

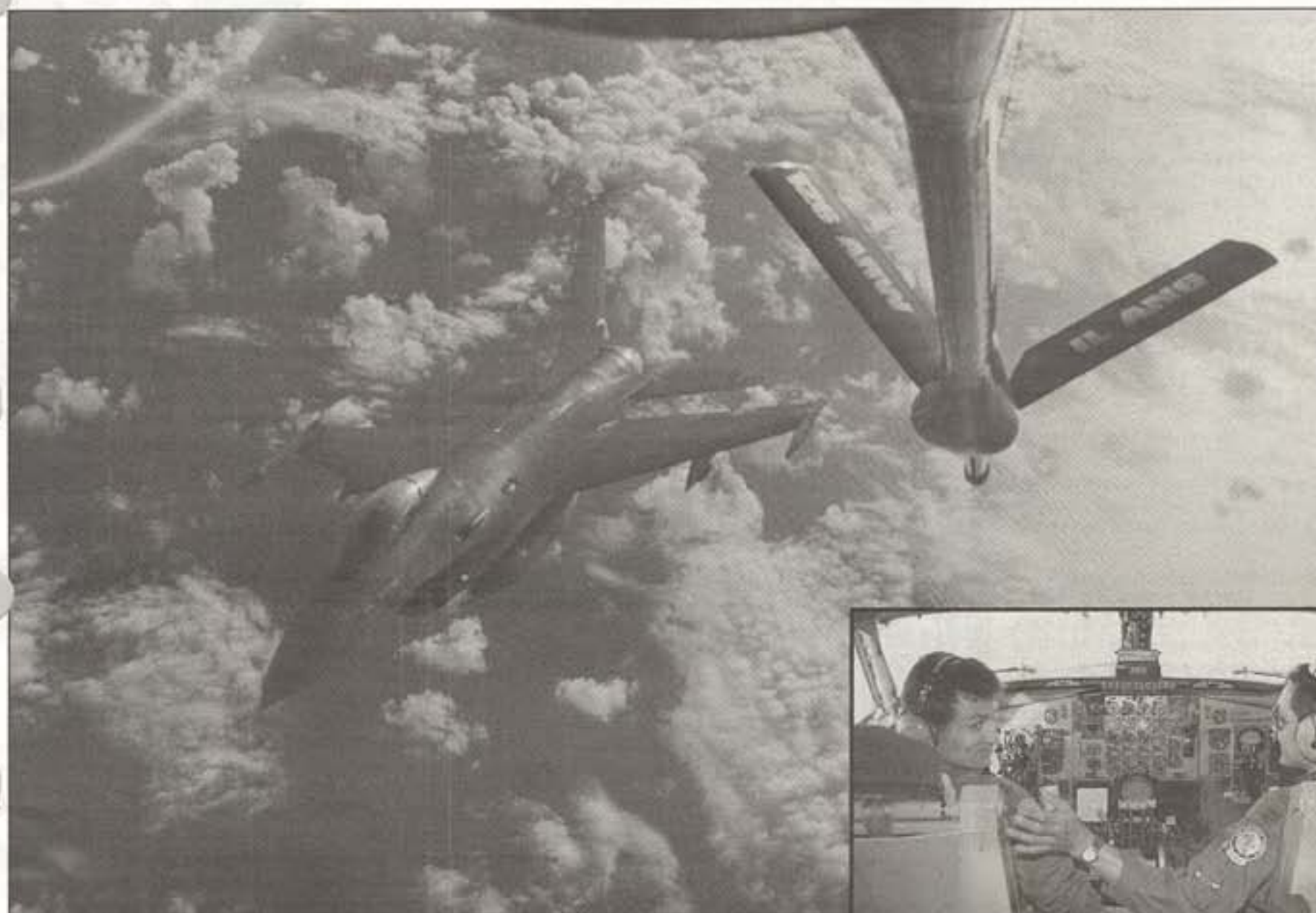
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Some 160 aircraft were air refueled during the two-week CORONET DEFENDER exercise. Here, a Kansas Air National Guard F-16 peels off after taking on fuel high above the North Sea west of Denmark. The photo is taken from the boom operator's window of an Illinois KC-135, piloted by Capt. Mike Bell (left) and Mike Pennell.



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# Vice President dedicates Guard memorial

by Capt. Victor Dubina  
National Guard Association

A diamond blue sky and a gentle Indian Summer day provided the backdrop for the dedication of the National Guard Memorial, September 22. Ceremonies that spanned two days climaxed with the dedication speech by Vice President Dan Quayle.

Quayle, a former Indiana Guardmember, closed his remarks by quoting President Harry S. Truman's speech on the dedication of the first memorial in 1959, "I hereby dedicate this building to the United States of America and to the people for whom that flag stands. I hope it will always be put to the use for which it is intended—the welfare of the greatest republic in the history of the world."

Activities the previous night included the dedication of the Walsh-Reckord Hall of States by Governor William D. Schaefer of Maryland. The dedication recognized the contributions of Maj. Gen. Ellard A. Walsh, of Minnesota, and Maj. Gen. Milton A. Reckord, of Maryland.

Both men had long and storied careers in the National Guard; they were also the principals who kept the Guard in existence in the period immediately at the end of World War II, when plans were being circulated that would have dissolved the Guard.

Washington, itself, provided the backdrop for a National Guard parade and accompanying pageantry. Marching down Massachusetts Avenue, past Union Station and in view of the Capitol Building, were the colors of every state, units from New Jersey, West Virginia and the District of Columbia, mounted cavalry and historical re-enactors, as well as military vehicles. The colorful ceremony concluded with a "Walk Through Militia History."

Immediately after his dedication speech, Vice President Quayle joined Maj. Gen. Robert F. Ensslin, Jr., president of the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS), in dedicating the "The Medal of Honor Gallery." Present were five Medal of Honor recipients who began their careers in the National Guard.

The Vice President also participated in the unveiling of the new Minuteman Statue. Sculpted by Evangelos Frudakis, a renowned contemporary sculptor, the historically accurate statue stands in the entrance lobby to the new memorial. Concluding the weekend-long activities was the dedication of the G. V. Montgomery Council Chambers by the Vice President.

The new National Guard Memorial replaces a building built in the late 1950's and is now home to the NGAUS, the Historical Society of the Militia, and NGAUS Insurance Trust.

The Memorial will also be home to the Museum of the National Guard. Currently the Minuteman Trust of the Historical Society is undergoing a fund-raising effort to bring the museum to completion.

Open to the public for research, although not yet fully completed, is the Edward L. Martin Library. Named for a former Governor of Pennsylvania and major general in the Pennsylvania Guard, the library will be the premier research center on the militia and National Guard.



The Color Guard of Battery A, 2/174th Air Defense Artillery carries the colors of Ohio.



Vice President Dan Quayle photographed in front of the portrait of Rep. G.V. Montgomery in his Mississippi National Guard uniform, dedicated the Montgomery Council Chambers in the new National Guard Memorial in Washington, D.C. The Florida State Color Guard (above right) prepares to march past the new memorial during the dedication parade. (NGAUS photos)



## From the mailbox:

September 16, 1991

Dear Sir:

The September 1991 issue of *ON GUARD*, page 14, provides a listing of Army National Guard units remaining in the Gulf as of mid-August. The only Army National Guard Group headquarters remaining in-theater, the Headquarters, 11th Ordinance Group (Ammo), was omitted from your unit listing.

The recognition of Guard Units is very important to citizen-soldiers, and a correction in your next issue would be much appreciated.

Sincerely,

EDGAR L. SMITH, III  
Colonel, U.S. Army  
Inspector General

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# Veterans Day 1991

## History of Veterans Day

In 1921, an American soldier—his name "known but to God"—was buried on a Virginia hillside overlooking the Potomac River and the city of Washington, D.C. The Arlington National Cemetery burial site of this unknown World War I soldier became the personification of dignity and reverence for America's veterans.

Similar ceremonies occurred earlier in England and France, where an "unknown soldier" was buried in each nation's highest place of honor (in England, Westminster Abbey; in France, the Arc de Triomphe).

These memorial gestures all took place on November 11, giving universal recognition to the celebrated ending of World War I hostilities at 11 a.m., November 11, 1918. The day became known as "Armistice Day."

Armistice Day officially received its name in America in 1926 through a Congressional resolution. It became a national holiday 12 years later by similar Congressional action.

If the idealistic hope had been realized that World War I was "The War to end all wars," November 11 might still be called Armistice Day. World War II broke out in Europe and shattered the

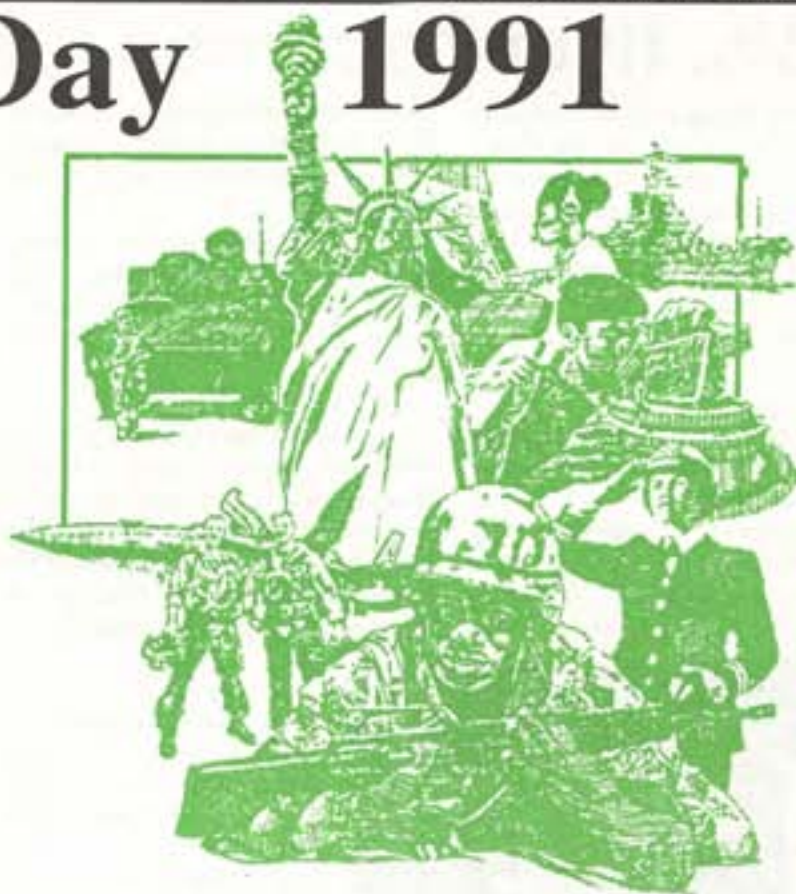
dream. Sixteen and one-half million Americans took part. Four hundred and sixteen thousand died. The families and friends of these dead longed for a way to honor their memory.

An answer to the dilemma of how to pay tribute to those who had served in this latest, great war came in a proposal made by Representative Edwin K. Rees of Kansas: Change Armistice Day to Veterans Day, and make this an occasion to honor those who have served America in all wars.

President Eisenhower, in 1954, signed the bill proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day, and he called for Americans everywhere to rededicate themselves to the cause of peace.

On May 30, 1958, two more unidentified American war dead were brought to Arlington Cemetery from overseas and interred in the plaza beside their Comrade of World War I. One was killed in World War II, the other in Korea.

A law passed in 1973 provided for the interment of an unknown American who lost his life in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam era. For several years, no qualifying remains were discovered so a memorial plaque was placed in the Amphitheater's Memorial



Display Room. On Memorial Day, 1984, however, the Unknown Serviceman from that conflict was placed "In Honored Glory" alongside his fellow countrymen.

To honor these men, symbolic of all Americans who gave their lives in all wars, an Army honor guard, The 3rd United States Infantry (The Old Guard), keeps day and night vigil.

A law passed in 1968 changed Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. It soon became apparent, however, that November 11 was a matter of historic and patriotic significance to a great number of our citizens. Congress enacted legislation which returned the observance of this special day to its traditional date beginning in 1978.

## Iowans salute their veterans at August state fair

by Staff Sgt. Ken Sweeney  
Iowa Army National Guard

DES MOINES, Iowa--Incredible. That seems to be the only term that can describe Iowa's Salute to Veterans held on August 15.

An emotionally charged memorial service at Veterans Auditorium was held early in the morning and a stirring slide presentation at Capital Square concluded the day's festivities. The Salute to Veterans was one of the most joyous events witnessed by members of the Iowa National Guard.

"I think it was a great idea," said Lt. Col. Richard Peterson, (ret.) who served as an engineer supply officer with the 12th Army Group Headquarters during World War II. "When we came back 45 years ago, there were no celebrations."

"The mandate that the governor gave us," added Jackie Day, chairwoman of the memorial committee, "is that these events are for all veterans, not just the Desert Storm veterans. We wanted to make it a significant tribute to all these veterans without making it a downer."

Even the most war-hardened vets couldn't help but feel a tug on their heartstrings during the well-organized memorial service. Watching as Governor Terry Branstad presented shrouded Iowa flags to the families of the Iowans killed in the Persian Gulf war, those assembled

couldn't help but get a sense of their sacrifice.

Seldom have there been so many people in military uniforms in one place in this state. Every Iowa National Guard and Reserve unit called up during the Persian Gulf crisis was represented as well as veterans groups from other wars.

The crowd cheered wildly as each marching unit passed in review. Every unit was well received, but the biggest cheers went up for the Vietnam vets, who were clearly impressed with the long overdue accolades, and the group of World War II prisoners of war.

In the afternoon, the celebration shifted to the Iowa State Fair, where August 14 traditionally is a day to recognize the state's veterans.

There, a grandstand show featured the music of Eddie Rabbit and Carrie McDowell, a native Iowan who belted out "Proud to be an American" to a sea of spectators waving small U.S. flags. Tears welled up in many of the spectators eyes during the performance.

In his address to the throngs, Gen. Richard Lawson (ret.), former commander of U.S. forces in Europe and brother of Iowa Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Warren G. Lawson, said that on a recent visit to Camp Dodge, he noticed graffiti painted on a statically displayed armored vehicle that stated: "Peace Now."

"Because of days like this,"

Lawson said, "and days gone by, there is peace now."

Lawson added that the ancient Carthage civilization disintegrated because the people became so enthralled with the accumulation of wealth, they did not provide adequately for their defense. "There are things that are of value and there are things that cannot be purchased for any price."

Iowans volunteered to serve in Operations Desert Shield/Storm, the general noted, because they placed peace

with freedom as their number one goal.

"I've been in hundreds of parades in my lifetime," said Governor Branstad, "and this was the most enthusiastic audience I've ever seen. It's a day we'll never forget."

On a stained-glass window in the Memorial Room at the entrance to Vets Auditorium are inscribed these words: "Shall they come back remembering while we alas forget?"

On Thursday, Aug. 15, Iowans showed they didn't forget.

### Veterans Day observance to be held at Arlington National Cemetery

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Edward J. Derwinski will host the 38th annual Veterans Day national observance at Arlington National Cemetery Monday, November 11, 1991. The program begins at the Arlington Memorial Amphitheater at 10:30 a.m. with a musical tribute to veterans of the armed forces.

The traditional Presidential wreath-laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns just outside the amphitheater takes place at 11 a.m.—the historic 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month when the Armistice ending World War I was signed. The presentation of colors procession and keynote address follow inside the amphitheater. The public is invited to the national observance of Veterans Day and should arrive at the amphitheater by 10:30.

Arlington National Cemetery is accessible by Metro Rail blue line. Parking is available at the cemetery visitor center with shuttle bus service between the visitor center and the amphitheater Veterans Day morning. For more information about this free event, call the Department of Veteran Affairs in Washington at (202) 535-8300.



# W.Va. flyer becomes first to reach 25,000 hours

The Military Airlift Command has been honoring accident-free flying milestones for a number of years, but the folks at MAC will have to do some serious head-scratching to come up with an award for Chief Master Sgt. David H. Frazier, an Evaluator Flight Engineer, with the 167th Tactical Airlift Group (TAG), West Virginia Air National Guard at Martinsburg.

The reason that selecting this award will be so difficult is that no one has ever before qualified for this flying milestone since MAC initiated the flying awards. This encompasses both the active duty and reserve forces.

Chief Frazier reached that

historic moment in his career on August 20, his 56th birthday, when he was taking part in short field operations in Martinsburg.

"I actually expected to pass 25,000 on August 21, but one of my people canceled out and I had to fill in," Frazier said. "It was quite a birthday present."

Lt. Col. V. Wayne Lloyd, Commander of the 167th, said, "Chief Frazier is the first individual in the United States to have logged such time in the history of the Air National Guard and the Air Force. We are extremely proud of his accomplishment, a good reflection on the training and professionalism in our unit."

The actual moment of accomplishment came at 9 pm. on the evening of August 20, as Chief Frazier sat in his flight engineer's seat aboard one of the 167th's C-130E aircraft above Martinsburg. When asked about his feelings at reaching the 25,000-hour mark, Chief Frazier commented, "It's a little scary, particularly when you realize that you are the only person to have accomplished this goal. You're 'one of one,' and it's possible that no one will ever do it again."

Chief Frazier began his career in March, 1954, when he joined the Air Force. After a four-year active duty stint, including time during the Korean Conflict as a

maintenance crew chief on fighter aircraft, he came back to his native Martinsburg and joined the then 167th Fighter Interceptor Squadron to work maintenance. He later switched career goals and became a flight engineer. The rest is history.

"The most significant thing about this (reaching the flying goal) is that all of these flying hours have been accumulated in this unit. That's unheard of in the military scheme of things today," Frazier commented. "I would say that 99.9 percent of my hours were flown in our aircraft, while the remainder came in other assignments generated through this unit."

Frazier has flown in every transport plane assigned the 167th, including the C-119, C-121 and C-130.

Has flying gotten old?

"I enjoy flying. I enjoy the unit. It's a new experience every time you step onto the aircraft. It takes the right temperament and mental strength to be a flyer," he emphasized.

"You have to realize there is a lot of boredom in flying... a lot of things that are repeat actions that just become second nature. But, that can change in an instant. You have to be prepared for any thing when you're in the air. That's why training and professionalism is so important," Frazier said.

"We (the 167th TAG) are one of the top units anywhere and we have good people here. That's why I've stayed so many years. When we're assigned a job, we do it and do it right," he continued.

Frazier, who has flown light aircraft and gliders on the civilian side, said that the great thing about flying is the

freedom that it brings with it. "It's a feeling that you can never experience unless you are a flyer," the honoree said.

Frazier has been flying the C-130 Hercules ever since the 167th TAG received an "A" model back in April of 1972. Since then, aircraft have been updated, first to the "B" model, and finally the "E" model currently flown by the unit.

"With a little age on you," Frazier offered, "changing aircraft is hard. He has been checked out on all models of the C-130 models of the C-130 except the "H" model, but will soon receive his checkride on the newest Herks belonging to the 167th's sister unit in Charleston, W.Va.

Besides duty in Korea, flying with the 167th has taken Chief Frazier to virtually every spot on the face of the globe, including flights into Vietnam during the war, as well as taking part in Operations Desert Shield and Storm.

Frazier has been an air technician with the 167th, working full-time as an Evaluator Flight Engineer.

That all changed as of September 3, however, as Chief Frazier's retirement as a full-timer became effective. He plans to continue on, though, as a traditional West Virginia Guardsman, and is eligible to stay a member of the unit until age 60.

And, what's in the future for this accomplished Air National Guardsman?

"I'm back in the same business I was before passing the 25,000-hour mark... trying to do a job and trying to stay safe," Frazier concluded.



Chief Master Sgt. David H. Frazier

## Pittsburgh Air Refueling Wing earns sixth Air Force Outstanding Unit award

by Master Sgt. Will Daniel  
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ANNVILLE, Pa.—Maj. Gen. Gerald T. Sajer, Pennsylvania's adjutant general, presented the 171st Air Refueling Wing its sixth Air Force Outstanding Unit Award on September 22, at Fort Indiantown Gap.

This award is for the period July 1, 1988 to June 30, 1990. According to Lt. Col. Douglas E. Barrett, Air Force adviser to the wing, the unit fulfilled its demanding daily training requirements during this period, while also augmenting Strategic Air Command by participation in operational readiness inspections, European and Pacific Tanker Task Forces, higher headquarters directed missions, unit deployments and special missions.

The wing's impressive statistics in Operations Quick Force, Red Flag, Coronet South, Coronet West, Sentry Citrus, Global Shield and Business Effort during this period "once again prove this unit's capabilities," Barrett wrote in his

recommendation.

In his congratulatory speech, Sajer said, "You compiled an enviable record — certainly the equal of any unit in the active Air Force."

Although the period of service this award covers does not include Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Sajer took the opportunity to congratulate the unit on its performance then as well.

"You brought honor to yourselves, your families, your unit, and to the Guard," continued Sajer. "I want you to know how grateful we all are for what you have done."

"You have truly enhanced the word 'Guardsmen' and what it means. You have shown the nation you could indeed be entrusted to defend its security, its interests and its values."

A color guard and 48 parade marchers represented the wing at the ceremony which included a flyover of four A-7Ds from the 112th Tactical Fighter Group, also located at Pittsburgh.



Looking like the cat that ate the canary, Capt. Michael Musella, commander of Company D, 1st Battalion, 210th Armor of New York's 42d Rainbow Division, accepts the division's best combat unit award from retired Colonel Carlyle P. Woelfer, representing the Rainbow Division Veterans Association which sponsors the annual award. The company's achievement is noteworthy in light of the fact that it was only recently converted to a combat mission from a support role. Battalion commander Lt. Col. Robert Meyers expressed pride in the company and added, "They've come a long way in a short time." (Photo by Capt. Paul Fanning, NYARNG)



# Georgia's first female Guard pilot ready to fly

by Beryl I. Diamond  
Georgia National Guard

If 2nd Lt. Kim Sheppard has a say in it, she won't be Georgia's first and only female Air National Guard pilot for very long. "I recruit all the time," exclaimed Sheppard, who went to C-130 pilot transition training in September.

Sheppard, who spent 12 years as an Army fixed wing and rotary aviator before enlisting in the Georgia Air Guard in 1990, recently received her senior pilot's wings at a ceremony in Atlanta. "This is a wonderful opportunity for me," she said. "So much is happening here (in Georgia) and I've lived all over the world. This is exactly where I want to be."

About being the first female pilot in the Georgia Guard, Sheppard says that it is a role she is not unaccustomed to playing. "I've been the first woman in other schools. . . I think it's a challenge. It causes me to do a better job," said the Marietta, Ga., resident.

The members of Savannah's 165th Tactical Airlift Group to which she is assigned, have received her well, she noted. The women in the unit have been supportive and the male pilots have been friendly, but "totally professional." Husband David, an Army aviator, took a

similar view. "They're like all pilots; they'll reserve comment, until they see the product."

Sheppard's credentials are, however, impressive. She has logged more than 2,800 hours as an Army helicopter aviator, and more than 500 hours in multi-engine, fixed-wing aircraft. Prior to her commissioning in the Air National Guard.

Sheppard was a pilot for a commuter airline out of Orlando, Fla., but flying the large, four engine C-130 cargo plane has been a long-standing ambition. "The mission is so varied, you really need to commit a lot of time to the program," she said. "I want to do the tactical missions and do my own flight planning."

"Some women," she notes, "have a hard time visualizing this," but as a daughter of a corporate pilot, Sheppard, a native of Liverpool, N.Y., grew up in airports. "I was 16 years old when I started."

And, while some women encounter rough going in attempting to enter some military occupations, Sheppard seems to have slipped easily into the role of military pilot. "I had a full college scholarship, and was in Air Force ROTC, but the Army called me

and said that if I enlisted, I could fly right away." For the next 12 years, Sheppard flew VIP, medical evacuation, and transport missions for the U.S. Army.

She found herself in the Georgia ANG, following some investigation into the unit. The 165th had just opened the unit to female pilots and after two interviews,

including one in which she traveled from Korea to attend, she was accepted in the Georgia ANG. "We had a long courtship," she added.

"I have a strong commitment to the unit and to the flying program." Smiling, she concluded, "I've been lucky."



2nd Lt. Kim Sheppard, a resident of Marietta, Ga., is the first female pilot in the Georgia Air National Guard. She is assigned to Savannah's 165th Tactical Airlift Group and is currently undergoing C-130 training at Little Rock AFB, Ark. (Photo by Senior Airman Stuart J. Camp, 314th TAW Public Affairs.)

## ROA pushes for family service counseling for Guard members

WASHINGTON, D.C.--The loss of family counseling eligibility 30 days after deactivation and the inaccessibility of military installation family support and counseling programs by some on active duty are problems faced by reservists activated for Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, according to the Reserve Officers Association (ROA) of the United States.

In prepared testimony July 25 before the U.S. Senate committee on Veterans Affairs, Maj. Gen. Evan L. Hultman, AUS (Ret.), ROA executive director, said that the ability of reservists to take advantage of family service counseling depended upon location.

"The demographic distribution of Guard and Reserve members precludes many from being able to visit and take advantage of programs tied to military installations," Hultman said. "The homes of reservists are frequently 50 miles, 100 miles or more from the nearest military installation. Thus, the families of a great many reservists do not have access to military programs and facilities while the member is on active duty and would not be able to take advantage of those programs and facilities if they were given eligibility following release from active duty. Thirty days after their release from active duty, reservists lose their eligibility for family programs and are thus especially vulnerable."

Hultman said that it may be too early to "draw any valid conclusions on

the effects of Desert Shield/Storm on the families of reservists who participated. While some adjustment problems could be expected in the case of young children and undoubtedly were manifested early as a result of activation, many of the more devastating effects on the family and marriages would not be expected to be apparent until well after the fact."

He noted that of the 540,000 military personnel in the Persian Gulf when the war began, nearly 106,000 were members of the reserve components, about one fifth of the forces deployed. He added that 228,000 reservists were activated in support of Desert Storm hostilities.

He said that despite the lack of full data on the effects of the deployment and family separation, "any evidence of family adjustment problems related to Desert Shield/Desert Storm can only be the tip of the iceberg. For every known counseling need, there are probably many more that are either unknown or have yet not reached proportions for which counseling is required."

Another factor, he said, was that "many reservists encountered a drastic loss of income, which resulted in stress which was especially devastating."

Hultman asked that the committee approve legislation to provide family counseling, commenting, "The services have long understood that a soldier who is anxious about his family does not perform his duty well."



Even though the batterboard that Oregon National Guard Spc. David Dowell is constructing is designed for precise layout of concrete forms, in reality he is several hundred miles off target. In fact, he's out of Oregon entirely. He and other members of the 442nd Engineer Detachment traded annual training sites with the Wyoming Army Guard's 1041st Engineer Detachment. In the background, Spc. Peter Davis digs a trench for the same Camp Guernsey project in eastern Wyoming.



## Short Takes . . .

### Pa. shooter makes national team

The National Guard will be represented for the first time in one of the country's most prestigious marksmanship teams, the 1992 U.S. Palma Team. The team will represent the U.S. at the international Palma match, an event that occurs only once every four years.

Pennsylvania Chief Warrant Officer Dave Logan qualified for the 18-member team against shooters from all services. Military shooters compete against each other for the four positions on the team reserved for service members. The remaining 12 positions are occupied by the highest scoring civilians.

The seven-day Palma match will attract teams from the U.S., Canada, Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. The U.S. has won more Palma matches than any other country.

Mr. Logan, who has won the composite rifle phase of the Winston P. Wilson matches for the last three years, has been a member of the All-Guard shooting team since its inception in 1964. He has been involved in competitive shooting with the National Guard since 1957.

### Prepare for your retirement

Retirement and separation from the service is an option that is quickly gaining in popularity, either because of a member's choice or because of the impending force drawdown. Before such an important step is undertaken, however, the Retired Officers Association recommends that proper preparations be taken.

Retired Air Force Col. Doug Carter, who has spent a number of years counseling people who plan to retire, say that a game plan for leaving the service will go far in getting people ready for the big move. Among his recommendations are:

- Develop a milestone chart that maps out your plan, including suspense dates for everything you need to do—books you will read, documents you will research, people to call, broadcast letters to write, etc.—and use it to document your progress.
- Prepare. Expect to spend 60 to 80 hours a week on the job hunt. The higher you want to go, the harder you have to work at it.
- Determine where you are willing to work. The cost of living, state and local taxes, job market and pay scales will affect your decision.
- Decide what you want to do. Find out who hires people with your skills. Zero in on three or four job preferences.
- Write a focused, competitive, marketable résumé, and develop proper interviewing skills.

Get help from your service's transition assistance office, retiree affairs office, education office. Go to job fairs and join a veterans or military-related association and civic club.

### Thank you airfares extended

Showing their continued support for service members and their families still serving our country in the Persian Gulf, many major airlines have extended their discounts for flights beyond the original Sept. 30 deadline. Most carriers will now offer these discounts until Dec. 15.

American, Continental, Delta, Northwest, Pan Am, TWA, US Air and United are included in the offer, which can sometimes reduce the cost of an airline ticket by as much as 70 percent off regular fares.

The airlines lengthened the time period for military members to take advantage of the discounts because of the large number of soldiers and airmen still remaining in the Gulf region.

The carriers are granting the special discounts to all active military members, activated Guard and reserve personnel, and their immediate family members.

See "More Short Takes" on page 11 . . .



Canadian flight surgeon Capt. Brian J. Feaver, M.D. recently became the first international student to attend the Air National Guard's TOPKNIFE program, the flight surgeons upgrade training course designed by Oregon's 114th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron. A pilot himself, Feaver brought unique insights into the program, created to give flight surgeons a chance to improve their understanding of the stress that pilots encounter in aerial combat. The two-week course originated with the Air Guard but has been widely attended by active duty and reserve surgeons. Due to the need for this type of training for U.S. flight surgeons, Feaver may be the only international attendee for some time.

### Long Island ANG base begins septic contamination cleanup

WESTHAMPTON BEACH, N.Y.—Air National Guard officials have taken immediate action to remove the contents of a septic system on the Air Guard Base at Suffolk County Airport on the eastern end of Long Island.

An environmental services firm, under contract to the Guard, began the removal on October 2, 1991—a process expected to be completed in about a week. This follows the discovery during an environmental field study, and notification to regulatory officials on September 20, that the system was contaminated by petroleum-based products.

The removal action was announced Wednesday during a meeting at the Guard base attended by County and State environmental regulators. Guard officials and their environmental contractors gave the regulators a detailed explanation of their assessment of the septic system, initial field screening test indications, and the removal now underway. They also indicated their intent to pursue further actions.

The septic system problem was discovered during the Installation Restoration Program (IRP), a hazardous waste survey and cleanup program, conducted by the National Guard Bureau, Washington, D.C. The IRP is a nationwide program that identifies and probes former spill and disposal sites on Air Guard bases. Corrective actions are taken at sites that pose a current or future threat to public health or the environment.

The New York Air National Guard will keep the public informed as the program continues.





Col. Richard McLane, commander of the 183rd Tactical Fighter Group, Illinois Air National Guard, prepares to deplane with the help of Tech. Sgt. Mike McNamara after a mission into Norway.

Several Air National Guard units were involved in NATO training missions during September. Normally an active duty Air Force exercise, this year CORONET DEFENDER belonged to the Guard in Denmark. Meanwhile in Italy, the Guard participated in VOLANT PARTNER '91.

by Maj. Lester R. Stadig  
Editor

A passenger on the KC-135 tanker quipped as the plane was landing, "Did we fly in a big circle the past 10 hours?"

Indeed it was a long, exhausting journey from Chicago to Karup, Denmark sitting in a web seat, so everyone was a "little punchy." But clearly, the patterns of Danish farm lands below resembled patterns found in Nebraska or Illinois.

An answer was evident, however, the moment the cargo door was cracked and brisk North Sea winds rushed in. This place was a long, long way from the hot and humid O'Hare International Airport.

One Illinois airman later remarked about the cool, unpredictable September weather in Denmark. He said he had frequently gone into the dining hall for lunch under warm, sunny skies, only to come out to wind, rain, and much colder temperatures. "If you didn't bring a jacket with you to the chow hall you were in big trouble," he observed.

Perhaps that explains why a number of members of the Kansas and Illinois Air Guard caught colds during Coronet Defender.

In spite of the weather and colds, Coronet Defender was a success.

"It was a tremendous success—an all Guard show—the biggest package I think that the Air Guard has ever put together for an exercise..." says Col. Richard McLane, II.

"We brought 359 of our 1176 people, 24 F-16 fighters, and joined up with four KC-135 tankers from other units in the U.S. to fly, train, fight, and socialize together," continued McLane, the commander of the 183rd Tactical Fighter Group based at Springfield, Ill.

The exercise was pure NATO and involved players from Germany, United Kingdom, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and the United States. The unique feature being that the U.S. was entirely represented by the Air National Guard.

Getting 24 fighters and four tankers to Denmark on the heels of Desert Storm, was a sizeable undertaking requiring months of preparation and a total of 59 aircraft, counting all the tankers needed to get the fighters across the Atlantic and back. Players came from eleven units (see box).

F-16 pilots, especially, appreciate the critical nature of the trans-Atlantic flight.

"It gets a little cozy," acknowledged Lt. Col. Dean Wheeler, an F-16

pilot. The aircraft is a single seater, and the trip required seven air refuelings.

McLane, a seasoned fighter pilot who has been at the business since Vietnam, says air refueling is normally dangerous, and all the more when pilots are tired from flying several hours, and particularly critical when pilots are approaching home base.

"The three most critical, keenly demanding times in flying are," claims McLane, "first, knap-of-the-earth flying

with attack helicopters wearing night goggles—extremely critical."

He continued with the explanation, "the second critical time is that moment when a pilot touches down on an aircraft carrier bobbing in the ocean. And the third critical time is aerial refueling. Here, the tanker and receiving aircraft must maintain a precise relationship while in contact flying at altitudes of thousands of feet and moving at speeds around 500 (Continued on page 9)



Kansas Jayhawk pilots with the 184th Tactical Fighter Group (left) Maj. John Sanders, Lt. Col. Ralph Moser, Capt. Tony Mahoney, and Capt. Tim McClalland, just completed a mission over Germany where they simulated destruction of a radar facility.





Air Guardmen worked with Danish crews flying F-35 Drakkens.



One of the 183rd Tactical Fighter Group ground crew members, Tech. Sgt. Steve Coleman, marshals an F-16 off the tarmac.



Tech. Sgt. Brad Byer of the 184th Tactical Fighter Group, Kansas ANG often worked in brisk winds and rain.



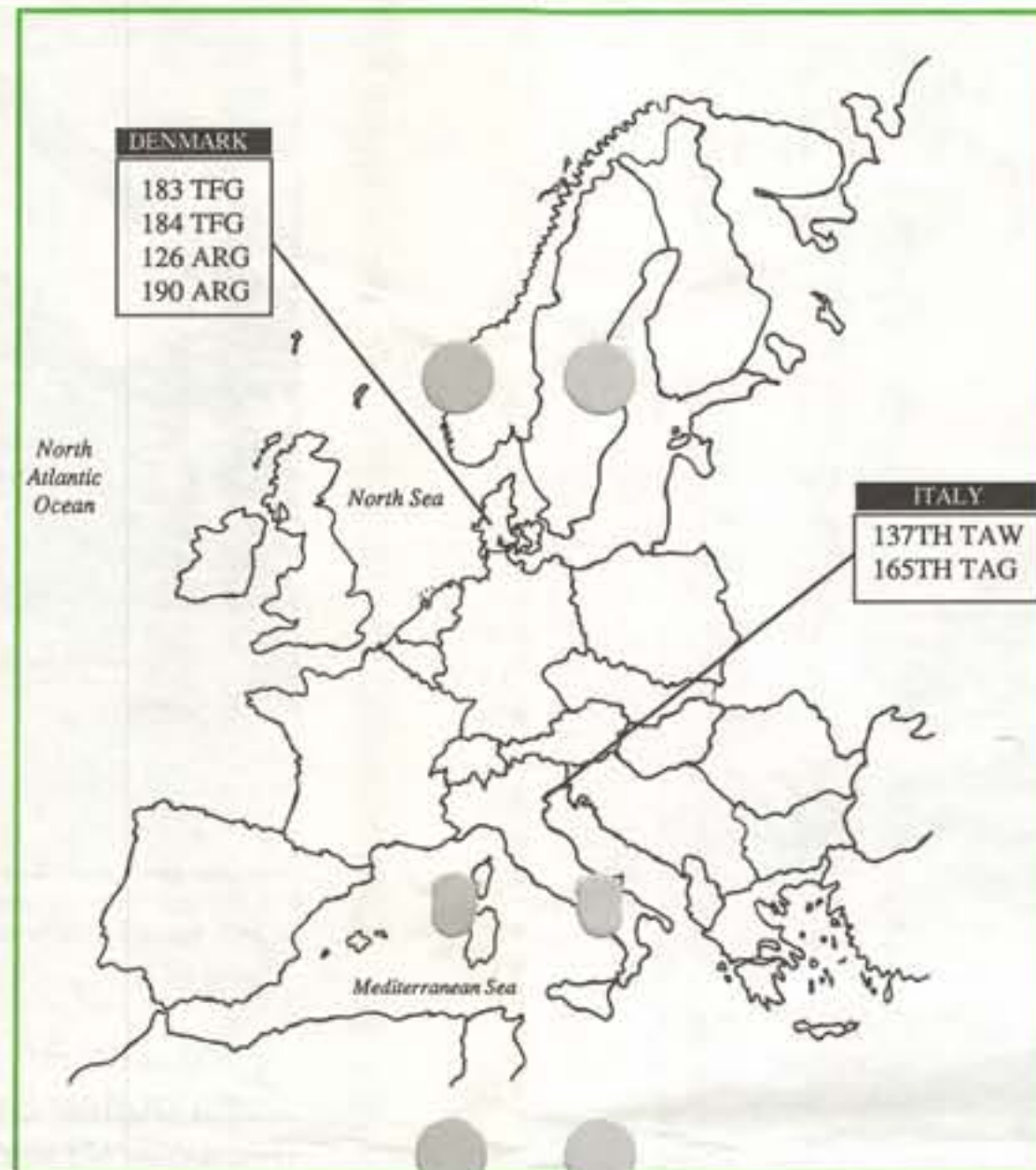
Airmen traveled to Viborg, Denmark on civilian buses.



Tech. Sgt. Bob Rech of the 183rd Tactical Fighter Group recorded hours of video and shot hundreds of photographs of Coronet Defender.

### Participating Units

168th AREFS,  
Eielson AFB, Alaska  
128th AREFG,  
Milwaukee, Wis.  
170th AREFG,  
McGuire AFB, N.J.  
161st AREFG,  
Phoenix, Ariz.  
126th AREFW,  
Chicago, Ill.  
171st AREFW,  
Pittsburgh, Penn.  
190th AREFG,  
Forbes Field, Kan.  
160th AREFG,  
Rickenbacker ANGB, Ohio  
157th AREFG,  
Pease Field, NH  
101st AREFW,  
Bangor, Maine



Col. Richard McLane is being interviewed by media representatives from Springfield, Ill. after his mission to Norway. The mission was to simulated an attack on the "enemy" airfield at Lista, Norway.

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miles per hour."

Maj. Doug Damon of the 101st Air Refueling Group at Bangor, Maine, was charged with the responsibility of getting the players from the United States to Denmark.

As the task force commander he projected all the refuelings for the entire exercise. He required 22 tankers for the trip to Denmark and 23 for the trip back to the United States.

All of the air crews and tankers tasked for Coronet Defender had served in the Gulf during Desert Storm, where they had unloaded millions of pounds of JP-4 jet fuel.

Damon says that during the Danish portion of the exercise, tankers distributed fuel to more than 160 receivers representing all of the northern European NATO nations.

Concerning the exercise, McLane says NATO is overwhelmed by the Guard's ability to generate local flights, and to have F-16s and KC-135s on station at a given time.

During the second week of the two-week exercise, Action Express week, Illinois and Kansas fighters were able to generate 54 flights each day.

"Putting the whole NATO infrastructure together and dropping a bunch of Air Guardsmen in the middle of a North Europe scenario is quite a venture," commented McLane.



Approximately 60 people manned a radar communication site south of Karup along the Danish coast. Radio operators included Sgt. Rick Minor, Sgt. William Campbell, Sgt. Henry Jones, and Sgt. Hilsman Boyers, all from the Georgia ANG, and Sgt. David Salathe, from the Alabama ANG.



Tech. Sgt. David Kruger disarms unexpended munitions after an F-16 returned to base.

In the exercise with the U.S. F-16s were Danish Drakkens, German F-15s, German F-4s and Royal Air Force Tornados.

"The main significance of all this, as we all know," said McLane, "is that we [Air Guard] are stepping forward to a larger commitment for military readiness."

McLane continued, "so, this answers the question absolutely, unequivocally. We can accept more responsibility. We can deploy to remote parts of the world and operate just as well as our active counterparts have in the past."

"It's amazing to see how well this cooperation between our air forces works," remarked Col. Niels John Hansen, commander of the Danish Air Base in Karup.

"Considering that we are speaking about the largest air force in NATO, that of the United States, and the smallest air force in NATO, the Danish Air Force; we work very well together."

Hansen went on, "By our allies and friends from the United States we seem to be treated as true equals, and you seem to forget the relative sizes and our influence in negotiation in the alliance."

All the while the flying units were operating from Karup Air Station, another group of Guardsmen were operating at Nymindgab, Denmark about an hour-and-a-half drive south on a bluff overlooking the North Sea.

There, members of 116th Tactical Fighter Wing of Dobbins AFB, Ga.; the 129th Tactical Control Squadron of Kennesaw, Ga.; the 224th Joint Communications Support Squadron of Brunswick, Ga.; and the 225th Combat Communications Squadron of Gadsden MAP, Ala., had emplaced radar and radio equipment to control the exercise.

A final point about Coronet Defender warrants noting. The Springfield 183rd Tactical Fighter Group involved their community in what McLane characterized as an "unqualified success."

The unit arranged for several press and community representatives to accompany them to Denmark, then further arranged for the community representatives to be hosted by Danish citizens.

Among the representatives from the United States were a college president, educators, and a representative from the Springfield Mayor's office. The college president offered to teach a class in Denmark, while the mayoral representative met with and exchanged ideas with several Danish mayors.

"By our presence we are ambassadors of the United States," said McLane. "Ambassadorship is not the sole province of the State Department and our elected officials."



Story by  
Maj. Frank Baker, 165th TAG  
1st Lt. Rory Polson, 137th TAW  
Photos by  
Senior Master Sgt. Ron Jetton,  
165th AVS

O-dark-thirty, bag dragging, half awake, half asleep, "Why do we have to be here so early?" was an often repeated question.

On Saturday, Sept. 14, at 0530, 128 men and women of the 165th Tactical Airlift Group, Savannah, Ga., reported for deployment on Volant Partner 91 to Aviano, Italy. Twenty-four hours later an equal number from the 137th Tactical Airlift Wing, Oklahoma City, Okla., reported for duty.

There was the usual complement of air crew and maintenance personnel, but, this time was different. The group was augmented with cooks, a chaplain, a doctor, a lawyer, medical technicians, aerial porters, vehicle mechanics, audio visual technicians, and supply personnel—the three S's (service, support, supply).

Both units were ready to integrate with their active duty counterparts at Aviano for two weeks. This was one of the first times the units would test deploy under the wing concept.

During the flight to Lajes Air Field in the Azores, most people reclaimed sleep lost the previous night. Adjusting to time zone changes would prove to be a bit more difficult. After an overnight stay, it was off to Italy, the boot in the heart of the Mediterranean Sea.

Two days and six or seven time zones later they arrived at Aviano and were met by smiling faces of the advance team—smiling because after a few days in Italy, they knew the surprises awaiting everyone.

After in-processing, hearing a briefing on Italy, and exchanging dollars for lire, it was off to contract quarters in Pordenone, home-away-from-home for the next two weeks.

Monday morning, Sept. 16, work began. The mission of Volant Partner '91 was to support NATO exercises Display Determination, Reforger, and Northstar.

Eight C-130H aircraft and 257 people were ready. They hauled cargo and troops around Europe to Mildenhall. (Continued on next page)





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England; Ramstein and Rhine-Mein, Germany; Crete; Greece; Turkey; Norway, and various places in Italy.

During the exercise the combined wing successfully completed 157 sorties, flew 578 hours, hauled 1,102 tons of cargo, and dropped Army Airborne teams. The aircraft maintenance personnel changed two props, one engine, and cleared numerous discrepancies to insure aircraft were ready to perform.

Supply kept parts available. Cooks served meals in the Buon Appetito Chow Hall and motor pool folks kept buses and vehicles running. Mission support took care of personnel and communications needs. Operations, command post and intel planned, scheduled, briefed, and debriefed to insure that missions were successful.

It was a truly outstanding display of teamwork at its best. Bringing together the 137th Tactical Air Wing, the 165th Tactical Air Group, and active duty personnel of the 40th Tactical Support Wing, was a glowing example of the Total Force policy at work.

During the stay in Aviano, Maj. Gen. Philip G. Killey, Director of the Air National Guard and a group of Guard Bureau staff members visited the deployment site. Killey toured various sections and talked with troops doing work to insure success of Volant Partner 91. He commented that as U.S. Air Forces in Europe (USAFE) downsize, the role of the National Guard will be critical to the success of USAFE missions.

Brig. Gen. Jerry W. Whitman, 137th TAW Commander, briefed Killey. Col. Scott A. Mikkelsen, 165th TAG Commander and vice-commander for the deployment, related pride in the achievements and close working relationship of the units under the framework of the 137th TAW.

Roll-up. Thursday and Friday of the second week saw a flurry of activity—packing, turning in vehicles and buildings, and loading aircraft. With "fun meters" pegged out, it was time for sniffing dogs and U.S. Army customs pre-clearance. It was time to say "arrivederci" Aviano and Pordenone.

After 4700-plus miles, 17-20 hours of flying, and some delicious flight lunches, the units arrived back in Oklahoma City and Savannah.

Sixteen days after leaving, troops ended just as they started—bag dragging.



Maintenance changed two props and one engine while in Italy.



Hanger crews from Oklahoma City and Savannah had the opportunity to work together and exchange information. Pictured are Chief Master Sgt. Robert Horne, Staff Sgt. Charles Gooch, and Senior Airman Aubrey Kimball, all from Oklahoma City, and Tech. Sgt. William Bridges, from Savannah.



The canals of Venice offered interesting sightseeing while off duty.



Maj. Gen. Phillip J. Killey spent time with Tech. Sgt. Raymond Daniel and other Guardsmen during his visit to deployed units.



Master Sgt. Wendell Hixon (left), Oklahoma City, chats with Tech. Sgt. Efule Johnson of Savannah.



# Capital Guard joins effort to combat drugs

by Staff Sgt. Mary Beth Bowman  
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Quietly, but forcefully, the District of Columbia National Guard (DCNG) has been fighting a war—a war where the enemies are unseen and the casualties are people of all cultures, backgrounds and ages. Several nights each week, the DCNG performs missions as part of this ongoing battle. Each year, the Guard dedicates more soldiers and more resources to assist Washington D.C. in its "War on Drugs."

This year, the DCNG has expanded its existing supply reduction program. National Guard supply reduction efforts involve drug interdiction and eradication. Missions in support of this program include air surveillance flights, boarding up "crack houses" and support to the U.S. Customs Service each night in August.

Another such mission is the D.C. Air National Guard's "Lite-all" program. The TF-1 "Lite-all" is a portable cart machine that carries 1,000-watt floodlights used to light up metropolitan neighborhoods and assist neighborhood anti-drug coalitions.

The DCNG supply reduction program has met with great success, according to DCNG commanding General, Major Gen. Calvin G. Franklin. "I am personally involved in both supply and demand reduction," he said. Franklin pointed out, though, that "demand" drives the problem. The United States makes up approximately 10 percent of the world's population, and yet, this nation consumes

60 percent of the world's illegal drugs. The Capital Guardians are leading the way in creating programs to disrupt this supply-demand cycle.

The DCNG has kicked off a major demand reduction program with detailed education and awareness programs. Aspects of demand reduction include counseling, literature, working in the "Partnership for a Drug-Free America," and providing target groups with alternative activities. The D.C. Guard is also out in the community with efforts to reduce the demand for drugs. Guard members visit schools and act as positive role models for students.

The DCNG has created a large, formal demand reduction plan that is the most comprehensive in the country, according to Maj. Gen. Franklin. The plan has been approved by the National Guard Bureau.

Decreasing drug supply and reducing its demand can only happen when everyone gets involved. Part of the Guard's success has to do with the various memorandums of understanding it has signed with local law enforcement agencies and other federal agencies. Partner agencies range from the U.S. Marshalls to the Department of Health and Human Services.

The Guard not only provides personnel to the Drug War, it provides equipment and training. The Guard loans night vision devices to the U. S. Park Police and camera surveillance equipment to the Drug Enforcement Administration. The Guard also equips one of its UH-1 helicopters with a forward-looking

infrared (FLIR) system used to support its local and federal partners during nighttime air surveillance operations. The DCNG has also conducted law enforcement and counter-narcotics training classes for law enforcement officers and for DCNG volunteers in the Drug War.

Additionally, the Guard helps federal and local law enforcement agencies by sharing information on illegal drug activities. The DCNG has also established a local Drug Hotline (202-575-DRUG) which operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Citizens can report suspected illegal drug activity anonymously.

The Guard's involvement in the War on Drugs has been consistent and successful, even with the deployment of over 850 DCNG soldiers in support of the Gulf War. The results attest to the long hours put in by dedicated soldiers: over \$9.7 million in illegal drugs, \$2.4 million in confiscated vehicles, and

\$30,000 in illegal weapons was seized in 1990 alone.

Numerous agencies have expressed appreciation for the Guard's role in countering narcotics and individual D.C. Guard members have been recognized and rewarded for their dedication. "We cannot battle the street level distribution of drugs and related murders without joint expertise and assistance (from the Guard)," said G. Paul Howes, Assistant United States Attorney, in a letter of commendation to the DCNG. Howes cited the Guard's efforts as having a direct impact in prosecuting members of a street gang suspected of at least one dozen murders and the bulk distribution of crack cocaine.

Communities nationwide are likely to be in the "War on Drugs" long after Desert Storm soldiers have returned from the Gulf. The DCNG will continue to support the Metro area on the front lines when called and in fighting this deadly war right here at home.

## S.C. endangered wildlife program protects species

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COLUMBIA, S.C.—The S.C. Army National Guard Leesburg Training Center has 14,000 acres for Guardsmen to conduct field maneuvers with their tanks, artillery, and engineering equipment throughout the year.

On the same grounds are found 20 colonies of endangered redcockaded woodpeckers, rare plants, and several wetland areas.

The National Guard Bureau, in recognizing the increased demands on the land at military reservations, has implemented the ITAM (Integrated Training Area Management) program on nine of their installations.

One of these is the Leesburg Training Center, adjacent to Ft. Jackson. The ITAM program was developed at the U.S. Army Construction Engineering Research Laboratory.

The four major elements of the ITAM program include protection of soils, plants, wildlife, and wetlands.

1st Lt. Larry "Rocky" Tucker, Environmental Compliance Officer for the Guard's Leesburg Training Site, said, "Ft. Jackson will be receiving \$3 million for the ITAM project. A portion of this money will go to the training site.

"We've already begun the program by putting up signs and glow-in-the-dark tape around the woodpecker colonies, to keep track vehicles out. Our objective is to show that protection of endangered wildlife and Guard training can both continue here, without either one disturbing the other.

"I hope that, by our involvement, we'll serve as a model site for other military bases to follow," said Tucker.

## DRUG USE IS LIFE ABUSE

### More Short Takes . . .

#### RED HORSE gets high marks

A national award presented by the President of the United States, an Air National Guard-wide award, a Pennsylvania state award and an award of excellence from their home city capped a year of outstanding service by the 201 Civil Engineering Flight of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard.

At a White House ceremony, the flight, a Rapid Engineering Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron of Engineers or RED HORSE, was given the National Guard's only "Take Pride in America" award for converting a tire dump into a soccer field. Recognized as the Air Guard's outstanding civil engineering flight, the 201 recently was awarded the prestigious Deneke Award.

State-level recognition came for the flight's work in a number of domestic action projects, and for their work in six countries. The city of Harrisburg commended the flight for razing a number of abandoned buildings known to be drug hangouts.

#### Basic trainees get special airfares

Basic trainees and personnel in advanced infantry training and technical training schools are being offered an opportunity to travel on some airlines at a discount during the holidays.

Called "Holiday Exodus 1991," the participating airlines are allowing these individuals to purchase excursion rate fares during the non-rush months, and delaying payment of these lower rates until December. About 25 major and minor air carriers are participating in the program, and interested individuals should contact the installation transportation office, Transportation Management Office (TMO), commercial travel offices, or individual airlines for details and eligibility rules.



## Cancer victim gets VIP tour of base

Story and photo by  
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Oregon Air National Guard

Kingsley Field, Ore.--Part of little Cory Wolfer's dream came true during the Oregon Air National Guard's annual open house in July.

The 10-year-old Klamath Falls boy who has been battling cancer for nearly half of his life was given a VIP tour of the air base by pilots from the 114th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron.

The cancer knocked out his dream of being a fighter pilot, but it did not dampen his love of flying.

"Cory has cancer behind his right eye," said his mother, Conda. "As a consequence, he will never be able to become a pilot."

She continued, "It's a rare form of cancer found only in children. He was given six weeks to live at age six. I didn't expect him to make his seventh birthday."

At the time Cory was diagnosed, only five other children in the world had this type of cancer. After four years of chemotherapy, the cancer is now in remission, according to Mrs. Wolfer. He is being closely monitored for any sign of a recurrence.

Capt. John Adkisson and Capt. Kirk Bartlow treated Cory and his family to breakfast during the open house and gave him a special tour of the military aircraft parked on the ramp.

The boy was clearly impressed. "I got to fly once," he said. "My dad rented a plane and I got to see National Guard planes."

During the tour, Cory met EF-111 crewmen from Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, who were veterans of the Gulf War. He also donned an over sized flight suit, helmet and oxygen mask.

Did he have a good time? "Yes," he grinned when it was time to leave.



They may be a little bit large, but Cory Wolfer enjoys trying on a helmet and G-suit during his tour at Kingsley Field, home of the 114th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron, Oregon Air National Guard. Cory has a rare form of childhood cancer and was given a VIP tour of the facilities.

## Camp Atterbury to celebrate its Golden Anniversary in '92

by Master Sgt. Bill Shorts  
Indiana Army National Guard

EDINBURGH, Ind.--Trees planted, concrete polished, equipment displays nudged into position, the stage is being set and the invitations are extended to join the Indiana National Guard celebrate the Golden Anniversary of Camp Atterbury on Aug. 15, 1992.

A permanent memorial park with military display area is being readied for dedication. Special celebrations are in the planning to honor this installation which has played such a prominent part in Indiana military history.

More than a year ago, Col. Jorg Stachel, Camp Atterbury's post commander began developing the plans for a memorial to honor World War II and Korean War veterans, but the plans soon grew to include Vietnam veterans and will also honor Desert Storm troops as well. Four Indiana National Guard units completed their preparation for activation during Desert Storm here.

This memorial concept was inspired by several monuments including the Vietnam Memorial in Washington. When completed the memorial will cover five acres along the main road next to post headquarters.

The memorial's main structure will be a 40-foot long, 8-foot high concrete wall bearing Indiana limestone plates with the military crests of 10 major organizations that trained at Camp Atterbury during the four major conflicts.

On a raised platform centered in front of the wall a six-foot tall bronze infantryman resembling the "Iron Mike" statue at Fort Benning, Ga. beckons soldiers to "Follow me."

Volunteer support and contributions from individuals and organizations amounting to more than \$200,000 are making the memorial possible. No tax monies are being used. Stachel estimates that if commercially constructed, the project would cost about \$350,000.

To help in the celebration, some important dignitaries and military groups have been requested to appear. Vice President Dan Quayle, a former Indiana National Guardsman who trained at Camp Atterbury during the Vietnam era, has been invited to the open house and dedication.

A World War II reenactment group will provide static displays of Allied and German uniforms and equipment. The Army's Golden Knights and the Navy's Blue Angels have also been requested to perform during the celebration. Tours of the historic camp will be available for the general public.

## Air Guard weather flights belong to Army

Story and photos  
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Pennsylvania Air National Guard

Three Pennsylvania Air National Guard (ANG) weather flights are tasked with the unique mission of providing meteorological support to Army ground force commanders.

In this role, weather flight members use their sophisticated skills and training while they are moving, fighting and communicating as part of the Army unit to which they are assigned.

The 140th Weather Flight from Willow Grove, Pa. recently visited Ft. Indiantown Gap, with eight of their 13 unit members for a four-day training exercise.

Led by their commander, Lt.

Col. Ira Robbins, the 140th prides themselves in efficiently setting up their equipment. It takes unit members less than one hour to have their field equipment operational once in their area of operation.

Although an ANG unit, the 140th, along with the 203rd and 146th Weather Flights from Ft. Indiantown Gap and Pittsburgh respectively, are all tasked with direct Army support.

Members of the 140th Weather Flight provide weather data to the 157th Separate Infantry Brigade (mech.) and will also be providing support to the 187th Separate Infantry Brigade in the near future.

Most recent deployment projects for the 140th included Ft. Pickett, Va.; Ft. Drum, N.Y. and two weekends at Ft. Indiantown Gap.

Tactical weather equipment operated by the weathermen include the WRASSE and the Goldwing System. A satellite dish on the ground picks up direct weather pictures from the GOES satellite, "Eye in the Sky," transmitting photos to a remote monitor immediately. Another antenna receives and sends FAX data and charts and also allows communication with other weather units around the country. KG 84 Alpha equipment affords the weathermen an opportunity to send and receive classified information.

The Pennsylvania ANG Commander, Maj. Gen. Robert F. Harris, stopped by for a visit with the 140th and a briefing by Colonel Robbins during their first day at the Gap.



# N.J. Governor thanks troops at annual review. . .

by Spc. David Moore  
New Jersey Army National Guard

This year's New Jersey National Guard's Military Review and Awards Ceremony not only gave Gov. Jim Florio time to recognize his troops, but for the state's commander-in-chief it was a personal thank you to the state's many Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm warriors.

The 10th annual event was attended by an estimated 5,000 people at the New Jersey Military Academy located in Sea Girt, N.J. The ceremonies marked the first time all of the Garden State's Army and Air National Guard units called up to serve in the war were together on one parade field.

As part of the ceremony, the soldiers and airmen mobilized for active duty received the state's Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm medal from ten active duty and National Guard general officers in attendance. More than 530 of the medals were pinned on the Guard members.

And for Lt. Gen. James H. Johnson, First Army commanding general and former 82nd Airborne Division commander during Desert Storm, the pinning of medals became somewhat of a reunion with the 253rd Transportation Company who was under his command during the war.

When Gov. Florio spoke, he expressed his pride in what the soldiers and airmen accomplished and their success in Southwest Asia.

He said that the soldiers and airmen said goodbye to their friends and families and the comforts of home in exchange for difficult living conditions and a battlefield.

"Maybe it was the way of life we enjoy in this country. Or maybe it was a set of values you had that said that even though war is a terrible thing, some things are worth fighting for. . . whatever

the reason, we're proud of you," Gov. Florio said.

Florio added that a generation ago, men and women took their place in the Vietnam War. When those then serving the military returned home, the public confused the war with the warrior.

"But this year, as we said goodbye to the people we loved and cared about, we understood—maybe for the first time—how wrong it was to turn our backs on the men and women who served in Vietnam," he said.

Seventeen units of the New Jersey National Guard passed in review of the governor and Maj. Gen. Vito Morgano, the state's adjutant general. Both were flanked by two Desert Storm veterans, Sgt. Leon Bell of the 253rd Transportation Company and Tech Sgt. Edward DiToro of the 177th Fighter Interceptor Group.



Lt. Gen. James H. Johnson, First U.S. Army commander, holds a Desert Storm reunion with members of the 253rd Transportation Company of Cape May Courthouse, N.J. During the war, he commanded the 82nd Airborne Division, the 253rd's parent unit while in the Persian Gulf area.



The New Jersey National Guard Colonial Color Guard, "The Governor's Own," (left) passes by Gov. Jim Florio and Maj. Gen. Vito Morgano, state adjutant general (right).



## . . . and signs Guard Education Bill into law

Soldiers and airmen of the New Jersey National Guard or their surviving spouses and children will be able to attend state public institutions tuition-free, under a law signed by New Jersey Governor, Jim Florio.

"When a man or woman steps up to serve their country and their state, they stir our pride. The men and women who serve in the New Jersey National Guard know all about pride. It's part of why they serve," Florio said during a bill ceremony attended soldiers and airmen of the Guard and veterans at the 50th Armored Division Artillery Armory in Lawrenceville.

"Today's bill signing ceremony is a reflection of that pride we have and this bill is a way of saying thank you. I'm

very pleased to sign it because it reflects my belief that education is just another word for opportunity," he added.

Major General Vito Morgano, the adjutant general of New Jersey, said "This is a fitting tribute, not only to this state's National Guard members, but also to the wholehearted support Governor Florio and the entire state legislature has given the National Guard in New Jersey. We are as proud of them as they are of us!"

Under the new law, any National Guard member who is accepted to any state public institution and is pursuing an undergraduate course of study can receive up to 12 tuition-free credits per semester while enrolled and in good standing.

The law requires that the Guard

soldier or airmen completes Initial Active Duty Training before any tuition-free benefits apply. The law does require guard members and their families to first apply for all other federal/state grants or scholarships before gaining tuition-free enrollment.

Also, any child or surviving spouse of a Guard member killed in the performance of his or her duties is also eligible to receive up to 12 tuition free credits per semester while enrolled as an undergraduate student in good standing at a public institution.

In another related event, the governor announced a new commemorative Desert Storm license plate which 89 sanctioned veterans organization will sell to raise funds for

various programs honoring and aiding veterans and their families.

Florio kicked off the event by affixing the first specially designed license plate to a desert-camouflaged HUMVEE.

The red, white, blue plates bear the replica of the state's Desert Storm Medal, with "Operation Desert Storm 1990-91" symbolized on the left side of the plate and the inscription, "We salute the citizens of New Jersey mobilized for the Persian Gulf War" on the right. The state silhouette is centered on the plate.

Available from military and veteran non-profit organizations for \$10 each, the plate may be used in lieu of the current front license plate from Oct. 1 to March 31.





Maj. Michael Fleming (right) and his teammates 2nd Lt. Jim Tanner (left), a USAR officer from Idaho, and Chief Warrant Officer Brian Hart, also a USAR officer from Washington, paddle through Napoleon's reflecting pool.

## International Confederation of Reserve Officers sponsors pentathlon event

*Grueling land and water obstacles tested human stamina, skill, and intelligence for three days.*

By Maj. Lester R. Stadig  
Editor



2nd Lt. Tim Derrick of Vermont and Maj. Michael Fleming of Florida collected awards at Fountainsbleau, France.



Rope climbing, grenade throwing, and mountain bike riding were all part of the orienteering course. Fleming, far right, keeps up with his USAR teammates.

When final scores were tabulated, two Army Guard officers were among the top finishers of a 12-NATO-nation, 45-team, military pentathlon held in France this summer.

Maj. Michael Fleming of Florida, and 2nd Lt. Tim Derrick of Vermont struggled through a 500-meter land course with 20 obstacles, swam a 50-meter water course with five obstacles, fired French weapons, and maneuvered through a challenging orienteering course.

The two Guardsmen were on different three-person teams in the event, sponsored by International Confederation of Reserve Officers, in Fountainsbleau, France.

Fleming's team finished fifth in the experienced division, while Derrick's team captured first in the novice division. Overall the teams finished fifth and third respectively.

Fleming and Derrick were selected from a field of 45 individuals, and spent four weeks training for the event. The first three weeks were at San Antonio, while the last week was at the German infantry school in late June.

According to Fleming, first day was devoted to marksmanship. Each team member fired a different French weapon. One member had a pistol, one had a rifle, and one had a sub-machine gun. Fleming drew the machine gun.

Day two of competition involved both the 500-meter land and the 50-meter water obstacle courses. Most barriers on the land course involved climbing. The first was a ladder followed by a five-meter drop to a sand pit.

An hour after the land course, teams dove, fully clothed in battle dress uniforms, into the water obstacle. They swam under three obstacles and climbed out of the water onto two obstacles.

In every event, teamwork is emphasized. The team's score was that of the slowest member.

The third and final day of competition, says Fleming was filled with a challenging orienteering course that taxed the most proficient outdoorsman. Teams were provided with an assortment of map sizes, and in some cases, no maps at all. In those instances, contestants memorized what they had seen on the map or on the ground.

At one point teams were instructed to look at a large piece of real estate, judge distances, and indicate where those objects they were viewing would be located on a map.

Partway through the course, teams were required to climb over an aqueduct with rope, ride mountain bikes, throw hand grenades, and paddle 500 meters in a rubber raft. Naturally, weapons were carried to add realism.

Fleming found the raft portion of the competition particularly interesting because it ended in the reflecting pool of a castle once the residence of Napoleon.

Derrick had participated on the National Guard Biathlon team in the past, while Fleming had been on the pentathlon team as an alternate in 1990.



# New Mexico Congressman moonlights in BDUs

by Staff Sgt. Joyce R. Rowell  
Combined Information Bureau

**INCIRLIK AIR BASE, Turkey**--When U.S. Rep. Steven H. Schiff (R-N.M.) is not in Washington helping make national policy decisions, he and 13 of his elected colleagues also serve their country by enforcing those policy decisions in another fashion--BDUs (Battle Dress Uniforms).

Schiff recently volunteered for two weeks active duty as the Assistant Staff Judge Advocate for Operation Provide Comfort II at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey.

Operation Provide Comfort II involves coalition of military forces from six nations (France, Italy, The Netherlands, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and the United States). They formed a Combined Task Force (CTF), which serves as a symbol of coalition resolve as a deterrent to Iraqi military encroachment into a security zone in northern Iraq.

The CTF has a Combined Battalion Task Force at Silopi, Turkey, near the Iraqi border, an air component at Incirlik AB, and a support element at Batman AB.

A Chicago native, Schiff joined the Guard in February 1968.

After graduating from the University of Illinois, he completed his military training and moved to his first assignment with the New Mexico Air National Guard's 150th Tactical Fighter Group at Kirtland Air Force Base, in Albuquerque.

While at Albuquerque, Schiff earned a law degree and later served as Albuquerque's District Attorney.

"In fact, I was able to attend law school because the military unit I was

assigned to was demobilized," said the 44-year-old Republican.

However, the colonel confesses being a guardsman and a congressman does create some dilemmas.

"To do my military job right, I should be in New Mexico training with my unit. But, what if Congress is in session at the same time?" he asked.

Like any good military leader and politician, Schiff had a solution.

"I decided I couldn't do both jobs well, and if you can't do a job well, then you shouldn't do it," he stressed.

Consequently, last August Schiff decided to retire from the military. But, the Persian Gulf crisis postponed his retirement.

"The first time I was called to active duty was during Operation Desert Shield. Although I did not deploy to the Gulf, I helped process wills, powers of attorney and other legal documents for security policemen deploying from my unit," he said.

But, if my unit had been mobilized, I would have resigned my seat in Congress," Schiff adamantly stated.

"I've served in Congress for two and a half years, and it's been a great honor and privilege, but I've been in the Air National Guard for 22 years. There is no question in my mind which came first, and that's the Air National Guard," he said.

Although it's been more than a year since the Gulf crisis began, Schiff finally got his chance to deploy.

"I am really proud to be in the military, be part of this operation, and to see it function this well. The dedication of the personnel, everyone from Incirlik AB to Silopi, is remarkable. I'm pleased to see the international cooperation. In



Lt. Col. V. L. Packet, commander, 6th Cavalry, (right) briefs U.S. Representative Steven H. Schiff (R-N.M.) on his visit to Silopi, Turkey. Schiff did two weeks of active duty with the New Mexico Air National Guard during Operation Provide Comfort II. (U.S. Air Force photo)

Silopi, there was such close work among military personnel from the six nations at the unit level," Schiff said. "I have never seen that."

Representative Schiff's wife, Marcia, is a U.S. Army Reserve intelligence officer and shares his military

views. The couple has a daughter, Jaimi, 14 and a son, Daniel, 10.

After Schiff's two weeks of duty, he returns to New Mexico where he plans to retire from the Air National Guard and continue the busy job of representing his constituency.

## Missouri ANG program adopted for all C-130s

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A local idea to lengthen the time between routine aircraft inspections for C-130 model planes has resulted in a nationwide savings of more than \$3 million. Members of the 139th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance (CAM) Squadron suggested the change for C-130H isochronal (ISO) interval adjustment.

"The old interval between inspection on C-130H aircraft was 245 days," said CAM Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Lonnie Lee. "For aircraft model year 1978 and later, this was an overkill on inspections. Our records and other professional engineering studies confirmed the over inspection situation. It was causing more wear and tear on materials than was required."

The CAM proposal was forwarded in September of 1990 and was evaluated in October of that year. It was

quickly adopted because the figures spoke for themselves.

"Our first year savings for just our own unit of eight C-130H aircraft amounted to \$157,500 in total labor costs, and material savings of \$218,750 per year for the 139th Tactical Airlift Group," said Lt. Col. Jerry Burnett, Aircraft Maintenance Officer. "You take this amount of money times all C-130 aircraft model year 1978 and later and you have

an exceptional amount of savings for the United States government."

Engineering studies by Warner Robins AFB, Ga. support the savings estimate. Included in the inventory of aircraft affected by the change are C-130B and C-130E models as well as the C-130H models. More than 120 planes will now be routinely inspected every 305 days instead of every 245 days. Total savings: \$3,281,250.



"This new adjustment of days between inspections in no way jeopardizes safety or reliability of our aircraft," adds Burnett. "The station check interval can go from 70 days to no more than every 180 days."

Engineers at Headquarters Warner Robins Air Logistic Center agreed. The St. Joseph suggestion was approved and adopted. The approval was advanced to the National Guard Bureau and was subsequently forwarded for use by all Air Guard, Air Force Reserves, Air Force, and other users of C-130 aircraft.

The dollar-saving idea resulted in a financial reward for the six local Air Guardmembers: Lt. Col. Jerry Burnett, Lt. Col. Lonnie Lee, Chief Master Sgt. William Wright, and Master Sgt. David Wilkinson, Alan Dunning, and David Dunning shared in a cash award of \$18,000. Each received \$3,000 for an idea that saved the taxpayer more than \$3 million.



## New Hampshire ANG women bring home first softball championship

by Capt. John Rice  
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KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—The New Hampshire Air National Guard (ANG) Women's Softball team won the 26th Annual ANG championship here August 17. It is the first national title ever for the Granite State women.

Twenty-five teams from across the country competed in the four-day, double elimination tournament. New Hampshire stayed in the winner's bracket for the entire event, finishing with a 6-0 record. The club defeated the 1990 champion Maryland team, 8-4, in the championship game. New Hampshire clipped Maryland earlier in 13 innings, 8-7.

All players on the squad are members of the 157th Air Refueling Group, Pease Air National Guard Base. They are Beverly Benites, Tina Charpentier, Reanne Crouch, Nansi Craig, Erin O'Malley, Lynn Fecteau, Melissa Patten, Corey Langevin, Debbie Rupprecht, June Frechette, Alice Belanger, Bev Dirck, Gloria Jose, Louise Paradis, Gonic Lougee and Margaret Lougee.



The New Hampshire Air National Guard Women's softball team recently won the Air National Guard Championship in Knoxville, Tenn. The team ousted the reigning champions from the Maryland ANG. Raising their champion trophy are, from left to right, Reanne Crouch, Bev Dirck, Margaret Lougee, Bev Benitz, Louise Paradis, and Alice Belanger. (New Hampshire Air National Guard photo)

## Unit acts as 'new car' HUMVEE dealer

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CAMP ROBERTS, Calif.—There may be no high-pressure salesmen hovering around while you try to read the price stickers, like at your local new car dealer and your choice of color may be limited to Saudi Arabian tan, but the preparation of new military vehicles is not unlike the prep done at a civilian dealership.

The 40th Division Fielding Team, California Army National Guard, does "dealer prep" on those new \$26,000 "Hummers"—the M988 High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWVs or HUMVEEs)—for the state's Guard units. Hundreds of Hummers have been shipped by rail or truck from the LTV Corporation in Indiana.

Unlike a civilian car dealer, however, the warranty expires as soon as a vehicle is handed off from Chief Warrant Officer Hal Holzinger's mechanics.

"Once it leaves here, the warranty is over," explained Holzinger. "But the Army saves money by not getting a warranty. Our first batch was pretty bad with leaks, electrical gremlins, and drive-shaft problems. We had guys from the factory out here to see the problems we were having."

National Guard units order the vehicles in several models, ranging from two-door to four-door, ambulance to police versions. Each HMMWV that arrives at Camp Roberts, comes in one basic form. Many of the accessories or "hang on" parts accompany the vehicle in a box. The basic vehicle comes with a driver's seat, a steering wheel, protective packing on the windshield, and a box of accessories.

The added features—mirrors, antenna mounts, fire extinguishes, radio mounts, tops, doors, and passenger seats—are installed by Holzinger's crew. "Minor leaks that seem normal, we look at ourselves," said Spc. Marc George, a Fielding Team technician. "Like a new car dealership, we test drive them to make sure they're ready to go."

"We have over \$80 million of HMMWVs right now," Holzinger noted. "Most units are 80 percent equipped with the replacement for the venerable old jeep."



Spc. Marc George, California Army National Guard, adds a mirror to a M-1025, Military Police version of the HUMVEE during "dealer prep."

## Guardsmen attend Orienteering Championship

MARYINSKE LAZNE, Czech.—The Army National Guard was well represented at this year's World Orienteering Championships with a competitor and a coach on the United States Team.

The competition was held in Maryinske Lazne, Czechoslovakia from August 20 to 26.

Orienteering is a cross country navigation event where the competitors use a map and compass to find their way along the route. The runner uses larger geographical references first to find the smaller features on the route.

1st Lt. Rick Oliver, Vermont Army National Guard represented the Guard well in the short course format by placing 15th in the preliminaries in his group. His placing was the best for all United States Team men at the World Championships.

Rick's Technical Coach, Lt. Col. Robert Turbyfill, who placed eighth in the trials, traveled with the team doubling as an alternate and a Technical Coach/Advisor/Trainer.

Oliver is a member of the U.S. Olympic Biathlon Team and spent a portion of his time training at the Biathlon Training Centers in Europe.

Turbfill is the Executive Officer in the Army Comptroller Office at the National Guard Bureau in the Pentagon. After a eight year layoff, he has returned to the competition at the elite level.

Turbfill was the North American orienteering Champion in 1973, three times U.S. Champion and Interservice Champion four years in a row. He has represented the United States in seven World Championship events.

After viewing this World Championships Turbfill has been tasked with developing a highly competitive U.S. Team for the 1993 World Championships to be held at West Point, New York.

## Army duns thousands over housing pay

Associated Press

The Army is ordering thousands of soldiers and reservists to return overpaid housing allowances given them when they were coming back from the Persian Gulf War, a spokeswoman said on October 10.

Virginia Johnson of the Army Finance and Accounting Center at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis said computers show that about 10 percent to 15 percent of the 130,000 guardsmen and reservists activated for the war owe money. The center has sent notices to people who received excess "bachelor quarters allowances" to return the overpayment within 30 days or pay an eight percent interest penalty, the Evansville Press reported.

Bachelor quarters allowances kick in when military personnel are ordered temporarily into duty as they were in Operation Desert Storm, Fort Benjamin Harrison spokesman Capt. James Holt said.

The mistake apparently was made during the months military personnel were being brought home. The housing benefits were calculated on the basis of service rather than on fractions of a month. Some service persons were paid benefits for, say, eight months of service when they had only slightly more than seven months.

The maximum monthly housing benefit in the program was \$500.