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**The Airman and
Soldier of the Year**

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Celebrates their
143rd Birthday**

**Royal Eagle '82
Realistic Training
for 225th Eng Gp**



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Front Cover — “HOT ICE!” Boy Scouts from the New Orleans Area Council attempt to move a weighted can (hot ice) during a camporee at Camp Villere.

Editor's Line

In this issue of the *Peligram* a special story on the college tuition exemption program is profiled.

The writers of the *Peligram* are also offering a look at ceremonies held recently at Jackson Barracks in New Orleans by members of the 141st Field Artillery, or the “Washington Artillery” as they're more commonly known, celebrate their 143rd birthday.

The members of the artillery unit still wear their crest which reads “Try Us,” and with their ceremonies they brought the point across that they're still ready.

The tuition exemption program is something special offered to members of the Louisiana National Guard.

The program allows men and women in the Guard to take college courses with the Guard picking up the tab for their tuition. There are a few rules and regulations that go along with this program and the whole package is profiled in this issue of the *Peligram*.

We also take a look at the state's Engineer units and their involvement in Exercise Royal Eagle '82. Over 2000 members of the 225th Engineer group spent two days simulating their wartime mission.

From the tuition exemption program to ceremonies by the oldest unit in the Louisiana National Guard, we've got a lot for you in this issue with a promise to provide even more as the next issues come out.



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New AMED Recruiter Named. . .

Lieutenant Paula Smith has recently been named the AMED Recruiter for Louisiana. Lt. Smith will be concentrating her efforts on recruiting doctors and nurses for the state's medical units. She can be contacted at this TOLL FREE Phone: 1-800-422-2751.

Plan, Prepare, Perform. . . Your best protection from accidents. . .

This is the theme for this year's Annual Training Accident Prevention program. To implement this program and to supervise the overall Louisiana Guard Safety Program, The Adjutant General has announced the appointment of LTC Louis B. May as State Safety Officer. May will be working with Unit Safety Officers and NCO's to make AT '82 a success. Remember! Annual Training isn't successful until everyone is home safely.

Retention Force increased. . .

A member of the Headquarters Detachment, State Headquarters, MSgt. Roger Z. Toney, has returned from the United States Army Institute of Administration at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind. A major function of the school is to train personnel in the area of retention. As a graduate of the school, Toney will assume the duties as one of the state retention non-commissioned officers. Toney will be joining SFC Jim Thorn, area retention NCO for Area 1; SFC Bobby Smith, area retention NCO for Area 2; SSgt. Elridge Nelson, area retention NCO for Area 3 and SFC Frank Honeycutt, area retention NCO for Area 4. Anyone having questions about retention can call 1-800-442-2751.

The Captains to Europe program. . .

Army officials have announced that captains in the Army National Guard may now go on extended active duty tours to Panama under an expanded version of its Captains-to-Europe program.

The program provides Guard captains with training experience in an active Army unit, and an opportunity to support the active Army with their skill and knowledge. One Guard official said "The Guard will benefit from the experience these captains bring back to their states and at the same time they are fulfilling an active Army need for personnel in Europe and Panama."

To serve in Europe captains should have less than four years in grade and at least one year of Guard unit experience before submitting an application. Anyone applying should qualify in one of the following specialties: 11-15, 25, 48, 49, 52, 53, 71-74, 91, 95 or 97. It's also desirable one Army official said, for the applicants to have completed the advance course and to possess a baccalaureate degree. Those selected serve at brigade, battalion or company levels.

Under the Panama program, the Guard currently offers seven tours that vary from 24 months to 30 months. Captains must hold specialties as Special-Forces or foreign-area officers (Latin America) and have at least two years of Army National Guard unit experience immediately before submitting their application. They must also have less than four years in grade.

First lieutenants eligible for promotion to captain before entry on active duty may apply for the tours to both Europe and Panama.

The New BDU's are available now

Recent changes and additions have been made in the uniform regulations for the Louisiana National Guard. Among them is the addition of the black sweater, better known as the "wooley pulley", and the camouflage fatigues.

And as always with changes, people have a tendency to make their own changes in an attempt to remain individuals.

The most appreciated change is the black "wooley pulley", which comes as a welcome relief for many people in the Guard, and don't worry, regulations governing this article are simple. This garment is to be worn with army green trousers and shirt (long or short sleeves). Name plates are to be worn, centered on the chest plate provided on the right side of the sweater.

Enlisted personnel above the rank of corporal will wear shoulder boards in lieu of insignia on the collar, as will officers.

The exceptions will be that personnel authorized to wear a Distinguished Unit Identification badge (DUI) will wear it centered one quarter of an inch above the name plate after the nameplate has been adjusted also a quarter inch above the bottom of the chest plate and centered. If the DUI is not to be worn, the name plate is to be centered.

A new type of fatigue or battle dress uniform (BDU) is being circulated in the Army and National Guard. Presently new recruits are being issued camouflage fatigue uniforms (cammies). The uniform is being filtered to the ranks slowly, therefore it will be optional wear throughout the service until October 1, 1985. The Army has given out laundry instructions for this garment because of a problem with shrinkage of up to two percent. These garments are made of a cotton/polyester blend and should be washed, dried and put through the finishing cycle on the lowest possible setting. The BDU should not be exposed to temperatures greater than 130 degrees. For further information, contact the U.S. Support Activity, Philadelphia. The BDU is designed to be a loose fitting uniform, so take this into consideration when stating the size needed. Exact regulations on the wearing of subdued brass and other articles can be found in AR-670-1.

All "cammies" have not been approved by the Department of the Army, so when purchasing them from a civilian store check the label for the U.S. Army Uniform Control Certificate.

Presently, the Army is looking into a lightweight material to make the wearing of the camouflage fatigues more comfortable in a tropical climate.

In the area of camouflaged head gear, the only authorized garment is the ranger-style cap. Berets are not authorized for the National Guard. Attempts at individuality by units is not encouraged by the 5th Army Headquarters or by TAG, and will not be tolerated, according to an official with the AG's office.

It has been noticed that some people are wearing the olive drab "wooley pulley" with the regular fatigues — this is strictly against regulations. The olive drab "wooley pulley" is only authorized for wear by the U.S. Marine Corps on an official basis.

As a reminder, the regulations concerning nameplates and state patches has been revised, again. The nameplates are to be worn on the top edge of the pocket, and the state patch is to be one-half inch below the left shoulder seam. This is on all types of fatigues, including the newly issued "cammies".

It is well known that the Army has been looking into the possibility of switching to a brown boot made of rough leather, this idea has been abandoned for many reasons. In a test of durability, it was found that the life of the boot was much too short for use by today's Army, and that it gave little support to the foot and ankle. But the search goes on with the Army continuing to look for an alternative to the black leather combat boot.

So today's soldier, as always, is still the best dressed soldier in the world.

LAUNDERING AND RESULTS

TROUSERS		NEW	LAUNDERED
SIZE			
Lrg Reg	Inseam	32"	30 3/4"
	Waist	38 1/2	37 1/4
Med Long	Inseam	33 1/2	33
	Waist	36	35 1/2
Lrg Long	Inseam	32 1/2	32
	Waist	37	36
Sml Reg	Inseam	31	30
	Waist	30	28
Sml Short	Inseam	30	28
	Waist	30	28
Med Short	Inseam	29 1/2	28 1/2
	Waist	35	34
COAT			
Med Reg	Sleeve	25 1/2	24 3/4
	Shoulder	18 1/2	18
	Chest	22 3/4	21 1/2
Lrg Reg	Sleeve	25	24
	Shoulder	19	18 1/2
	Chest	25	24 1/2
Lrg Long	Sleeve	25	24 1/4
	Shoulder	19	19
	Chest	25 1/2	25 1/4
Sml Reg	Sleeve	23 1/2	23
	Shoulder	17	16
	Chest	22 1/2	21
Sml Short	Sleeve	22 1/2	22
	Shoulder	17	16
	Chest	21	20
Med Short	Sleeve	24 1/2	23 1/2
	Shoulder	18 1/2	18
	Chest	23	22 1/2

These were laundered in warm (not hot) water, and dried on Wash/Wear Fabric cycle and were not allowed to dry completely.

In Memory Of

Col. A.M. Waguespack

With the untimely death of Colonel Aubert M. Waguespack, members of the Louisiana Army National Guard mourn the loss of a capable leader, a good friend, and an avid sports competitor.

Tennis enthusiasts will miss his game. Colonel Waguespack was one of the founders of the Jackson Barracks Tennis Club.

His enthusiasm and love of the game he helped to introduce here was shared by officers and enlisted personnel alike and led to the eventual construction of the courts at Jackson Barracks.

Promoting his game involved the Colonel in the founding of numerous tennis clubs and country clubs throughout Louisiana. He was always to be found competing in tournaments and talking up the sport with novices.

Helping young athletes was always most important to Colonel Waguespack. A value he learned early in life from coaches who steered

him to becoming All-State Running Back at Donaldsonville High School.

He was quick to share experience and guidance with young people and a lifetime of winning ways serve as example to follow for all who knew him or knew of him.

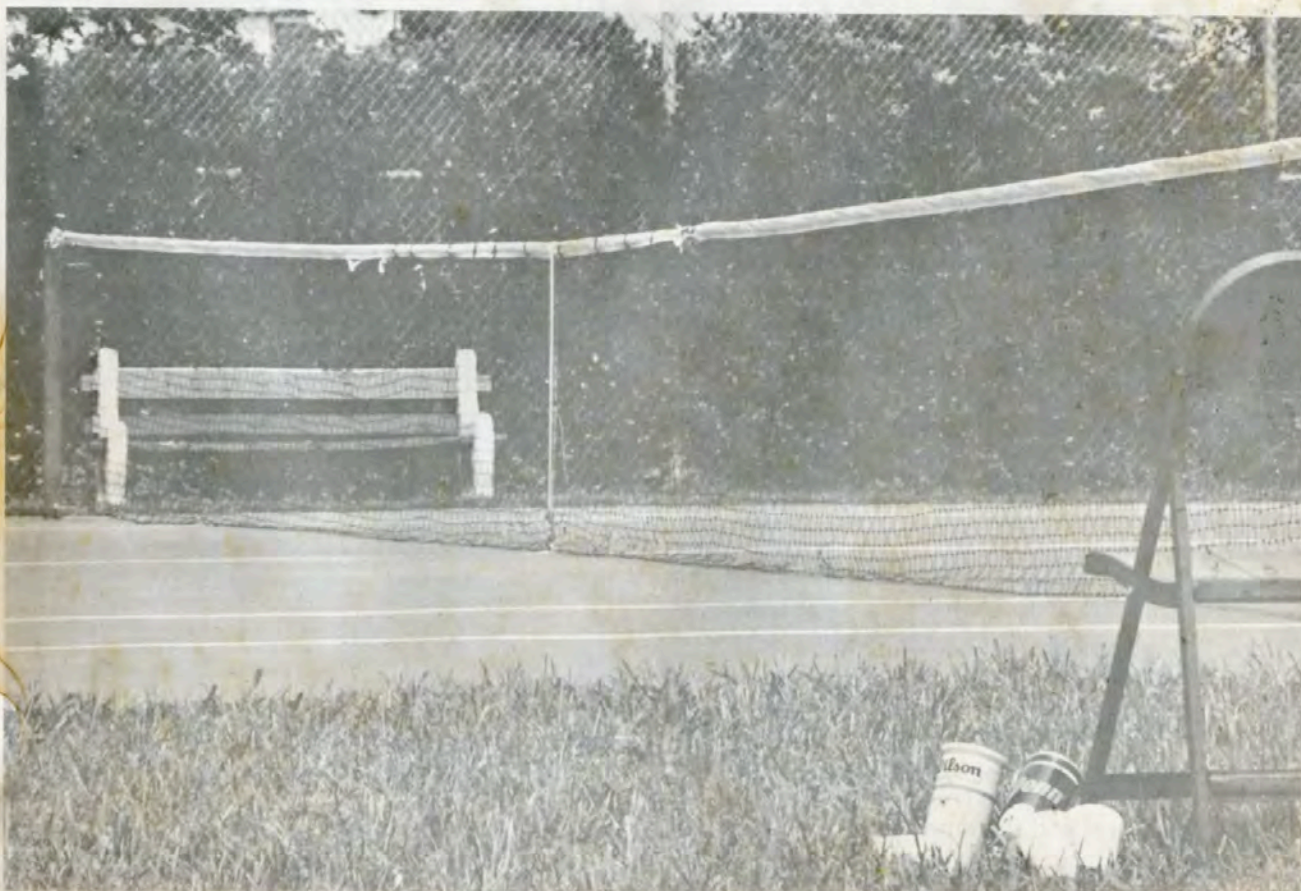
Colonel Waguespack's military career began in 1943. He enlisted as a Private in the Antiaircraft Artillery and served during wartime in Europe and the Pacific.

After enlisted service in the Louisiana National Guard he was appointed a second lieutenant in 1950 and was assigned to positions of increasing importance. In 1961 he was recalled to active duty for the Berlin Crisis serving as a battalion level supply officer.

Colonel Waguespack was 59 at the time of his death, and his military assignment was Director of Manpower Management at Jackson Barracks.

As tribute to Colonel Waguespack's lifetime dedication to young Louisiana athletes, members of the Jackson Barracks Tennis Club have proposed that the courts at Jackson Barracks be dedicated in his honor.

Game.



Sgt. Adams named Soldier of Year

Still floating on "Cloud Nine" is Sergeant Diane Adams, this year's winner of the Army National Guard's Soldier of the Year Award.

Adams has been in the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment stationed at Jackson Barracks, New Orleans, since March of this year, and was formerly a member of the 39th MP Company, also stationed in New Orleans.

Adams has been in the Guard for three years and is now a full-time National Guard employee. Her job is to schedule new Army National Guard enlistees for basic training.

The Soldier of the Year nominee is chosen from the ranks of E-1 through E-7 by commanding officers, according to Adams, and each year it is awarded to only one person in the state.

Chief Warrant Officer Warren Lund, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Jackson Barracks, New Orleans, nominated Adams to the commanding officer for her persistence, motivation, and patience with the very tedious details in her job.

According to Lund, when slots were seemingly unavailable at a time most convenient for a basic trainee, Adams would work hand-in-hand with the National Guard Bureau in Washington, D.C., to try and get slots for them.

An excellent example, cited by Lund, was that last year Adams placed 10 people from the same unit in the same place at the same time for basic training where no buddy system existed.

"I was told three weeks prior to the Enlistedman's Convention that I had been nominated for the award. This alone was a very nice surprise," said Adams.

The Friday before the convention, the Selection Board interviewed Adams and the other nominee finalists.

The Selection Board consisted totally of senior regular Army advisors except for Command Sergeant Major



Harold Cook from Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, New Orleans. Cook is the Command Sergeant Major for the State of Louisiana and was president of the Selection Board.

According to Adams, the interview consisted of questions about her specific Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) Training; our flag; military customs and chain of command; world affairs; and she added, she was also judged on personal military appearance.

This year's award was presented to Adams at the Enlistedman's Convention which was recently held in Bossier City, Louisiana.

"When I was presented the trophy, everyone was saying 'Speech! Speech!' but I was too awed for words. I carried my trophy at the banquet (it has three layers, and is very beautiful) because I was so very, very proud of it," she said.

At the beginning, Adams said, she never thought of even being nominated, but is glad she was.

"When I called my mother in Florida, she was so very happy and proud of me that she even started crying," Adams said.

"But even if I hadn't won the Soldier of the Year Award," Adams added, "I would have been honored just to have been nominated."

Sr. Airman Hamilton Wins Airman Honors

In real times of need, true leaders are discovered as the 214th Electronic Installation Supply Squadron of the Louisiana Air National Guard stationed at Jackson Barracks, New Orleans, recently found out.

Senior Airman Eugenia Hamilton recently won various Airman of the Year awards on local, state, and regional levels for her performance last year of temporarily taking control of her section sergeant's job after he had suffered a heart attack.

According to Hamilton, she lined up training classes so that the section could still function until a new leader could be found. Hamilton, 41 years old, said that being a mother, raising four children, being in the Air National Guard for three years, and in the Navy for 16 months helped her assume authority.

At the time of her section sergeant's illness, Hamilton was an Airman First Class, the newest and lowest ranking member in her section.

She feels that this aptitude and ability to assume and keep things under control helped her to win two local, two statewide, and two regional awards among very stiff competition: (Local) Airman of the Year of the 214th Electronic Installation Squadron; Airman of the Year for the Electronic Installation Squadrons; (Statewide) Airman of the Year for the State of Louisiana; Overall Airman of the Year for the State of Louisiana; (Regional)



Engineer Installation Center (EIC) Airman of the Year Award.

"Starting at the bottom, nominees are selected one person from each category (by rank E-1 to E-4, E-4 to E-6, E-7 to E-9) in each squadron," Major Holly Trosclair said. "They can win awards in their category as well as an overall winner out of the three.

"Then each of the three, one from each category, will compete on the state level, and possibly on to the national level in the same manner," said Trosclair, installation officer for the 214th Electronic Installation Squadron stationed at Jackson Barracks, New Orleans.

"I wish there were more fine people like Hamilton in the Air National Guard," Trosclair added.



MSgt. Davis wins Chief 50's Award

A 21-year veteran with the Louisiana National Guard has been named as the winner of the coveted Chief's 50 Award for recruiting efforts in the Baton Rouge area during 1981.

MSgt. Jacob L. Davis, a recruiter for Headquarters and the Headquarters Detachment for the 2223rd and 769th Engineer Battalions, Louisiana Army National Guard, was named as the state's top recruiter for helping recruit 123 individuals into those units during the past year.

Davis, according to Capt. Stafford Landry, with the Guard's Recruiting Command, first became a recruiter in February, 1976.

"From that time, he's really shown what he's made of," Landry said. "This award is important because it entails the individual being recognized by the Chief of the National Guard Bureau in Washington for his efforts in recruiting."

Landry added that Davis competed with 32 other recruiters stationed around the state for the award. The competition he added, "gets stiffer every year and that's a good sign that our people are out there working."

The award ceremony, where Davis and the top recruiters from the other states will be honored, will take place in Washington, D.C., at a later date.

"We've got a pretty stiff regional competition, but this is a really important event," Landry said. "MSgt. Davis will be representing the entire state at that ceremony and I think he's done an excellent job."

Davis, as part of his job, covers the Baton Rouge area, looking for people who may want to enlist in the Guard.





Guardsmen

Recently the Louisiana National Guard sponsored a council wide Boy Scout Camporee at Camp Villere, La., near Slidell. Attending the camporee were approximately 60 Boy Scout troops, 900 scouts and 200 leaders representing eight Boy Scout districts from the New Orleans Area Council.

The camporee kicked off Friday evening, March 19, 1982, and continued through Sunday afternoon, March 21, 1982.

The general concept of the camporee was to put the boys through team oriented exercises in order to show the importance of team work.

Saturday morning the camporee took full swing as opening ceremonies began with an opening review and a welcome to Camp Villere by Major General Ansel Stroud.

After opening ceremonies were over the scouts started working together to build gateways in front of their troop and district areas, gather firewood, build camp furniture and settle into their camp sites. Team work was the order of the day and each scout was expected to carry his share of the load. On the occasions they failed to do so the troop leaders would call the scout down for a counseling session.

Later in the day the scouts participated as patrols in three competitive events designed to develop further team work skills.

With the assistance of Louisiana Guardsmen and Scout leaders, the scouts participated in the "hot ice" event, the compass course and the rope and log event.

The "hot ice" event consisted of taking two innertubes with ropes connected to each end, lifting a weighted can (the hot ice) and moving it 20 feet beyond two sticks.

The log and knot event consisted of each patrol taking two pieces of rope and connecting them together with a series of specified knots. Two scouts were required to tie a knot around the base of the log while the remaining boys tied a knot to



help with Boy Scout Camporee

connect the two ropes. After all the knots were tied the patrol had to pull the log approximately 20 feet to a finish line.

On the compass course each patrol was given three distances and three bearings. The patrol then had to run the course, taking compass bearings and pacing distances, and mark the final spot.

Of the events the scouts participated in, the "hot ice" developed team work skills better mainly because each man must work equally hard in order to move the weighted can to its objective, according to Allan Stowell, assistant patrol leader of Troop 274, New Orleans.

Despite the fun events, the camporee was not all fun and games as Troy Murphy, assistant patrol leader of Troop 230, New Orleans, attested to:

"There are a lot of skills we have to learn, such as putting up tents, correctly tying useful knots and first aid. It can really be hard at times especially when you're trying to advance to the next level in scouting."

The camporee wasn't without its share of camping ailments as 1st Lt. Ann Terrilion of the 813th Medical Detachment of the Louisiana Army National Guard can attest to. Throughout the three-day camporee she and her staff doctored up everything from insect bites to belly-aches and nose bleeds. Fortunately, no serious injuries occurred.

Major General Ansel M. Stroud, Adjutant General of the Louisiana

National Guard and Chairman of the camporee was on hand throughout the three-day event.

"The overall attitude of the boys is good," General Stroud said, "When you take them out and teach them how to survive on their own, they get a great satisfaction out of it. They come and see that they can do certain things for themselves and it makes them feel good inside. It gives them something to be proud of."

Stroud himself was an Eagle Scout when he was 12 years old. He's been back with the Boy Scouts since 1976 when he served as the Vice Chairman of the Bicentennial Camporee held by the New Orleans District.

As Saturday grew into darkness the scouts all gathered around a big campfire given by a fraternal group of scouts known as the Order of the Arrow. There the scouts sang traditional scouting songs and shared the fellowship of the weekend.

Following Sunday breakfast, church services were held. Later in the day the scouts started breaking camp and policing their areas.

Before long Camp Villere was just as clean as they found it and it was time for the journey home. Another camporee had passed; to be remembered and talked about around future campfires.

Story by: SP4 Jack Marino

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\$ Free College \$

It's called the T.E.P. (tuition exemption program) and for many members of the Louisiana National Guard it has been a way to beat the high cost of college tuition.

The tuition exemption program became law in 1974 with the full cooperation of the Governor and State Legislature. The measure was passed to benefit the Louisiana Guard and its members. During the first year of its existence more than 650 members of the Louisiana National Guard participated in the program. For the time frame extending from August 1974 to August 1975, 18 percent of the T.E.P. members extended their contracts to remain eligible for the program.

For the same time frame 23 percent of the new enlistees said they were joining the Louisiana Guard to take advantage of the tuition exemption program.

Since then the level of participation has risen considerably. A 1976 report from the National Guard Bureau stated that from August 1, 1975 to January 31, 1976, 88 percent of non-prior service enlistees were joining the Louisiana Guard because of the tuition program. The report also stated that 28 percent of all enlistment extensions were a direct result of the tuition exemption program.

Recent reports indicate a steady increase in T.E.P. enrollment with enrollments now averaging more than 1,000 members per semester.

If you're an education-minded individual, the tuition exemption program is just for you; especially if you're plagued by the constant worry of the high cost of college tuition.

First of all, the program provides that 100 percent of your college tuition be paid. That is providing that you meet the requirements set down by the Louisiana National Guard.

All members of the Louisiana National Guard are eligible for the program upon initial enlistment without having to attend basic training. All active members 17 years of age or older who maintain the standard of performance, conduct, appearance, attendance, and have completed basic training successfully are eligible for the T.E.P. If you are 18 years old or older, you must also be a registered voter.

There are certain standards that must be met before a member of the Louisiana Guard can be initiated into the program:

A member may attend college on the program as a part-time student as long as the hours are put toward a Bachelors Degree. You must not be placed on academic suspension or probation prior to or while receiving the benefits of tuition exemption. Any member placed on academic probation or suspension while on the program will automatically forfeit their eligibility. When forfeiture occurs, the participant will be responsible for paying the college back all tuition in accordance with the university's credit policy.

In simple terms "don't goof up".

The program is a craftsman-like tool. It is for your own specialized use.

Unit commanders are responsible for the issuing of eligibility and forfeiture-of-eligibility statements to all members of the tuition exemption program as they apply to the individual's particular situation.

For those who are interested in becoming officers, the tuition exemption program may also be used for this purpose.

The only exceptions that apply are those pertaining to individuals enrolled in the R.O.T.C. advanced course and those who have received full R.O.T.C. scholarships. The same basic rules and regulations will be enforced for members who wish to take this option.

The tuition exemption program is the opportunity of a lifetime and with money not being as plentiful as it used to be, many people are finding it hard to save toward a college education.

With the proposed cuts in the national budget by President Reagan, student grants and other aid will be harder to get.

In an article published by *The Times Picayune/States-Item* on Feb. 3, 1982, columnist George Hager stated that Reagan plans to ask Congress to slash aid programs for college and graduate students in half.

Such a cut would deny grants and loans to almost 40,000 Louisiana students now eligible to receive them. The T.E.P. is your insurance policy against the slamming of the nation's monetary door; at least where your education is concerned.

There are a few benefits in the program that aren't listed in the regulations.

Spec.4 Steve Brown of the 241st Public Affairs

Detachment and a member of the tuition exemption program named some of those unlisted benefits.

“The number one reason I joined the Louisiana National Guard was the tuition exemption program,” Brown said. “Outside the fact that it is an excellent program it has helped me in other ways.

“First of all it relieves the financial worry of the cost of college tuition,” he added. “Second of all it helps my wife and I to save more money toward little luxury items.”

In a time when money is scarce and a college education seems to be becoming a thing of the future again, the tuition exemption program is still making it a thing of the present.

Brown went on to say, “There aren’t too many things in life this worthwhile that are free. It’s an excellent program and I’m sold on it 110 percent.”

The door is open and the T.E.P. is there waiting for you.

Don’t allow yourself to be left out of this great opportunity to get a college education. All you have to do is see your commanding officer or section head to fill out the necessary forms. Further information may be found in LAARNG REG. 621-1 or LAANG REG. 35-3-1.

From there the rest is up to you. ✪

Story by: SP4 Jack Marino

And Extra Money Too!

When plagued with the question of what you want to do with your life and where you want your future to take you, some good advice would be “seek and ye shall find”.

Vernon Jiles of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment stationed at Jackson Barracks in New Orleans sought a college education after graduation from high school in May 1979. His family couldn’t afford to send him and he was uncertain as to where to look for help.

Little did he know at the time, the answer was right under his nose. Like most high school graduates Jiles, now an R.O.T.C. cadet was flooded with military correspondence about educational benefits and officers programs.

At first, he tossed them on the side, as he said he had no desire to join the military. A short time later he decided to compare military programs, coming to the conclusion that the Louisiana National Guard offered the best program for him.

Jiles enlisted into the Louisiana National Guard on the Simultaneous Membership Program (S.M.P.) which ties into the tuition exemption program.

“I must admit that I had no desire of joining the military,” Jiles said. “The main reason I initially joined was for the tuition exemption program, but now that I’ve been in a couple of years I love it.”

“To me becoming an officer is the only way to go,” he added.

As with a lot of things in life the officers course isn’t all fun and games.

“There are times when you are really tested, not just in officers training, but by people in your own unit, especially by the senior enlisted people and officers,” Jiles said. “They are always testing you to see how much

you learned and how good a leader you are. I don’t mind because it’s part of what being an officer and a leader is all about,” he added. “I just do the very best I can and hope that it’s the right thing.”

The Simultaneous Membership Program is another excellent way to expand your horizons, not just as a Guardsman but as an individual.

If you are considering becoming an officer you may want to check this program out.

The requirements are as follows: you must complete Military Science 1 and 2 in your first 2 years of college, pass R.O.T.C. advance course entrance test and physical examination. Also all regulations which apply to the tuition exemption program will be in effect.

Providing that an individual meets the above requirements they will be given an R.O.T.C. contract to sign for the simultaneous membership program. Upon the date of your signature your pay will be raised to the level of sergeant.

Perhaps the biggest benefit to a participant in the S.M.P. is its overall monetary value. You may receive 100 dollars a month for being in R.O.T.C.; your drill pay is raised to sergeant’s level and you save an estimated average of 300 dollars per semester through the tuition exemption program.

To receive the full benefit of this program you must maintain at least a 2.0 average in college. If you are put on academic probation two consecutive times you will be dropped from the program.

Cadet Jiles is a proven winner with this program.

You can be too. As Jiles put it, “It builds confidence and it’s the best way to earn a commission and get an education.”

141st FA; Going Strong At 143 Years

In a grand way the members of the 141st Field Artillery, the "Washington Artillery" as they're more commonly known, celebrated their 143rd birthday at Jackson Barracks in New Orleans.

Highlighting the ceremonies this year was the presentation of the French Croix de Guerre award to the battalion for their exploits during World War II in France. A member of the French Consul presented the award.

The highest tribute of the day may have been given by Col. Ross W. Crossley, 5th Inf. Division (Mechanized) Artillery Commander.

"It's a great day to be a soldier in the Washington Artillery," Crossley said. "In every sense of the word, you are an outstanding outfit and it is a

great day to be a soldier in the Washington Artillery."

Crossley added that for several years the United States Army "has improved considerably both in training and discipline.

"The Washington Artillery," he added, "is one of the most noticeable units in the Army that has contributed to this."

It was Maj. Gen. Ansel M. Stroud, Jr., Adjutant General of the Louisiana National Guard who reminded the cannoneers how far they had come in only a couple of years.

"It was with a heavy heart in 1979 that I had to cancel this parade because of the lack of troops," Stroud said. "Now over 600 of you stand out here today. This is a tribute to the officers and men of this unit."

Stroud added, "Your strength today is greater than any other combat unit in the Louisiana National Guard. This is a fine tribute to a fine unit."

The Washington Artillery, with their motto of "Try Us," was first formed in 1839 in New Orleans. Since it was formed, members of this unit have served in the Mexican War, the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, World War I and

throughout Europe in World War II.

Highlighting the 143rd "birthday" celebration of the cannoneers was the presentation of unit and individual awards to the members of the battalion.

The Col. Numa P. Avendano Award for the Outstanding Soldier of the Year was awarded to Pvt.2 Robert W. Driscoll of Headquarters Battery. The Lt. Col. Edward P. Benezech, Sr., Award for Outstanding Soldier of the Year E5 and above went to Sgt. Edmond M. Woodfork of Battery B.

The Avendano Continuous Fire Streamer went to Headquarters Battery under the command of Capt. Ivan M. Jones. A member of Battery B, Sp.5 Calvin P. Millet, Jr., was awarded the Outstanding Full time Support Award.

The Battalion Commander's Outstanding Soldier Award went to Sp.4 Francisco E. Lopez from Battery B. The Battalion Commander's Outstanding NCO Award for E5 and Above went to SSgt. Harold Butler, Sr., of Headquarters Battery.

During the ceremonies the Meritorious Service Medal was presented to Maj. Paul H. Lange Jr., CW2 Frank R. Appel, Sgt. Maj. Adam R.



Rowbatham and 1st Sgt. Gerald J. Leonick.

For their work during the last year, the Army Commendation Medal was awarded to Maj. Rene C. Jacues, Capt. Ronald A. Waller, Capt. Glenn M. Appe, 2Lt. Clifton P. Couture, CW2 George A. O'Donnell, SFC Angelo Phillips, SFC Asher D. Weaver, SFC Robert J. Landry, SFC Warren D. Olson, SSgt. John T. Anderson and SSgt. Sidney L. Smith.

Special sabers were awarded to Capt. Ivan M. Jones, Capt. Robert E. Quirk, Capt. G. Patrick Chaffin, Capt. John H. Gniady, Capt. Allan B. Quiat, Capt. Gerald L. Gooch, 1Lt. James E. Jackson and 2Lt. Clifton P. Couture.

The battalion also gave plaques of appreciation to Sgt. Maj. Adam R. Rowbatham and Command Sgt. Maj. Remy J. Poirrier.

In a special presentation, Lt.Col. Lawrence J. Fritz was awarded the Louisiana Distinguished Service Medal, the Selective Service Meritorious Service Medal and the Silver Minuteman Award.



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Royal Eagle '82

Louisiana Engineers train for War-Time Mission with Two State Exercises

"The major threat is the U.S.S.R and the Warsaw Pact nations. Their objective is to take over the western European land mass. We can expect daily sorties of bombers and fighters to fly into and against our area of operations which include all areas of the United Kingdom." These were the words used by Major Jeff Swilly, 225th Engineer Group S-2, to describe the situation concerning an exercise held last month called Royal Eagle '82.

According to Lt.Col. Walter Weaver, Jr., 225th Group Executive Officer, Royal Eagle '82 was designed with a two-fold mission. The primary mission called for individual survivability training. The second, to conduct a command post exercise for the battalion staff.

In an effort to accomplish those two objectives, over 2000 members of the 225th group spent two days bivouacked in the piney woods of Louisiana and Mississippi.

According to Major William Clark, group S-3, Royal Eagle '82 was also designed to very closely simulate the wartime mission of the group. That mission, he explained includes the group's move from its United States mobilization station to the United Kingdom and provide wartime engineer support to U.S. allied forces in all areas of the United Kingdom.

Lt.Col. Weaver stressed that while individual survivability skills were of primary concern during the exercise, other objectives were also reached. Familiarization with maps of the U.K. and the format and terminology of the simulated wartime plan were also obtained.

Throughout the weekend exercise the troops demonstrated the skills necessary to survive the type of environment they may encounter during an actual



wartime mission. At the same time, the battalion staff was being taxed as they encountered an extensive command post exercise.

Radio messages centered around the group headquarters bivouac site which was simulated to be Coventry, England. Other units were "occupying" such places as York, Cranfield, Cambridge, Sausbury, and Liverpool.

Camp Beauregard, Louisiana, was the actual site used by Group Headquarters, the 528th Engineer Battalion (Combat Heavy) and the 769th Engineer Battalion (Combat Heavy). The 527th Engineer Battalion (Combat Heavy) spent the exercise at the Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant in Minden, Louisiana. The 205th Engineer Battalion (Combat Heavy) was assigned to Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

Captain Randy Hilborn, Group Operations Officer, explained that Royal Eagle '82 was significant in that it was almost entirely a self-test. The entire operation was formatted and written by the group staff to be used as both a training and measuring tool for the troops.

On hand to observe the exercise was the Adjutant General, Major General Ansel M. Stroud, Jr. Gen. Stroud agreed that Royal Eagle '82 was in fact a good opportunity for the group to take a last look at themselves before A.T. '82.

Addressing the Group Staff Officers, Gen. Stroud voiced his approval by saying "We learn by doing. From this exercise we can see the areas where we are strong and the areas where we need more work."

Judging from the performance of the 225th group during Royal Eagle '82, these guardsmen are ready for A.T. '82, and beyond.

Story and Photos by: Capt. David Miller



TAG-Line



During the past year we have made major significant strides in recruiting and retention. In the past, the Louisiana National Guard has been below the national average in retention but we are closing the gap in this area and I would like this trend to continue.

I believe that recruiting and retention is the number one priority for the Louisiana National Guard and is everyone's responsibility. Every soldier and airman in the Guard is and should be a recruiter.

If we allow ourselves to be lax concerning this important objective we will not be able to perform our most important mission.

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A concerned effort by all

guardsmen is needed to retain the quality people with whom we work.

Good retention is good command. The overall effectiveness of a unit's administration, logistics and training will be reflected in the unit's retention rate. A guardsman will not stay with us unless he is treated well and is involved in useful work and training.

My command policy continues to be that commanders must be responsible for the strength of their units. My personal view is that all guardsmen are responsible for the strength of their units.

If we work together we will maintain our strength and we will be able to perform our important defense mission.



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