

## Capstone program defined



Photo by SSG Steve Payer (PAD)

It's not the Bridge over the River Kwai. Members of 132nd Engineer Battalion constructed a 170-foot Bailey Bridge over a washed out river bed.

The Army Capstone Program provides a way to orient all Army Guard planning, resourcing and training toward meeting wartime readiness requirements. Peacetime commands do not change.

Specially, the Capstone Program is designed to link more closely peacetime planning and training of the Army Guard, as well as the Army Reserve, and active component units to both stateside and European wartime needs.

This means peacetime training will be based on the job Guard members will perform under wartime conditions.

Units will be grouped together whenever possible in the same geographic area. These units, or "packages", will either deploy to Europe or provide stateside support.

Army Guard units, for example, will remain under the control of their specific states and peacetime chains of command and will not change.

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### SAREX '80 set for May



U.S. Air Force Photo

Pararescuemen, aircraft crews, support people and judges from the United States and Canada have set in place the final preparations for the International Fixed-Wing Search and Rescue Exercise to be held at March AFB, California. The eight-day event began May 9, where six teams from both nations tested and compared their rescue skills. U.S. teams won the SAREX for the first time last year.

## Guard "stars" in California

The recent heavy rains in California raised rivers to dangerous levels and sent gaging torrents of water rushing through normally dry creek beds.

Responding to an urgent call, over 700 Guard members assisted residents and police in stricken areas throughout the state.

### BRIEFLY NOTED

**Maryland's 135th TAS conversion.** ANG 135th Tactical Airlift Squadron, Glenn L. Martin Airport, Maryland, will be converted from 16 C-7As to B C-13Bs in late 1980. This is part of a continuing program to provide increased operational capabilities in support of national defense objectives.

**"Rookie Recruiter" Named.** Staff Sgt. Mark I. Luc, a one year member of the Alaska ARNG, took national honors recently when he was named "Rookie Recruiter of the Year". In addition to the distinctive gold shield Luc is authorized to wear, he also received the National Guard Association's Minute Man award for his volunteer work with the Boy Scouts and Civil Air Patrol.

**Mansfield Has Mission Change.** The 164th Weather Flight, Ohio ARNG unit has had its mission realigned to provide primary weather support to the 73rd Infantry Brigade, Ohio ANG.

**Field Jackets Become "Personal".** How many times have you had to tear off an old name to put yours on a field jacket? Effective October 1st, the field jacket will become a personal clothing item instead of an organizational item. Enlistees will be issued two jackets; current members of the ANG and ARNG will be issued one jacket. An increased clothing maintenance allowance to cover the jacket is programmed. A DA circular is being published containing details on the new policy.

Photo courtesy of DMA ANG



Staff Sgt. Gus Nelson (left), of the Alaska Army National Guard is treated to a special jet flight after his selection as "Soldier of the Year".

### PX/BX privileges doubled

Army and Air National Guard members can now enjoy expanded PX/BX privileges.

One UTA now entitles the Guard

member to one day of privileges. In the past credit for two UTAs was required for a day of PX/BX privileges. The net effect, therefore, is a doubling of this highly desirable benefit.

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## William Tell meet set



Members of the Washington Army National Guard who have no prior service are now required to go through a 16-hour pre-basic training program. Here, drill instructor, Sergeant First

Class Lyle Belton, gives the command "Dress, Right, Dress" as he assists a recruit in performing it right. Since the program began in Jan., '79, 324 recruits have graduated.

Gen. W. L. Creech, TAC commander, recently announced that top fighter interceptor teams from the U.S. and Canada will compete in a worldwide weapons meet Sept. 29 through October 18, 1980.

Called "William Tell," the meet is held every two years at the Air Defense Weapons Center, Tyndall AFB, Fla.

Teams competing in several categories will fire unarmed missiles against drones and run intercepts on target aircraft on Tyndall's air combat maneuvering range in the Gulf of Mexico.

For added realism, the weapons firing evaluation will take place in an active air defense environment.

The competition allows air defense units to test their proficiency and at the same time help evaluate U. S. and Canadian tactics and weapons systems.

ANG units will be selected for the competition through a "shoot off" conducted by ADTAC. Participating units should know by early July.

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### DAP after juniors

The ARNG Direct Appointment Program has been changed in an effort to increase the number of junior officer accessions.

The change will appear in the revised NGR 600-100 scheduled for fielding in the near future.

The Direct Appointment Program is not intended to replace or supercede existing officer accession programs; rather, it offers the opportunity for appointment to a totally new audience of potential officers who might not otherwise consider careers as ARNG officers. The program allows appointment in any branch except AMEDD, JAGC, and Chaplains.

### Voluntary recall

Some 1,250 enlisted members of the Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve may be voluntarily recalled to extended active duty this summer.

The action aims to fill shortages with trained specialists in 170 career fields in the regular Air Force.

Interested applicants who meet basic requirements should submit Air Force form 125, "Application for Extended Active Duty," to the Air Reserve Personnel Center, through their unit commander. Final selections are in May.

### More Guard member eligible for HSMs

Two more disaster relief operations have been approved for award of the Humanitarian Service Medal (HSM), according to MilPerCen officials.

Soldiers who were "direct participants" in the Teton Dam operation in Idaho, June 5-19, 1976, and the Big Thompson Flood operation in Colorado, July 31-August 3, 1976, are now eligible for the HSM.

Soldiers must have been in the operations area, officials stressed. Certificates, copies of TDY or special duty orders, and other reports may be used to verify participation.

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Pennsylvania's Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Richard M. Scott presents Presidential commendation to Army Guard Warrant Officer 1 Charles R. Flory, for his suggestion that landing gear dampers on OH-6 helicopters be repaired rather than replaced. In one year it saved the federal government \$176,000.



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## 14th NBG/NGAUS photo contest winners



**Best of Competition (Color):** Staff Sgt. James L. Knapp, 180th Tactical Fighter Group, Ohio ANG.



**Best of Competition (Black and White):** Tech. Sgt. Steven M. Ware, 102nd CSS/OTCP, Massachusetts ANG.



**State Missions, First Place:** Staff Sgt. J. William Lockhart, 107th Public Affairs Detachment, Florida ARNG.



**Photo Feature, First Place:** Major Kent Jewell, 148th Public Affairs Detachment, Idaho ARNG.



**Community Service/Domestic Action, First Place:** Staff Sgt. Dennis J. Dudley, 106th CSS, New York ANG.

On this and the adjoining page we are pleased to display the work of the winners and runners-up in the Fourteenth Annual Photo Contest sponsored jointly by the National Guard Bureau and NGAUS. The top prizes of \$500 for Best in Competition for Color and for Black and White went to Air National Guardsmen from Ohio and Massachusetts. First place winners received awards of \$175 and runners-up received \$75.

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**State Missions, Second Place:** 1st Lt. Danny H. Hickman, HHC, 1st Bn., 120th Infantry (Mech), North Carolina ARNG.



**Human Interest, First Place:** Master Sgt. Melvin Sumpter, 137th CSS, Oklahoma ANG.



**Community Service/Domestic Action, Second Place:** Spec. 4 Hugh A. Smith, 133rd PAD, Kentucky ARNG.



**Photo Feature, Second Place:** Staff Sgt. Viesturs V. Pakis, 145th PAD, Oklahoma ARNG.



**Human Interest, Second Place:** Tech. Sgt. R. E. J. Myzie, 170 AREFG, New Jersey ANG.