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SURVEY CREW - Leaders of the Family Support Program survey Hurricane Andrew's devastation with the same sense of duty and concern with which generals survey the battlefield. They know their leadership is essential to morale and welfare. It plays an important part in the overall success of the National Guard. Shelly Gibson, left, of South Carolina, mustered support in her state and went to Florida as a volunteer to help Carolyn Lare, the family support coordinator of the Homestead-based unit. Warrant Officer Bobbi Hall, the state Family Program coordinator, accompanies the group.

South Carolina Guard wife understands Andrew victims

By Lt. Col. Lester R. Stadig
Chief, Command Information

Because she's a Guard wife, Shelly Gibson labored alone for hours on the roof with a handsaw cutting trees that had been toppled by Hurricane Hugo.

Today, Shelly, the wife of Staff Sgt. Christopher Gibson, is an expert on family difficulties in times of call-up and the need for family support programs.

She truly understands the plight of Guard families in the aftermath of Andrew.

"I kept thinking it's not fair for me to be up here on this roof without Chris' help."

Down off the roof the challenges were even more trying, and brought Shelly to tears on many occasions.

Six youngsters, ranging in age from four to ten, needed food, water, entertaining and comforting. Nights were long with no electric lights and television - and no father. Gibson, a member of Company B, 1-118th Infantry,

had been activated to provide security and help Charleston, S.C. recover from Hugo.

"At this time I was still working as a school photographer and had to break curfew at 3:30 a.m. each day to travel to out-of-town schools," says Shelly. She left her children in the care of their grandfather.

"I remember going to Hilton Head and walking into a Pantry (convenience store) and seeing a bucket with a sign that said 'please help victims of Hugo', and I thought, I am one of those victims!"

During those days that she was on the road she purchased hard-to-get necessities. However, those shopping trips cut deeply into family budget.

That was three years ago. Today, Shelly Gibson has a passion to help Guard families devastated by Andrew.

From experience, she knows the heavy burden that falls onto the families of Guard members during disasters, usually unnoticed by the rest of the community.

The morning after Andrew leveled Homestead, Shelly announced at the breakfast table that she wanted help. She took personal vacation and went to work on the project.

As a family support group coordinator to the South Carolina Army National Guard, Shelly understood the system. First, she called Florida and spoke with Carolyn Lare, the family program coordinator for Company C, 1-124th Infantry of Homestead, Fla. to assess the needs.

Immediately, she arranged for insect repellent, flashlights and batteries to be shipped overnight express to Carolyn.

From Tuesday, August 25, until the following Monday, Shelly made phone call after phone call to rally support from across the state.

"We were going to get a truck there somehow," she said with determination, in spite of the dead ends and the red tape that prompted her to seek help from the offices of a South Carolina senator and the governor of Florida.

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7,000 help rehabilitate Puerto Rico schools

By 1st Lt. Edna Rivera
Puerto Rico National Guard

In an unprecedented event, the Puerto Rico National Guard recently mobilized over 7,000 Army and Air Guard members, in a massive clean-up effort to prepare the island's public schools for the fall semester.

Considered the largest civic action effort in the island's history, "Operation Shining Star", mustered the efforts of volunteer soldiers and airmen, officers and enlisted, in order to clean and perform minor repair work in over 500 public schools throughout Puerto Rico. Simultaneously, the Guard also led a brigade of volunteers from the education, fire, transportation and public works departments.

Operation Shining Star included painting graffiti-scribbled walls, hosing down sidewalks and basketball courts, repair of electrical fixtures, minor plumbing work and mowing school yards.

The school rehabilitation operation was carried out with precision. The enormity of "Operation Shining Star" took weeks of careful planning. Each cleanup project had to be identified and evaluated throughout the island's seven educational regions. Schools that needed the most work were prioritized. Plans and schedules were worked out months in advance and closely followed.

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National briefs

AMC busy in October

October has been a big month for Air Mobility, as Tankers have supported fighter missions in the Persian Gulf to enforce the "no-fly zone." Airlifters were bringing aid the same day Typhoon Omar struck Guam. Within four days of the storm, C-130s, C-5s, and C-141s had flown two dozen missions.

Fume victims tracked

The Department of Defense will keep a registry of service members exposed to fumes of burning oil in connection with Operation Desert Storm.

On July 13, Deputy Secretary of Defense Donald J. Atwood told the services and defense agencies to start the registry.

The Department of Veterans Affairs asked DoD to track service members to facilitate helping them later should exposure-related health problems develop.

The registry will include a roster of troops assigned to each unit in the areas affected by the Kuwaiti oil well fires, along with demographic and military personnel data.

DoD will keep records of unit locations from Jan. 15, 1991 through the last unit withdrawal from the region.

Atwood named the Army as executive agent for the registry.

Vets may qualify for loans

Persons leaving military service who are categorized as "Vietnam-era" or disabled veterans, who meet the criteria, may qualify for Small Business Administration direct loans even when they're unable to get commercial loans.

The SBA has people in each field office to assist veterans. If interested, contact the local SBA field office or call toll-free, 800-827-5722.

CNGB match entries mailed

The official match programs for the 1993 Chief of the National Guard Bureau tournaments, which include smallbore, combat and air rifle, recently were mailed to state marksmanship coordinators around the country.

The primary goal of the CNGB tournament is to provide entry-level competition for beginning and developing shooters.

For more information, call the National Guard Marksmanship Training Unit at 501-771-5291, 5288 or 5356 or DSN 731-5291, 5288 or 5356.

Champus changes policy

Champus officials have adopted an "other health insurance first" policy.

Such insurance includes: workers' compensation, no-fault, uninsured motorist medical, personal injury protection, and medicare in those instances where persons are eligible for both medicare and Champus.

It also includes insurance through the employers, associations, private insurers, and schools.

"Other insurance first" means that Champus pays after the other insurance has paid everything it is going to pay.



Program involved in everything from counseling to outings

By Lt. Col. Lester R. Stadig
Chief, Command Information

If you figured the National Guard Family Program only had a mission during federal call-ups like Desert Shield/Desert Storm, please read on.

Hurricanes, the Los Angeles riots and two C-130 transport crashes have taken a toll on National Guard families in recent months. Each tragedy demonstrated the need for a Family Support Program.

Today, said Dorothy Ogilvy-Lee, chief of the National Guard Bureau Office of Family Programs, the FSP is more than just a program that becomes active during a federal call-up. Indeed, the FSP has shown that it is an essential player during state call-ups. Furthermore, its peacetime role is growing rapidly, she said.

Around the nation, a network of volunteers and paid professionals plan day-by-day for disasters like those mentioned above. Each disaster brings with it experiences that help the FSP serve the family more efficiently.

The Florida adopt-a-family program, mentioned elsewhere in this issue, is such an instance. Perhaps adopt-a-family programs will become a standard through the FSP network.

Beyond crisis support, the FSP has branched into hundreds of areas benefitting Guard families and

adding value to America. For example, several FSPs host youth camps, youth summer employment and youth drug education programs. One state FSP sponsored handicapped children in the "Special Olympics."

Another sponsored an educational program on child abduction prevention.

Many state FSPs have combined resources with the National Guard Drug Demand Reduction Program, giving both programs more clout.

Still other FSPs sponsor parenting skills workshops and counseling programs for post-trauma counseling.

Increasing numbers of FSPs are providing training on legal affairs, retirement, family budgeting and money management and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation.

Most FSPs across the country organize unit picnics, family outings, family days at training sites and welcome home galas for units returning from annual training or other deployments.

One FSP hosts a biannual invitational family church service. One runs a photography contest. Another FSP facilitates a pen pal program.

Yet another sponsors an Easter egg hunt. With overseas humanitarian relief training on a rise, some FSPs have taken on special projects to solicit community donations for the country receiving humanitarian relief.

For example, some FSPs collected classroom materials for Honduran children, which were later delivered by hometown units serving on Task Force 105.

Each state or territory has a family program and coordinator, and correspondingly, many units have family program volunteers. Family members are encouraged to volunteer. Unit administrators should be able to help align interested individuals with unit or state coordinators.

Memorial anniversary begins Nov. 4

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial will be 10 years old in November. The anniversary commemoration will begin Nov. 4.

The highlight, "Reading the names" will begin at noon on Nov. 8 and conclude on Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

DRUG USE IS LIFE ABUSE

Counterdrug Update

* End-of-year reports indicate 4,132 volunteers were on active duty in support of the nation's 851 Counterdrug operations.

* National Guard assisted arrests totaled 22,692 in fiscal year 1992. This compares to 915 assisted arrests at the end of fiscal year 1989.

* The National Guard seized \$69 billion in drugs and equipment this year compared to \$9 billion at this time in 1989.

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NEW VICE CHIEF - Maj. Gen. Raymond F. Rees, left, is sworn in as vice chief of the National Guard Bureau by Maj. Gen. John L. Fugh, the judge advocate general during a recent ceremony. His wife, Mary Len, holds the Bible. Rees replaces Maj. Gen. William Navas, who vacated the position in August for duty as military executive of the Reserve Forces Policy Board.

Message for grieving National Guard families

Surely, this holiday season is flooded with sad memories for 30 families whose loved ones perished in training mishaps this year, most notably in two separate Air National Guard C-130 crashes, one in October and one in February.

A crew from the 164th Airlift Group of Martinsburg, W. Va., was lost in October's mishap, while a crew from 123rd Airlift Wing of Louisville, Ky., was lost in the earlier mishap.

I'm so proud of the men and women of the National Guard and our precious families to whom this issue of "On Guard" is dedicated.

I'm absolutely lost for words.

Another Kentucky native no doubt experienced similar feelings of inadequacy in November 1864.

President Abraham Lincoln had just learned from the adjutant general of Massachusetts that Mrs. Bixby of Boston had lost five sons on the battlefield.

Mr. Lincoln's letter to Mrs. Bixby expresses what's in my heart for all of the Army and Air National Guard families, who have lost loved ones performing Guard duties.

Let me borrow a few of his words.

To the 30 families, I feel my words can only be a weak and fruitless attempt to beguile you from the grief of your overwhelming loss.

However, I cannot refrain from tendering you the consolation that



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may be found in the thanks of the National Guard and the Republic they died serving.

I pray that Our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement and leave you only the cherished memory of the love and loss and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.

As this year draws to a close, we are also mindful of the special needs of Guard families in Florida, Louisiana, Guam and Hawaii.

I urge everyone in the larger family of the National Guard to remember our brothers and sisters in prayer, and where appropriate, with financial support.

- Lt. Gen. John B. Conaway

Focus on the family

By Col. George Schwantes
Army National Guard

The spotlight is on the family!

After decades of taking this basic societal unit for granted, followed by another period when its fundamental role was at least neglected (some say undermined), the family has again emerged as a critically important institution for our free society.

Politicians and prophets agree that the health and well being of our nation depends to a large extent on the health of the nation's families, and how effectively they are fulfilling their unique responsibilities.

There is no viable substitute for the family in the area of care, nurture, and the transmission of values. It is a microcosm of the larger society. In it

we see the fundamental patterns of every human interaction - it is the lab, the training ground for learning to live in the larger world.

The family has a military significance too. That's why the family has a high profile in the Chief's Goals for the 90s.

The family is the home base from which we set out to do our mission, and it is the place to which we return when our mission is complete. It doesn't take much of a behavior expert to know that the state of being at the home base has a tremendous impact on how effectively we are able to perform our mission.

A secure and stable home where hurts are healed, acceptance is given, and love is shared goes a long way to equipping the soldier for any mission. The absence of such a base has pro-

found effects as well.

Recognizing this, the National Guard has made considerable investment in a network of programs and people aimed at supporting families. Among those resources are almost 800 Army National Guard Chaplains assigned in the fifty states and four territories.

The idea of family was born first in the mind of God. Not much time elapsed between God's creation of the first human prototype and His determination that "it is not good for the man to live alone." Family grew out of God's response to that conclusion.

While family organizations and structures have changed over the centuries, some things remain constant. Some form of family remains the only means to enter human life. Some form



Schwantes

of family provides care and nurture during our formative years and I believe we never outgrow our need for that primary group where love and care are experienced unconditionally. For these reasons, and many more, families are important.



Seventy five teams from Germany, Tunisia, Saudi Arabia and Canada were scheduled to join a U.S. team in the Leapfest '92 parachute competition sponsored by the Rhode Island National Guard. Sponsored by Detachment 1, Headquarters, State Area Command, Troop Command (Special Forces), Rhode Island Army National Guard, the event has become a tradition to the airborne community. The clock ran from the instant parachutists hit the ground until the moment he touched the white cross. Sgt. Paul Gagnon of Troop Command (Special Forces), State Area Command, Rhode Island Army National Guard, made it standing up while an unidentified competitor (top) leaped to the target.

Leapfest '92



Photos by Master Sgt. David Jarvis

Kansan is first Guard member on underwater rescue team

By Maj. Kennard R. Wiggins Jr.
 Delaware National Guard

Senior Master Sgt. Craig Collins is not a typical Air National Guard member, but he exemplifies the very best in the Total Force concept.

He recently became the first Air Guard member to be chosen for the U.S. Air Force's Underwater Search and Rescue Team.

Collins is the NCOIC of the advertising branch for the recruiting and retention division of the ANG Readiness Center at Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

In January, he read an article about the team and later noticed an announcement that the Washington D.C., area team needed military personnel, who were experienced certified divers.

Since his days as a Gulf fisherman, Collins has been attracted to the sea. He began diving in 1979 and has maintained his diving education and skills.

Collins said he joined the rescue team because of his desire to help people. "You always watch TV shows where people call 911 for help and they stand there in fear, helpless until rescuers arrive. I can relate to that."

"When I was five years old, there was a place back in Kansas where we kids used to play. One day, my six-year-old cousin fell into a deep water well."

"He had polio and wore heavy braces which took him straight to the bottom of the well. The entire ordeal was horrifying, and ... (it) will be stuck in my mind forever."

"We didn't have 911 then or things might have turned out differently. I guess that's part of the reason why I did what I did."

Collins described tryouts for the rescue team as "pushing the physical limit and mentally nerve



Senior Master Sgt. Craig Collins

racking."

Since his completion of initial training, Collins said he is in the water at least two weekends a month and an average of three nights a week.

Training as a team also is important. The constant training and alert recall exercises help increase the divers' confidence, a trust in his dive partner and the ability to operate swiftly and effectively as a unit.

"We're trained to rapidly respond to both land and sea searches, enhancing the team's ability to deploy from high altitude and rough terrain conditions," said Master Sgt. Donald Anderson, the commander of the rescue team. "Craig showed us

his versatility by training in rope management techniques used not only underwater but for rapid rappelling operations as well.

"His professionalism, esprit de corps and abilities as a blue suit team player make him an invaluable asset to our team."

The primary objective of the team is to be prepared for any emergency, Anderson said. "We want aircrews to stay in the air, drivers to stay on the road and children to stay out of danger, but should there be a need, we are trained and ready to react."

Rescue team members are volunteers. "(They) have regular Air Force jobs, so our training in search, rescue and recovery is conducted entirely during our off-duty time," Collins said. "Because of the nature of the team's mission, we must stay proficient and that takes a lot of hours of in-water practical exercise and formal training."

This winter, he plans to complete specialty training in Underwater Ice Diving and Research.

Collins is certified as a dive master with the Professional Association of Diving Instructors and holds the world's highest non-instructional diving certification level attainable, Master Scuba Diver.

Along with the team chief, Collins currently is working on an underwater video and slide show production that explains the team's mission. "Our goal is to visit junior and high schools to show and explain our mission," he said. "Included will be a demonstration of underwater breathing apparatus, gear and how rescue equipment and techniques are employed."

"Our equipment always draws a crowd wherever we go, especially among the younger crowd. So, why not take it to the schools and deliver the most important message of all, 'Stay off drugs, stay in school and contribute to a better America.'"



Ridgerunner: Good survival training for Guardsmen

By Master Sgt. Gregory Ripps
Texas National Guard

The setting is mountainous, pine-forested West Virginia. Offering a picturesque view from the sky, nature hides the dangers to an individual on foot. Treacherous strip mines, vicious dogs, trigger-happy moonshiners and rotted, rat-infested structures await. The individual, lightly equipped, has just been dropped off in the unfamiliar region. And someone is after him.

The individual is Senior Master Sgt. Joe Gallardo, participating in Ridgerunner, an elaborate survival training exercise. Although the exercise was designed for pilots who may be forced to eject over hostile territory, Gallardo, life support superintendent and a certified continuation training instructor for the 149th Fighter Group in San Antonio, Texas was able to secure an Air National Guard slot.

Intelligence services conducts the

exercise once every three years. Members of both active and reserve U.S. and Canadian armed forces participated in the last one. Gallardo was one of 52 people to complete the two-week exercise.

The exercise involves more than just surviving; it also involves escape and evasion from a pursuit team. And besides essentially living off the land, the trainee must hazard encounters with real-world civilians, many of whom are playing roles - as either friends or enemies.

The first week of the exercise involves classes at Camp Dawson with instruction on such matters as obtaining food and water, reading a map and using a compass. "I learned that you don't mark your map or keep your compass set, in case you lose them or are caught, so you don't give away your destination," Gallardo said. He also learned what to remember that could provide valuable intelligence information for the future.

After a week of classes, Gallardo began the "unassisted phase" of the exercise. He and a captain from McGuire Air Force Base were teamed. In the unassisted phase they were to "stay away from everyone" - especially the pursuit team from Camp Dawson. They started out with map, compass, panchos, a folder with their coordinates, a small mess kit and three days to reach their objective.

With a little help from the intelligence officer's pistol, they were able to live off the land. They travelled between 5 and 11 a.m. and 4 and 8 p.m. to avoid both the hottest part of the day and the unfathomable darkness of a wilderness night. When they slept, it was under their ponchos under a tree - sometimes through hours of rain.

On the third day, they reached their "window" and left a "sign" by the scheduled time. At that point, Gallardo's partner was taken from him. He then entered the "assisted"

phase, in which he would encounter the civilian players when he attained designated coordinates over the next three days. Again the "enemy" would pursue him.

The civilians provided civilian clothing, food and hiding places. The hiding places included shacks, barns, houses, a fast-food restaurant and even a beer distributorship. Sometimes the exercise participants had to assume new identities until their time was up. Even the local police got into the act. Some of the "villain" civilians "betrayed" the fugitives.

Gallardo got through. Not everyone does. "You learn a lot about yourself in an exercise like this - or if it were the real thing," he said, echoing the sentiments of many others, who have undergone a survival experience.

Ridgerunner isn't just another survival exercise. "Ridgerunner is one of the best exercises the military can have," Gallardo said.

Memorial to honor women in military



Women have played a vital role in the United States Armed Forces in both peace and war since the American Revolution. The unsung heroines have received increasing responsibility and recently they have received increasing attention as an integral part of our nation's military force.

The first major national memorial recognizing the contributions of women in military service is under development and construction is scheduled to begin in December, 1993.

The memorial must be built with non-federal funds. Before construction can begin, the funds to complete the project have to be in the prepared account for the Women in Military Service for America (WIMSA) Foundation.

The memorial, honoring almost

two million women who are serving or have served in the military since the American Revolution, will be the gateway to Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va.

WIMSA presently needs the names, addresses, photos, and noteworthy experiences of women who have served the U.S. military in peacetime or war.

According to a fact sheet about the WIMSA memorial, the cost for building the memorial will be \$14 million. Presently, the organization has raised more than \$1 million for the building fund.

Requested histories of service-women and donations may be sent to: Women in Military Service Memorial, Dept. 560, Washington, D.C. 20042-0560.

For questions or more information, call toll-free: 1-800-472-5883

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There is the danger to realize



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Days, nights full of fatigue and shocking situations

Editors note: This article was written by Maya Bell for the Orlando Sentinel Sept. 13, 1992 and is reprinted with permission. The Guard soldiers mentioned here have been released from state duty.

"These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country; but he that stands it now deserves the love and thanks of man and woman."

CUTLER RIDGE, Fla. - Neatly written on a piece of cardboard hanging in the briefing tent, the words of American revolutionary Thomas Paine could hardly be more apt.

These are indeed trying times for the Florida National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 124th Infantry Regiment.

The first soldiers to arrive in Miami after Hurricane Andrew forever changed the face of south Dade County, members of the Orlando-based unit are living a life of contradictions in a surreal world unlike anyone else has ever seen here.

"I think we've gotten used to it, but every day something happens to shock you back into unbelievability," said Lt. Col. Jim Watson, the battalion commander. "We're all pretty fatigued."

Some soldiers roll plastic across tattered roofs, while others subdue belligerent men who threaten the fragile order of a food line.

Some offer rides to people searching for relatives, while others disarm men pointing guns at an intersection that has become known as "Checkpoint Hell."

Almost always the Guard members yearn to return to Central Florida, to the comforts of civilization and the love of family, but then they gaze into

the eyes of the newly homeless and feel they are helping.

"We sit around and bitch about being away from our families, but then we look around and see these people need us," said Michael Shoemaker, an Orlando stockbroker, who in January completed a stint in the Army, seeing duty in Saudi Arabia and Panama with the 82nd Airborne Division.

"When you look around and see so many people hurting, you know you can't go home."

Shoemaker is one of 950 Guard members who constitute the Central Task Force.

The 550 from Central Florida and 400 from Plant City and Lakeland are responsible for patrolling 156 square miles in south central Dade County that, just 20 days ago, 250,000 called home.

"We sit around and bitch about being away from our families, but then we look around and see these people need us."

- Michael Shoemaker

Now nobody knows how many still live in the rubble of Perrine, Cutler Ridge, Goulds or the sundry other neighborhoods where, even before the storm, many folks struggled to make ends meet.

And nobody knows how much longer the Guard members, who have spent one weekend a month preparing for the possibility of a natural disaster or a civil disturbance, will have to deal with the realities of both. The best guess: at least two more weeks.

Under the command of Watson, who in his other life directs marketing for United Telephone Co. of Florida in Orlando, the task force holds the line between anarchy and order.

By day, members help the homeless, the hungry and the injured find tar paper, tetanus shots, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. By night, they enforce the 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. curfew considered necessary in a land without electricity, telephones or other vestiges of normalcy.

"We like to compare this to a Mad Max movie, where the man with the biggest gun is king of the jungle," said Lt. Luis Alcaraz, who in civilian life is a security investigator at Walt Disney World. "The nights are right out of The Road Warrior."

But in this real-life version of the 1979 Mel Gibson film about the desolate, lawless future, the night belongs to the Guard.

These modern day Minute Men walk the darkened neighborhoods, M-16s clutched to their chests, night vision goggles strapped to their helmets, hunting down stealthy looters daring to steal salvaged belongings.

They ride three or four to a HUMVEE, shining spotlights under over passes, waving at families playing cards by flashlight in garages, checking on proprietors who sleep in their stores and searching newly abandoned cars.

They man checkpoints on U.S. Highway 1, judging worn-out excuses from curfew-breakers headed home, pulling over drunks out on joy rides or crack-sellers on delivery, confiscating guns and diffusing danger in those split seconds that could cost lives.

Occasionally, they comment on the bizarre world that has become their everyday existence. For instance, Lt. David Clutts noticed the utter strangeness of a blimp circling in the moon-filled sky and beaming messages about boiling water while he headed to Checkpoint Hell.

"Hey, sir," Clutts, a civil engineer from Yalaha in

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Air police focus on combat readiness, physical fitness



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jerry Morrison

CONFIDENCE BUILDER? - Two Air National Guard competitors climb in a timed event during Peacekeeper Challenge.

By 1st Lt. R. Carter Langston
Associate Editor

Peacekeeper Challenge, developed in 1952, was designed to test the most capable marksmen in the ranks of the "Air Police."

Today the challenge is for the best of the best security police from the U.S. Air Force, Britain's Royal Air Force, and the Royal Australian Air Force.

The Air National Guard sponsored a team of the fastest, strongest, and most dead-eyed security policemen we've got.

"We trained together for two weeks in El Paso, Texas and then met the other teams at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.," said Staff Sgt. Timothy J. Keeler, a competitor from the 161st Security Police Flight in Phoenix, Ariz.

The program is oriented to focus on combat readiness and physical fitness. The events include an obstacle course, marksmanship courses for the M-16, M-203 grenade launcher, M-9 pistol, M-60 machine gun and a combat patrol.

"They gave me a warning order, and I had to write a patrol order for eight team members, and go face an opposing force," said Staff Sgt. Dwight E. Melton, the team captain. Melton is active guard/reserve,

serving with the 177th Security Police Flight in Atlantic City, N.J.

Keeler said it was physically taxing having to carry MILES gear, 240 rounds of ammunition, two full canteens, load bearing equipment, and a helmet.

This was Melton's fourth year with the competition and though he said he was the coach this year, he wants to return next year to compete as one of the best of the best among the Air National Guard's Security Police.

"If we had the training time of the Active Component, we would give those guys a run for their money. We would be equal, if not better," said Chief Master Sgt. Terry Triplett, who maintains the program for the Air National Guard.

"We had two fourth place finishers in the M-203 grenade launcher and one fourth place finisher in the M-60 machine gun competitions," Triplett said.

Triplett said Staff Sgt. Dale Kerstig, serving with the 161st Security Police Flight in Phoenix, Ariz., received fourth place in the M-203 grenade launcher marksmanship competition. "He would have medaled had he hit one more stationary target or an area target," he said.

"I'm real glad I did it. I would recommend anyone physically fit to get on the team," Keeler said.



Indiana major to spend two weeks in space lab

(Editor's note: This is the final story in a three-part series about Air National Guard members, who are involved in the space program. They are: Col. Byron Lichtenberg of Massachusetts, a payload specialist; and Lt. Col. Lacy Veach of Texas and Maj. David Wolf of Indiana, who are both astronauts.)

By 2nd Lt. Ellen G. Lampkins
Associate Editor



Wolf

In August, Maj. Dave Wolf, a flight surgeon with the 181st Fighter Group in Terre Haute, Ind., will reach new heights in his aeronautical career.

The 36-year-old is scheduled for his first flight with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, a two-week space lab mission that is dedicated to medical research.

As a missions specialist, Wolf will be responsible for the space laboratory systems and many of the experiments that will be conducted in the laboratory.

"I have trained extensively for this," he said. "I am extremely well-prepared ... and I have no reservations about the flight."

ANG's space mission

In 1975, the 102nd Air Rescue Squadron, the oldest unit in the Air National Guard, began its search and rescue mission.

The decorated unit, which is part of the 106th Air Rescue Group from New York, has served as the primary rescue force for all NASA Space Shuttle launches since 1987.

Wolf is very confident for someone who has never flown into space before, but he will have plenty of work to keep him busy.

Experiments on the space laboratory include: human adaptation to zero gravity; physiological changes in the cardiovascular system; and improved methods of studying cancer tissue in low gravity.

"If we have to do a contingency space walk, I will be the one to do it," said Wolf, who has trained for this mission for about four months. "Although one is not planned for this flight."

In 1983, Wolf joined the Medical Sciences Division of the Johnson Space Center in Houston. He was responsible for development of the American Flight Echocardiograph, which obtained medical research data on the effects of space flight on an astronaut's cardiovascular system.

Three years later, Wolf was assigned to direct

development of the space bioreactor and associated cancer research and tissue culture applications using controlled gravitational conditions.

He has particular expertise in the design of real time computer process control system, bioprocessing and human aerospace physiology.

All of this experience makes Wolf perfect for this particular mission.

A competitive acrobatic pilot, Wolf became interested in flying at an early age. He attributes his interest in the space program to growing up during the Gemini and Apollo programs.

In school, he studied electrical engineering and then medicine. "NASA was a good place to combine all those interests," he said.

Wolf was involved in medical research at the space agency for eight years before being selected as a career astronaut in 1990.

Wolf also is a 10-year veteran of the National Guard. "The Guard has been indispensable in giving me the type of flying experience that I needed to become an astronaut," said Wolf, who has logged 600 hours of air combat training as a weapons systems officer in the F-4 Phantom.

"It also has given me the experience of working with people on teams. It's a good place to develop leadership qualities."

"I would highly recommend the Guard to anybody regardless of what career field they are in."

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Operation Shining Star, the first of its kind, served as a great example of community cooperation. This new concept in community involvement breaks the pattern of past civic-actions using National Guard resources, mobility and logistics expertise to help solve social problems.

The island's seven school regions were divided by districts and assigned to Puerto Rico National Guard units. Each unit surveyed the school houses and their physical plant needs. Using state provided paint and lawnmowers and some of their own personal equipment, Puerto Rican National Guard members set out to do their work.

"We in the National Guard are in a support role and as an integral part of our society we are here to assist," said Maj. Gen. William Miranda-Marin, adjutant general of Puerto Rico.

"We knew that we had the diversity of skills and resources available to get the work done in the schools and we went at it. By doing this, we not only became the driving force in motivating other government agencies, but more importantly, we helped to integrate both military and civilians in a common cause - creating a brighter environment and future for

tomorrow's youth."

Marin was appointed by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to direct the Office for Improvement of Public Schools which led to organizing Operation Shining Star.

"We want to spread a spirit of community involvement by using the citizen-soldiers as a role model. We want to project a true image of what the citizen-soldier should be, ready for its defense mission anywhere but also civic-minded at home," said Marin.

As one citizen was quick to point out: "If it was not for the National Guards cooperation, our children would be commencing their classes in schools that are in desperate need of minor repairs. Thanks to our Guard's commitment, our children and teachers will have a better environment for their teaching-learning process."

As a result of the Puerto Rico Guards professionalism and steadfast commitment to enhance the islands schools, hundreds of thousand of children and teachers began their school semester under more stimulating conditions.

Operation Shining Star has "Added value to America and Puerto Rico."

SCHOOL DAYS - (Left photo) More than 7,000 Puerto Rico Guard members recently volunteered for state active duty. In this unprecedented event, which is the territory's largest call-up in history, the Guard prepared schools for faculty and students.



Photo by 1st Lt. Edna Rivera

Disaster creates new family program

Florida has begun an Adopt-A-Guard Family Program to support families who were traumatized and who suffered personal losses during Hurricane Andrew.

In a memorandum to all unit commanders of the Florida National Guard, Col. C.W. Richardson, Jr., director of military personnel, outlined details of the program.

The memorandum invited families from the storm area to call if they wanted help, and at the same time sought the help of Florida Family Support Groups outside the storm path.

In his memo of September 25th, Richardson suggested that families and support groups start preparing for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years holidays. He said extra resources at this time of year would be valuable to affected families in South Florida.

Richardson also suggested that family support groups invite community sponsors to participate in the program. He emphasized that family privacy and dignity should be considered above all else.

Florida State Family Program Coordinator, Chief Warrant Officer Bobbie Hall is the point of contact on the memorandum. She can be reached at 1-800-226-0360.



(Above) Shelly Gibson delivered the flag to Capt. Mowry, commander of Company A, 260th Military Intelligence Battalion. Spc. James Leland of 1-118th Infantry in South Carolina looks on. (Below left) "They brought a flag down from South Carolina, and that was a really glorious day," said a member of Company C, 1-124th Infantry of Homestead. (Below right) Thousands upon thousands of badly needed items were collected in South Carolina for victims of Andrew. Cpl. Adolphus Burgess is a driver with 1052nd Transportation Company and drove the truck from South Carolina to Florida. Now he helps unload cargo.

Andrew volunteers turn attention to holiday relief

Concerned Hurricane Andrew volunteers have turned attention to the holidays, and measures to insure Santa Claus visits National Guard children in Florida.

According to Carolyn Lare, family support coordinator of Company C, 1-124th Infantry, Homestead, Fla., fifty or more families lost everything in Hurricane Andrew, and many others suffered severe financial loss.

"They won't be able to celebrate Thanksgiving or Christmas the usual way this year. Lots of Guard members lost jobs because their work places were destroyed in the storm."

"Christmas will be impossible with the financial burdens they face," she said.

In addition, most families lost personal property including Christmas decorations such as artificial trees and ornaments. Lare said Christmas trees are expected to start at around \$75 this year.

Thus, she changed the strategy of her unit's family support program in early in October when soldiers came off state active duty. She said the plan now is to concentrate on fund raisers and approaching businesses to seek discount prices for holiday items.

Family program volunteers elsewhere in the nation have begun drives as well, like those in South Carolina. There many Guard members have a special bond with Andrew victims, having experienced the destruction of Hugo some three years earlier.

The chairperson of South Carolina's family support program, Cindy Rouse, made a state-wide mailing to all unit commanders and family support chairpersons soliciting toys for Florida youngsters.

Thanksgiving celebrations are being planned for Florida tent cities in the event families are still there later this month.

By mid-October many Guard fami-

lies had been relocated either back to their own homes which, in some cases may have been without roofs, or to travel trailers. Still other families moved elsewhere in the state to live with relatives.

Sgt. Paul Lare said five members of Company C had transferred because their homes and civilian employment were lost.

Those families opting to return to damaged homes did so to protect what remains of personal belongings, said Carolyn.

Along with holiday planning, storm victims had begun rebuilding by early October. Both Lare report that building materials and tools are in short supply and are very costly. A sheet of three-quarter inch plywood that may have sold for \$17 to \$20 before the storm was selling for around \$35 after the storm, Lare said.

Over the next several weeks storm victims will need lumber, plaster-

board, nails, other building materials, and hammers and saws.

Federal Emergency Management Agency monies, insurance settlements and donations are helping rebuild, however, Lare said, these sources are not nearly enough yet. He says it will take years to get back to normal.

The Homestead Armory has been closed for approximately seven months of repairs. Lare said it had been heavily damaged in the storm and had been temporarily repaired to accommodate immediate needs of a food distribution point after the storm.

During the height of activity, Sgt. Lare claims that as many as 40 or 50 semi-trailers of materials were moved into and out of the armory each day.

"On Guard" readers are invited to help Guard family victims of Andrew by contacting the Florida State Family Program Coordinator toll free 1-800-226-0360.



(Above) Experience can be a harsh teacher. Shelly Gibson (left) learned a lot during Hurricane Hugo that motivated her to help Andrew victims. Here Miami Family Support Group volunteer, Sheila Vanderhorst, and Gibson survey mountains of donations given by South Carolina Guard members. (Right) As holidays approach, Carolyn Lare, family support coordinator of Company C, 1-124th Infantry, Homestead, Fla., is concerned about the 50 or more families, who lost everything in Hurricane Andrew and many others suffered severe financial loss.



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At last, the 1052nd Transportation Company of Kingstree, S.C. provided the truck and two drivers.

Joining the drivers and Gibson for the trip to South Florida were Connie Thomas and Ann Leland, two family support volunteers from Headquarters Company, 1-118th Infantry; 1st Lt. Timothy E. Colson and Staff Sgt. Enrique DeJesus, both of Company A, 1-118th Infantry; and Spc. James Leland, a member of Headquarters Company.

All except the two drivers had sustained losses during Hugo's swing through Charleston in 1989.

Loaded with chain saws, pillows, rakes, drinks and candy for kids, four cases of Bibles, 40,000 pairs of surgical gloves, insulin, bandages, clothing, syringes, gallons of fresh milk, 200 pounds of dry ice, candles, feminine products, flashlights, books and other things for entertaining children, diapers, baby formula and more, the convoy rolled out at 10 p.m., August 31.

At their destination the South Carolinians had hopes of contacting Guard families directly to deliver the care packages.

That proved to be an impossibility,

so instead they unloaded their cargo into a special corner of the Homestead Army reserved for Guard families.

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Gibson said the flagpole had stood empty for a week, and the raising of the new flag was an "obvious morale booster."

Thomas, Ann Leland and Spc. Leland then returned to Charleston with the truck and drivers.

The original goal of meeting with Guard families failed because families were scattered.

In some cases, they had left the area to be with relatives.

One soldier reportedly had left his family at a shelter before the storm, but the shelter sustained so much damage itself that the family had to be bussed to another location unknown to the soldier.

"We went down into some of the neighborhoods.

"It reminded me of a war zone.

"People were cleaning rifles and getting the point across that they were going to stay here no matter what.

"The zoning board was coming through telling them they would have to evacuate within 24 hours because the house was unsafe," said Gibson, recalling her own emotions of three years earlier.

Escorted by two Guard members,

"We went down into some of the neighborhoods. It reminded me of a war zone."

Shelly Gibson

Gibson walked through the neighborhood with bags of candy for the children.

"Some people looked at you right away like you were trying to take something from them."

The South Carolina visitors spent

nights at the Hollywood Armory, a short distance from the Homestead Armory.

"Homestead area was too dangerous due to violence in the area.

"Two Guardsmen and some 82nd Airborne soldiers had rifles stolen at gunpoint," Gibson said.

About 500 Guard soldiers and families lived in the path of Andrew.

At least 50 families lost everything.

Gibson observed Guard members who looked like "zombies" with little or no sleep.

On one occasion, she saw a superior officer remove a soldier, who was too stressed out.

"You don't want the Guardsman to have to go home and clean up debris after the stress they are under," Gibson said.

The situation in Florida is still critical for Guard families.

Gibson plans to continue organizing South Carolina Guard families to help.

She expressed plans at the time of this writing to go back to Florida in early November, when families will be coming back to their homes.

She believes at that time families will be heavily involved in rebuilding.

Quest program equips youths to resist drug abuse



FEEDING FRENZY - (Top) Sgt. 1st Class Larsen of the Massachusetts Army National Guard serves lunch to Quest students. (Bottom) Sara Schumacher, a student from Mashpee, Mass., is motivated by teamwork in a leadership reaction course.



By Sgt. David Beauvais
 Massachusetts National Guard

CAMP EDWARDS, Mass. - A week of soggy days didn't dampen the spirits of 108 teens from across Massachusetts, who came to Camp Edwards for Project Quest.

Quest is a new Drug Demand Reduction program designed to improve the education and confidence of young people, while teaching them skills needed to resist drug abuse.

The first phase of Quest builds on the positive personality traits.

Later phases of the program include leadership training at participating schools.

The students will return to Camp Edwards as peer counselors for teens who follow the pilot group.

School and community leaders selected the kids to participate in Quest.

Some students were initially reluctant, but most became very enthusiastic as they progressed.

Matthew Logan, 16, of Quincy High School said his gym teacher first told him of the program.

"I really didn't want to listen to him at first," said Logan, "but he spoke to me about it a couple of times and I decided to sign up."

After descending from the rooftop of a three story barracks at Camp Edwards in a driving rainstorm, Logan said, "This is the best thing I've ever done in my life."

"This is excellent and the repelling was awesome."

Logan appreciated the encouragement he received from the staff, saying, "they really treat you like an adult here."

Experiences like the repelling gave the kids sense of teamwork.

After making her trip down the wall, Tia Danridge of Everett High School said, "I was petrified all the way down, but it was a thing of trust with the person above and below."

"The team leaders have a tough job initially, because in a short time they have to earn the kids' trust."

This trust is the basis for the week's activities," said Spc. Peggy Sue Bracey, a team leader and member of the 972nd MP Company.

Quest is a cooperative effort between the Massachusetts National Guard, the Governor's Alliance Against Drug Abuse and a state-wide network of social service agencies, schools and businesses.

Limited federal and state funding, combined with private sponsors, provides the funding needed to open the program to selected Bay State teens at no cost to them.

As the answers to social problems become more complex, civilians and military are working together to find solutions.

Governor William Weld praised Quest, calling it "an innovative method of combining resources and expertise of the National Guard with the drug prevention awareness skills developed by the Alliance Against

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Two New Jersey units help small Florida town

By Maj. John A. Guarascio
 New Jersey National Guard

These same New Jersey Air National Guard Stratotankers that were among the first to race across the world bringing needed fuel to jets in the Persian Gulf, now raced down the East coast of the United States bringing direct "people to people" aid to Hurricane Andrew victims in Florida.

The two KC-135 aircraft from New Jersey's 108th Refueling Wing and the 170th Refueling Group were carrying more than 50 tons of much needed aid from one American community to another. The mission was called "Operation Miami."

The effort began with New Jersey Gov. Jim Florio, Union City Mayor Bob Menendez and the New Jersey Air National Guard to get aid directly into the area of West Miami.

The Guard members, along with the governor and mayor, loaded the aircrafts with more than 100,000 lbs. of assorted can goods, bottled water and other non-perishable food items such as rice, beans and macaroni, which was collected largely by the Cuban community in Union City.

The goods were airlifted to residents of West Miami under a partnership with that community,

and with the assistance of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"As a coastal state, New Jersey knows only too well the wrath of hurricanes and we are happy to be of whatever assistance we can to help the residents who were devastated by this storm," said Maj. Gen. Vito Morgano, the adjutant general.

"The New Jersey National Guard has always been a compassionate and ready source of aid whenever called upon. Our hopes and prayers are with the residents of Florida so they can start rebuilding their lives, homes and businesses as soon as possible."

Gus Garcia, a former New Jersey resident and a Floridian for the past four years, "said after Andrew hit our area we were faced with total devastation.

Our people had no water, electricity or food. Because of the magnitude of the destruction and damage to the roads, help to rural areas was slow. Communications were almost non-existent because telephone lines were down and without power most of the radios and televisions were useless.

"This coupled with the fact that this area with its large concentration of Cuban-Americans had some language barriers for our older citizens made matters even worse," Garcia said.

"Having lived most of my life in New Jersey, I

knew the Cuban-American community in Union City would help.

"Three days after Andrew hit I flew to New Jersey and spoke with Mayor Menendez, who was my fraternity brother in college.

After I explained the plight of our residents, the mayor promised to help.

Within five days I received the word that 50 tons of supplies were on the way," Garcia said.

"Almost as important as the supplies was the morale lift our people got when they saw the two New Jersey Air National Guard planes land.

It told them that they weren't alone and people cared," he added.

As the two aircraft landed at Miami International Airport, they were met by officials of the West Miami Mayor's Office and the Cuban community.

Along with cheers and hugs from the welcoming party, the New Jersey National Guard members were met with trucks, vans and cars to unload and distribute the supplies immediately.

Jose Alvarez, of the Union City Mayor's staff said, "Small towns helping small towns is what America is about!

"When the people of Union City were asked by Mayor Menendez to render aid they gave not only food and supplies, but they gave their love."



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Drugs."

Even the kids spoke highly of the combined approach to their training.

"The military people are good listeners," said Nikiya-Star Connors, 15, of Worcester South High School. "We were happy about all the time they put in to help us," she added.

In the city of Brockton, drug-related crime has become a sad fact of daily life. A thoughtful participant, Leila Oicles, of Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School, said, "I've seen a lot of drugs on my street and in my school."

Lots of kids want to stop doing drugs, but they just don't know how. This program teaches how."

Master Sgt. John McLean, spearheaded the crew to make Quest happen, said, "Eighty-six support people worked behind the scenes to make this happen. When there was a job to get done, we took off our rank and got the job done."

"We selected the best qualified guard members based on their experience in operations, personnel, supply and special projects," he said. Most cadre and team counselors enjoyed the program.

Everyone recognized this is a pilot program. There are still a few bugs to be worked out. Naval Reserve jet pilot Lt. Cdr. Drew Brown, a nationally acclaimed author, speaker, and president of the American Dream addressed the teens and their parents.

His vital message "Education plus hard work minus drugs equals the American Dream" topped the week's activities.

Brown summed up his message and the message for the Massachusetts National Guard's Quest. "Our children are this country's greatest natural resource. Educate them now and we prosper."

Guard thanks community for Gulf support



Photos by Staff Sgt. Mike Dorsey

TIME FOR TOTS - Kansas Army National Guard members (top) help the community of Colby, Kan., complete "Topside Territory" in gratitude for all the support they received when they were serving overseas during the Persian Gulf War. Spc. Mike Weber positions his forklift for work on one of the swing sets. (Above far right) Spc. Todd Davis and Sgt. Karl Phillips work together for lifting and placing one of the three wooden cones that topped three structures in the playground.



AUSA recognizes top cadet

Cadet Robert W. Schaefer, a Kentucky Army National Guard member and University of Louisville ROTC student, was recognized as being the nation's outstanding cadet by the Association of the United States Army.



Schaefer

He received the Creighton W. Abrams award at the AUSA conference in October for his excellence in leadership.

He deployed with Kentucky's 133rd Public Affairs Detachment and served with the 5th Special Forces Group in Operation Desert Storm.

Maine engineers work on family resort

By 2nd Lt. John D. Begin
Maine National Guard

Providing exercises which challenge its soldiers is every unit's goal for annual training.

When the community also can benefit from the training, it makes the effort even more worthwhile.

Such was the case last June when members of the Maine Army National Guard's, 133rd Engineer Battalion embarked to Camp Sunshine for their two-week annual training.

At the camp, the engineers provided over 1,000 work-hours for camp expansion site development and construction of a latrine and gazebo.

Now in its ninth year of operation, Camp Sunshine, a non-profit resort,

provides a summer retreat for families and children with cancer and other life-threatening diseases.

A total of 802 man hours was spent on the latrine construction, and the 133rd's involvement saved Camp

"... the 133rd's involvement saved Camp Sunshine about \$16,600 in labor costs alone."

Sgt. 1st Class Michael S. Welsh

Sunshine about \$16,600 in labor costs alone, said Sgt. 1st Class Michael S. Welsh, platoon sergeant for Company B's First Platoon.

A total of 310 man hours was spent on the gazebo for a savings of \$7,000 in labor costs.

Col. John W. Libby, the commander of the 240th Engineer Group, and Capt. David Very, the commander of Company A, were pleased with the completed projects.

"I think it was outstanding training," Libby said. "The gazebo and latrine provided good opportunities for the general construction platoon, the carpenters, electricians and plumbers."

"The horizontal platoon doing the dozer operations got some outstanding training as well, and it gave (the company commanders) an opportunity for all of their people to be employed in a central location."

Very said the company accomplished all of their goals for this project.



Newsmakers

Lt. Col. Chuck Ranta recently became the first Nebraska Air National Guard aircrew member to surpass 4,000 flight hours in the F-4 aircraft.

He is one of only 38 military pilots who have logged this many hours in the 30-year-old fighters.

There are only four other military pilots who have flown more than 4,000 hours. Three officers have flown 5,000 hours and only one has flown 6,000 in the F-4.

Ranta said although he's glad the event is over with, he hated to see the 4,000-milestone coming. "It's a milemarker that you pass where you realize it's a little bittersweet, because there aren't too many more left."

Ranta, who retires next year, has about 5,900 flight hours combined in the RF-101, RF-4C and the Air Guard's C-12 transport aircraft.

The West Virginia Air National Guard Crash and Rescue Team was ready to assist recently when a pilot called in because of mechanical problems with his Cessna 320.

The plane's front landing gear would not fully extend and the pilot had to make an emergency crash landing.

The pilot landed on the two rear wheels with his nose up, decelerated as much as possible and gently applied the brakes. That brought the nose down and in direct contact with the runway.

Because the pilot maintained such control, the aircraft just skidded on its nose, and came to a stop.

The pilot and two passengers walked away uninjured, alleviating the need for the unit.

The 212th Engineer Company of the Tennessee Army National Guard is believed to be among the first U.S. ground troops to have crossed the Saudi Arabian-Iraqi border during Operation Desert Storm.

Capt. Terry Saltsman said two of his platoons were cutting out a main supply route two kilometers into Iraq, six days before the ground offensive began.

For their contributions in the war effort the 212th won the 20th Engineer Brigade "best company" contest. 12 NCOs and four officers were awarded Bronze Stars, 12 others in the unit received Army Commendation medals with valor devices for seizing the Iraqi observation posts and the commander received the MacArthur award.

Staff Sgt. Jim Landers of the 130th Airlift Group's Reenlistment and Separations division is on his way to Argentina to compete in the World Games.

Landers is a member of the U.S. ju-jitsu team and will be one of 15 members representing the U.S. in the games.

The World Games kick off November 14 with 24 participating countries. Landers will compete in both the team and individual competitions.

Landers' short term goal is focused on the World Games. However, the Olympic Committee has decided to allow ju-jitsu as a competitive sport in the 1996 Olympics.

"I would love to compete in the Olympics,"

Landers said. "But for now I will settle for doing my best in Argentina."

Gail Kozak, the wife of Staff Sgt. Robert Kozak of Headquarters, 152nd Engineer Battalion in Buffalo, N.Y., recently was honored for her assistance with the group's GED program.

She volunteers her time to enlist teachers to instruct the GED classes. She also helps the teachers and works with some students on an individual basis.

"I realize how important education is," Kozak said. "In today's day and age, education is a key to advancing. I enjoy helping people attain their goals."

Kozak has about 15 years of experience in education and currently works as a teacher's aide at Kensington Prep High School.

Lt. Col. Kevin Sweeney, Capt. Greg Mermis, Capt. Jay Selanders and Senior Master Sgt. Steve Stuckey, all members of the Kansas Air National Guard's 190th Air Refueling Group, were featured in the "Drama in Real Life" section of "Reader's Digest."

The Guard members lost two engines on their KC-135 during Operation Desert Storm.

Sweeney said simulator training and quick reflexes were their lifesavers.

Staff Sgt. Pam Johnson, a member of the Kansas Air National Guard's 190th Air Refueling Group, is making the transition from college student to military medical student.

She recently earned her pre-med undergraduate degree from the University of Kansas and will attend the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md.

Johnson, one of more than 1,000 applicants and is among 167 students who will be paid as a second lieutenant and will receive a free medical education.

After four years of medical school, she will spend at least four years as an intern, and will owe the military seven years of service.

2nd Lt. Ronald Sowel and Spc. Kenny Hicks, both of Alton, Ill., are dental students taking advantage of a unique training opportunity in Santa Rosa province, a remote South American village.

Both are beginning their fourth year of dental school at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville, Ill.

The duo are also members of Company B, 204th Medical Battalion, in Springfield, Ill.

"We're getting a real education," Sowel said. "I've seen things here I'd never see in the states."

Like a rite of passage, most villagers have their first dental visit when they are about 14 years old.

Tech. Sgt. Rodney Miller of the 190th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron of the Kansas Air National Guard has rallied morale with a huge mural.

The painting, canvassed on the inside wall of a jumbo hangar, depicts many aspects of maintenance personnel.

Miller said when some people grab the clubs and

head to the golf course, he picks up the brush and finds the canvas.

The Iowa National Guard's 113th Support Group's recruiter, **Master Sgt. Ronald L. Downing**, has been recognized for saving an 82-year-old man.

The man was driving along an Iowa street before he veered off the road and into a thirty-foot deep lake.

Downing, first to the scene, swam to the sunken car and pulled the man to safety.

The elderly man was taken to the hospital and was treated and released.

The 236th Combat Communications Squadron in Hammond, La., was the first among the Air National Guard and the U.S. Air Force to receive a Landing Control Center.

The LCC consists of an operations trailer and a radar trailer.

The operations trailer provides a central location for controlling aircraft movement within a 60-mile radius.

According to a Louisiana National Guard news release, the ground control radar has since been issued to about eight Air Force units, which look to the 236th for maintenance requirements.

"When your product is air traffic control, the better the equipment, the better the service you can provide to your customers," said 2nd Lt. Raymond C. Schindler, the squadron's chief of Air Traffic Control Operations.

The Idaho Army National Guard recently won the Department of the Army's Natural Resources Conservation Award and \$50,000.

Tech. Sgt. Robert A. Campbell, a member of the 179th Resource Management Squadron of the Ohio Air National Guard, has been recognized for his achievement in the Career Development Course Graduate Award Program.

The purpose for the award is to recognize graduates for their outstanding contributions, achievements, and performances by Career Development Course enrollees.

The Army has created a new rank and a National Guard member was the first promoted to Warrant Officer 5.

Master Warrant Jack Lynch of the National Guard Bureau holds that honor.

The first female promoted to the new rank was Donna Foli, the chief of U.S. Army Reserve Warrant Officer recruiting at Fort Knox, Ky.

The first nine were promoted on Oct. 1, while the Guard and Reserve appointed some early.

One advantage to the new master warrant officers, is they may stay on active duty for 30 years as warrants.

The 157th Air Refueling Group, of the New Hampshire Air National Guard, recently was selected as the Outstanding Air National Guard unit of the year at the National Guard Association of the United States Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah.



Photo by Capt. Sue Ellen Reitz

FOREIGN WEAPONS - Soldiers from the 48th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized) fire Soviet-made Iraqi weapons captured in the Persian Gulf War. The Georgia National Guard

members fired the weapons as part of the Opposition Forces exercise, which is designed to familiarize soldiers with enemy tactics and weapons.

To defeat the enemy, know his capabilities

By Pfc. Carlos A. Campos
Georgia National Guard

Military strategists have always known one important key to defeating the enemy: knowing the enemy and his capabilities.

It is that philosophy which is the purpose behind the Opposition Forces weapons training course, part of the Bold Shift training soldiers of the 48th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized) received during their two-week annual training at Fort Stewart, Ga., in August.

Members of the 48th were given instructions on how to fire several weapons made by the former Soviet Union, which were captured by the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) during Operation Desert Storm last year.

And it didn't take long for the soldiers to realize why they were getting acquainted with enemy weapons.

"Out in battle," said Spc. Ronald Corella of the 1st Signal Detachment in Hawkinsville, "if something

happens to your weapon, you can use one of theirs." Members of the 48th were instructed on how to assemble and disassemble the weapons to increase their familiarity with them.

The 48th Guards members received classes on the RPG-7 rocket launcher, the SVD sniper rifle and the Makarov pistol.

They also got classes and were able to fire the AKS-74 and AKMS (better known as the AK-47) rifles, and the RPK and PKM automatic machine guns.

The Soviet weapons got high praise from those who shot them.

"They're pretty easy to handle," Corella said. "easy to break down and assemble. And they fire pretty accurately."

A 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) instructor agreed.

"A lot less moving parts make it real easy to clean, and it breaks down real quick into about five pieces," said Spc. Jason Wood.

Wood said there were very few weapon jams during the live-fire exercise.

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Lake County, said to his commander.

"With the blimp it's like the Super Bowl of natural disasters."

Other Guard members taking a break from the stress of Checkpoint Hell at Southwest 152nd Street, where U.S. 1 closes at curfew, recount the images they know they'll never forget.

They talk of being under gunfire and of discovering drugs, weapons and stolen vehicles.

Kevin Clendaniel, a Palm Bay resident who ordinarily works at the Kennedy Space Center, is haunted by the vast scope of loss and despair.

"The very first night right after the storm really got to me," Clendaniel said.

"There were so many people crying the first time they came back to see what was left of their homes."

Like the others, Clendaniel hankers to go home, to see an end to the 2nd Battalion's longest deployment since World War II, with its 12 hour shifts, days without showers and random sleep in classrooms at Miami-Dade Community College.

The men don't worry about the danger and about

jeopardizing their jobs or losing a business.

They worry about the stress on their families caused by the upheaval in their own lives.

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- Kevin Clendaniel

But like the many people who lost so much, the people who came to help are learning to measure time by the good that happens.

Some remember the fourth day, when the birds came back, or the eighth day, when the Army arrived in force.

Every Guard member, though seems to remember the daily gratitude of the hard-luck people who will be piecing together their lives long after the 2nd Battalion, 124th Infantry, heads home.

State briefs

INDIANA

Indiana and Tennessee Army National Guard units were recognized in August for their outstanding 1991 Energy Conservation Programs.

In the Army National Guard Category, Indiana placed first and Tennessee was the runner-up. Both states achieved success through innovative methods to educate consumers about energy conservation, investments in facilities remodeling with energy efficient materials and the tight control of fuel consumption by field commanders.

OHIO

Family and 178th Fighter Group members attended the joint "Rising Above It All" Balloon Festival and Family Day on August 21-22. This event, co-sponsored with Springfield Community Hospital, raised \$25,000 for the Community Hospital's Independent Endowment Fund.

This event replaced Springfield's "typical" family day and since the public was involved there were no activities specifically planned for Guard member families. There were events for children, a health fair, fire muster, static aircraft and other events to entertain the public and families.

1st Lt. Jerri Currier said this year's Family Day was one of the best because about 6,500 attended and there were so many activities available.

WYOMING

Wyoming and the North Dakota Army National Guard rebuilt a historic and practical suspension footbridge over the Wind River in Hot Springs County, Wyoming.

While the engineer units were not trained or equipped for rebuilding the 485-foot-long span, they brought the bridge down and refurbished its four towers.

The engineers turned to the North Dakota Army National Guard for assistance.

The project involved more than 160 troops from the Wyoming and North Dakota Guard units in six separate phases over a period of 13 months.

The payoff for the \$118,000 project was obvious for everyone involved. The community received a much needed access across the river and Guard members received training and confidence in a situation that couldn't be created just for training purposes.

GEORGIA

The Girl Scout Council of Savannah recently turned to the 75th Engineer Detachment at Fort Stewart for some much needed repairs to the road leading to their Rose Dhu island campground.

Six of the 75th heavy equipment operators have already spent two weekends working on the road and plan to complete the job this month. The Guardsmen hauled in fill dirt to replace parts of the eroded road, dug drainage ditches and graded the road surface.

While the Girl Scouts get an improved road, the engineers sharpened military job skills. "This is a win, win situation," said Capt. Trent Long. "The Girl Scouts get needed improvements and National Guardsmen get needed training."

State briefs

ALABAMA

The Alabama National Guard signed a Declaration of Partnership to become a Partner in Education with the McInnis School in Montgomery, Alabama.

Under the agreement the Alabama Guard will provide McInnis with volunteer personnel to assist their various programs. The school staff is not large enough to provide this assistance. McInnis trains mentally challenged children and adults.

Guard members began going to the school several years ago at Halloween dressed in popular story book character costumes. Earlier this year, the state recruited nearly 30 Army and Air Guardsmen to assist the McInnis students during the local Special Olympics Games.

WISCONSIN

Congressional negotiators have approved \$10.7 million for construction of a National Guard Training Academy at Fort McCoy. The Fort McCoy project involves construction of a 200 square-foot office, classroom and storage complex for the Army National Guard.

The new facility, estimated to cost a total of \$15 million, will replace 26 buildings and several temporary office trailers the Guard currently occupies at Camp Williams.

When completed the facility is also scheduled to be the site of the Wisconsin Military Academy, a regional Guard training center.

Wisconsin bases are scheduled to receive a total of about \$23 million in the appropriations bill. Truax Field was approved for \$4.25 million and Volk Field for \$3.6 million for improvements.

Truax received \$2 million for renovation of a fuel cell maintenance dock and \$2.25 million for alteration of an Air National Guard hangar.

At Volk Field, money contained in the appropriations bill will allow for removal of underground fuel tanks and construction of a new control system that will coordinate Volk with the Chicago and Minneapolis air traffic control systems.

WASHINGTON

Two Washington Air National Guard air-refueling tankers deposited 85 Air Guardsmen in Hawaii to help with hurricane recovery operations in the wake of Hurricane Iniki.

Civil engineers worked on the island of Kauai for about two weeks restoring power and water to local communities, while combat communications specialists performed air traffic control at Barking Sands Naval Base, providing radio communications for aid distribution stations and operating emergency power generators.

MASSACHUSETTS

The 102nd Fighter Wing has been selected to compete in William Tell '92, an air-to-air weapons meet, which will be held Oct. 12-24 at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.

The competition will include test aircrews, aircraft, weapons controllers, munitions loading crews and maintenance personnel in a simulated combat environment.

Pilots will attempt to bring their first William Tell championship to Cape Cod with five of the Cape's own F-15 "Eagle" fighters.

Illinois artillery battery has rainy annual training with Hondurans

By Spc. Kelly Fischer
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SOTO CANO AIR BASE, Honduras—Rain begins falling as four soldiers tie down the cargo on a five-ton truck at the end of a full day.

The job is one of the last remaining tasks of annual training for Battery A, 2nd Battalion, 123rd Field Artillery of Rock Island, Ill. The unit is nearly ready to head home after two weeks.

Staff Sgt. Steven R. Bearden of Monmouth, Ill., unaffected by the drizzle, makes his last-minute checks on vehicles. As the unit's motor sergeant, Bearden's job is to make sure all vehicles and weapons function. He has just returned from seven days in the mountains of Honduras where it "rained almost every day."

More than 100 Army National Guard soldiers of the Rock Island, Ill. unit arrived in Honduras Aug. 14 to train side-by-side with Honduran soldiers. Together, they fired howitzers, scouted and occupied tactical sites.

The battery's third and final rotation of soldiers had live-fired with a Honduran unit about a 45-minute drive from Soto Cano.

"We set up base camp just outside their perimeter," said Capt. Craig D. Hess, commander of Battery A. "Each day we moved out of our base camp down to one of their firing points, set up our unit and conducted artillery fires. The Hondurans set up on an adjacent firing point and conducted the same types of missions that we did."

"They would come over and work with us and we would send people over there to observe their training," explained Hess. The two units were able to learn how each other operated. "It's basically just team work," said Hess.

In the process soldiers of the two armies exchanged cultural information as well as training methods. Units exchanged souvenirs such as unit



Photo by Staff Sgt. Arvis D. Williams

GOING HOME - Members of the 123rd Field Artillery from Rock Island, Ill., pack up their equipment to return home. The unit spent their two weeks of annual training in Honduras with that country's army.

patches and crests.

"Our guys really liked to get Honduran machetes," said Bearden.

On the final day in the field together, the soldiers played soccer and basketball, and both sides were eager to learn the other's language.

The Illinois artillery unit returned to Soto Cano with just enough time to clean weapons and equipment, and pack for departure.

"The most difficult thing now is getting everything cleaned and ready to go," said Spc. Rick Driskell, a light-wheeled vehicle mechanic from Macomb, Ill. "For example, we have to take down the maintenance tent, clean it to clear it through customs, and get the trucks ready to be loaded on the barges to go home."



COOL BARREL - Sgt. Joseph Townsend of the 3rd Battalion, 112th Armor in Brownwood, Texas bore sights the 105-millimeter main gun of the M-60 Battle Tank during his

instruction at the 49th Armored Division's "Schoolhouse of the Soldier" at Fort Hood, Texas. The in-the-field training was part of his qualifying in his military occupational specialty.

Photo courtesy of Texas National Guard



The National Guard in World War II

Camp Atterbury memorial unites veteran soldiers again

By Sgt. 1st Class Charlane R. Busse
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CAMP ATTERBURY, Ind. - It was a somber grey-flannel morning, damp and misty, uncommonly cool for mid-August. But the thousand folks that gathered at Camp Atterbury at Edinburgh, Ind. August 15 hadn't come to talk about the weather.

Veterans of World War II, Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm had congregated at the Indiana National Guard's training site in southern Indiana to recall a half century of memories.

This was a day to talk of wars won, battles lost, comrades fallen and to dedicate a monument in honor of soldiers and units that had trained here. Today was Camp Atterbury's Golden Anniversary.

A 40 foot wedged-shaped wall now bears 10 limestone plaques, engraved with the shoulder sleeve insignia, recounts the major organizations that trained at Camp Atterbury prior to deploying.

This massive sculpture wraps its protective arms around a life-size bronze statue of an infantryman posed as if to point the way.

A walkway twines around a reflecting pool which mirrors the memorial and leads visitors to equipment displays spanning the past 50 years.

But more than stone and steel, more than banners and brass, people are the heart of the Atterbury memorial: the soldiers who trained at Atterbury, Post Commander Col. Jorg Stachel who conceived and executed the plan for the memorial and all the men and women who contributed their time, labor, material and funds.

In 1990 Stachel had become aware of the camp's approaching 50th anniversary and resolved to do something special to commemorate the event.

In the fall of that year the commander learned that Indiana's Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Charles W. Whitaker, wanted to relocate some vintage military equipment located at Stout Field.

Together with Roger Cobb, an artist who manages the sign shop for state maintenance at Camp Atterbury, the colonel envisioned the memorial park. Cobb converted those ideas into sketches. Cobb's original concepts

eventually became today's reality.

Dedicating himself fully to the project, over the next two years Stachel rallied a virtual army of supporters who made the memorial come to life.

Dozens of businessmen, contractors, tradesmen and Guardsmen provided their time, talent and materials at considerable discounts or entirely as donations. The memorial was built by volunteer labor.

Gifts of money came from big corporations and local townspeople. Much needed donations in the amounts of \$5 to \$100 arrived with notes telling how the giver couldn't stand Atterbury while training there, but now looked back on the experience with fond memories.

Newly spread gravel not yet stamped into the earth, sod squares with edges not yet knit together, dazzling white concrete walkways without a boot scuff mark, contrasted with the hoary heads and faces etched with lines of battle-gained wisdom.

The role was called: 28th Infantry Division, 30th Infantry Division, 31st Infantry Division, 83rd Infantry Division, 92nd Infantry Division, 106th Infantry Division, Headquarters, 6th Service Command, 501st Army Service Unit, Company D, 151st Infantry, 1438th Transportation Company, 838th Transportation Detachment.

Their colors were posted and wreathes were centered at the foot of each memorial insignia. Each unit's representative spoke; many choked with emotion. They praised; they criticized; they cautioned; they cried.

Joseph Stephenson, a member of the 92nd Infantry Division, an Afro-American, a Buffalo Soldier, reminded all that from American's colonial days through Desert Storm, Afro-Americans and women have served. With painful honesty he spoke that although not always treated as equals, black men and women have proudly and gladly served because, "This is our country, right or wrong."

"We've got to remind people once in a while that we owe our country's peace and freedoms to the veterans like those who trained at Camp Atterbury," said Stachel.

He quoted Thomas Jefferson and said, "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

The center piece was unveiled, the drape cords drawn by veterans



Photos by Sgt. John Schneiderbeck

MEMORIAL UNVEILED - The newly dedicated veterans memorial park stands as a tribute to all the soldiers, who have trained at Camp Atterbury, Ind., over the past 50 years.



THIS WAY MEN - A statue of a World War II soldier stands before a wall, which salutes Army National Guard and U.S. Army units that trained at Camp Atterbury for World War II, Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm.

with special ties to the camp.

A single bugler blew a haunting tattoo of taps.

Demonstrations of modern military skills and preparedness including; a repelling exercise, howitzer salute, fly overs by Air Guard F-16 and Army Guard helicopters added to the day's pageantry and bridged the gulf between veterans of different genera-

tions.

While strains of the World War II camp song, "My Buddy" still drifted on the ether-waves, old troopers renewed friendships and told stories of great battles in the first person to young Guardsmen and women who would carry on the torch. "Let me tell you. I was there at the Battle of the Bulge. This is how it really was....."

Hawaii National Guard provides relief for hurricane victims

By Capt. Phil Blahut
Editor

More than 1,400 Hawaii National Guard members were state activated to provide cleanup, medical assistance, food, water, food, ice and supply distribution, and repairs for the island of Kauai, Hawaii in the aftermath of Hurricane Iniki.

But they were not alone. More Guard support came from Air National Guard C-130 units of the 176th Airlift Group in Alaska, 137th Airlift Wing in Oklahoma and 154th Composite Group in Hawaii. As of Oct. 4, they flew 41 sorties, delivering 641 passengers and 246 tons of cargo.

Flown in by commercial aircraft, 78 soldiers of the 297th Supply and Service Battalion immediately began providing canned goods and hot meals to needy people at five distribution and disaster assistance centers.

And other Hawaii Guard members from the Headquarters and Headquarters Company and Company A, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry visited elementary schools to meet children and to explain why the military used some of their classrooms.

Some of the soldiers were seen handing out Meals-Ready-to-Eat to children and letting them sample a variety of field cuisine.

Then there were Guard medical teams who made house calls. As part of the mission to help persons injured during the hurricane, nurses and medics of the Hawaii National Guard provided medical outreach services in the Hanapepe and Kekaha neighborhoods.

Working with other medical aid agencies, Guard teams began visiting homes to provide first aid and information to Kauai residents who were unable to leave their homes.

"A lot of people don't know about the free medical help available at the clinics and armories," said Capt. Janet Dickinson, a nurse with Company C, 29th Support Battalion from the island of Oahu.

"The neighborhood kids have been really helpful, telling us which houses are vacant and which ones contained people that might need help," she said.

Seen on roofs of some the badly damaged homes were carpenters of the 298th Engineer Detachment of the Hawaii Army National Guard. The roofs were stripped by the 165-mile-per-hour winds from the hurricane.

Even though their military skill is combat communications, members of the Hawaii Air National Guard's 293rd Combat Communications Squadron picked up shovels to clean up streets and home lots that were littered with debris during Operation Garden Sweep.

Units from the Washington Air National arrived and supplied support as well. More than 80 airmen from the 252nd Combat Communications Group, the 256th and 143rd Combat Communications Squadrons, the 215th Engineering Installation Squadron, the 242nd Air Traffic Control Flight and the 241st and 141st Civil Engineer Squadrons.

HURRICANE INIKI RELIEF - (Above) From left to right, Sgt. Gulstan K.W. Poepoe, Jr., and Spc. Gordan A. Mattos, all of the 298th Engineer Detachment, Hawaii National Guard, lay plastic tarp over the roof of Hawaii Housing Authority homes for the elderly. (Middle) Pfc. Derrek Rabago of Company C, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry, hands out Meals-Ready-to-Eat



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to residents of the Kaumakani District of Kauai. (Right) Spc. Laureano Santiago, a mortar platoon gunner for Company A, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry, lends a hand at the Hawaii Army National Guard's food distribution center at the Hanapepe Armory; Staff Sgt. John Divine of the 293rd Combat Communications Squadron, Hawaii Air Guard, shovels debris.



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