

'Uncle Murray' leaves the Guard



MANY THANKS—Colonel Murray F. Landry, known by close friends as "Uncle Murray" accepts a certificate of appreciation from James Singleton, New Orleans City Councilman, on behalf of Mayor Ernest N. Morial during Landry's retirement ceremony at Jackson Barracks recently. (LANG Photo)

Walt Disney had "Uncle Remus," the nation had, and still has, "Uncle Sam," and until March 31st, the Louisiana National Guard's State Headquarters at Jackson Barracks had "Uncle Murray."

Actually, "Uncle Murray" was the affectionate name given to Colonel Murray F. Landry, who until his retirement was the Guard's foremost expert in physical security, charged with keeping and maintaining secure in vaults in armories throughout the state the multitudes of weapons and ammunition which the Guard uses.

A 31-year veteran of the Guard, Landry was noted for his inimitable lifestyle, his broad crinkly smile, the gleam which came to his eyes when he laughed, and his indefatigable, easy going manner.

Major General A.M. Stroud, Louisiana Adjutant General, described the veteran Guardsman as someone who somehow came away from every problem with a "sense of humor."

The crowd of more than 100 well-wishers who crowded into the Schiro Hall for a luncheon to honor Landry, applauded their agreement with that description of the venerable, yet likeable man who most of them had come to respect not only for his professional know-how, but the relaxed yet effective manner with which he approached his duties.

A former sheriff of Assumption Parish, Landry was go-between for the Guard in its work with most law enforcement agencies in the state. His more than 20 years of work in that field made him well qualified for his position as both the Chief of Security for the Guard and as its Provost Marshall.

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'Uncle Murray'

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As proof of Landry's professional expertise Stroud presented him with the U.S. Army's Legion of Merit for his work in developing a series of handbooks and regulations concerning physical security, the foundation for the Guard's program throughout the state to effectively safeguard and maintain accountability for its numerous weapons and other sensitive, high valued items of equipment.

Landry's first taste of military life came in 1942 when he enlisted as a private in the Army Air Corps. He soon was flying aerial combat missions in the European Theater of Operations during World War II, feats which won him the Air Medal with Silver Oak Leaf cluster, and four Bronze Oak Leaf clusters.

The graduate of Belle Rose High School and Louisiana State University entered the Guard in 1947 as a sergeant with D Battery,

769th Anti-Aircraft Artillery in Donaldsonville.

From 1956 to 1960 he was Deputy Sheriff for Assumption Parish, the start of a law career which eventually spanned two decades, after he was elected to the post of sheriff in 1960.

Somehow he managed to find time for the Guard during his work in Assumption Parish, serving as an Engineer group personnel officer, logistics officer, and executive officer, as well as the operations and logistics officer posts with the Guard's Rear Area Support Group.

He graduated the Engineer Officer's Advanced Course in 1966, and the Army's Command and General Staff College in 1972 in a Guard career which saw his named as the commander of the 2222nd Engineer Battalion in 1969, the executive officer of the Guard's 204th Area Support Group in 1973, commander of the same unit in 1975, and, the same year, commander of the 225th Engineer Group.

During the course of his career he received the Infantry Shoulder Cord, the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with two hourglasses, the Louisiana Emergency Service Medal, and Louisiana Longevity Medal with 30-year device.

During the ceremonies March 31st, he received an additional Longevity Medal award presented by Brig. Gen. Joseph L. Dabadie Jr., Commander of Installations for the Louisiana National Guard, as well as the National Guard's Silver Minuteman Award and a Certificate of Service from the National Guard Bureau in Washington, D.C., presented by Colonel Roy I. Nomey, Chief of Staff for the Louisiana Army National Guard.

James Singleton, New Orleans City Councilman, presented Landry a Certificate of Appreciation from the city on behalf of Mayor Ernest N. Morial in recognition of Landry's behind the scenes work with city officials during the Police Strike in 1979 and for his advisory work with city officials since that time.

Landry's wife, Iris received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Department of the Army for her support of her husband's career with the Guard.



"PART TUB—PART SUB"— Two members of the 156th Infantry (Mechanized) take a different approach to crossing a body of water during the recently held Contraband Days in Lake Charles. The two guardsmen were just part of a large flotilla that took to the water during the local celebration.



AT THE READY—William Hanchett of Company A, 769th Engineer Battalion defends his position during a recent Field Training Exercise held at Camp Beauregard, near Alexandria, La.



TAKING A BREAK—While the FTX continues all around him, this Guardsman decided it was time to take a little break. Units from three engineer battalions took part in the weekend exercise.

Engineers train at special FTX



Members of the 527th, 528th, and 769th Engineering Battalions of the Louisiana National Guard drilled extensively in survivability training, battlefield techniques, electronic warfare, and field communications training during a weekend field training exercise (FTX) held at Camp Beauregard, near Alexandria this ummer.

The three battalions consists of nearly 1500 Guardsmen, each having over 500 members within eight statewide units.

The 527th is headquartered in Shreveport and commanded by Lt. Col. Floyd Byrd with units located in Blanchard, Camp Beauregard, Marksville, Jena, and Ruston.

Units of the 528th, headquartered

in Monroe and commanded by Lt. Col. Thomas O. Tyra, are located in Monroe, West Monroe, Farmerville, Bastrop, Oak Grove, Jonesville, and Ferriday.

The 769th, headquartered in Baton Rouge, is commanded by Lt. Col. Lawrence E. Bergeron, Jr. Its units are located in Baton Rouge, Plaquemine, New Roads, Gonzales, Baker, and Donaldsonville.

These battalions are just three of the many battalions who participate in the year-round training program.

According to the battalion commanders, this training is designed to increase the readiness and proficiency of the Guardsmen as members of the national defense team.

Air Guard Trains In Florida

Sun, surf and hard work made for a good mixture during a recent two-week training tour at Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, for members of the 159th Communications Flight of the Louisiana Air National Guard.

The Flight usually trains one weekend per month at the Naval Air Station (Alvin Callendar Field) in Belle Chasse, Louisiana; but during this annual tour, they relocated to Cocoa Beach, Florida.

They assisted the regular Air Force in such missions as telecommunications operations and ground communications electronics maintenance.

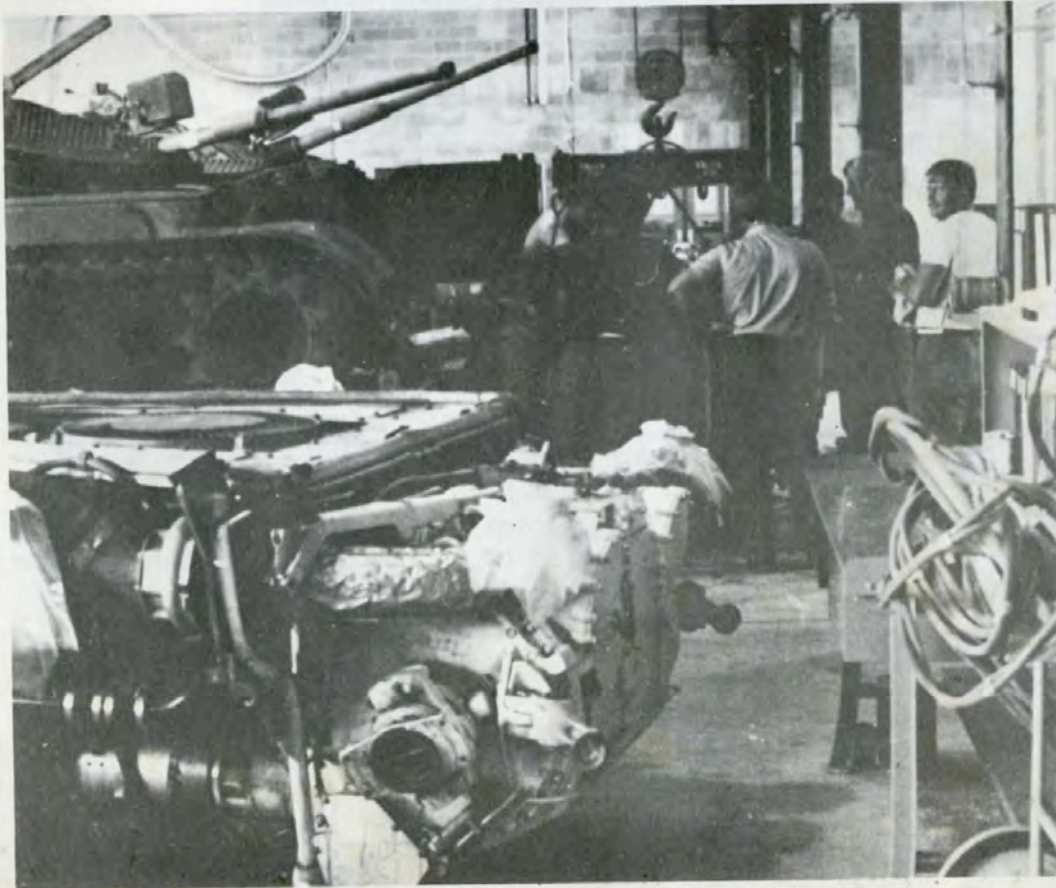
"This training is excellent," said Captain Michael A. Cushman. "This is a chance to intergrate with the regular Air Force, and to actually do

the jobs we are trained to do in the event we are called to active duty."

In addition to the individual career field training, each member also received general military training in areas such as small arms firing and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

Brigadier General George Dowd from Jackson Barracks visited the Communications Flight for two days, and commented favorably on the training facilities, excellent housing and messing facilities.

"The troops really got a lot from this training opportunity," said Cushman. "It was well balanced with good recreation and an exciting tour of the National Aeronautics Space Administration — Kennedy Space Center."



HEAVY DUTY REPAIRS—Guardsmen gather around the engine of an M60 tank while doing repairs at the MATES complex, located at Ft. Polk. MATES stands for Mobilization and Training Equipment Site and stores a large part of the heavy equipment used by the Louisiana National Guard.



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Keeping 'em ready at MATES

Freedom Contest Announced

Every year, the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge holds an essay writing contest on the subject of freedom.

This year the topic for the Armed Forces category of the contest is "America's Armed Forces: Foundations of Freedom."

Contest entries should address the unique freedoms that we in the United States enjoy and the obligation all citizens — particularly those serving in the Armed Forces — have in maintaining and protecting those freedoms.

Entries may be in either essay or poetry form and should be between 100 and 500 words in length. To enter, type your name, rank (not your pay scale), Social Security number, branch of service and complete unit address, along with

your permanent home address and ZIP code on your entry, and mail it to Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, PA 19481 before the deadline of Oct. 1, 1981.

Winners will be notified in writing by mid-February, 1982.

First prize is an encased George Washington Honor Medal and a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond. Additional prizes of \$50 Savings Bonds, Honor Medals and Valley Forge Honor Certificates will also be awarded.

Any member of the active, Guard, Reserve, ROTC or JROTC component of the Armed Forces of the United States may enter the writing contest.

For a complete brochure giving further contest details, write: Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, PA 19481.



(above) stand ready at MATES with everything from tanks and armored personnel carriers like the one pictured here standing ready in the sprawling complex at Ft. Polk.



Runners Get set!

Attention all Guardspersons and runners of the Guard. The Louisiana National Guard is sponsoring a 10-K (6.2 mi) race on December 6, 1981, in conjunction with the 40th anniversary of Pearl Harbor.

The race will feature two divisions to choose from: the awards division and the standard division. All runners who participate in the awards division will receive a trophy signifying their finishing position in the race.

There is also an added bonus for all Guardspersons who run the race. Those who complete the race in 75 minutes or less will be exempt from their four-mile-run in training year 1982.

Why not accept this as your challenge, start your running program now and be ready to compete on December 6th.

The race will start at Jackson Barracks and will continue down St. Bernard Hwy., to Pakenham Oaks. Runners will then turn at the Oaks and return to Jackson Barracks where there will be refreshments waiting.

For additional information about the race, contact CW Stanley Sirgo, 271-6262 extension 219 at Jackson Barracks.

Guardsmen help out

For the past eight weeks Louisiana National Guard engineers have been busy leveling the St. Bernard Parish landfill area.

The heavy equipment section of the 769th, 527th, 528th, and the 205th engineers leveled 50 to 60 acres of trash and debris that was stacked 10 feet high in areas.

Col. Alvin Vath, director of plans and security for the Louisiana Guard said that the Guard engineers saved St. Bernard Parish hundreds of thousands of dollars in equipment and labor expenses.

In addition to saving the parish a great deal of money, the Guardsmen also eliminated a fire hazard. St.

Bernard Police Jury President Nunzio Cusimano said parish officials were concerned about additional fires since a fire earlier this year smoldered for weeks.

Maj. Gen. Ansel M. Stroud, Jr., Louisiana Adjutant General and commander of the state's National Guard, said one of the 'dozers the Guard used in the project cost \$150,000 to \$250,000.

Stroud said the landfill clearing is a project to benefit the community service program.

Stroud added that the Guard would be anxious to participate in any community service project that would add to its training program.

New standards set for WO's

The Army National Guard has announced a new set of mandatory requirements called the Warrant Officer Professional Development Program (WOPD).

The new program will not only make sure that Army National Guard warrant officers receive the best and latest training available, but will also help encourage the retention of professionally trained officers. The program is unique to the ARNG as no other component of the Total Army has yet established mandatory educational requirements for retention as well as for promotion.

In order to be eligible for promotion under the new program, a warrant officer must have

completed the required minimum time in grade and either the resident or non-resident educational requirements for his or her particular area of expertise.

The educational levels required for promotion are as follows, according to the new ARNG regulations; Basic Course, W1 to W2; Advanced Course, W2 to W3; Senior Course, W3 to W4.

In addition, all W4s are required to complete 25 hours or more of related training, application or self-improvement every two years. In a nutshell this means active duty training, full-time training duty, sub-courses, college courses or instruction until retirement.

In the last issue of the *Peligram*, Ellis Chesire was not identified as a Guardsman in a story about his efforts with another Guardsman to rescue a man from a burning automobile in Monore.

Chesire is a member of Det. 1, Co. C., of the 528th Engineer Battalion, based in Oak Grove.

Chesire and a fellow Guardsman, Sgt. Ernest D. Peterson Jr., of the 156th Army Band are credited with saving a man from Oklahoma who was trapped in his burning automobile following a traffic accident.

The *Peligram* apologizes for this oversight.

The training pays off

By SP4 Jack Marino
Staff Writer

Expectations can be a person's worst enemy. I found that to be quite true when I arrived at the Defense Information School (DINFOS), at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

I was briefed and warned time and time again before leaving my comrades here at the 241st Public Affairs Detachment about the perils of DINFOS but being the type of person that I am, I was certain that things would go much smoother for me.

I found just how wrong I was during my first hour at Ft. Benjamin Harrison.

As I was checking in I was having dreams of grandeur: open bay barracks with wall lockers that locked; restrooms where the plumbing actually worked; and last of all, a recreation room with an ancient but working television.

To my disappointment I found my dreams shattered. As I gathered up my linen, my mind had gone into a frenzy. I was delirious with fear, not knowing what awaited me just down the road.

Five frightful minutes later there I was, standing at the threshold of my new home for the next five days. My fears were not in vain as my new home turned out to be a dilapidated World War II barracks.

I must confess, this was the first time I'd seen a building in such bad shape; the walls were falling off the paint instead of vice versa.

My first thought after seeing the barracks was, "My God! If this is our living quarters, our classrooms must be grass shacks!"

Monday brought an end to that fear as classes were held in Gates Lord Hall, a large well-equipped building complete with snack bar, various auditoriums, broadcast studios and faculty rooms.

The faculty was quite the type that fit this type of setting. While they were reservists and guardsmen in military life; they were top notch professors, teachers, broadcast and newspaper specialists in civilian life.

The sight of the facilities and the first impression the faculty made put me in dreamland.



"This is fantastic! I'm finally out of the woods," I said to myself.

To make it par for the course, I was wrong again. Not wrong about the school or the faculty, but wrong about the easy time I was going to have in the course itself. From the second I walked into my first session, the faculty bombarded the class with instruction and hours upon hours of practical application.

The faculty was certainly loyal to their cause. Their task was simple enough; teach us a ten-week course in five days. Our task was just as simple; learn a ten-week course in five days. I thought I was going to die.

At this point I began to miss the good ole' days of being an infantry lineman with the Marines. In those days my head was only used as a hat rack. The Marine Corps did all my thinking for me.

"What am I doing here?" I asked myself. "I haven't had to think in years. My brains will be reduced to scrambled eggs before I get half way through the course."

I was certain it would take a miracle to get my brain back into good working order again.

The faculty was very methodical about the teaching process they were using to get us through the course. It reminded me very much of basic training. They took us in whatever shape we were in, broke all the cliches and beliefs we had about

news writing and began to mold us into journalists.

Do you remember what I said about expectations being a person's worst enemy?

Well, a good example of that came on Tuesday when I found that I had passed my second straight paper without having to do a rewrite. With my confidence intact I expected to breeze through the course.

However, there was one thing I failed to realize. One of the rewards for doing a good job is that you are given the chance to do harder assignments.

Just how hard isn't always made clear, but it became clear on Wednesday.

There I was on top of the world when we were given our most difficult assignment yet.

My ideas of an easy time came to an end as my mind had suddenly fallen victim to the writers' block. I had become distressed, angered, and discouraged as I found myself doing rewrite after rewrite into the late hours of the night.

Fortunately for me, the instructors were determined to get us through the course. They put their spare time into getting us through the hard times. One thing was certainly made clear to us; the instructors were going to do their best to make sure none of us failed.

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Guardsmen Help out Georgetown

When the main pump supplying drinking water for the more than 200 water-users in Georgetown went out, members of the 528th Engineer Battalion came to the rescue.

The trouble for the citizens of Georgetown came, according to Greely Bradford, the town's water superintendent, when the main water pump and the back-up pump both went out and had to be repaired. Bradford said the two pumps "are just out of date."

Although the Town Council voted to ration water and even cut off water to some businesses, the Guard was called in to make sure that residents of the community had enough water.

Coming to the scene, described by one Georgetown resident as "modern-day cavalry," eight members of the 528th Engineer Battalion, headquartered in Monroe were sent in. The eight Guardsmen had been scheduled to take their two weeks of annual training at Camp Beauregard along with the rest of their unit, but were instead sent to Georgetown.

Lt. Col. David Cottingham, the regular Army advisor for the engineers, said the unit was sent to the town to "back up the water supply until they (the town residents) can get the system repaired."

The Guardsmen began to accomplish their mission by taking water from a nearby reservoir, purifying it and then adding to the town's storage tanks.

According to Sgt. David Cowans, the purification system being used by the Guardsmen can "process 1,500 gallons per hour at a continuous rate of flow."

Cowans, supervisor for the purification system, added that even though there may have been a few problems in getting the system operational when they first arrived, he doesn't foresee any further problems.

The entire process the

Guardsmen are using to supply water to the townspeople takes about four hours Cowan said. He said the process includes "coagulating" chemicals in the water, disinfecting it and then testing it.

One thing the Guardsmen did find in Georgetown was the hospitality of the people they were helping.

"The people of Georgetown are very receptive," Sgt. Percy Wilson said. "I guess it comes with being a small town, they've got a nice group of people here."

Even so, Bradford said the "town doesn't really have the money to feed them a catfish supper every night."

Bradford said the mayor of the community, Janet Esters, was seeking aid from the federal government in the form of small loans to help solve their problem and added that the future policies on water use in the community could depend on whether or not the mayor is successful.

According to Joseph V. Colson, assistant secretary of the Office of Emergency Preparedness in Baton Rouge, even though the problems at Georgetown have not been called a national disaster, it's still a big problem for the people of the community.

if we did it wrong. Pass or fail would brand the final exam, depending on the quality of the paper.

At 11:30 a.m., exams came to a close.

Graduation came a short while later at 2:30 p.m.

The ceremony was brief and to the point. There was no need for a grand celebration. The pride we had within was celebration enough.

On the flight back to New Orleans, I thought a lot about what I had gone through those five days. The training was certainly the best I had ever received. It felt good to have gained a sense of accomplishment as well as greater confidence in my ability to do a better job in my unit.

Training is the key.

The Louisiana National Guard has numerous correspondent and resident courses available, in just about any field imaginable. The courses aren't easy, but then again nothing worth having ever is.

Attention all units throughout the Louisiana National Guard, the staff of the *Peligram* wants to know about you.

If your unit is doing something, let the Public Affairs Office know two weeks in advance at (504) 271-6262, extension 227.

DINFOS...

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During the time that I was going through my writers' block, the senior instructor, Col. David Burdett, United States Air Force, stayed on my back, squeezed my mind and forced a passing paper out of me just 20 minutes before deadline.

At first I didn't like being pushed like that, but today I am grateful for it. It was the single most motivating factor in my passing the course, as I found myself doing things I never thought I could do.

On Friday, the day of graduation, the instructors were still putting us through the grinder.

Finals were at hand and there was no more room for nervousness or mistakes. This time it was a one shot deal.

There would be no more rewrites



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