *Guardcare* program, provided free immunizations and other medical services to the medically underserved people of Starr County... Through functions such as *Adopt-a-School* and *Drug Awareness and Reduction Education*, approximately 24,000 citizen-soldiers and airmen made a positive difference in the lives of Lone Star State youths.

UTAH

Hundreds of Guardmembers spent thousands of hours clearing streets and rescuing storm victims after a winter storm struck the Wasatch Front... The 1st Battalion, 211th Aviation was selected the Best Army Aviation Battalion and Outstanding Army National Guard Aviation Unit of the Year.

VERMONT

For the second time, Vermont's National Guard assisted the *Conseil International Du Sport Militaire* competition. CISM has a 35-year history of offering world class military athletes from more than 100 countries a chance to compete in 24 events.

VIRGINIA

3rd Battalion, 116th Infantry, based in Winchester, was awarded the *Walter T. Kerwin Award*. The honor is given annually to the most combat-ready unit in the National Guard... Assisted local law enforcement agencies in seizing more than 50,000 marijuana plants, 300 pounds of prepared marijuana, 36 pounds of cocaine and 45 pounds of heroin last fiscal year.

VIRGIN ISLANDS

Provided the island of St. Johns ambulances with crews when their clinic's emergency vehicle became inoperable... Assisted with the seizure of more than 65,000 pounds of marijuana and 19 pounds of cocaine.

WASHINGTON

More than 500 children and adults benefitted from the medical expertise rendered by the 164th Medical Ambulance Surgical Hospital. The MASH unit was in Tacoma as part of Washington's *Operation GuardCare*... Served as host for nine western states combining their officer candidate programs. More than 120 new Army Guard second lieutenants were produced from this historic undertaking.

WEST VIRGINIA

Company A, 1092nd Engineer Battalion cooked up a first place finish in the Army's 1993 Philip A. Connelly culinary competition. They took the field kitchen category... The state's elite "Guard Against Drugs" parachute team performed more than 50 free-fall demonstrations and reached nearly 200,000 children and adults with their down-to-earth, drug-free message.

WISCONSIN

The 128th Refueling Group, flying KC-135 Stratotankers, performed humanitarian relief missions flying much needed food to Somalia. A Badger State crew also flew 17 Tennessee Air Guard pilots to Kenya to help in a supply effort there... Brig. Gen. Sharon Vander Zyl became the first woman general in the history of the Army National Guard.

WYOMING

MSgt. Dennis P. McDonald, a bioenvironmental engineering technician, received a national award for establishing and operating exemplary environmental programs... The Wyoming Military Academy at Camp Guernsey recently received national accreditation to train active and reserve component artillerymen from around the country.



SPORTS

- Softball's finest
- Turbyfill wins, again
- More PT

SPORTS SHORTS

SOFTBALL CHAMPS

The Ohio Air Guard women's softball team, consisting primarily of members from the 160th Air Refueling Group and 121st Air Refueling Wing based at Rickenbacker ANGB, won the 28th annual Air National Guard softball championship held in Boise, Idaho.

The Ohio squad also had women from Blue Ash, Springfield and the West Virginia Air Guard.

"Timely hitting, solid defense and the ability to turn the double play were the main keys to winning the title," said SMSgt. Jerry Brommand, coach.

Other journey winners included: Men's open, 149th Fighter Group, Texas; Mens over 35, 193rd Special Operations Group, Penn.; Coed, 189th Fighter Group, Ark.; Fast pitch, 139th Airlift Group, Mo.



340th soldiers get in some physical training.

PT RUN

Members of a California Army Guard unit used the 16th Annual Manhattan Beach Old Hometown 10K (6.2 miles) run to gauge their physical training.

Company C, 340th Support Battalion (combat medics), based in Manhattan Beach, challenged themselves to complete the first two miles of the six mile run in the minimum time allowed for their age for a PT Test. Other goals were to run the remaining two mile increments to standard.

The challenge was the brain-storm of 1st Lt. Russell Freeman, Company C's platoon leader and PT coordinator. "The 10K run added variety, boosted morale and provided an excellent opportunity for soldiers to interact with the community," he said.

Gunning down a title

By MSgt. Ami Jackson
New Mexico National Guard

When Air Guard Peacekeeper Challenge competitors left Kirkland AFB, N.M., they took with them the first-place gold trophy for machine gun competition.

The challenge is held annually to test security police training programs and to highlight physical and tactical skills of competitors.

The competition to make the Air Guard team started last May when tryouts narrowed the list to the required eight team members. The selectees returned home to continue individual training until meeting again at Indian Springs, Nev., where the climate and altitude is similar to that of New Mexico.

"We had 10 days to practice, to select individuals for various events, and to gel

as a team, so practice requirements didn't slacken because of (hot) weather," reported MSgt. Stephen Santos, team captain and a member of the New Hampshire Air Guard.

SSgt. Ned Wright and SSgt. Timothy P. Sorrells from West Virginia formed the machine gun team. Just after sunrise on the fourth day of competition, they picked up their rounds and headed up rugged mountainous terrain to begin the course in the first foxhole position. As assistant gunner, Wright helped Sorrells load his M-60 with a 100-round belt, then loaded his own M-16.

With tingling nerves, Sorrells opened fire on pop-up targets difficult to distinguish from the area's subdued vegetation. "High, you're shooting high," Wright shouted. Moving through positions with 50 rounds left and his adrenaline leveling, Sorrells finally heard Wright and made

an adjustment. He still had no idea how his rounds were hitting. Dust flurries blurred his vision. He relied on Wright's "target down" calls to guide him. Finishing the first four phases, Sorrells climbed onto a High Mobility Multi-wheeled Vehicle to fire the final gunner-only phase from the moving vehicle. With a 15-minute time limit on the ground course alone, Sorrells and Wright finished with a clocking of 9:37, leaving only one target standing and with one round left. A spectators gushed, "I've never seen such good firing."

The two gunners received the recognition due them after their scores were posted. Active duty teams and other observers cheered loudly.

Watching Wright last year, SSgt. Teresa Wheeler made up her mind. "At the time, I was an administrative technician in security police, and I kept saying I'd be with them in '93 for tryouts and competition."

The married mother of three finished law enforcement technical training earlier this year. "I was dangerous. I'd never fired a handgun until about six months prior to 'tech' school. Now it just feels natural."

Wheeler became the first reserve component woman ever to compete in combat weapons events during Peacekeeper's 12-year history.

Asked if she'd return in '94, Wheeler answered with a hearty laugh, "Don't tell my husband, but yes!"

Other competitors, all SSgts.: Bradley S. Millard, Iowa; Daniel R. Meehan and Keith H. Latimer, Alaska; Timothy H. Keeler, Dale Kersting and Scott C. Burton, Ariz.

DOWN RANGE - SSgt. Dale Kersting (left), Arizona Air Guard, keeps his eye on the target.



Photo by TSgt. Jeff Ferdon

Turbyfill captures another orienteering crown

For the second straight year Lt. Col. Robert Turbyfill finished first in the men's 45 and older category at the U.S. Orienteering Championships, held this year in West Point, N.Y.

A member of the Army Guard Comptroller Directorate based in Arlington, Va., Turbyfill overcame a three minute deficit in the final day of competition to take the title. There were 47 racers in his division.

The victory was especially sweet to the 45-year-old because he bested long-time rival Gord Hunter of Canada. Their dominance of orienteering dates back to 1973.

"I'm not getting any younger and I don't run as fast," notes Turbyfill, "but I run smarter. I don't make big mistakes."

That fact was not lost on the U.S. men and women he coached to an impressive showing at the World Orienteering Championships held Oct. 8-14, the week prior to the U.S.

event.

"This is clearly the strongest team the United States has taken to a world championship event since we started participating over 20 years ago," Turbyfill said.

As the coach of the team, Turbyfill said the team has shown a lot of improvement, and with a new approach to coaching, should show even better at the next world championships held in Germany in August 1995.

"We could surprise some teams at the next World Orienteering Championships," he said.



Lt. Col. Turbyfill.

The Guard's Maj. Greg Brewer is the finest pilot the Air Force has to offer

By MSgt. Frederick Ripley
Colorado National Guard

One can only imagine what Northwest Air Airlines passengers might think if they knew a celebrity was at the controls. Their pilot, Maj. Greg Brewer, is not just any celebrity, but rather the Top Gun of Gunsmoke '93, a worldwide gunnery meet held at Nellis AFB, Nev., in October.

Star status was recently conferred upon the 36-year-old Colorado Air National Guard F-16 fighter pilot from Evergreen, when he outflew his active duty, Reserve and Air Guard counterparts with 1,645 points. Top Gun honors are delivered to the individual with the highest score in three profiles: basic deliveries, tactical deliveries and navigation/attack.

"I just can't believe they actually pay me to do this," Brewer says of the meet involving 17 teams consisting of F-111s, A-10s, F-15Es and F16s. "I'd do this free any day."

Apparently, thrills and the quest for aerial accomplishment are sought by more than one member of the Brewer family. His father, George Brewer, also a pilot, is the Federal Aviation Administration's liaison to the new Denver International Airport.

Greg's brother Geof died in a helicopter crash in 1989 while working as a stuntman in the Chuck Norris film *Delta Force II*. Following in his footsteps is youngest brother, Charlie, 32, with many film credits to his name, most recently Arnold Schwarzenegger's *Last Action Hero*.

Then there's his brother Ted, 33, an active duty Air Force fighter pilot who chased his older brother over the Nevada desert as the aggressor this year. Profile three requires the pilot, while navigating over unknown terrain, to locate the enemy aircraft and announce the spotting of this aggressor.

During one of the attacks, the pilot in the Bogie just happened to be the Top Gun's brother. Once spotted, it is the job of the pilot to take the prescribed method to

FLYING ACE - Maj. Greg Brewer (right), a member of the Colorado National Guard, was recently recognized as the Air Force's 'Top Gun.'

Top Gun

avoid the enemy aircraft.

This degree of professionalism, coupled with a driving desire to excel, is associated with Brewer's immediate family, and his Air National Guard family as well.

In the fall of 1955, Brig. Gen. Walter E. Williams (then Col.) — who had flown with the "Mighty 8th" Air Force in England and down "MIG Alley" in Korea — blew away the competition at the Worldwide Fighter Weapons Gunnery Meet (Gunsmoke's predecessor) emerging as the Air Guard's first Top Gun.

Blessed with Williams and the 140th Fighter Wing's newly acquired F-86 Sabre Jets, the Coloradans made military aviation history when they emerged as the Air Guard's sole representative in the competition and took home the title of Top Gun.

After a 19-year hiatus, Gunsmoke returned to the skies of Nevada in 1981. And with the resurrected event came a more technically-skilled breed of fighter pilot.

Flying a subsonic A-7 Corsair aircraft that was as unpretentious as himself, Col. (then Lt. Col.) Wayne Schultz rose to the occasion, capturing the title of Top Gun for the 140th Fighter Wing, with 2,279 points.

The 140th FW made Gunsmoke history in October 1993, when the unit produced a third Top Gun pilot. No other Air Guard unit has accomplished this feat.

According to Lt. Col. Mike Edwards, 120th Fighter Squadron operations officer based at Buckley ANG, Colo., the unit's aggressive training has contributed to the vast success experienced in Gunsmoke.

"The 140th has the same philosophy most units have, and that is we train like we're going to combat tomorrow," Edwards said. "Whatever is asked of us, whether it be to serve in combat or compete in Gunsmoke, we're ready."

Even though the gunnery meet sifts out the elite in each division, the essence of the competition is not the glory of individual titles, rather the team effort, according to the 1993 Top Gun pilot.

"This is, and always will be, a team effort," Brewer said.



TROWELL-HARRIS

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"Oh sure, I heard some things," she acknowledged, "but I saw no point in getting defensive. Some people got emotionally upset, but I did not. I stayed focused."

The General added that once people saw what she could accomplish, their opinions frequently changed. "I felt as long as I did my best, I would be comfortable."

After making her mark in several New York Air Guard units, Trowell-Harris' military life changed with the 105th Airlift Group, based in Newburgh.

In early 1986, the Group was looking for a new clinic commander. The job had always gone to a doctor or flight sur-

geon, usually a white male. Ironically, Trowell-Harris — the clinic's nurse administrator at the time — was approached about who she thought a good replacement would be. Dutiful to a fault, she suggested a couple names — both white, both doctors.

A few days later, the General received a phone call informing her that she was named the 105th's clinic

commander, the first woman in Air Guard history to run a medical unit. "I was shocked," she recalls. "It never occurred to me that I'd be selected."

The man who made the selection, Col. Paul A. Weaver Jr. —

a man Trowell-Harris refers affectionately to as her "mentor and greatest supporter" — said the selection was easy.

"She was truly the greatest squadron commander we ever had here," Weaver said. "She's

a very genuine, giving person."

Stories of the General's generosity are legend. Weaver tells of a time Trowell-Harris ran a 10K (6.2 miles) race holding a blind man's hand the entire way. She has also been

instrumental in seeing several airmen under her wing become officers. Many of her brothers and sisters went to college thanks to her financial support.

"I feel great when others succeed," she says. "I want to encourage young people to work hard, to be honest and stay away from drugs and alcohol. To be model citizens."

These days Brig. Gen. Trowell-Harris works for the Air Force Surgeon General. In civilian life, she's the Veteran Affairs' Director of patient care inspections and evaluation division. Through it all, the General says she has been true to the values she espouses to those seeking her advice.

"I've worked very hard," she said. "But don't think for a minute I haven't had fun."

TROWELL-HARRIS FILE

- Graduated from Columbia Hospital School of Nursing in 1959.
- Graduated from the Aerospace School of Medicine, 1964.
- Served as flight nurse, flight nurse instructor and flight nurse examiner in the New York Air Guard.
- Obtained a masters of public health degree from Yale University.
- Received doctorate degree in health education from Columbia University.
- First woman in the history of the Air Guard to run a medical unit-105th USAF Clinic.
- Chaired the American Nurses Association's task force on AIDS.
- First African American woman in National Guard history to ascend to the rank of general officer.

NEWS

MAKERS

Compiled by Sgt. Claude Holman
Michigan Army National Guard

Company A, 505th Engineer Battalion, N.C. Army National Guard, recently sponsored "Youth Drug Awareness Day." The program was sponsored by the unit as part of the 30th Engineer Brigade's Drug Demand Reduction Program.

"If this display helps just one child to stay off drugs, it will have been worth all the effort that was put into making this day a success," said Company A, 1st Sgt. Mike Frazier.

SrA. Shannon Scherer of the 160th Air Refueling Group based at Richenbacher ANGB, Ohio, captured the title of Miss Columbus, a preliminary pageant for the Miss America Scholarship Pageant. This victory allowed Scherer to compete for Miss Ohio's crown in Mansfield last summer, where she was named second runner-up. A member of Ohio's drug demand reduction team and a junior at Ohio State University, Scherer has competed in Miss Ohio two years, where she was a top 10 finalist each time.

Spc. Deborah Daulton is not only a combat medic assigned to the treatment platoon of Company C, 169th Support Battalion, Kansas Army National Guard, she is also a participant in the Miss Kansas USA Pageant.

Daulton approaches this competition with several goals: to earn scholarship money for college, to promote women desiring to better themselves, and to represent the Kansas Army Guard.

"I believe it is a wonderful opportunity to promote women of the 90s and also women in the military," she said.

SFC Chris Bender and five other members of Company A, 1092nd Engineer Battalion, West Virginia Army National Guard food service section were awarded the state's fifth national Phillip A. Connelly Award during the annual International Food Service Executives' Association Convention held in Maui, Hawaii.

Other members of the award-winning unit's food service section are SSgt. Tiny Duely, Spc. Mitchell Crites, Sgt. Lloyd Hall, Spc. John Stump and Spc. Clinton Cavendish. "Hard work and attention to detail won this award," said Bender, the chief cook for the Gassaway, W.Va., unit.

Maryland Army National Guard Officer Candidate School Class 35 elected to participate in a food drive co-sponsored by the Yalich Clinic of Timonium.

Twenty-three officer candidates, who represent several units from the state of Maryland, said it was their duty to help fellow Americans in need.

"When you think about it," observed one candidate, "the National Guard is the original community service organization."

The National Guard Bureau recently announced the selection of TSgt. Chris R. Klimecko, 107th Consolidated Maintenance Squadron, Quality Assurance Section, to the position of Air National Guard career advisor. Klimecko will be assigned to the Air National Guard Readiness Center at Andrews AFB, Md.



1st Sgt. Greg Armstrong (left) improved his environment; pictured with him is Brig. Gen. Julius Berthold.



Miss Columbus, SrA Shannon Scherer makes her pitch against drugs.



Colorado's Sgt. Michael Meier does some community work.



McGruff the Crime Dog made an appearance at the 505th Engineer Battalion's Youth Awareness Day celebration.

The 3650th Maintenance Company, Colorado Army National Guard, received an award from the Jefferson County Community Center "for outstanding contribution to persons with developmental disabilities."

Some 55 members of the 3650th recently spent two days, cleaning, painting, roofing, trimming trees and shrubs, and digging out stumps at the Johnstone Developmental Center. The Center, located in Lakewood, Colo., is home to 40 adults who are mentally and physically challenged.

The Kentucky Governor's Environmental Excellence Award was presented recently to the Guard's Western Kentucky Training Site located near Greenville, Ky., "for outstanding work in the area of soil conservation." The presentation was made at Fort Mitchell, Ky., during the Governor's Conference on the Environment. This was the first time the award was presented to a military installation.

CSM Stanley D. Hicks, Arkansas Army National Guard command sergeant major, retired recently, ending more than 42 years of service.

"Our Guard has the most qualified, capable people you can find anywhere... This I will miss," Hicks wrote in his farewell letter.

2nd Lt. Lawrence Earl Smith, a full-time military technician with 108th Support Battalion, Illinois Army National Guard, graduated from the Quartermaster Officer Basic Course, first in his class. Forty-two students attended the course.

Smith was awarded the Distinguished Graduate Diploma, the Academic Award, and the National Guard Outstanding Graduate Award. He won also the Leadership Award.

CMSgt. Charlotte Brown has become the first female in the Oregon Air National Guard to reach the grade of E-9.

In civilian life, the chief is a maintenance administrator for U.S. West Communications.

Brown is already being called a role model for other female Air Guard members. It's recognition she appreciates and readily accepts.

"If my promotion to chief inspires other women to work harder and be more mission-oriented, caring Guardmembers, then I can accept the role model label," she said.

The 271st Combat Communications Squadron, based at Fort Indiantown Gap, Penn., helped deliver books to people looking to open up their worlds to the wonders of reading.

In association with REACH, the 271st learned of a need for books that help children to read, and aid adults in earning their Graduate Equivalent Degrees.

The Air Guard volunteers, given permission to use one of the 271st's 2 1/2-ton trucks, took the load of books donated by the American Association of University Women to Wilkes-Barre.

"We're just glad we could play a part in making it happen," noted Lt. Col. John Obradovich, squadron commander.

DREAM MAKERS - Members of the 211th Engineering Installation Squadron (below and right), a Pennsylvania Air Guard unit, help construct a playground in Landisville. The 211th has contributed to several community projects in the Keystone State.



Photos courtesy of the Pennsylvania National Guard

Building dreams

Pennsylvania's 211th Engineers have given children in the Keystone State a place to play

The 211th Engineering Installation Squadron has brought dreams to life for children in south central Pennsylvania by building playgrounds in communities across the region.

The Pennsylvania Air Guard unit, based at Fort Indiantown Gap, constructed its latest playground on a one-acre plot in the Landisville Community Park. In four days, the bare plot was converted into a playground, an oasis of make-believe wonder. The names on the blueprints offered a glimpse into the imagination of children: "Pirate Ship," "Airplane," "Tree House," "Castle" and "Puppet Theater." There were various kinds of suspension bridges, a climbing wall, parallel bars, and an amphitheater. Appropriately the park was called "Amos Herr Dream Park,"

after a local educator whose family donated the land for the community park following his death in an automobile accident five years ago. "It was a total community effort," noted 2nd Lt. William D. Blubaugh, "but the work began and ended with the 211th."

The 211th airmen started the project by drilling the holes for the poles that support the web of structures. After four days of feverish ac-

tivity, the 211th added the finishing touches by hoisting into place the Castle that oversees the magical world that spreads across the plot.

This is the fourth playground the 211th has helped build in central Pennsylvania. Plans for at least five more are pending, according to Blubaugh.

Playgrounds, however, are only one of many community projects supported by this Air Guard unit. Environmental projects, such as the installation of lights and scoreboards at athletic fields, and streetlight decorations at Christmas time, are other services the 211th's engineers have provided.

The 211th is proud of what they're doing. "We get a big boost out of these jobs when we see how happy and appreciative our communities are," says SMSgt. John Cram. "That is enough reward for us."





STATES

- Colorado fires away
- Pennsylvania exchange
- Alabama signals ahead

COLORADO

Firing teams from the 157th Field Artillery, Colorado Army Guard, hit distant, unseen targets at Fort Carson, Colo., during a recent field training exercise. The gun team used 8-inch howitzers to accomplish their mission.

According to personnel officer Capt. Greg A. Miller, the 8-inch howitzers, weighing 30 tons, can fire upon targets 22,000 kilometers (12-15 miles) away and can demolish everything within a 75-meter radius.

UTAH

Members of the Utah Air National Guard's 130th Electronic Installation Squadron helped a local sign company install field lighting for the Kearns Babe Ruth Baseball League. The lighted fields provide additional playing time for more than 650 area children.

ALABAMA

Three battalions of the 142nd Signal Brigade and the 115th Signal Battalion at Fort McClellan, Ala., implemented what will be the largest equipment conversion in Signal Corps history.

Mobile Subscriber Equipment will give the brigade a high-speed automatic, secure digital switching and transmission system that is mobile, easier to conceal, resists jamming and has encryption features that make it a cryptanalyst's nightmare.

PAST BLAST

Col. (ret.) Carlyle P. Woelfer, a veteran of the Army Guard's 42nd Infantry Division's World War II liberation of the Dachau Concentration Camp, presents the Rainbow Division Veterans Association's Best Combat Award to Company E, 1st Battalion, 108th Infantry. Spc. Daniel Knauth, also of Company E, was selected the division's best soldier.



Photo by Pvt. 2 Christopher Moriarty

Former Signal Corps officer and current GTE team training manager Paul Krebs said, "You are getting an advanced digital system with features many telephone companies would like to have."

NORTH DAKOTA

Responding to the inactivation order from the Department of Defense, the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 231st Engineer Battalion, retired its colors during the annual Retirement Parade at Camp Grafton.

Battalion commander Lt. Col. Bruce Buchholtz said he is a little sad about the inactivation, but, "I'm realistic enough to realize there are a lot of changes happening in the military, and as the military changes so must the people in it."

The 231st was constituted in the North Dakota Army National Guard as Battery F, 188th Field Artillery in 1940.

FLORIDA

Civilian and military health care professionals joined forces recently to prepare for disaster medical relief.

More than 30 members of the South West Florida Disaster Medical Assistance Team received training from the Florida Army Guard's 131st Mobile Army Surgical Hospital, based in Temple Terrace.

"These people are professionals in their respective areas, but have little experience in the field," said Gary Lindbergh, DMAT commander.

PENNSYLVANIA

TAKING AIM - A member of the British Territorial Army (right) uses camouflage tactics while training with the Pennsylvania Army National Guard's 2nd Brigade, 28th Infantry Division at Fort Pickett, Va. The recent international exchange gave Britain's 5th Battalion a taste of American training.



An international exchange program allowed members of Britain's 5th Battalion, Royal Green Jackets to travel to the U.S. for a taste of military training with the Pennsylvania Guard's 2nd Brigade, 28th Infantry Division at Fort Pickett, Va.

About 100 British infantry soldiers trained in place of Company A, 2nd Battalion, 110th Infantry. Company A members trained in England, completing their end of the exchange.

"The major thing that strikes me about the Americans' training is that there is a lot more emphasis on safety," noted England's Mark Coomber.

For the last three years, women have been allowed to serve in Great Britain's infantry. "Back home the female tends to be the same as what the men do," noted Rifleman Jane Anderson. "I like to get wet and muddy and do what the lads do."

WWII veterans flock to their past

Massachusetts's Camp Edwards serves as a reminder for those who put their lives on the line

By Sgt. David Beauvis
Massachusetts National Guard

For two days, they came by bus, by car, even by motorcycle. From as close as five miles to as far away as 500. They came alone. Some with friends. Others with children and grandchildren. But all journeyed to Camp Edwards, now a quiet Army post, to remember a time when a way of life was at stake. Most of all, they spoke of the battles they had fought, and their memories of World War II.

On this day, as one generation rushed toward the sandy beaches and resorts of the surrounding vacation towns of Cape Cod, another was happy to tour the sandy grounds of Camp Edwards. They were searching for buildings and landmarks that were once their homes, but are now mostly bulldozed away. Unlike those buried buildings, their memories of World War II could not so easily be torn down.

One veteran stood alone in the middle of a vast field, gazing at the open space where once stood hundreds of hastily-constructed, wooden barracks. His family stood at the field's edge, bemused but patient, as they watched him systematically work his way to a familiar patch of ground. "I spent my very first night away from home right on this spot," he said, his voice trailing off.

Many came to take part in a day filled with ceremonies marking the 50th anniversary of their first coming to-

gether. They stared at examples of their weapons—now mostly museum pieces. At the Camp Edwards Gym memories came alive.

Phil Lemieux, a private with an anti-aircraft artillery unit, said the fighting changed him. "We were only 18-years-old and didn't know any better. (The war) didn't bother us until we were in the middle of it," he said. On Christmas Day in 1946, after years of war and Army life, Lemieux left the service.

When the Navy called Gen (his name, not his rank) Smeglin in 1943, he did what most of his generation did. He reported at Camp Sampson, N.Y., proud to serve.

"It was a simple thing to know who your enemy was and know what had to be done."

First, the Navy made him a machinist. He then volunteered to be a Seabee. "I ended up in North Africa. We fought and built roads and buildings.

Age didn't matter, because we had skilled tradesmen in our unit," he said.

Smeglin shares the quiet pride of most World War II veterans. "You forget many things ... birthdays, your Social Security number, but I'll never forget my unit."

The Frechette brothers and their wives served in the National Guard and defense industries.

Brothers Roland and Omer reported for duty with Massachusetts' 102nd Field Artillery. Roland's then-fiancee, Jeanette, travelled from Lawrence, Mass., to Philadelphia as the war effort grew.

"I was offered two jobs in defense plants in one day,"

she recalled. "I was amazed at how quickly they hired me."

After the war, the Department of the Navy presented Jeanette with a pin for her work.

On Jan. 16, 1941, Roland's Guard unit was federalized. He reported to Camp Edwards. "The barracks were so new that there was still sawdust on the floors," he said. Roland would go on to serve almost five years at a small arms training center in Florida.

He and Jeanette were married shortly after Roland's unit was inactivated. "He was an Army man all of his life," she said. "He never left."

Omer Frechette was a staff sergeant in the motor division of the 102nd Field Artillery. Despite the fact that his unit fought in the Battle of the Bulge, his wife Lorraine said she was never nervous. "We were young. He was going and he would come back," she said, repeating, "he would come back."

Omer's experience on the battlefield changed him. "It was so hard," he said. "We saw a lot of fighting. We saw a lot of death and it was close."

Fifty years later, he chokes back tears recalling the day he nearly lost his life. Unable to talk, his sister-in-law Jeanette quietly stepped in to explain how a mortar round exploded next to his jeep, leaving him wounded and robbing him of much of his hearing.

As the 215th Army Band played, many eyes sparkled with memories of youth. Tears swelled in some, while others fogged over in remembrance. They swayed to the music of a generation that banded together and stood up for what they believed in. They remembered a time, 50 years ago, when nobody asked why, they just did.

"You forget many things ... but I'll never forget my unit."



The National Guard in World War II

Breaking the 'Gustav Line'

The 34th, 36th and 45th Infantry Divisions march up the Italian Peninsula

Italy — 1943. Two allied armies, the British Eighth Army, seasoned desert fighters who had broken Rommel's back at the battle of El Alamein, and the Fifth U.S. Army under Lt. Gen. Mark Clark were advancing abreast up the Italian peninsula. The Germans under "Smiling Albert" Kesselring were preparing to defend Italy as far south as they could. Each mile lost to the allies meant that the American and British bombers could move one mile closer to the Reich.

Kesselring's plan was to prepare a line from the Adriatic on the east to the Tyrrhenian Sea on the west. If one drew a line from the mouth of the Sangro River on the Adriatic Sea to the mouth of the Garigliano on the Tyrrhenian Sea, this line would be the narrowest part of the Italian peninsula. This was where Kesselring chose to stop the Allies.

In order to gain time for the preparation of what was to be the "Gustav Line," Kesselring prepared a defensive position one terrain feature south of the "Gustav Line." This outpost would be known as the "Winter Line," in the hopes that it would hold through the winter of 43-44.

Facing the "Winter Line" was Clark's Fifth Army. In this force were three National Guard Divisions, the 34th Infantry Division from North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa and Minnesota; the 36th Infantry Division from Texas and the 45th

Maj. Bruce Conard
NGB Historian



Infantry Division from Oklahoma, Colorado and New Mexico.

Weather, terrain and tenacious German defenders all fought against the advance. Rain turned dirt roads into seas of mud. Raging rivers swept away bridges needed for the movement of troops and supplies. The Germans held the high ground and therefore rained artillery on any unsuspecting soldier who allowed him-

self to be seen by their prying eyes. Casualties from cold weather injuries started to mount. The omnipresent mud and water or snow did more than make life miserable, the combination of wet and cold proved to be as much an enemy as the Germans. In the mountains of Italy, mules were used to bring ammunition and food to the soldiers and to evacuate the sick and wounded because even the ubiquitous jeep was stopped by steep mountains and bad weather. Of the three National Guard divisions engaged in

breaking the "Winter Line," the 45th struck first. They battled uphill against tenacious German defenders starting on Nov. 3. Slowly, they pushed the defenders back.

"Red Bull" soldiers from the 34th division attacked two days after the "Thunderbird" soldiers did, by striking at Mount Pantano. In a brutal battle that cost the 168th Infantry three battalion commanders, the Germans finally fell back.

In the center of the line, the small village of San Pietro held the interest of the Texans from the 36th Division. Again and again the Texans fought their way into San Pietro only to be evicted by the German counterattacks. German troops extracted a heavy toll, and fell back.

By Christmas of 1943, the Germans faced the allies from their strong positions of the Gustav Line. The line would hold for five months. The men of the "Red Bull," the Texans and the "Thunderbirds" would not be allowed to rest on the fact that they had compelled a dedicated enemy to reel under their attacks. More battles lay ahead. Monte Cassino, the Rapido River and Anzio, before the fall of Rome.



TRAINING



DIFFERENT PATHS - Gabriella Cook (far left photo) and Jeanette Stuart (left) of the Nevada Army National Guard are from different worlds, but they both want to become second lieutenants.



MANUEVER - Officer candidates at the California Military Academy at Camp San Luis Obispo work their way through an exercise.

Searching for a gold bar

Two Nevada cadets from separate worlds seek commissions

By 1st Lt. Terry Conder
Nevada National Guard

They came from two very different worlds, but they ended up in the same place - hugging the dirt on a cold dark morning.

Thirty-four year old Jeanette Stuart grew up a self-proclaimed Marine Corps brat. "My dad was a drill sergeant," she said. "Everything in our house was squared away." Gabriella Cook, 27, was born in Germany. She decided to move to the U.S. eight years ago after being mesmerized by a television show about Las Vegas. Now Cook and Stuart were sharing a foxhole at Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif., during an officer candidate school field training exercise.

Although the sign in front of Camp SLO says California Military Academy, both Stuart and Cook are in the Nevada

Army National Guard. Every year Nevada sends cadets to this foggy, central coast camp to join with their California counterparts for two intensive weeks of training.

"Our goal is to provide the best instruction and most vigorous training possible," said Lt. Col. Larry Sage, the commandant of the Nevada Military Academy. "The cadets are put under a great deal of stress. If someone cannot handle leadership, we want to find that out here, not after they take command of a unit."

In the civilian world Sage is the supervising deputy district attorney for Washoe County, Nev. When asked to give his opinion about routes to a commission in the U.S. Army, Sage did not mince words.

"The biggest difference between West Point, ROTC and OCS cadets is age," he said. "Our cadets are mustangs. They've proven themselves and seen things from the bottom up. I think enlisted experience

makes for a better officer."

Both Stuart and Cook fit the mold.

"When Americans started deploying for Desert Shield, I wanted to be a part of it," said Stuart. She signed up and found herself in a military police company. After earning her commission, Stuart plans to become branch qualified in military police.

"It's the closest thing to infantry they'll let a female get into," she explained.

Cook, who will soon enter the police academy in Las Vegas, became a U.S. citizen in October 1991. She joined the Guard less than a month later. "I've always been interested in the military, but they don't let women join the German army," she said. She too has chosen the military police branch. "It combines two things I'm very interested in - law enforcement and the military," she said.