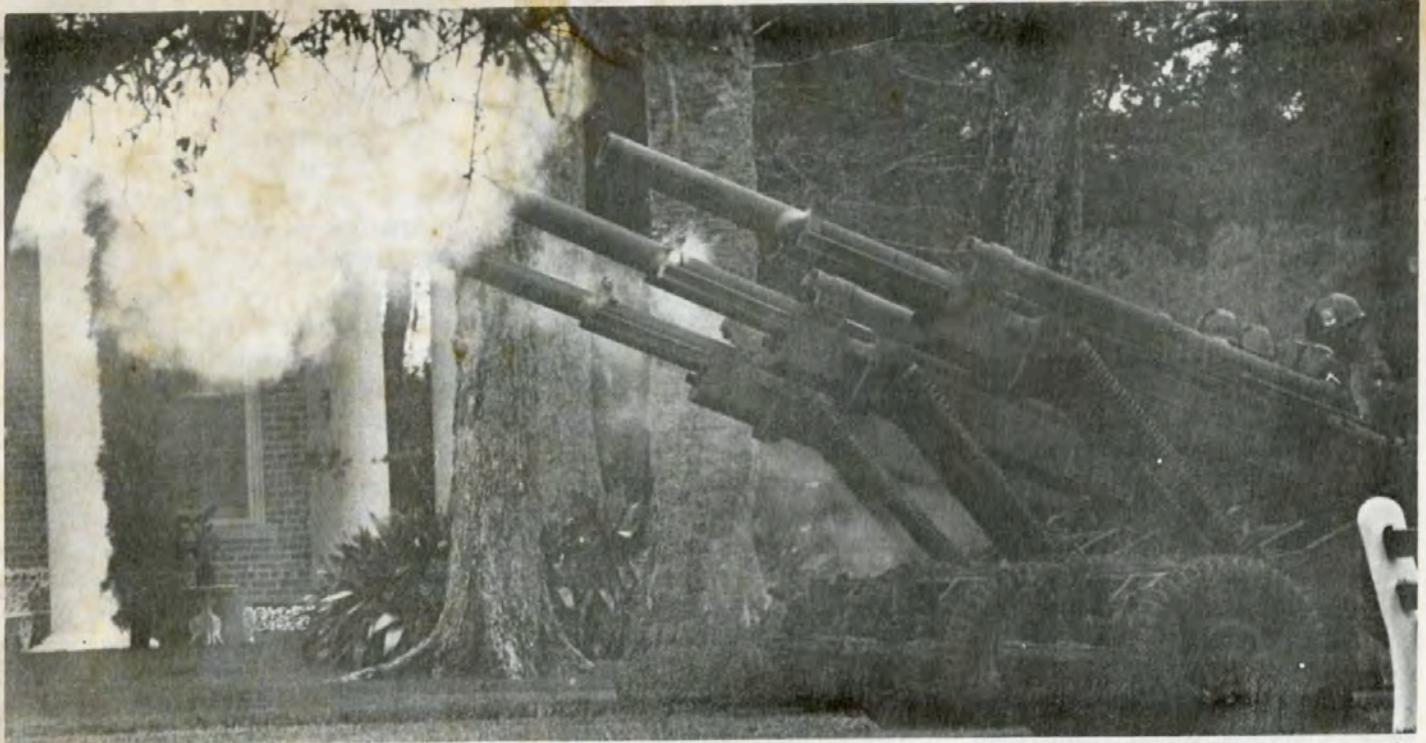




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(Photo by LT Shelby Warren)

141 FA celebrates its 142nd anniversary

The 141st Field Artillery celebrated its 142nd anniversary of continuous service during ceremonies conducted at Jackson Barracks, Sunday, March 8, 1981.

Colonel Joseph . Ecoppi, commander of the 5th Infantry Division Artillery presented officer sabers to Capt. Glenn M. Appe, headquarters battery commander; 1st Lt. David E. Stoltz, Battery A commander; Capt. Ronald A. Waller, Battery B commander; Capt. Hugh D. Castles, Battery C commander; and Capt. David R. Jennings, Service Battery commander.

Spec. 5 Paul Addison was presented the Colonel Numa P.

Avendano Award by Lt. Col. A.J. Duplantier.

The Colonel P. Benezech, Sr. Award for the Outstanding Non-commissioned Officer was presented to Sgt. 1st Class Jenel Stubbs for exemplary bearing, training, performance and qualities.

The AVENDANO Continuous Fire Steamer was presented to Capt. Glenn M. Appe of Headquarters Battery by Major Urban B. Martinez. Appe was cited for his unit's outstanding achievements in the annual general inspection, maintenance, readiness, recruiting, year-round and annual training.

Plaques of appreciation for outstanding service to the

Washington Artillery was presented by Major Urban B. Martinez, Jr. commander of the Washington Artillery, to Col. Joseph L. Ecoppi, Capt. Stafford J. Landry, Jr., Maj. Evans Rosa, and Chief Warrant Officer Warren Lund.

Brig. Gen. Ansel M. Stroud, Adjutant General of the State of Louisiana, presented various awards as follows: The Officer of the Year Award, presented to 1st Lt. David E. Stoltz; The Outstanding Technical Award to Spec. 5 Edward Ard; The Legion of Merit to retired Colonel Henry J. Lala; The Louisiana Cross of Merit Award to Col. Joseph L. Ecoppi and Capt. Stafford J. Landry, Jr.

TAG Comments

A-T is OKAY, Nix on absences



In this issue of the *PELIGRAM* I want to address two subjects which I believe must be dealt with if we are to continue to develop our Readiness and reach the goals which have been set for this year.

Those subjects are Annual Training and unexcused absences.

Soon, our units will be undergoing their Annual two-week training periods which provide the commanders and the members of the Guard a chance to see how well they have developed through the past training year, and provide an opportunity to gauge their progress toward Readiness.

Many of our units will be training in Louisiana at Ft. Polk, Camp Beauregard and Camp Villere. Others will be traveling out of state to participate in Annual Training.

Regardless of the location for their training, they will be working to achieve results which I and their commanders have discussed and consider possible. My staff and I will be monitoring their progress throughout the summer to determine how well they are able to accomplish those results, and reach our goals for the year.

However, the success of our AT periods rests not just with the commanders, but with each of us as members of the Guard.

We all have something at stake in this AT period. So, we must do our

part and we must do our individual tasks to the best of our abilities if we are to have a successful and worthwhile AT period.

Whether you will be driving a truck to transport supplies needed for training by other units, or driving a tank across the ranges of Ft. Polk, or whether you will be preparing meals for your fellow Guard members, or treating your Guard associates for injuries or monitoring their training to prevent heat injuries, you all will have a job to perform and it must be done, and done well.

I know I can count on the vast majority of you to perform your tasks in an enthusiastic and professional manner. Most of you have taken your enlistment oaths with serious candor and most of you will do your work regardless of the climate or circumstances.

There are some individuals, however, who will not, and some who have not, in the past training year, pulled their fair share of the load, who by refusing to attend scheduled training, or who, during past AT periods have ducked their responsibilities to the Guard, their units, and to their fellow Guard members.

These are the people to whom I address the remainder of this column, although I encourage all of you to "read on" and note that I do

not intend for **GOOD GUARD MEMBERS** to suffer because of the poor judgement of other, less professional and mature members of their units who shirk their responsibilities.

In more than three decades with the Guard, I have never seen a justifiable reason for someone to go AWOL. There simply is no reason to be AWOL for training this summer.

I am confident individuals with legitimate, verifiable reasons for performing an alternative AT period can find some resolution to their problems through their chain of command. However, I also know, and, we have all known, that AT would be conducted this summer and the dates have been published for almost a year, now. In other words, we all accepted a commitment for AT, and for units to meet their Readiness goals we have to attend AT with our units.

When a Guard member is not available for AT, someone else must pick-up his or her load and carry it through the entire AT period. As a result, other Guard members may think the missing member is "getting over," so, I want to assure each of you this is **not** and **will not** be the case for 1981.

Our Louisiana Military code and the UCMJ provide adequate means

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Guard veterans take a nostalgic trip During ceremonies at Camp Beauregard

They came from as far away as Longwood, Texas and from as nearby as Alexandria but they shared a common experience and a chance to renew old acquaintances when the 199th Support Battalion welcomed some 40 former Guard members to honor the 40th anniversary of the call-up for World War II at Camp Beauregard in March.

For many of the veterans it was the first time they had met in four decades and the participants were visibly delighted to see their friends of days gone by. One remarked to a former soldier-buddy, "Hell, I haven't seen you in forty years. By the way, you still owe me \$5!"

For the former Guardsmen, reminiscing about the past was foremost in their minds as they poured over old scrapbooks and photos while they moved about the armory and looked over the modern Guard facilities.

But that was expected and taken in stride by the members of today's Guard who were present for the occasion.



REMEMBERING—Milton W. Simpson of Alexandria, a member of the Guard during the mobilization in 1940, pauses during the playing of "Taps" to honor his fellow Guardsmen who died in action during World War II. (LANG Photo)

Told to line up for a formation so they could be introduced, one of the former Guardsmen remarked, "Who wants us to do this anyway?"

When the answer came, "They want you to do it," he retorted, "For forty years I have been wanting to know who 'they' is, and I still am!"

Neil Johnson, principal of Twin Cities High School in Pineville led the former Guardsmen through memory lane as he recalled experiences which each of the veterans identified with, from stale Red Cross donuts to the constant rain the men experienced as they trained for their inevitable entrance into combat.

Formed into a platoon, the veterans quietly bowed their heads as a lone bugler sounded Taps in honor of their friends who were mobilized with the former Guardsmen, but who never returned from the conflict on foreign soils having paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Following the formal ceremonies, the Guardsmen of four decades ago took in a tour of Camp Beauregard noting the progress which had been made since many of them trained, lived and worked out of tents on the post during their mobilization.

141. FA tries out new incentives

One goal of recruiting has taken on a new meaning for the men of the 141st Field Artillery, the "Washington Artillery," thanks to a challenge from their battalion commander, Major Urban B. Martinez.

"We can't leave recruiting strictly up to battalion recruiters," Martinez said. "We have to place the emphasis for recruiting among the men and on a one-on-one, more personal level."

To aid in his goal of putting recruiting as a major goal among his troops, Martinez said he went to an incentive program, a program that may be a little unorthodox, but one that has paid off in a big way.

"We offer a \$1,000 bonus to any man that brought in 10 new men to the unit," Martinez said. "What we're trying to do is get the men to interest members of their own peer group."

Martinez said the "bounty system" has several hidden dividends that are beginning to pay off for his unit. He added that everyone who recruited someone received a cash bonus, secured from a private source.

"If a man recruits a friend or someone he knows," he added, "then that man is going to feel a little responsible for how this recruit handles himself."

The idea of having the recruiting done by the men in the unit has

another bonus, Martinez said. "We have a lot of guys who exhibit great pride in the unit because they know they're helping out."

For the one month that the bounty system was in effect, Martinez said he had a net increase of 30 people into the unit.

"On a program like this, people get involved," he said. "This program has also helped me ID people that are good recruiters."

"We've put a lot of enthusiasm into the unit by getting our people involved," Martinez said. "That's what counts, the enthusiasm generated by the people themselves."



ALERTNESS PAYS OFF—Pvt. George Hernandez stands in front of a house on North Roman Street, near the outer boundary of Jackson Barracks, that caught on fire and burned Jan. 22. After arriving on the scene, Hernandez called for the fire department and then went into a day care center nearby and lead 15 children to safety, averting a possible tragedy. (LANG Photo)

Security Guard leads kids Away from a fire threat

When Pvt. George Hernandez went on his normal rounds as a security guard at Jackson Barracks on Jan. 22 of this year, he didn't know how different a patrol it would be.

Hernandez, a member of the 39th Military Police Company from Jackson Barracks was on routine patrol that day when he saw a column of smoke coming up over the horizon.

"It looked like it may have been inside the compound," Hernandez said, "so I gunned it over there and found that the fire was off the post."

He added that he found the smoke was coming from a house on North Roman Street, that was on fire. A patrol car from the New Orleans Police Department was on the scene but had not yet reported the fire to headquarters.

The fire from the house was hot enough to blister the paint of a car parked in front and as Hernandez said, "I didn't know if there was any gas in the car so I began backing people up."

Hernandez called in the first report of the fire, asking his radio dispatcher to call the fire department.

The blaze caused several wires to melt and break, creating a dangerous situation around the buildings which were built close together.

"Everyone had gotten out of the house which was on fire and the one next door," Hernandez said, "but someone told me that there were still some children in a nearby day-care center and its roof had started to burn."

Twelve to 15 children, varying in ages from two to five years old were still in the building when Hernandez led them to safety and away from the building.

"The fire department arrived and began putting out the fire," he said. "It took them about 35 minutes to put out the fire."

After the fire was out and the firemen were finishing up, Hernandez said he went back, filed necessary reports and "went back on patrol."

200 years service

159th Honors 8 retirees

Eight long-time Air Guardsmen, including two who saw action in World War II, were bade good-bye by the 159th Tactical Fighter Group during the March Unit Training Assembly.

CMSgt. John A. Parish, who manned a machine gun to fight off Japanese planes during the bombing of Pearl Harbor, retired with 40 years of service. Parish was presented the Louisiana Commendation Medal, a plaque honoring his years of service, the Minuteman Trophy and a certificate.

SMSgt. Sam J. Bucceri, an aerial gunner in B17 aircraft who saw action over Germany during the Second World War, received the same awards, which were presented by the late Brigadier General Carl L. Trippi, former Assistant Adjutant General for Air.

Also honored upon their retirement were Master Sergeants Gerald E. Bruneau, Robert E. Hirstius, Harold A. Kattengell and John J. Nugent; Tech Sergeant Charles J. Maurer, Sr., and Staff Sergeant William D. Terrebonne.

Sergeants Bucceri and Kattengell each served for 32 years; Nugent, 31 years; Hirstius, 27; Bruneau, 26; Maurer, 24; and Terrebonne, 21. Joining in presenting the awards were Brigadier General George Dowd, Air Guard Chief of Staff for Air, and Col. Marion D. Garrett, commander of the 159th Tactical Fighter Group.

In addition, SSgt. Edward G. Whyte, a 1978 retiree, was presented the Minuteman Award, and Master Sergeant Jimmie B. Baker was presented the Louisiana Commendation Medal in recognition of his accomplishments as a recruiter.



HALL OF FAME—Former Master Sergeant Paul Boren stands beside the portrait of himself which now hangs in the Louisiana National Guard Hall of Fame. (LANG Photo by TSgt Ken Barlow)

Air Guard hero, Boren Is Hall of Fame inductee

A former member of the Louisiana National Guard, who was the first recipient of the Louisiana Medal of Honor, was inducted into the Guard's Hall of Fame February 13th at Jackson Barracks.

Former Master Sergeant Paul Boren was the aircraft engineer aboard a B-26 bomber belonging to the Air National Guard's 122 Light Bomber Squadron which crashed about 500 yards from Gentilly Highway near Michoud while attempting an emergency landing in March 1948.

The impact of the crash caused the bomber to flip over, tearing the nose section from the aircraft and throwing one crewman from the plane before it burst into flames.

Boren was dazed in the crash but

managed to help a second crew member from the burning craft before he realized the pilot was still in the burning wreckage.

Ignoring the danger posed by the 750 gallons of blazing high octane gasoline still aboard the aircraft, and his own injuries, Boren returned to the airplane and helped the pilot to safety just seconds before the bomber exploded into flames.

For his actions, Boren was awarded the Soldier's Medal in 1949, and through a special act of the joint legislature received the Louisiana Medal of Honor.

His selection to the Louisiana National Guard Hall of Fame marks the first time an enlisted member has been chosen for the honor.

Marksmen Triumph— —Again

To most Louisiana National Guard members it should come as no surprise that the Louisiana National Guard pistol team has a reputation for accuracy.

After all, that's what marksmanship is all about.

But, for the second year in a row Louisiana team members have hit the mark in national competition and meets within Fifth Army in a big way.

Sgt. Tom Patterson, for his second year in a row, walked away from the Chief, National Guard Bureau competitions as the Individual Pistol Champion, outshooting the Sixth Army champ in the process. Teammate Spec 4 Charlie Abbott placed among the leaders as the Fifth Army champion. Patterson shot a score of 291 while Abbott fired a 289, indicating how close the competition came to be.



Sgt. Tom Patterson

Meanwhile, the team from Headquarters, 1st Battalion, 156th Armor blasted its way to the top spot in Fifth Army amassing a score of 1121 points, just 9 points behind the team which swept away the first place trophy in the competition which took place in Nashville, Tenn. recently.

Team members included Abbott, Sgt.'s 1st Class Willie Washington, and Dan Saxon, and Spec. 4 Jerry Pickett.

BG Carl L. Trippi dies after illness

Brig. Gen. Carl L. Trippi, Assistant Adjutant General for Air of the Louisiana National Guard died March 21st after becoming ill at a family reunion. He was 54, a resident of Metairie, La. and had been a member of the Guard for more than three decades.

Trippi attended elementary and high school in Hammond, La., joining the Army Reserve Corps in September 1943, and serving on active duty in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

He joined the Louisiana Air National Guard in 1946 after returning to the United States, and, in 1951 received a direct commission upon his acceptance into pilot's training.

Trippi served on active duty during the Korean conflict, receiving his primary pilot training at Perrin AFB, Tex., and graduating



BG Carl L. Trippi

with honors from Basic Multi-engine pilot school at Reese AFB, Tex.

In 1964, he became commander of the 159th Consolidated Aircraft

Maintenance Squadron where he served until April 1973 when he was appointed Deputy Chief of Staff for the Louisiana Air National Guard.

He became Chief of Staff for the Louisiana Air National Guard in October 1973 and was promoted and federally recognized as a brigadier general on February 6, 1976.

On July 20, 1979, General Trippi was appointed as Louisiana Assistant Adjutant General (Air).

Trippi was manager of aircraft operations for the Eastern Region of Chevron Oil Company in his civilian work.

Funeral services were held at Lake Lawn Funeral Home in Metairie, La., Tuesday March 24th with burial at Garden of Memories Cemetery.

His survivors include his wife, the former Rita Stumph; a daughter, Susan; and a stepson, Lyle B. Helwick of Metairie, La.

LANG is the host for Chief's 50

More than 150 Army National Guard recruiters and managers from throughout the United States converged on New Orleans in February when the Louisiana National Guard hosted a nationwide Recruiting and Retention Manager's Conference.

Maj. Gen. A.M. Stroud, Jr., Louisiana Adjutant General welcomed the guests to signal the start of the conference which promised a taste of Mardi Gras in addition to three days of workshops for the recruiting and retention managers.

Highlighting the events Tuesday was the awarding of the "Chief's 50" award to top Army National Guard recruiters from each state and territory by Man. Gen. Emmett H. Walker, Director of the Army National Guard.



TOP RECRUITER—Major General Emmett H. Walker, Director of the Army National Guard congratulates Master Sergeant William Look on being named the top recruiter for the Louisiana National Guard for 1980. (LANG Photo)

Guardsmen remember World War II call-up

It was the beginning of the 40's, some four decades ago. The Nazi boot had stamped its imprint across Western Europe in a series of blitzkriegs which had left much of the world in shock. British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain had tried to achieve a diplomatic solution to German expansionism and had failed.

With one seemingly unstoppable war machine spreading across Western Europe and another forging its own domination in the Far East bringing more and more territory under control of the Rising Sun, global conflict appeared inevitable, and was.

Louisiana and its citizens were no exceptions to this activity, especially members of the Louisiana National Guard, who, this year celebrate the fortieth anniversary of that huge mobilization effort.

From the Alexandria area at least three former members of the Louisiana National Guard remember that call-up well, and how it affected them and their unit, Company M, 156th Infantry.

For Marshall T. Cappel, Rapides Parish Sheriff; Milton W. Simpson, successful Alexandria Insurance broker and Neil Johnson, Principal of Twin Cities High School in Pineville, the mobilization brought a variety of memories.

Johnson was a private at the time, serving as an ammunition bearer for Company M which was mobilized at the Louisiana College gymnasium, across the river from Alexandria.

"I don't think I'll ever forget a Lieutenant Calhoun," he said. The lanky Johnson had difficulty staying in step with the other members of his unit while marching, because of his oversized stride. To correct his problem he remembered making countless trips "Up and down the football field at Louisiana College with Lieutenant Calhoun until I got the stride right."

Simpson recalled the call-up somewhat differently. "Lot of fellows were in the National Guard to eat. The depression was on and you drilled twice a week and got a little money for it, and went to camp two weeks in the summer," he said.

For Simpson, the call-up brought a rapid advancement from "Buck" sergeant to company First Sergeant when the regular "first shirt" was found medically unqualified to be retained. As such Simpson was the "Old man in the unit."

The eight-year Guard veteran had been working to support his mother and two sisters, and had dropped out of college and a football scholarship a few years earlier when his mother had become ill.

M.T. Cappel was a platoon leader in Company M when the call-up came and received his promotion to First Lieutenant the same date.

Soon after returning to Camp Blanding, Cappel was transferred to the 38th Infantry Division at Camp Shelby, Ms. He trained with that unit, participating in the massive Louisiana Maneuvers before his unit was shipped overseas to the Southwest Pacific.



MACARTHUR VISIT—M.T. Cappel is shown in this reproduction of a photograph from the 38th Infantry Division yearbook as he stands beside General Douglas MacArthur with his Thompson sub-machine gun at the ready.

There he participated in combat operations in New Guinea, Bataan, Corregidor, Northern and Southern Luzon, and was cited for his work with Battalion Landing Team I.

For M.W. Simpson, progress during the war took a different path.

Simpson was commissioned on a Saturday at a time when there was no post exchange or clothing store from which he could obtain his officer's uniforms.

One major finally told him to go to a tailor who would cut strips from his shirts and fashion epaulettes. The major also gave Simpson a pair of gold bars and told him where he could get an officer's gold hat insignia.

However, when Simpson was assigned the task of taking the report the next day, his first official duty as an officer, he forgot to wear his lieutenant's bars and his officer's cap insignia prompting another surprise reaction.

The unit first sergeant presented the report without giving Simpson the salute or the traditional "Sir" rendered an officer.

When Simpson told the first sergeant he may have forgotten something, the top shirt remarked, "I salute the uniform, not the man," and the new Lieutenant Simpson realized he had been caught off-guard. . .and out of uniform.

Comments

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for dealing with individuals who choose to hit the AWOL trail.

In the past, sadly, but nonetheless realistically, we have had to place some of our members in confinement, through legal processes, because they refused to honor their AT obligation. The same has been true for some of our members who consistently refused to attend weekend training periods.

I do not like the idea of having to do this. However, I am committed to support these endeavors if they impress upon individuals the serious nature of their work with the Guard, and if it helps to insure that people attend scheduled training periods, both on weekends and during AT.

Let these be words of caution!

I take AT seriously and I consider our MUTA's important. You should, too. The consequences of failing to do so could be drastic.



PROMOTION TIME—Governor David C. Treen pins Major General A.M. Stroud, Jr., Louisiana Adjutant General, with the twin stars of his new rank in ceremonies held recently at the State capitol. Stroud was appointed to the top Guard Post by Treen in October 1980. (LANG Photo)



SIGHTING-IN—Dressed in the traditional uniform of the Washington Artillery, Staff Sergeant Bruce W. Fiege takes aim at an imaginary target before the 142nd anniversary of the oldest unit in the Louisiana National Guard. (LANG Photo)

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