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Meyer: "Recruiting and retention are everybody's business."



(Photo by Western Illinois University)

(Photo by Mississippi ANG)

100,000 hours without an accident is the new record of the 172nd TAG, Mississippi ANG. The present commander, Col. John B. Little, Jr., right, poses by a C-130 with five predecessors.

Dorothy Lee Cagley, new ROTC cadet sergeant major at Western Illinois University, is also an Illinois ARNG platoon leader. She participates in the Simultaneous Membership Program.

Air National Guard selects six as Outstanding Airmen

The National Guard Bureau has announced selection of the six Air National Guard Airmen of the Year for 1980.

The board selected these persons from 64 nominations: Tech. Sgt. William R. Bates, Colorado; Airman 1st Class Mary V. Dyer, Maine; Senior Master Sgt.

Donald M. Idleman, West Virginia; Master Sgt. David L. Snavley, Michigan; and Airman 1st Class Napua N. Sugai, Hawaii.

An appropriate honoring ceremony will be announced and, in addition, the six have been entered in the USAF Outstanding Airman competition.

General Edward C. Meyer, Army Chief of Staff, has released, as of February 25, "White Paper 1980: A Framework for Molding the Army of the 1980s Into a Disciplined, Well-Trained Fighting Force."

The paper is intended to help soldiers and Army civilians worldwide to better understand the challenges facing the Army in this decade and the role they may expect to play in meeting those challenges.

Gen. Meyer treats four main topics: manning the force, management of modernization, force structure and training.

"Recruiting and retention are everybody's business," he says. "Concerned leadership and attention to the needs of the individual" will be major factors in the Army of the 80s.

Next to manning the force, the "management of modernization" is the most complex challenge. The Army plans to set a rate of modernization "to meet global requirements" and yet stay within financial limits.

Force structure will be studied in the light of new weapons and tactics, and the challenge to commanders in the 80s "must be the total preparation of each Army unit to go to war and win," Gen. Meyer asserts.

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BRIEFLY NOTED

Inactive CCAF students risk disenrollment. The Community College of the Air Force plans to computer-screen all students. Those inactive for the last 18 months will be warned by letter.

A-10A ejection seats have been modified so that they don't deploy the parachute and kick the seat away until the pilot is upright. The chute also won't deploy at high altitudes.

TAC Intelligence Award winners include the 112th TFG, ANG Pittsburgh and Master Sgt. Hugh J. Sloan III, 121st TFW, ANG, Rickenbacker AFB, Ohio.

New Air Force Women's Clothing items include a tuck-in, light blue, long-sleeved, cotton/polyester blouse, slated for October; a pantsuit uniform slated for May; and a durable-press fatigue uniform slated for March, 1980.

\$1000 will be paid to the winner of a contest to create a musical setting for "High Flight," the Air Force poem. For further information write G. C. Ramsey, Avon Old Farms School, Avon, Conn.

06001. Entry deadline is 6/15.

First Army National Guard Food Service Award has gone to Service Battery, 3rd Bn., 197th FA, Somersworth, N.H. The unit now goes to a national cook-off.

Security Police Awards went to Staff Sgts. Samuel Hatfield and Ronald Brooks, 125th Security Police Flight, Florida ANG, Jacksonville. The Outstanding Security Policeman awards for 1979 were from Aerospace Defense Command.

Boot polishing in the Army may end by 1986. A new boot under development has the rough, water-repellant side of the leather on the outside. Color: brown.

Army active duty opportunities now exist for officers in basic year groups 1973 through 1980 who hold specialties monitored by the Officers Personnel Management Directorate. To find out more, call Autovon 693-7803/7398.

Army maternity service uniforms similar to the Air Force's has been approved

and should be available in PXs in August-September, 1980.

NATO celebrated its 31st anniversary on April 4th of this year. Since its establishment in 1949 it has done much to contain Communist expansion.

AMEDD personnel leaving active duty will be contacted by the National Guard Bureau's Fulfillment House for possible recruitment.

"Buckeye Guard," published by the Ohio ARNG, has won the DoD annual Thomas Jefferson Competition for being best in the category of magazine formats.

The Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) has bottomed out after a seven-year decline and is now increasing, according to DoD officials. From a FY 71 high of 1,593,000 the IRR sank to 342,000 in June of 1978. Since then it has grown to a current strength of 395,000 and is expected to reach about 539,000 within the next two years. The IRR is needed to strengthen active units.

Gallant Eagle 80 Tests ANG Flying and Communications Units

Resolution of Cooperation

Whereas: The National Guard and the Boy Scouts of America have maintained a cooperative relationship over the past years, and

Whereas: Many Guardsmen were first introduced to the National Guard through the Guard's affiliation with the Scouting Program, and

Whereas: The National Guard has contributed to Scouting (a) through personnel assistance to local Packs, Troops, Posts, Districts and Councils; (b) through provision of the National Guard facilities for meetings; (c) through community action projects, World Badge programs, and (d) through chartered units; therefore be it

Resolved: That the ongoing relationship between the Guard and the Boy Scouts of America be strengthened through expansion of the Guard support to include more chartering of new Packs, Troops and Posts and a deeper involvement of Guardsmen serving, participating in activities or in kind of Scouting activities.

It is further resolved That: Lieutenant General La Vern E. Weber, Chief, National Guard Bureau, will be invited to give a keynote address to "Be Prepared" by 200 additional Scout and the respective local councils of the Boy Scouts of America will be urged to make personal calls on the local Guard Commanders, state and regional commands will be made with State Adjutant Generals to make or renew arrangements and to develop programs of benefit to the National Guard and the Boy Scouts of America.



(Photo by National Guard Bureau)

Mr. J. L. Tarr (left), Chief Scout Executive, Boy Scouts of America, and Lt. Gen. La Vern E. Weber, Chief, National Guard Bureau, sign the resolution of cooperation at left on February 5th, 1980. The resolution reaffirms the longstanding relationship between the Guard and the BSA and encourages greater Guard support.

National Guard and Scouts Sign Pact on Cooperation

The resolution of cooperation, reproduced at the left above, calls for expanded Guard support in chartering new Packs, Troops and Posts and "a deeper involvement" of Guard volunteers in scouting. All state adjutant generals will be so notified.

In testimony to a long and fruitful partnership in serving America and its youth, the National Guard and the Boy Scouts of America on February 5th signed a pledge of cooperation that will strengthen the ties between them.

March brought some 25,000 members of active and reserve components of the Army, the Air Force and the Marines to Southern California and Nevada.

The occasion was Gallant Eagle 80, a large exercise sponsored by the U. S. Readiness Command that was designed to provide semi-desert training for tactical air forces, armor, mechanized infantry and infantry.

The scenario called for a simulated combat environment in which readiness forces aided an imaginary friendly country in expelling invaders.

Several Air National Guard units had important roles to play in the exercise.

The 162nd Combat Communications Group (CMBTCG), North Highlands, Calif., provided communications support with help from Guardsmen of the 252nd CMBTCG, Camp Murry, Wash., and the 282nd CMBTCG, Coventry, R. I.

Tactical air support was partially provided by the 162rd TASG, Ontario IAP, California.

ANG flying units in the exercise included the 123rd Tactical Reconnaissance Group, Standiford Field, Louisville, Ky., with RF-4 Phantom IIs, and the 137th Tactical Airlift Wing, Will Rogers World Airport, Oklahoma, with C-130s.

The majority of the communications support was provided by the ANG units. Because of the rugged terrain in the southwest desert area, numerous relay sites were necessary. Exercise Gallant Eagle 80 ended successfully March 28.



(Photo by Lt. Jan Otteson, TNARNG)

Guard volunteers are needed to help advise new National Guard Explorer Posts. If interested, contact Operation Match-Up, Autovon 446-5091.



(Photo by Staff Sgt. Russ Taylor, RIARNG)

Familiarity with terrain aids rescue. Spec. 4 Tom Smith, RIARNG, helped find a lost child recently in woods he himself had once played in.



(US Army Photo by Dana Jackson)

Orienteering where it counts. Snowshoed Alaska Guardsmen read the road, the sky and the terrain during two-week NCO course at Camp Carroll.

Texas ANG Delivers Kidney in Time for Transplant

The patient was in Dallas. The kidney was in San Antonio. The two had to get together within four hours. The Texas Air National Guard was on the job, however. At the request of

doctors, an F-4C Phantom from the 149th TFG, Kelly AFB, was readied for the flight. Captains Bob Fix and Jim Conrad were selected and briefed. A direct route was cleared to Dallas. Time needed for delivery: 80 minutes.

WHAT IS GOOD IN THE GUARD

by Major Richard L. Domey, Oregon Army National Guard

Dear National Guard,

You have been a major part of my life for 24 years and I have a few "Thank You's" to say before we part. You provided a focal point for success in my youth. You gave me a cause to expend my energies upon and sent me forth to earn prestige and to find personal identity. You gave me a reason for physical fitness that will last me throughout my life. You taught me to think, to plan and to lead, valuable traits for my civilian vocation as well as my Guard career.

You have given me an arena in which to test my personal morality, my physical strength and the limits of my honesty, loyalty and integrity. I have learned, matured and grown under the teaching and the testing of men from all walks of life who have shared their knowledge and experience with me.

You provided the resources that allowed me to earn a high school equivalency certificate, a college diploma with a Master's degree and finally a Doctor of Philosophy. Without your part-time income this would not have been possible. Because of you I was able to experience first hand the adventure of forest fires, floods and service to my community.

You have provided me with front row seats in the drama of world affairs where I have been a supporting member of the cast. You allowed me to experience not only the exercise of power in maneuvering men, firing cannons, driving tanks, flying in helicopters, but also have taught me the responsibility so necessary to the exercise of such power.

You taught me to ski, to climb mountains in frigid Alaska, and to survive and function in the parched

desert. You then made it possible for me to take my honeymoon while at biathlon competition on the ski slopes of Vermont. You have paid my expenses at shooting competitions all over the United States. You supplied me with the finest equipment and paid me to take part in and eventually win numerous national championships. You provided the opportunity to become so skilled in my hobby that I was able to advance to the final Olympic trials, the Pan American Game selections, and the World Championship team tryouts. This experience eventually led to my being chosen as an official scorer for the 1980 Winter Olympics.

You gave me the opportunity to visit Reno, Miami, El Paso, Phoenix, Little Rock, and Louisville, to tour Georgia, California, Washington, Ohio and many other places while learning the fundamentals of leadership and communication that have helped me in both of my careers. You have let me rub elbows with real heroes and world travelers, men and women who have been tested on the cutting edge of combat and found true, who have returned to broaden my view of the world and my place in it. You have given me friendship, the deep comradeship that comes from years of sharing, working, playing and trusting.

In essence you have molded and shaped me into the person I strove to become. For this I must say "Thank you!", "Thank you!" to those who have led and to those who have followed my leading. And "Thank you!" to those who have walked by my side in this glorious adventure of life. "Thank you!" to the National Guard.

Alabama ARNG Helps Create New Firefighting Ability



(Photos by 131st PA Det., Alabama ARNG)

Alabama Army Guard CH-54B Skycrane loads water (upper photo above) in 2000-gallon bucket slung below it and dumps the contents (lower photo) to demonstrate new firefighting technique developed with the Alabama Forestry Commission.



(USAF photo by Airman 1st Class Betsy Willingham)

Army Guard medics treat Marine Reserve "wounded" in unique joint exercise at MacDill AFB, Fla.

Writing Contest Announced

Guard members (but not their families) are eligible to enter the Freedoms Foundation's 1980 writing contest. The theme is "The U. S. Armed Forces—Strong and Ready." Essays or poems between 100 and 500 words long should be sent to Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Pa. 19481 before October 1. Include your rank, unit and SSN.

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