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National Guard responds to city's cry for help

Military police unit first to deploy in L.A.

By 2nd Lt. Ellen G. Lampkins
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California Army National Guard soldiers made a quick transition from citizen to soldier in May, when they were activated to stop violence from spreading throughout south-central Los Angeles.

More than 11,000 troops from 40 units were asked to help local law enforcement officials with the worst rioting in the city's history.

It started on April 29 after a jury in nearby Simi Valley acquitted four white Los Angeles police officers in the beating of Rodney G. King, a black motorist who was stopped for traffic violations on March 3, 1991.

As violence continued in the mostly black and Hispanic section of the city, Mayor Tom Bradley declared a state of emergency and asked California Gov. Pete Wilson to send in the National Guard.

Anticipating the governor's call, staff members from the 40th Infantry Division had assembled in Los Alamitos to review their civil disturbance plans.

They were alerted at 9:50 p.m., April 29. The division's engineer battalion mustered 450 members in two hours.

By 4 a.m., April 30, more than 2,000 troops were assembled at their armories drawing equipment and awaiting orders.

At 1 p.m., the first mission was received from the Los Angeles Police Department.

One hour later, the first unit, a military police company from the 40th ID equipped with M-16 rifles, deployed to the Lakewood area. They responded less than 16 hours from the initial alert.

The Army standard for the 82nd Airborne Division is 18 hours.

Maj. Gen. Daniel J. Hernandez, the commander of the 40th ID, was placed in charge of all Army forces in the area by Maj. Gen. Marvin Covault, the commander of the Seventh Light Infantry Division.

At 2:30 p.m., more than 2,000 additional guardsmen were called up by the governor.

Saying he was "sickened by what I saw on television," Wilson said he doubled the Guard because of a "real and genuine" need

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Alan D. Zanger

PEACEKEEPERS - Capt. Ricardo Nicol (second from right) goes over a map with his soldiers from Company B of the 4-160th Infantry of Orange, Calif., while two

guard the entrance of St. Francis Medical Center in Los Angeles. The sign above the doorway reads: "Lord, make me an instrument of Thy Peace."

C-130s airlift soldiers, cargo to riot scene

By Capt. Phil Blahut
Editor

With "amazing speed," aircrews and security police were assembled for state activation by the California Air National Guard.

At 1:15 a.m. on April 30, Col. Dan Pemberton, commander of the 146th Airlift Wing at Channel Island Air Base, received a phone call from the Emergency Operations Center in Sacramento.

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The call activated his unit in support of Operation "Sudden Response," to fly cargo, soldiers, equipment and civilian state and federal police and their vehicles to various locations in California.

Through a pyramid telephone recall program aircrews were quickly notified and reported to the base.

"At 5:25 a.m. our first C-130 transport plane took off. And by 8:30 a.m. we had launched a total of eight aircraft," Pemberton said.

On that day, his aircrews flew 57 flight hours, 46 sorties, hauled 663 passengers and shipped more than 40 tons of cargo.

On May 2, they flew 30 hours, 29 sorties, 656 passengers and 29.5 tons of cargo.

One day after his aircrews were launched, Pemberton was appointed field commander of four California Air Guard security police units activated for Operation "Sudden Shield."

At 4 a.m. on May 1, a total of 125 security police from the 146th, 129th Air Rescue Squadron, 144th Fighter Wing and the 163rd Reconnaissance Wing were activated to provide security for utility companies located in Los Angeles and Los Alamitos.

Security police from the 163rd RW were dispatched to three sites at March AFB near Los Angeles. The other three units

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Federalizing the Guard

Date	Place	Disturbance	# of Troops
6-20 Sep 57	Little Rock, Ark.	School Integration	635
24 Sep 57-29 May 58	Little Rock, Ark.	School integration	1,800
30 Sep - 62-24 July 63	Oxford, Miss.	University of Mississippi integration	2,700
12 May 63	Birmingham, Ala.	Bombings, Race Riot	3,000
11 June-20 Nov 63	Tuscaloosa and Huntsville, Ala.	Integration	16,463
10 Sep 63	Birmingham, Mobile and Tuskegee, Ala.	School integration	16,000
20 March - 3 April 65	Selma to Montgomery, Ala.	Civil rights demonstration	2,200
23 July - 2 Aug 67	Detroit, Mich.	Civil Disturbance	10,253
5-16 April 68	Washington, D.C.	Civil Disturbance	1,854
7-11 April 68	Chicago, Ill.	Civil Disturbance	7,174
7-12 April 68	Baltimore, Md.	Civil Disturbance	5,783
24-30 March 70	New York, N.Y.	Postal Strike	12,000
17 April - 23 Aug 80	Florida, Arkansas, Pennsylvania	Marine Boat Lift	5,533

Source: National Guard Historical Services



National briefs

DNA: A genetic fingerprint for military

A simple test involving a few drops of blood and an oral swab may mean that service members will never be buried in the Tomb of the Unknowns, according to the American Forces Information Service.

The samples highlight an individual's DNA or deoxyribonucleic acid profile. The pattern is a genetic fingerprint unique to that person, said Army Dr. (Maj.) Victor Weedn, a deputy medical examiner with the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington, D.C.

Under most circumstances, remains can be identified by matching DNA samples.

The DNA program "may not lead to an identification in every case, because DNA in exceptional cases becomes so degraded that it can't be analyzed, but it can help in the vast majority of cases," Weedn said.

Operation Desert Storm was the first major conflict in which the United States had no unknown dead, he said.

Weedn hopes to have the military's DNA program underway within the next few months. He believes the entire program with all military services participating will be completely operational by 1994.

Aircrew patches replace nametags

The Air Force will replace Battle Dress Uniform accouterments with an aircrew-style name patch, uniform board officials recently announced.

Recommended by the 90th Air Force uniform board as a less expensive alternative to the many sew-on items currently used, the new name patch was approved by Gen. Merrill McPeak, the Air Force Chief of Staff.

Local commanders will decide when to switch to the patch, but must make changes by Oct. 1, 1995. That will allow time for the current accouterments to wear out and existing stocks to be used, officials said. It also lets suppliers to get ready for the new requirement.

New earnings statement available to AF

Air Force Reserve and National Guard members now receive a new leave and earnings statement replacing the current Air Force Form 1965. Air Force finance officials have announced.

Beginning in April, all personnel paid under the reserve pay system received the new statement containing easier-to-read information on wages, taxes, administrative and year-to-date information.

Conaway to speak at NAACP meeting

Lt. Gen. John B. Conaway, the chief of the National Guard Bureau, will be the keynote speaker at the Armed Services and Veterans Affairs Banquet for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The 83rd annual meeting will be held from July 11-16 at the Nashville Convention Center in Tennessee.

Each year, the NAACP pays tribute to a branch of the U.S. armed forces, and the National Guard has been selected for 1992.

Active members get set of desert BDUs

Active duty and reserve component soldiers and airmen may retain one set of Desert Storm BDUs as long as they are in an active status.

When discharged from the service, the uniform must be returned to their unit. For information, call Pat Decatur at DSN 224-7346.

Adding value to America's future

Editorial

Most of us have witnessed through media the crumbling of the Berlin Wall, the end of the Cold War, the defeat of Saddam Hussein's army, the liberation of Kuwait and, recently, the end of the Soviet Union.

The threat of nuclear war has diminished, but is the world a safer place to live? Where is America's biggest threat? What is the National Guard's role in protecting America against these threats?

Many leaders believe that America's homefront is threatened by drugs, crime, environmental pollution and poor education. The president, Congress and U.S. citizens believe these concerns will erode America's values, youth and communities.

Because of this threat, Congress now has tasked the National Guard to take a lead role in bringing about change. With their federal, state and community roles, the National Guard's citizen soldiers and airmen will change America with its organization and community programs.

Ever since the minutemen were first assembled the Guard has been a community. But today, citizen-soldiers are encouraged to be even more active in domestic concerns through local, regional and nationwide initiatives and programs.

Lt. Gen. John B. Conaway, chief of the National Guard Bureau, refers to the third role of service to the community as "adding value to America."

In the National Guard publication, "Vision

Restructure of major commands to be completed on June 1

The end of the Cold War with the Soviet Union has resulted in a downsizing of the entire U.S. Air Force in equipment and personnel.

A restructure of the major commands to accomplish this reduction and to meet anticipated future mission requirements will be completed by June 1.

Tactical Air Command, Military Airlift Command and Strategic Air Command will be dissolved and replaced by Air Combat Command and Air Mobility Command.

The Air Guard will follow the Air Force's lead in redesignating its units to reflect this new organization.

"Tactical" and "Military" will be eliminated from flying unit identifications. For example, "Tactical Fighter" becomes "Fighter."

Also, the differentiation between "Tactical Fighter" and "Fighter Interceptor" will be eliminated from these titles.

"Tactical" and "Military" airlift units become "Airlift" units. This redesignation is being implemented at affected Air National Guard flying units.

Some ground-based units also will be redesignated by the Air Force. "Tactical Control" and "Tactical Air Control" units will become "Air Control" units.

About 40 officer candidates from the Academy of Military Science at McGehee-Tyson Air Base in Knoxville, Tenn., will participate in the Military Airlift Command deactivation ceremony on June 1 at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

In addition to the students, an Air Force Reserve unit from the base will represent the reserve components.

2020," Conaway shares his vision of America. He refers to community as "... the street on which we live, the school our children attend or the county in which we pay taxes. Guard members are located in thousands of such communities across the United States."

"We are fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, troop leaders and teachers, farmers and mechanics, housewives and lawyers. We contribute to the economic growth and strength of the nation. We are role models and the strength of the nation.

"We are role models in the community, in service to the community, bringing with us the knowledge and expertise acquired in our service to the state and nation. We vote, pay taxes and fight for better schools. We donate clothes to charity and help raise money for a new hospital.

"If a neighbor's child gets sick, we raise money to help pay the bills. We organize bake sales and raffles. We take our children to piano lessons and we make them sit still in church. We commemorate our fallen comrades on Memorial Day, knowing we have a special connection. We work hard and save for the future. We are citizens, contributing as best we can to add value to America."

In this issue, we feature state and national programs that focus on youth. Find out what your state offers and get involved with these programs.

Several of the National Guard's goals for the 1990's identify national issues, which with our help will add value to America. These include guaranteeing equal opportunity for entry into the Guard and for military and civilian career progression once a part of the Guard organization; fighting illegal drugs through interdiction, eradication, and drug demand reduction programs; cleaning up and conserving the environment; and improving the quality of life for our Guard families.

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Roberta V. Mills

ANG promotes first female brigadier general

By 2nd Lt. Ellen G. Lampkins
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Growing up in Kansas, Roberta Mills carried around a doctor's bag and idolized a cousin who was an Army nurse in World War II.

"I was just a little girl then," she said. "I always watched her with such awe. She would take charge of anything and make it go."

"And I loved that khaki uniform. She was so pretty and so sharp. I thought, 'If you could be anything, it would be that.'"

Mills became the "pretty" and "sharp" nurse taking charge of her military and civilian careers.

In April, Mills became the first female National Guard officer to be promoted to the rank of brigadier general in a Pentagon ceremony.

"It's not the rank so much as the recognition and what it stands for -- the opportunity for women," said Mills, who was the ANG's Outstanding Nurse of the Year in 1985.

She received a commission in the U.S. Air Force Reserves in 1962.

For the first two years, Mills served as a clinical nurse with the 52nd Casualty Staging Group at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

When she moved to Memphis, Tenn., to work on a doctorate degree, Mills joined the 164th Tactical Clinic as the chief nurse and became a member of the Air National Guard.

"I wanted to learn as much as I possibly could about the military system of medicine and nursing, because that always lends to your civilian job," she said. "And of course, when your country is in need in war time, you want to be a part of it."

At that time, Mills had no idea



Photo by Master Sgt. J.R. Thornton

STAR QUALITY - Brig. Gen. Roberta V. Mills gets her star from Lt. Gen. John B. Conaway, the chief of the National Guard Bureau, and her husband, Dan, a

retired major general also from the Tennessee Air National Guard, at a Pentagon ceremony in April. She is the assistant to the chief of the AF Nurse Corps.

Career Highlights

- 1962** - Commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force Reserve.
- 1962-64** - Served as a clinical nurse with the 52nd Casualty Staging Group at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
- 1966** - Joined the Tennessee Air National Guard.
- 1966-86** - Served as chief nurse with the 164th Tactical Airlift Command Clinic in Memphis.
- 1973** - Completed Air Command and Staff College.
- 1985** - Received the Air National Guard Outstanding Nurse of the Year Award and named outstanding graduate upon completion of the National Security Management course.
- 1986-1991** - Selected as the first Air National Guard assistant for nursing services for the Office of the Command Surgeon at Headquarters MAC.
- 1991** - Named the first Air National Guard assistant to the Chief, Air Force Nurse Corps at Bolling Air Force Base in Washington, D.C.

that she would rise to this level.

"You don't start with that goal, because it wasn't even anything that was in the realm of possibility," she said. "But as the times changed and the ranks of women have grown in the military, you knew someday that was going to happen. You just didn't know when."

Lt. Gen. John B. Conaway, the

chief of the National Guard Bureau, described the 90s as "a great decade of equal opportunity" and Mills' promotion as "a move forward as we prepare for the next century in the National Guard."

Her 30-year career is filled with many "firsts." She was selected as the first Air National Guard assistant for Nursing Services at the

Office of the Command Surgeon of Headquarters MAC in 1986.

Five years later, she was named the first ANG assistant to the chief of the Air Force Nurse Corps at Bolling Air Force Base in Washington, D.C.

"It's harder any time that you are a pioneer in anything than when you are following in the tracks of someone else," said Mills' husband, Dan, who is a retired major general also from the 164th. "On the other hand as a pioneer, you can make the tracks that need to be made."

In her new position, Mills plans to tackle some of the major human resources issues that face the Guard. "Who knows what the future is going to bring us," she said. "The challenges are there. What are we going to look like in the next five years? What is the force mix going to be?"

In the future, Mills expects the Guard to receive additional missions.

"I think we're going to have to be a lot more flexible probably than we have been in the past. We have to be ready for any type of contingency. That puts a heavy responsibility on training people to be able to respond in many different ways, not just one."

Mills' advice to the National Guard's second female brigadier general? "Just look to the future. That's what all of us have to do is to be aware of what the needs are and what the issues are ... and to be willing to give the time and energy to work those issues."

And her advice to other women in the military? "To be the best that they can possibly be in whatever they do and to be proud of the jobs that they perform, because they are all important ... and to be proud of the fact that they are women."

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for reinforcements.

It was the largest deployment of the National Guard in the state since the 1969 student riots at the University of California in Berkeley.

The units were assigned to patrol and secure key areas and enforce the curfew with road blocks while accompanied by Los Angeles police officers.

At 9 p.m., May 1, the California Army Guard was ordered into federal service by President George Bush.

On May 3, at least two National Guard soldiers fired eight shots, fatally wounding a Hispanic man, who apparently tried to run them down with his car after curfew, police said.

As the curfew was lifted, the police department and military troops held a low profile during the day to give the appearance of everything getting back to normal. During the evening, visibility was heightened by both groups.

Troops began pulling back during the second week of May.

The 40th ID's engineer battalion is being considered for clean-up support following defederalization.

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assembled at Channel Island. Once assembled, the airmen were given weapons, MREs, flak vests, briefings and a chaplain's blessing.

"We broke the SPs into groups of eight, gave them one vehicle and sent them 60 miles north to destinations in Los Alamitos and Los Angeles," Pemberton said. "We had most of our people in place by 1500 hours and all by 1800 hours. That was pretty fast considering we had to gather four units, fly one in, brief, prepare and send them to their destination."

Pemberton's command grew when the Army National Guard's 140th Chemical Company was activated from Long Beach to provide more security.

While security police guarded utility property, California Air Guard F-4 reconnaissance aircraft pilots photographed riot areas. Their detailed aerial shots assisted firefighters to locate fires.

On May 13, some National Guard units were defederalized by the government. On the same day, the 146th launched eight aircraft to haul 1,200 soldiers, state and federal troopers and their equipment back to their homes.

Arizona and Wyoming also provided airlift assistance for the operation.



Activated units

Here is a list of the National Guard units from California, Georgia and Nevada that were activated to curb the spread of violence after a jury in Simi Valley, Calif., acquitted four white Los Angeles police officers in the beating of the black motorist Rodney G. King.

This list was current as of May 2.

California

Unit and City

At press time, an accurate list of California units and their home communities was not available.

However, major participants were the 40th Infantry Division and the 49th Military Police Brigade from the Army Guard.

Air National Guard units activated were: the 146th Airlift Wing of Channel Island Air National Guard Base, the 163rd Reconnaissance Group of March Air Force Base, the 144th Fighter Wing of Fresno and the 129th Air Rescue Group of Moffett Field.

Georgia

170th Headquarters, Provisional Battalion, Atlanta
178th Military Police Company, Monroe
190th Military Police Company, Atlanta
1-108th Armor, Calhoun
122nd Infantry (Tow Light Anti-Tank), Winder
State Area Command, Atlanta
129th Air Control Squadron, Kennesaw
116th Fighter Wing, Dobbins AFB

Nevada

72nd Military Police Company, Las Vegas and Ely
1-221st Armor, Henderson
150th Maintenance Company, Detachment 1, Las Vegas
121st Chemical Company, Las Vegas
137th Chemical Company, Las Vegas
Troop Command, HQ STARC, Las Vegas



Photo by Sgt. Paul S. Emus

FULL LOAD - Two unidentified soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 185th Armor of National

City, Calif., carry an M-16 rifle rack from a helicopter, which landed at a shopping center.

Georgia, Nevada units quell violence

By 2nd Lt. Ellen G. Lampkins
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Demonstrations in Los Angeles prompted by the acquittal of four policeman accused of beating motorist Rodney King spawned other protests around the country.

However, only two states, Georgia and Nevada, found it necessary to activate their National Guard units for a short period of time.

In Atlanta, Mayor Maynard Jackson set a curfew from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m., on May 1, when storefronts were smashed by protesters.

Gov. Zell Miller called up Guard units, but they were not immediately deployed to the metropolitan area.

On "standby" from April 30 through May 3 were about 1,000 troops, said retired Col. Harry Heath, the state public affairs officer for Georgia.

More than 400 Army guardsmen in Nevada were activated by Gov. Bob Miller for three days beginning May 1 to curb violence in the Las Vegas area.

Three people were killed and 92 fires set in the rioting, which started at dusk on April 30.

When the six units were activated, the city's minority leaders decided not to organize a protest, "if we would keep the Guard in the armories," said Lt. Col. Chris Anastassatos, the state public affairs officer. "So, we weren't deployed at 1700 (hours) like we talked about.

"They got together and resolved the whole thing."

Miller said the presence of the Guard "played an important role" in keeping the peace. "Thank God they have not been needed to assist so far," he told the *Reno Gazette-Journal*.

One unit, the 72nd Military Police Company

from Las Vegas and Ely did deploy to the command center at Cashman Field in Las Vegas.

"People were really impressed with them ... with their batons and riot gear," Anastassatos said. "The governor was really tickled pink. Everything was just perfect."

The 100-member company not only looked like they knew what they were doing, but they also acted the part.

"We owe it to our soldiers to make sure that they know what they're doing."

Retired Col. Harry Heath
Georgia Public Affairs Officer

About 60 percent of the company consists of Las Vegas policemen and prison guards from Ely. "They have so much civilian experience," Anastassatos said. "They got the first prisoners of war in Saudi Arabia."

In the Gulf war, the unit provided security for an enemy prisoner of war camp.

The 72nd may be the exception to the rule about guardsmen being citizen-soldiers, not policemen. "But it will be interesting to see in the future if (Army units) do a little more training in civil disturbances," Anastassatos said.

"We owe it to our soldiers to make sure that they know what they're doing," Heath added.

However, he believes the 16-18 hours of riot training required by the National Guard Bureau is enough for the troops. "And we've been used enough in recent years, so our units keep (their training) up.

"When we've been called up and deployed, we've acquitted ourselves very well. So, people like to see us on the streets."



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Jim Ober

ON GUARD - Pvt. Christopher Bennett of the 40th Military Police Company was one of the first soldiers deployed to the Los Angeles streets.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jim Helton

TINSEL TOWN - Two unidentified airmen take their post on the streets of Hollywood. More than 11,000 Army and Air National Guard troops were mobilized to stop violence in California cities.

Guard presence: 'People knew that they were serious' about mission

By 2nd Lt. Ellen G. Lampkins
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Many Los Angeles residents were relieved by the sight of the National Guard troops in their neighborhoods during the riots.

"It helps to have them here," one resident told the *Los Angeles Times*. "People have no respect for the LAPD, but when the National Guard got here, people knew that they were serious."

Danny Staggs, director of the Los Angeles Police Protective League agreed. "The gangs of people seemed to be very intimidated by the flak jackets the guardsmen wore," he told the 40th Infantry Division public affairs office. "There were a few incidents, but for the most part they're just waiting until the guardsmen go home."

Residents showed their support by giving the soldiers gifts of food. "Our boys cannot eat another bite," said 1st Sgt. Frank Freeland of the 1-184th Infantry Battalion. "People in the neighborhood see us coming and rush out to give us food. They keep telling us how happy they are to see us and don't want us to go home."

A few soldiers were asked to lunch by members of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority house at the University of Southern California campus. "It was ... a great morale booster," said Sgt. 1st Class Wayne Eggleston. "The guys seemed to have enjoyed themselves."

Most of the National Guard soldiers had good experiences with the public. "Ninety-five percent of the people are happy to see us - they just wish we were here earlier," Staff Sgt. Gregory Johnson told

the *Washington Times*.

On the other hand, "gangs flashed signs at us and once in a while they would show us their weapons," said Sgt. 1st Class Felix Navarro, an intelligence analyst with the 40th Infantry Division. "But the important thing is that no soldier got hurt."

Many of these California soldiers were guarding their own neighborhoods. "Many of these guys grew up in L.A.," said Capt. Alan Skidmore, the commander of B Troop from the First Squadron, 18th Cavalry. "Many of us felt like we were protecting our neighbors."

Skidmore's unit secured a retirement center, where about 60 senior citizens were fending off looters and would-be arsonists.

They were met by cheers from the residents. "I don't remember any of their names," said Jewell Anderson, the manager of the center. "But I remember all of their faces ... young faces with a lot of compassion and understanding for what we were going through."

Col. Jean Carlin, a psychiatrist with the 143rd Evacuation Hospital, was concerned about how the soldiers would handle this situation.

"Some of our National Guardsmen are in their own neighborhoods, and it must be a little scary for some of the younger soldiers. They are emotionally involved, because they might have to use force on people they know."

Like other soldiers, Navarro had a hard time dealing with the pressure. "It's hard to believe that something like this would happen so close to home," he said. "It's like a dream that nobody is waking up from."

Memorial Day: A time to remember our heroes

By Lt. Gen. John B. Conaway
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Memorial Day is always an occasion to remember the tremendous sacrifices made by our men and women in uniform throughout our long history.

However, this Memorial Day we all will have more to be thankful and proud of than usual ... because of the outstanding accomplishments of the California National Guard in the Los Angeles riots, as well as of other citizen-soldiers around the country.

No matter how you look at it, Operation Sudden Response proved how worthwhile, effective and appreciated the National Guard is.

At 2 a.m., April 30, only four hours after receiving a no-notice call from the governor, the California Air Guard was flying C-130 transport planes with badly needed Army Guard soldiers, other personnel, equipment and vehicles to the riot area.

In the best tradition of the Minuteman, only two hours later and only six hours after the call-up, some 2,000 citizen-soldiers were on the streets restoring law and order.

As one active Army general said,

"No one could have done it better."

Later that day, more than 2,000 additional citizen-soldiers were called up.

Eventually, more than 11,000 Guard troops were on duty in the Los Angeles area, being federalized and working efficiently with other federal forces ordered into the area.

"For the Guard, it was among its finest moments."

We know now that they were facing a civil unrest fanned by hundreds of street gangs, some carrying automatic weapons, as well as some 4,000 fires.

In the end, more than 50 people died, thousands more were injured and more than 5,000 arrested. Other state Guard units were called up, too, as sympathetic riots erupted across the country.

These statistics bear grim testimony to the fact that this was a national disaster of the highest order.

Yet, for the Guard, it was among its finest moments.

Only one person was killed as a result of Guard action, and that was after he tried to run a Guard barricade three times.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jim Helton

L.A. STORY - Two Air National Guard security policemen defend the gate at one of Hollywood's movie studios.

Overwhelmingly, all press accounts show that our citizen-soldiers were welcomed when they arrived, quickly restored order once they were deployed and were the beneficiaries of much food and praise from local residents.

As in Operation Desert Storm, the National Guard's fast and effective response reminds us that our citizen-soldiers are: "Always Ready, Always There."

The country can be thankful we are.



Caring, sharing makes difference in communities

By Capt. Phil Blahut
Editor

School playgrounds, armories, shopping malls, community centers, ball fields and recreation camps will host more National Guardsmen this summer and in the future.

Known already in communities for their response in support of Operations Desert Shield and Storm, natural disasters and civil disturbances, citizen-soldiers and airmen will interact with local communities to educate, monitor, supervise, train and sponsor youth of all ages.

This investment of time and labor is designed to motivate youth into competitive programs, such as fitness and sports; reduce the demand for drugs; apprehend those who sell and supply drugs; and to educate, recruit and influence the youth of America.

Among these programs are the National Guard's Family Programs, Drug Demand Reduction, Drug Interdiction, Youth Corps and Youth Fitness Programs.

Through state and territory networks of full and part-time civilian and military employees, the message is to get involved with youth in their schools and communities.

Evidence is found in school yards where UH-1 (Huey) helicopters have landed drawing crowds of kids, who want to look, touch and hear aircrews talk about their work and equipment.

You can find bumper stickers on cars and trucks with statements, such as "Say no to drugs" or "Guard our youth."

Military camps and state and federal parks will be occupied by guardsmen and their spouses, lead-



On Guard file photo

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE - These potential guardsmen, civic leaders and parents are being shaped by role models in their

ing kids on nature trails, fishing and setting up camps.

Their goal is to provide quality recreational and educational time for young people; and to show them, possibly for the first time, another picture of life, away from the inner cities, away from crime and the constant threat of gangs and drugs.

communities. Recently, Guard members have become more involved in state programs to interact with young people of all ages.

Children from rural areas are no exception. They too are exposed daily to drugs, right and wrong choices and may lack in quality time at home.

National programs, whether family support groups or youth programs, brings the Guard into more community support functions to build lasting relationships and develop our future leaders.

Guard forms partnership with 10 youth programs

Young people are the "lifeline" of the National Guard. They are the future pilots, engineers, nurses and infantrymen.

"For that reason, it is important that the National Guard become more involved in programs, which will prepare young people for life as a U.S. citizen and, maybe, a military member," said Maj. Willie Davenport, who became the head of the Guard Bureau's new youth program last September.

More than 3,200 Army and Air units around the country are based in local communities. "And we're here to help," he said. "We want to know what you do and how we can offer our assistance."

The National Guard has become a partner with 10 youth programs, including the Boy and Girl Scouts, the Young Men's and Women's Christian Association, the Campfire Boys and Girls, the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, the U.S. Olympic Committee, Special Olympics and the Civil Air Patrol.

Davenport, who is a community relations officer with NGB-Public Affairs, ensures that these organizations and communities understand that the military has the same people available as a civilian agency, including security, transportation and medical units.

"We need to portray a positive image to the general public," he said. "We not only carry guns and bullets, but provide a service to the community."

The National Guard also benefits from the training. "We will do ourselves more good by training people to perform those jobs," Davenport said.

For example on June 18-28, the Louisiana National Guard will provide military police and medical personnel for the U.S. Olympic Trials in New Orleans.

On June 12, the Davenport's office will introduce a pilot program in youth fitness at Fort Belvoir in Virginia.

Eighteen high school athletes from North Dakota and Connecticut will participate in a one-day competition with five events, a mile run, sit-ups, pull-ups, push-ups and the standing long jump.

On the local level, a team of nine boys and nine girls will be chosen to compete in a state championship organized by the recruiting and retention manager of the state.

The winners at that level and two chaperones will be sent to Washington, D.C., for a national meet.

In the competition, the 11th- and 12th-grade

students will earn a certain amount of points according to their age and sex.

In addition to the nine "athletes," three "scholars" with a 3.5 or above grade point average will compete in their own category.

Next year, Davenport hopes to include teams from each of the 50 states and three territories in the program, which is co-sponsored by the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

Davenport is a five-time Olympian with a gold and bronze medal in the 110-meter high hurdle events of the 1968 and 1976 Games, respectively.

Because of his athletic background, Davenport also offers his services as a keynote speaker at these schools.

"We're not recruiters, but if we portray a positive image ... we will not have to recruit kids. They will come to us."

He is concerned, because some states do not require students to take physical fitness courses in high school.

"We're in a world today that is so automated," Davenport said. "We don't do things ... that keep us physically fit."

"Why not get these kids into shape before they join the military?"



Guard gives quality time to our nation's youth

Camps, tours, jobs highlight state programs

In all 50 states and territories, family members and units in the National Guard are involved in youth programs.

The following are just a few of the creative programs that generate interest, educate against substance abuse and provide leadership for our nation's youth.

In **Mississippi**, the recruiting department of the 186th Air Refueling Group and the 238th Combat Communications Squadron in Meridian sponsored an annual high school regional track meet for about 300 students from six counties.

The units also participate in the Partners in Education and Adopt-a-School programs, which foster a better understanding of the public and private school systems within the county.

In **Nebraska**, the 155th Air Refueling Group is the charter organization for the Aviation Explorer Post 155 and the Boy Scout Troop 86, both of Lincoln.

In **Indiana**, the 122nd Fighter Wing participates in the Fort Wayne Community School's Adopt-a-School program, the Fort Wayne-South Bend Adopt-a-Catholic School program, the Fort Wayne Community School PURSUIT program, Junior Achievement and the Horizon Mentor program.

The unit's Young Hero Award honors children with a life-threatening or severe handicap who have endeavored to accomplish as much as possible in life.

In **Iowa**, the 185th Fighter Group in Sioux City has painted their high school logos on the sides of the airplanes.

Before the airplanes were retired, each aircraft was flown over the high school and an aerial photo was taken and presented to the school.

The unit also designed a special patch for 300 Boy Scouts participating in a jamboree.

In **Florida**, the 202nd Red Horse Civil Engineering Squadron recently held a tour for high school students in St. Augustine.

Each year, two seniors are recognized by the unit for accomplishing academic goals.

In **New York**, the 213th Engineering Installation Squadron in Roslyn recently rebuilt a local Little League field.

In **Maine**, the 101st Air Refueling Wing in Bangor chartered "Air National Guard Charities of Bangor" in 1981.



Photo by New York National Guard



Photo by the Texas National Guard



Photo by Maj. Robert G. Arnett



Photo by Oregon National Guard



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Open House

(Clockwise from top left) An unidentified boy is painted for battle during a post open house in New York. Many Air Guard units make dreams come true for young pilots with tours of their facilities. Another popular event during an open house is the MRE-tasting tent. Illinois sponsors an "Adjutant General for a Day" program with the Eagle Scouts. Maj. Kashi Yatto, the Texas state public affairs officer, works with a fourth-grader as part of the mentoring program.

This year, the program raised more than \$9,000 in donations.

In **Illinois**, the National Guard sponsors a three-day Young Hunters Safety Clinic each year, a Civil Air Patrol training program, a Boy Scouts Explorer Post, museum tours, tour of military installations, Special Olympics, a summer intern program, the Eagle Scout "Adjutant General for the Day" program and the Urban League Adolescent Responsibility Program.

In **Delaware**, a Blue-Gold Spaghetti Dinner has been held for the football all-stars for 11 years.

The state's Air Guard medical personnel also provide complete physicals for Special Olympians competing in the annual meet.

The Army National Guard's Duncan Armory is a collection point for the Del-Mar-Va Boy Scout Council's "Scouting for Food" effort.

In **Pennsylvania**, the National Guard sponsors several youth camps

at Fort Indiantown Gap.

The state also participates in a community playgrounds program, the Youth Conservation Corps, Special Olympics and the Boy Scouts.

The **Maryland** Air National Guard annually participates in the Summer Special Olympic Games at Towson State University.

In May, Santa Fe Jobs for Progress, Inc., was presented the presidential award for the Outstanding Job Training Program in the country.

Sgt. Maj. Joe Fernandez of the **New Mexico** Army National Guard, the chairman of the organization's board of directors, accepted the award in a ceremony with President George Bush.

Project Get Ahead, which encourages at-risk high school students to graduate, provides basic skills instructions, pre-employment skills and work maturity skills training.

In the **District of Columbia**, the

231st Combat Communications Squadron at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., recently became the second Air National Guard unit to adopt a nearby high school.

The community education partnership was formed with Suitland High School, which received three WANG computers and computer paper from the unit.

A school-business partnership involving the 167th Airlift Group in Martinsburg, W. Va., has been selected as the best of its kind by the West Virginia Congress of Parents and Teachers.

The **Texas** National Guard has adopted 10 schools within the Austin Independent School District, joining the Adopt-A-School network of some 1,450 partnerships already existing within the district.

These new partnerships support the Guard's Drug Demand Reduction Program efforts to increase participation within schools and communities.



Leading the way

Maj. Gen. Raymond F. Rees, the director of the Army National Guard, (third from left) is pictured here with the winners of the Gen. Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award. They are: (from left to right) Capt. William R. Phillips of Virginia; Michael J. Borrel of Louisiana; Maj. Terry W. Saltsman of Tennessee; Capt. Debra A. Clark of Arizona; Capt. Steven A. Wieneke of Iowa; and Capt. Michael J. Borrel of Louisiana. They were honored at a Pentagon ceremony in May.

Aviation programs elevate youths' ambitions

By 2nd Lt. Ellen G. Lampkins
Associate Editor

"Keep 'em Flying" is the motto of the U.S. Air Force. But to get young people interested in aviation careers, the Air National Guard supports several junior programs around the country by saying: "YESS."

The Youth Empowerment Support System is a mission to build self-esteem, teach self-discipline and emphasize the importance of teamwork among young people.

The Selfridge Air National Guard Base near Mount Clemens, Mich., conducts leadership training and a one-week program of aviation and space education programs during the summer.

The course instructor is Barbara Koscak, who teaches at Star Base One (Science and Technology Academies Reinforcing Basic Aviation and Space Education). "Aviation is one of the best tools to teach," she said. "We must find ways to bring many more young people ... particularly those from under-represented groups into science and math."

In addition to Koscak, more than 60 Guard members have volunteered their free time to work on these programs.

Along with the Federal Aviation Administration, the Guard also supports the Aviation Career Education program, which stimulates interest in aviation careers among America's young people.

"As our nation's most important resource, the young men and women of this country have an opportunity through ACE to pursue careers in aviation that otherwise might not be attainable," said Maj. Gen. Philip G. Killey, the ANG director.

ACE academies are one- or two-week summer programs conducted in cooperation with colleges and universities to give young people a hands-on opportunity to explore careers in aviation. The young people learn how to prepare for a specific career.

Students receive aviation orientation and basic understanding of the FAA and its role in the nation's air transportation system. In addition, they visit airports, airlines and control towers; take introductory flight lessons and learn about aircraft design,

flight simulation, aviation history, meteorology and flight theory.

This year, the FAA regions hope to establish at least one ACE Academy in each state and U.S. territory.

In the Airways Sciences Program, these students are able to continue their studies in college.

Arizona Guard trains students in maintenance

The 161st Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron in Phoenix, Ariz., recently trained eight High School students in the maintenance of their KC-135 aircraft.

This unique partnership between the Arizona Air National Guard and South Mountain High School's Aerospace Magnet Program is one of five in the nation. It provides students a wide variety of aerospace courses including information on the history of flight, flight fundamentals, flight physiology and aerospace careers.

Oregon unit inducts honorary fighter pilot

By Mona Spenst Jordan
Oregon National Guard

PORTLAND, Oregon - A 14-year-old boy realized his dream of becoming a fighter pilot when the 142nd Fighter Group of the Oregon National Guard took him under its wing in February.

Bobby Villeneuve loves airplanes. However, his only flight was in 1990, when he was airlifted by a helicopter from his home in Lebanon to the top of a hospital here.

It was then that Villeneuve learned that he had a brain tumor. "I couldn't sit up, because I was on a stretcher," he said. "I managed to look out the window anyway as we flew. It was the best memory I have of the time."

Since that time, Villeneuve has undergone numerous surgeries and treatments, which have robbed him of his sandy brown hair. His humor and courage remain intact.

As the engine cooled down following a demonstration, he remarked on how nice it was that he was the only one without "messed up" hair.

Villeneuve made it clear that his current health situation was only a temporary setback in his quest

to become a fighter pilot. "I'm getting better," he said. "I know the tumors are shrinking. In fact, I felt better after the first three days of chemotherapy."

"I've tried very hard in school these past years to get good grades, so that someday I can get an engineering degree and become a pilot for the Air National Guard."

After visits to the flightline and engine shop, Villeneuve finally got to climb into the cockpit of an F-15 Eagle.

His questions reflected his already sound knowledge of the aircraft as his fingers grazed the throttle, trigger and control stick. "He knows about jets and what it takes to become a pilot," said Capt. Mike Bieniewicz. "He's already proven he has the determination it takes to carry him through pilot training."

After his orientation, Villeneuve was greeted by about 50 guardsmen, who assembled to witness his induction as an honorary fighter pilot.

In addition to several gifts, he received a radio call sign. Villeneuve is now known as "V-9."

His father, Richard, said Bobby always concentrates on his favorite memories while being prepared for surgery. "There are some things a parent just can't provide, and this is one of those things."



Photo by Mona Spenst Jordan

FUTURE PILOT - Capt. Mike Bieniewicz helps Bobby Villeneuve strap into an Oregon Air Guard F-15 Eagle during a recent visit to the Portland base.



Photo by Lt. Col. Reece Stein

SEAL OF APPROVAL

- Sgt. John Carson (right) a plumber from the 115th Engineer Group in Utah seals fittings for new water fixtures as Arapan Quanle, a Guinea soldier watches. Operation "Mercy Sapper" was the first U.S. military humanitarian mission to Guinea.

Utah, New York units complete first African mission in Guinea

By Lt. Col. Reece Stein
Utah National Guard

KINDIA, Guinea - The National Guard task force had been in Africa less than one week, and already it had saved two lives.

Fifteen utility engineers from various units of Utah's 115th Engineer Group joined 25 doctors, nurses and medical specialists from the 116th Air Command clinic of the New York Air Guard for Operation "Mercy Sapper."

It was the first U.S. military humanitarian mission to Guinea under a program sponsored by the U.S. Army's European Command and the National Guard Bureau.

While the engineers refurbished a 55-year-old hospital, the doctors treated residents.

The medical team was ready to prescribe medications for infections and parasites and perform some minor surgery. But at 3 a.m., they were called to the primitive operating room, where a young native girl was in labor - and in trouble.

With no electricity, the team used flashlights to

"It's not what I expected when I came here ..."

Col. Gerald Harmon, 169th TAC surgeon

guide the surgeons' hands as they performed an emergency cesarean section.

"It's not what I expected when I came here, not being an obstetrician," said Col. Gerald Harmon, one of three surgeons from the New York unit.

They brought only six medical instruments, including a scalpel. Their drapes were clean, but not sterile. The operating table was little more than a rusting metal gurney. They had only local anesthetics.

The operation, which would have taken 30 minutes in a stateside hospital, lasted two hours.

"I think if we hadn't been here we would have at least had the infant not survive and probably the mother," Harmon said.

The Utah engineers ran into less life-threatening challenges.

The 15 carpenters, plumbers, electricians and painters were tasked with providing hot, running water to operating rooms and replacing single bulb, loose wire electrical circuits with permanently in-

stalled fluorescent fixtures.

They repaired doors, built a roof over a central pavilion used as the waiting room, poured concrete walkways and gave the whole place a coat of paint.

But not all the fittings for the electrical and water conduits were available locally. There were no elbow-shaped sections and some of the connectors were metric.

"Everything is not standard here, we're having to make things up as we go to make it work," said Lt. Col. Ron Freeman, the task force commander from the 115th.

Sgt. Jack Rowland, an electrician from Provo, Utah, discovered the solution. After ruining several sections of plastic pipe with a blow torch, he heated them up using the exhaust from a portable generator.

"We were able to get the plastic pipe soft enough to where it would adapt and slide over the fittings that we brought with us. When it cooled down, it made a perfect seal and could be used by water as well as electrical," he said. "I like challenges, and I knew this was a challenge there had to be some way of solving."

Staying healthy in the harsh African environment posed a bigger challenge for the troops. They got numerous immunizations prior to deployment, drank bottled water, ate Meals Ready to Eat and slept under mosquito netting treated with repellents.

Many of them are veterans of other humanitarian missions to Honduras, Panama and Jamaica. They admitted that conditions in Guinea were as harsh as they had encountered elsewhere. They put in long days in 90-degree heat and humidity.

However, most of the troops felt more than a little satisfied with their efforts. "It means a lot to the soldiers of the Utah National Guard to come to a place where the people have very little, live in very austere conditions and have the chance to influence their lives by giving them clean conditions and medical care," said Capt. George Summit, the commander of the 115th.

"Mercy Sapper" left behind \$50,000 worth of medicines, new sinks, water heaters, electrical outlets and a water pump for the hospital. Utah businessmen donated to the local school system: 24 student desks and 48 chairs, pencils and crayons and notepads.

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LOUISIANA

Construction on a three-building, \$1 million dollar project for the 236th Combat Communications Squadron, located in Hammond, La., was started in February.

The unit will receive an additional 6,000 square-foot building costing about \$700,000 to maintain their tactical communication and electronics equipment.

Also planned is a 2,000 square-foot painting facility costing \$125,000, which will allow indoor painting of the squadron's vehicles.

Construction on a 4,000 square-foot storage facility was started in April at a cost of \$100,000.

The old building, which was constructed in 1954 with an addition in the 1970s, will receive repairs when the staff moves into the new facilities.

The unit hopes to complete construction in six months.

PENNSYLVANIA

A York National Guard detachment that participated in the Persian Gulf war officially marked its activation as a unit of the Pennsylvania National Guard's 28th Infantry Division during a ceremony last fall.

Detachment 1 of the 131st Transportation Company is now Company C of the division's 103rd Engineer Battalion.

As combat engineers, the redesignated unit will operate heavy equipment to build roads, dig fighting positions, clear mine fields and demolish enemy fortifications.

MICHIGAN

A husband and wife team from the 191st Fighter Group at Selfridge Air National Guard Base recently helped a heart patient in full cardiac arrest.

Master Sgt. Timothy and Staff Sgt. Renee Inman were bowling near the base when they heard a cry for help from someone who knew cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Because of past training in CPR, the couple knew exactly what to do and sustained the individual until the arrival of emergency personnel.

"For so many years, we've known CPR and though we would never have to use it," Renee said.

"I'm just glad we were able to help," Tim added.

KANSAS

Six members of 1st Battalion, 108th Aviation of Topeka participated in a combined exercise called Yama Sakura ("Keen Eagle") in Chitose, Japan earlier this year.

It was the 22nd version of the exercise which involved the northern Army of Japan, IX Corps of the U.S. Army, the Third Marine Expeditionary Force, selected units from I Corps and several naval and U.S. Air Force units.

ALASKA

The history of the Alaska National Guard has been brought to life by Cliff Salisbury in a book entitled, "Soldiers of the Mist, Minutemen of the Alaska Frontier."

It is the first book to trace the history of the Guard beginning when Minutemen were organized in the early 1880s.



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OREGON

An Oregon-based corporation recognizing the needs of National Guard families during Operation Desert Storm created an opportunity to revive the dwindling emergency relief fund.

Fred Meyer, Inc., sold special T-shirts with a flag and the words, "Celebrate America" printed on the front.

The regional promotion was launched prior to the July 4th holiday and brisk sales of the shirts continued through December. Net profits from the 6,153 T-shirts in six states totaled \$23,750.

The check was presented to Maj. Gen. Gene A. Katke, Oregon's adjutant general, at a Feb. 18 ceremony.

Fred Meyer spokesman Larry Bates said the company has strived to be good neighbors to needy families. "The needs of National Guard members and their families became evident to us during the waning days of the Gulf crisis, and we wanted to do our part as a neighbor to help out."

As a result, the promotion raised \$10,270 for the Oregon National Guard. Other state emergency relief funds receiving donations included: Washington, \$12,006; Utah, \$2,040; Alaska, \$1,081; Idaho, \$675; and California, \$135 from one store.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

A District of Columbia Army National Guard unit recently became the first member of an American Legion post, which was formed by veterans of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

The post is named for Spec. Bernard C. Griffin of the 276th Military Police Company, who died shortly after returning from the Persian Gulf.

Normally, Legion posts receive numbers in an automatic sequence as they are formed in a particular area. But in this case, the number 276 was assigned in honor of Griffin's military police company.

Staff Sgt. Basilio J. St. Hill was selected as the post's first two-year commander.

DELAWARE

This state's Army and Air National Guard units have benefitted from a new Inmate Work Release Program held through the Georgetown Correctional Institution and the Pre-Trial Annex at Price's Corner.

The inmates perform various duties from minor repair to continual maintenance. "We have limited personnel to maintain our facilities," said Maj. Robert Del Campo, the general foreman for state contracting and facilities. "We're always playing catch up with maintenance."

As part of a state-funded program, the Guard pays each inmate \$1.25 for an eight-hour work day.

The program, which was started with only seven inmates scattered throughout the state, has grown to 20. Del Campo expects 30 inmates involved in the program by the end of the summer.

GEORGIA

For the third time in as many years, the 224th Joint Communications Support Squadron of Brunswick helped load a commercial aircraft with medicine and other critically needed supplies headed for Zaire.

More than \$3.5 million in donations were collected by MAP International, a non-profit global health and relief organization.

Eight ANG members honored as "Outstanding Airmen" for 1992

Eight Air National Guard members recently were honored as the "Outstanding Airmen" for 1992 at a banquet in the Andrews Air Force Base NCO Club.

These airmen, who were chosen from 116 nominees, will represent the National Guard in the 1992 U.S. Air Force 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year competition.

Here is a brief biographical sketch of each airman:

Senior Master Sgt. Gary D. Kaiser, the manager for the recruiting and retention program of the 150th Fighter Group in Albuquerque, N.M., enlisted in 1969.

Three years later, he was selected as the first full-time active duty recruiter for the unit.

Kaiser was the project officer for the National Recruiting and Retention Conference in 1989. Based on the conference's success, he was invited to write the NGB operating instructions for hosting a national conference.

Kaiser incorporated the drug demand reduction message into the recruiting function, which directly led to the unit receiving the first Department of Defense Community Drug Awareness Award in the U.S. Air Force-wide category.

He also is the state awards chairman for the New Mexico Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

Staff Sgt. David J. Hill, a certified aircraft battle damage repair mechanic with the 150th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, joined the Guard in 1986.

In addition to his assigned duties, Hill serves as a member of the New Mexico Honor Guard.

When the 174th Fighter Wing from Syracuse, N.Y., asked for experienced 30-millimeter gun system specialists, Hill volunteered for activation and deployed in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

During the Gulf war, he participated in a helicopter rescue mission as a weapons operator, manning an M-60 machinegun.

Master Sgt. Michael D. Costa, who enlisted in 1981 after four years of active duty, is the disaster preparedness superintendent for the 184th Fighter Group in Wichita, Kan.

He was selected as the outstanding senior non-commissioned officer of the quarter in 1990, and the outstanding senior non-commissioned officer of the Year for the 184th and Kansas for 1991.

Master Sgt. Sharon B. Page is the NCOIC of the Electronic Computer and Switching Systems Maintenance Section for the 224th Joint Communications Support Squadron in Georgia. She enlisted in 1975.

In December of 1990, she was activated for Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

For this service, she received the bronze star for exceptionally meritorious achievement as superintendent of Electronic Switching Maintenance for the Joint Communications Support Element, U.S. Central Command.

Last August, she was selected as the Outstanding Senior NCO of the Quarter and Outstanding Senior NCO of the Year.

Tech. Sgt. Kenneth D. Robertson, who is a production recruiter with the 132nd Mission Support Squadron of Iowa, enlisted in 1983 after an Army career that began in 1972.

He developed and implemented "Project Job Shadow," which gives local high school students an opportunity to participate in the workday activities of air technicians.

Robinson also initiated the "Partners in Progress" program, which allows unit members to get involved with students at Jackson Elementary School.

The program earned him a nomination for the Friends of Education award.

By request of the local chapter of Junior Achievement, he also became the first member of a military component to participate with local high schools.

Senior Airman Randy E. Byrd, who enlisted in 1989, is a medical material specialist with the 139th Tactical Clinic in St. Joseph, Mo.

He currently is working toward a degree in public relations and is enrolled in the Community College of the Air Force.

Senior Airman Marselien M. Meloche, who is a law enforcement specialist with the 110th Fighter Group in Michigan, enlisted in 1989.

While at the Law Enforcement Technical School at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, she won honors as the "Top Gun" of her class, demonstrating outstanding marksmanship skills with the M-16 rifle and nine-millimeter pistol.

On weekends and holidays, she works as a reserve police officer, helping accident victims and answering emergency calls.

She is a member of the group's pistol team and has represented her state at the national matches.

Senior Airman Craig M. Trentham, who also enlisted in 1989, is a refrigeration technician with the 290th Joint Communications Support Squadron at McDill Air Force Base, Fla.

During his six-month deployment in direct support of U.S. Central Command, he was awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal.

In 1991, he was chosen as Airman of the Year.



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The National Guard in World War II

Arkansas artillery unit successfully defends Dutch Harbor

By Maj. Bruce Conard
National Guard Historian

DUTCH HARBOR, Alaska - A quick look at a map of the Pacific Ocean shows what seems to be a natural route of advance from Japan to the continental United States. That route is through the Aleutian Islands, Alaska, Canada and into the "lower 48."

On June 3, 1942, with war hysteria sweeping the nation and a fear that the Japanese were planning an invasion, that route looked open and available to our enemies.

To counter the threat, forces were sent to the Aleutians. One of the units sent was an anti-aircraft battalion from Arkansas. The fear of a Japanese invasion of the United States never materialized.

The Japanese realized that in order to win the war in the Pacific, they would have to bring the U. S. fleet into decisive combat. Their plan envisaged a deceptive move in a northern direction, towards the Aleutian Islands and Alaska. It would be a difficult campaign.

The climate of the chain of islands that bounds the Bering Sea is not conducive for military operations or bases. It was cold and foggy in the summer and bitterly cold in the winter. The climate was hard on man and machines.

To counter the Japanese threat, the United States planned bases on the Aleutians. Into those bases throughout the first half of 1942, the nation moved her soldiers, sailors and airmen.

Arkansas' 206th Coast Artillery Regiment armed with obsolescent three-inch anti-aircraft guns and water-cooled .50 caliber machine guns arrived in Dutch Harbor, the Aleutian Islands as part of the air defense.

On May 3, 1942, a Japanese task force commanded by Read Admiral Kakuji Katuta made up of two light aircraft carriers (the Junyo and the Ryujo) and supporting ships moved into position 165 miles

Florida ANG pilot earns all UPT awards

A Florida Air National Guard pilot recently became the first graduate of Air Training Command at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss., to be ranked at the top of every category.

2nd Lt. Sami Said, who will fly F-16s for the 125th Interceptor Group in Jacksonville, Fla., earned the academic excellence award, the military training award, the flying training award, the ATC Commander's Trophy and was named a distinguished graduate.

"The pilots trained at Columbus are the best-trained in the world," said Col. David M. Fore, commander of the 14th Operations Group. "Lt. Said has demonstrated that he is the best of the best. He will be a tremendous asset to the Florida Air National Guard and to our nation's defense."

Said earned the academic excellence award by missing only one question out of 367 on the 11 tests



Said

covering 380 hours of instruction.

The flying training award is given to the individual who has obtained the highest flying grade among the members of his class. Said received this award by excelling in the seven aircraft checkrides, which cover all phases of training in both the T-37 and T-38.

He also won the military training award, which is presented to the member of the class who demonstrates the most outstanding officer qualities, such as military bearing, appearance and leadership.

The most prestigious award won by Said was the ATC Commander's Trophy, which is presented to the most outstanding graduate.

"Lt. Said is an outstanding officer and exceptionally good pilot," Fore said.

"Seldom is a student known outside his or her own flight or squadron, but Lt. Said was such an outstanding performer in all aspects of UPT that his reputation for excellence was known throughout the wing."



A National Guard Heritage Painting by Domenick D'Andrea

DEFENSE OF THE ALEUTIANS - To counter the Japanese threat, the United States planned bases on the Aleutians. Arkansas' 206th Coast

Artillery Regiment armed with obsolete three-inch anti-aircraft guns and water-cooled .50 caliber machine guns defended Dutch Harbor.

from Dutch Harbor.

Fog shrouded their advance as they eluded the U. S. Navy forces that were searching for them. Half of the first attack group turned back because of the bad weather, but a dozen planes flew on to Dutch Harbor.

Although the American forces were surprised, the 206th still managed to provide a thick screen of anti-aircraft fire. The gunners downed one Japanese Zero, but even more importantly, they denigrated the effect of the Japanese bombers' aim.

Even so, the first attack cost the defenders of Dutch Harbor. Twenty-five soldiers were killed in a 20-minute attack. This was the first Japanese

attempt to destroy the new base at Dutch Harbor.

Throughout the rest of June 3rd, weather assisted the defenders. The second strike ran afoul of two Army P-40 fighters, who shot down two Japanese fighters and damaged two more. On June 4th, the Japanese struck again, damaging a hospital, oil storage facilities and killing more defenders.

Returning to their carriers, the Japanese again ran into Army P-40s. Three of the Junyo's planes were lost in this encounter. This was the last attack.

The operation had cost the defenders six PBV reconnaissance/bombers, three bombers and two P-40s. Dutch Harbor was bloodied, damaged, but still in operation.





ANG medical teams maintain lives at 25,000 feet

By Capt. Phil Blahut
Editor

"Prepare to load," cried out a flight nurse and immediately a medical team lifted their patient and hurried into the C-130 transport plane.

Five seconds passed and the order was repeated. Another patient was rushed up the aircraft ramp. Finally, all 15 patients were loaded onto the plane.

This was simulated. But in an emergency, this team and their training are essential, especially when military casualties need to be evacuated from a hostile area.

About 25 members of the 142nd Aerial Evacuation Squadron of the Delaware Air National Guard were getting hands-on training, a must to maintain their proficiency and flight status.

Once loaded, crew members from the 166th Airlift Group prepared for takeoff for a four-hour, cross-country mission.

Their top-secret mission was to evacuate patients with battlefield injuries from a location in Central America.

Normally, this medical unit trains with 15 members during a drilling weekend, but this trip was unique.

While in the air, volunteer patients were treated for a variety of injuries. Some required emergency cardio-pulmonary resuscitation.

Two teams were organized and patients were assigned, but the pre-staged medical and aircraft emergencies were known only to the evaluators.

One team would load patients, perform medical treatments and react to various emergency situations, such as a mock crash landing. The other team would write evaluations and critiques.

After two hours, the teams switched roles. Training continued for each hour that the C-130 flew.

"Normally, a C-130 evacuation crew consists of two nurses, three medical technicians and a radio operator," said Maj. Terri Heckman, the medical readiness officer-in-charge. "Our medical teams try to get cross-country training every 30 days."

"The minimum training required is once every 60 days to maintain currency and once every 90 days to maintain aircrew status."

The Army and Marines are the unit's main customers. "Our job is to evacuate wounded troops while the aircraft is running and fly them to hospitals as quick as possible," Heckman said. "Our aircraft can hold a maximum of 74 litter patients. During Operation Desert Storm, we were averaging 50 patients per load."

The 142nd has a reputation as being capable and responsive. In the early days of Operation Desert Shield, they were one of the first units to land in Saudi Arabia and set up medical support staff with medical crews. They maintained crews there for almost the entire Gulf War.

Prior to Desert Storm, they participated in a cooperative training exercise in Hawaii.

During the island exercises, they earned the respect of active components for not only evacuating casualties from a simulated Army and Marine beach assault, but for loading and preparing patients for the aircraft.

This summer, the unit will return to Hawaii. "When the 25th Infantry Division from Schofield Barracks learned that we were to arrive this summer for training, they rescheduled their training to meet ours," said Maj. David B. Rich, the 142nd's medical system administrative specialist. "They remem-



Photo by Capt. Barry McRary

HIGH-PRESSURE TRAINING - Airman 1st Class Scott Russell, an aerovac technician with the 142nd Aerial Evacuation Squadron of the Delaware Air National Guard tries to resuscitate a patient during a recent flight.

bered how effectively we all worked together."

The 142nd will not be alone. A total of 200 medical personnel from four units will participate in the exercise, including the 142nd's sister unit, 166th Airlift Clinic of the Delaware Air National Guard; the 156th Aerial Evacuation Squadron of Charlotte, N.C.; and the Hawaii Air National Guard.

Marksmanship program aims for junior shooters

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Friendly competition is another way for the National Guard to capture the interest of our nation's young people.

Each year, the Guard Bureau sponsors the Junior Position Air Rifle tournament to provide beginning and developing shooters an opportunity to test their marksmanship skills.

The tournament has three phases of competition, the state championship, the qualification round and the national championship, which is held each year at one of the service academies.

Both the state and qualification phases of the tournament are postal matches, but the national meet is a shoulder-to-shoulder competition supported by the National Guard Marksmanship Training Unit at Camp Joseph T. Robinson in North Little Rock, Ark.

The tournament is open to shooters, who are sponsored by an Army or Air National Guard unit or an organization, club or school, which is affiliated with the Guard's Junior Marksmanship Program.

Ohio ANG shooter named "Top Gun" champion at All-Army matches in May

The "Top Gun" champion at the U.S. Army Combat Arms Matches held in May at Fort Benning, Ga. was an Air National Guard shooter from Ohio.

Tech. Sgt. Ken Strohm of the 200th Red Horse Civil Engineering Squadron was one of 16 guardsmen who qualified for the competition designed for the week's top 20 shooters. Each shooter competed in four events during the shoulder-to-shoulder match.

Strohm also was named the M-16 rifle champion during the match.

Entry into the tournament is reserved for beginning and developing shooters between the ages of 14 and 18. "Anyone who has achieved a National Rifle Association smallbore rifle, high power rifle or air rifle classification of expert or higher is not eligible," said Capt. Ron Wigger, the program director.

A team is limited to one "old" shooter as a firing member. Competitors are designated as "old" once they have fired at the NGB's national

Other top reserve component shooters and their events are: Staff Sgt. Millard Butler of Co. B, 186th Support Battalion, Vermont Army National Guard, M9 pistol; Spec. Patrick Vanderploeg of Co. C, 3-126th Infantry, Michigan Army National Guard, M249 Saw/M16A2 light machinegun; Staff Sgt. Neil Mellor of Battery B, 1-140th Field Artillery, Utah Army National Guard, M60; and Staff Sgt. Allen Foltz of the 29th Light Infantry Division, Virginia Army National Guard, M24/M21 sniper rifle.

championship.

This rule ensures that "new" shooters are developed and prevents the same group of "old" shooters from dominating the competition each year.

The air rifle match consists of 40 rounds for record, fired at 10 meters (33 feet) in four 10-minute stages from the prone, sitting, standing and kneeling positions.

To make the tournament available to the largest possible number of junior shooters, the unit has placed limits

on equipment and clothing.

"Entry into the shooting sports is generally quite expensive," Wigger said. "This keeps it relatively inexpensive to participate."

The rifle used in this tournament must be a .177 caliber air rifle manufactured in the United States with a cost not exceeding \$120. Other equipment authorized for the tournament is limited to a pellet trap, shooting mat, kneeling roll and web sling.

Members of the state championship team and the state individual winners will each receive an award. The organizational sponsors of the state team champions are given a handsome trophy plaque.

After the qualification round, 10 organizations are invited to send a team to the national championships. Teams that accept receive a financial grant to cover travel and living expenses during the five-day competition.

The national championships consists of seven different individual and team events. A medal or trophy is awarded in each event.

For more information about the program, call Wigger at DSN 731-5291 or commercial 501-771-5291.