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## Adjutant General's Column

### Getting to know each other

The *Louisiana Guard* will provide a means to inform each of us, regardless of our Branch of Service, of the happenings throughout the State.

We get so involved in our own unit that sometimes the fact that we are part of a Guard of over 11,500 is lost. Sure, we hear of the big events, arrival of the F-15 Eagle, engineer units in the Republic of Panama, and participation at the National Training Center; but the strength of the Guard is people. In this publication you have the opportunity to get to know people from around the State, what they are doing, and what their service means to them.

Our congratulations to the publishers, *Louisiana Military Newspapers*, on their efforts. I hope that you will use this publication to be better informed, as well as informing others of the many aspects of our activities.



Major General  
A. M. Stroud, Jr.

## No more Spec 5/6

By 1st Lt. T. Adams  
241st Public Affairs  
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Spec. 5 and Spec. 6's to Sergeant and Staff Sgt. on 1 October will be announced at a later date in a message to

commanders. The cost of changing insignia for affected soldiers will be borne by the Army.

Many Spec. 5 and Spec. 6's will shortly find themselves wearing new stripes as a result of MACOM commanders' review of the issue on specialist and noncommissioned officer ranks.

Effective Oct. 1, 1985, the enlisted ranks of Spec. 5 and Spec. 6 will disappear from the army as soldiers in those grades convert to hard stripe NCO's. Under the new policy, specialists will be retained only at the E-4 level.

The change will affect approximately 31,196 soldiers currently serving as Spec. 5 and Spec. 6's in the Army National Guard as well as those promoted to those grades between now and Oct. 1.

The start of the Fiscal year was selected as the time to make the change in order to mesh with several other changes in Army uniforms.

The Spec. 4 rank will be retained until decisions on whether soldiers in Grade E-4 are Specialists or Corporals. The current investigation into the Spec. 4 rank stems from the fact that many combat arms proponents don't feel that a young soldier with little experience in the Army is ready to become an NCO, according to the TRADOC EMPS Review Group Director, Col. Dennis D. Flint.

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# The Eagle in official residence with 159th TFG

By SSgt Nina Clites  
Louisiana Air National Guard

New Orleans, La. — Lieutenant General Emmett H. Walker, Chief of the National Guard Bureau proclaimed, "You can take your stickers off your cars; it's here. The Eagle has landed." And in fact the Eagle has landed and is now a part of the 159th Tactical Fighter Group (TFG) of the Louisiana Air National Guard.

Last year it was announced the 159th TFG, headquartered at Alvin Callender Airfield at Belle Chasse would be the first Air Reserve unit to receive the pioneer fighter F-15 jet.

Lt. Gen. Walker and Maj. Gen. John B. Conaway, Director, Air National Guard attributed the 159th selection to several factors, in conjunction with the crucial readiness mission of the Guard and Reserve forces today, including the unit's recruiting level which is over 100%; geographic location; the unit's experience, including pilots with prior service and combat experience; the dedication of the maintenance personnel; as well as the ability of the affectionately dubbed, "Coonass Militia" to be ambassadors in the military and civilian communities.

The official ceremony, welcoming the arrival of the F-15 was highlighted by the presentation of the key to Maj. Gen. A.M. Stroud, Adjutant General for Louisiana by Mr. Denver Clark, the Vice President of Marketing for McDonnell Douglas Company, manufacturer of the F-15 Eagle.

After addresses by Lt. Gen.

Walker and Maj. Gen. Conaway, Capt. Stan Hill and Capt. Brian Badger, of the 46th Tactical Fighter Wing at Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, introduced the F-15 with a demonstration of its capabilities.

The aircraft's precision was shown in four-point rolls, rapid rolls, high and low speed passes and a higher G turn, while the pilot endured a force more than six times greater than gravity. At times during the demonstration, the only hint of the Eagle's existence in the distance was the bright flame of the afterburner, as people twisted their necks and shielded their eyes from the sun, so as not to miss the next, perhaps more incredible, maneuver of the F-15 powered by a Pratt & Whitney engine, which provided over 50,000 pounds of thrust.

Maj. Gen. Stroud said, "Adding the F-15 to the Guard inventory is another step in the current modernization process of the Air Force and the Air National Guard. It is a great honor for the 159th Tactical Fighter Group to be chosen as the first reserve unit to receive the F-15 Eagle, and reflects credit upon the Louisiana National Guard, and the state of Louisiana.

Visiting dignitaries for the arrival ceremonies included the Honorable Lindy Boggs, and W.J. "Billy" Tauzin of the U.S. House of Representatives. Mr. Don Ross, Deputy Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development representing Governor Edwin Edwards, and Lt. Gen. John L. Piotrowski, Commander of the 9th Air Force.

## Vintage aircraft recall history of 159th TFG

By John Lambert

Supporting the 159th Tactical Fighter Group's F-15 Conversion ceremony, the Chenault Wing of the Confederate Air Force supplied a number of World War II vintage aircraft for display. Aircraft from the local CAF members included two AT-6 Texans, a PT-17 Stearman, and an L-19 Bird Dog. The AT-6s were similar to those flown by the 122nd Squadron during WWII, and through the early 1950's. The



LOOKING THINGS OVER — Over 3,000 persons attended the demonstration of the F-15 Eagle, shown here in its hanger at Alvin Callender Airfield at Belle Chasse. (Photo by TSgt Adolph Rescher, La. Air National Guard)

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# 214th captures award with hard work

**BY: Lt. T. ADAMS**  
241st Public Affairs  
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The second Excellent Management Effectiveness Inspection awarded in the past 4 years (possibly the last 10) out of all 19 similar Air National Guard units is really something to be proud of. For the 214th Engineering Installation Squadron it is the just reward for "hard work and good people."

The 214th, command by Lt. Col. Maxwell Dessel, underwent their routine Management Effectiveness Inspection

(MEI) with anything but routine results. The unit was credited with 1 outstanding, 16 excellent, and 3 satisfactory ratings. Eight areas were labeled as commendable, which is extremely unique. Commendable being defined as over and above what is expected and noteworthy by the standards of the inspectors.

The team of inspectors, including 9 inspection team members from the Air Force Communications Command from Scott Air Force Base, Missouri, was commanded by Lt. Col. H. Lund.

Maj. Harry Trosclair remarked, "This is only the se-

cond excellent rating awarded in 4 years, that much can be documented. It is still the only the second anyone can recall in the last ten. Trosclair attributed the high rating to "hard work and good people."

"I think it is really gratifying to see people who have worked so very hard get some recognition. Recognition as judged by an impartial authority."

An impartial authority is just what the Air Force Communications Command inspection team is, and as is expected, they were tough. But then, after doing a day-to-day

"Super job," as Maj. Trosclair describes the work of

his crew, the 214th is tough too.



SMS Charles walked out of the hospital after losing both of his legs in an accident last December.

## SMS Cox inspires by walking out

By TSgt Greorgette Mapes

Senior Master Sergeant Charles Cox, telecommunications operations supervisor for the 236th Combat Communications Squadron, LaANG, will be retiring in September of this year. He has served his country for over 29 years on active duty in the Air Force, in the Georgia Air National Guard, the Air Force Reserves and the Louisiana Air National Guard. During his long and honorable career, SMS Cox has received numerous awards including Good Conduct Medal, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Ribbon with 3 devices, Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon with 5 devices, National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross.

Although retirement ceremonies are fairly common, "Charlie's" will bring a mixture of emotions from his fellow guardsmen. Sadness for,

the loss of an outstanding NCO, joy in his beginning a new life, but mostly admiration for a man so filled with courage and determination.

In December 1984, SMS Cox was involved in a tragic automobile accident. As a result of his injuries, both of his legs were amputated. After being released from the hospital he was admitted to the Rehabilitation Institute of New Orleans at Herbert Hospital where he would learn to walk all over again. He was fitted with two prostheses and began a therapy program. He amazed doctors and therapists by walking out of the institute two months earlier than predicted, a record time.

SMS Cox has been an inspiration to the members of his unit. He has given new meaning to the words determination and willpower, and has taught us that with a willingness to succeed, a positive attitude and the strength to keep going when others would stop, we can succeed, we can beat the odds.

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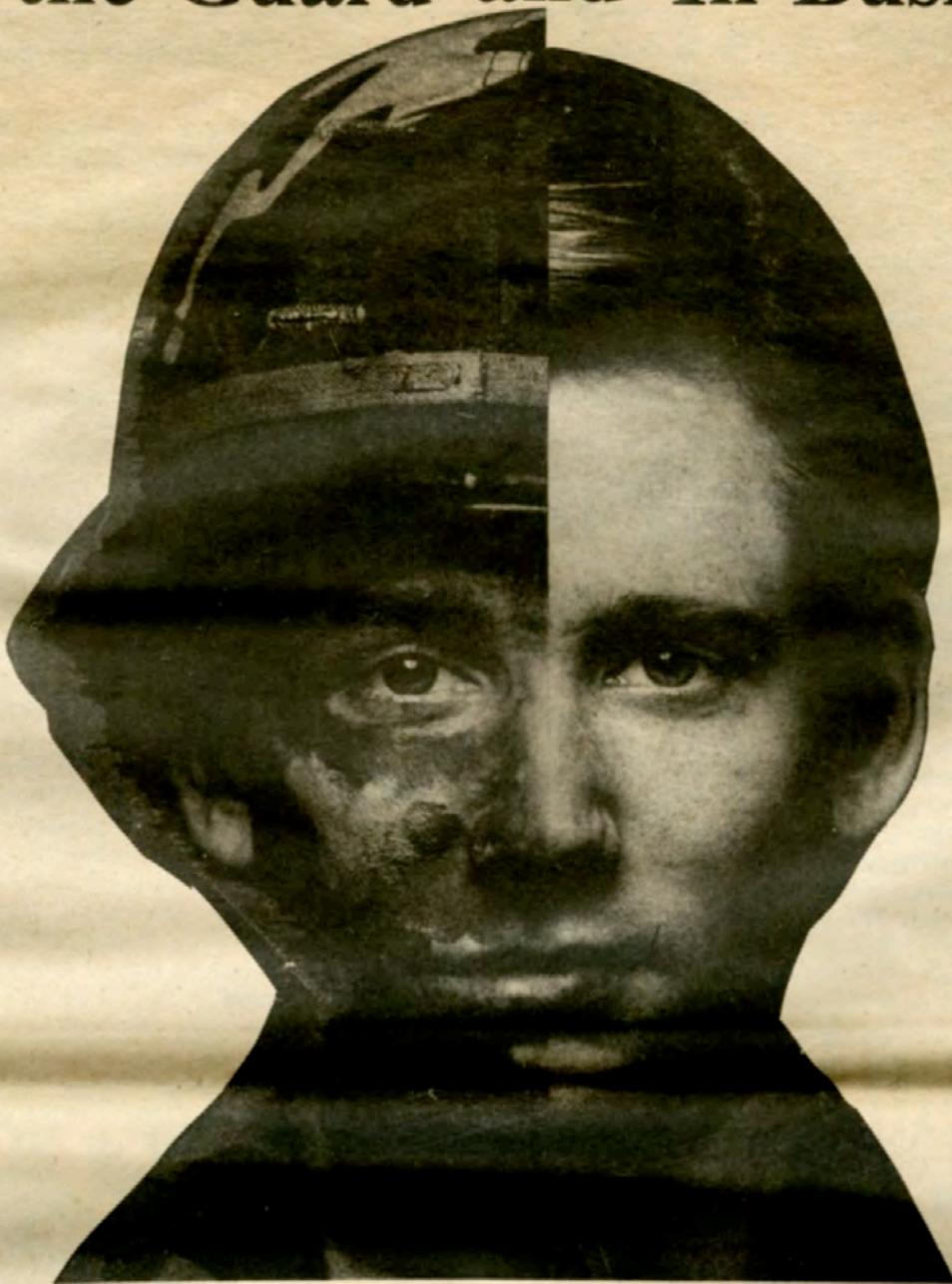
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# Guard helps state economically

By 1st Lt. T. Adams  
241st Public Affairs  
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When you think of the National Guard generally your mind pictures a catastrophe in which the citizen-soldiers were there lending a familiar helping-hand. Perhaps the vision includes a Community Action Project in which an Engineer unit created a ball park for local kids or maybe a 2½ ton truck wallowing through water during a flood, carrying medical supplies, food, or cots and blankets to give comfort to those in need.

That National Guard in Louisiana is that old familiar friend that is always there in the background, always watching and ever ready for duty and service; but the National Guard here in Louisiana is also a large economic contributor to our State.

During Fiscal Year 1984, the Louisiana National Guard employed 1,333 Federal and 92 State employees for a total payroll of over 34.9 million dollars. Additionally, 43.5 million dollars of Federal

funds were received for Drill Pay, Annual Training, Special Schools, and other military expenditures. The total Federal contribution to the State due to our National Guard operations was \$75,767,177 while the retained state funds were \$5,767,578. Federal funds provided more than 93% of the total fund required to support the Louisiana National Guard during Fiscal Year 1984.

In addition to these funds, there are vast Federal Expenditures for equipment, weapons, buildings, and real estate.

The National Guard is the provider of relief during disasters and emergencies but here in Louisiana the National Guard is also an excellent financial bargain for the people.

Today's National Guard is a proud member of the total force, providing a ready reserve for the active duty Army and Air Force; it is a provider of assistance to the communities and an economic contributor to the people of Louisiana.

The National Guard...A good deal for Louisiana.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### Economic Contributions of the Louisiana National Guard (Army and Air) to the State During Fiscal Year 1984

#### Employment by the Louisiana National Guard

Number of Federal Employees .....	1,333
Number of State Employees .....	92
Number of Drill Status Personnel .....	11,144

#### Federal Contributions to Louisiana

Full-Time Federal Payroll .....	\$32,234,855
Military Payroll for Guard Members .....	
Monthly Drill Pay .....	16,151,542
Annual Training Pay .....	7,932,494
School and Special Training Pay .....	5,561,325
Other Federal Expenditures .....	13,865,961
Total Federal Expenditures .....	\$75,746,177

#### State Expenditures in Louisiana

State Payroll .....	\$2,659,154
State Active Duty Pay .....	255,761
Other State Expenditures .....	2,852,663
Total State Expenditures .....	\$5,767,578

## New dependent I.D. card for Reservists in August

By 1st Lt. T. Adams  
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Louisiana National Guard

Family members of National Guard and Reserve units are now eligible to receive family member identification cards. This new eligibility has come as part of the Army Family Action Program.

The new I.D. Card, DA Form 5431, will speed up the identification process of family members who use authorized benefits at commissaries, exchanges, and other military facilities.

Developed for identification purposes only, the new card will not entitle the family members to any new benefits and is to be used with annual training orders, active duty for training orders, mobilization orders, or leave and earnings statements.

The card will be standardized throughout the Army National Guard and Reserve and will replace non-standard identification such as driver's licenses and state identification cards. It is similar in color

to the Army Guard member's I.D. Card, will have a photograph, as well as being laminated.

According to Lt. Col. Douglas Lanude, Reserve Component entitlements Officer with the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, the card has the potential to decrease paperwork and therefore speed the identification of reserve component family members eligible for additional benefits in the event of mobilization.

To apply for the new reserve dependent I.D. card, soldiers must complete Department of Defense Form 1172 and have it verified by their unit commander or personnel officer.

Guard members and reservists may request cards for all eligible family members 10 years of age and older. Soldiers may not request a card for a family member who might require a dependency determination from the Army Finance and Accounting Center.

Family members are not required to obtain or to use the new I.D. cards, however doing so will ease the burden of both

the member and the Army according to Lt. Col. Lanude. The cards will expire four years after the date of issue or on the expiration date of the soldier's term of service, whichever is earlier.

Personnel officials expect the cards to be available to the states sometime in August and each state will be developing a distribution program which best meets the geographic and supply needs of the units and members within that area.



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# LOUANNA to test preparedness

By PFC Darrell Doiron  
241st Public Affairs  
Detachment

Louisiana National Guard units at Jackson Barracks, New Orleans will practice emergency preparedness this August.

"What we're trying to accomplish with the LOUANNA exercise," said Lt. Col. James L. Anderson, Military Support Officer, Directorate of Plans, Operations and Training, "is to train the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) staff in emergency exercise. This is the ideal way to train. Practice makes perfect."

The EOC and other National Guard units train to save lives and property in natural and man-made emergencies such as hurricanes, flooding, and riots. LOUANNA is simulated hurricane drill, however the mechanisms that effect the call-out of National Guard citizens soldiers would be much the same regardless of the emergency, making the LOUANNA practice emergency preparedness drill even more important to the guard.

smen and Louisiana Communities.

Another purpose of the LOUANNA exercise, according to Anderson, is to establish better working relations with the parishes. Emergency operations will be more effective and efficient "if you know what they can do and they know what you can do."

In any emergency the Civil Defense (CD) within the effected parishes notify the Office of Emergency Preparedness in Baton Rouge of the nature of their problem. This central communications office then determines which government agencies are best suited to resolve each problem.

"Our function here," said Maj. J. Rosa, plans and Operations Officer, "is to activate the EOC and to monitor the hurricane or disaster and to prepare ourselves to respond to request for assistance from local CD agencies.

"The Office of Emergency Preparedness in Baton Rouge calls us to ask us if we can handle certain missions such as evacuating civilians to shelter or providing security to the

evacuated area. We could also provide manpower and equipment to clear right-of-ways or to provide generators and portable water to institutions like hospitals and nursing homes.

"We obtain all pertinent information," he said, "and then present the mission to the Adjutant General for his ap-

proval. He decides which units would be activated for missions."

National Guard units might work alongside other state agencies. For example, both military and state police can provide security or control traffic. And Wildlife and

Fisheries can provide boats to aid flood evacuation.

The EOC began operations in 1947, when 19 troops went to Texas to assist in an explosion and fire emergency. Today, the EOC operates on a 24-hour a day basis until the emergency passes in which the EOC is activated for.

## New class reports to LMA for one-year OCS

By 1st Lt. T. Adams  
241st Public Affairs  
Detachment  
Louisiana National Guard

The Louisiana Military Academy has been an important source of Officers in the state. Located at Camp Beauregard in Pineville, La., the course extends over two 15-day field training period and 12 weekend training sessions. The course studies total 350 hours. The responsibilities of military leadership, particularly in combat are not easy, nor is the one-year

course at the Louisiana National Guard Officer Candidate School at the Louisiana Military Academy.

The course is both physically and mentally demanding. The academic course is designed to assure that the candidate has a sound understanding of leadership and its importance to the military, and to provide a basic knowledge of military subjects required for the level of command and staff at which the candidate is initially expected to serve.

The pathway to a commission is not without obstacles.

A potential leader of men must be trained in a highly specialized and exacting way. He must learn to think on his feet, to make split-second decisions, to make rapid evaluations of situations, and to understand his men, their strengths and their weaknesses. All this requires strong, rigorous discipline.

The selection of Officer Candidates for Class 26 has been made. The following candidates have made the decision to strive for the gold bar that signifies a beginning in the officer ranks:

### SELECTION OF STUDENTS FOR OCS Class #26, SY 1985/1986

Darwin K. Ammons to 3671 Maint Co  
Victoria M. Anderson to 159 MASH  
David P. Babin to HHC 256 Inf Bde  
Melvin Boldo to 159 MASH  
Frank J. Bouyer to Co B 2-156 Inf (M)  
Dwayne A. Briggs to HHC 2-156 Inf (M)  
Steven W. Burr to Co A 3-156 Inf (M)  
George J. Coins to Co A 205th Engr  
Kevin J. Cormier to HHC 256 Inf Bde  
Teddy F. Danks to HHD 2223d Engr Bn  
Mark P. Dugas to 239th Mp Co  
Joseph P. Estes to HHC 527th Engr Bn  
Daniel E. Goodman to HHC 1-141 FA  
Jessie W. Guidry to Co C 3-156 Inf (M)  
Charles A. Hailey to 1086th Trans Co  
Steven C. Harrell to 239th MP Co  
Lee W. Hopkins to HHC 205th Engr Bn  
Devin L. Jenkins to HHC 527th Engr Bn  
Betty J. Jones to Det 2 HQ STARC, LAARNG  
Patrick A. Keen to Co A 3-156 Inf (M)  
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Phillip A. Stanford to 159 MASH  
Larry L. Stockton, Jr. to Det 1 Co 527th Engr Bn  
Karen J. Todd to HHD 199th Spt Bn  
Andre H. Vige to Co D 2-156 Inf (M)  
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# West Point will break up dad-mom-son team

By T. Adams  
Louisiana National Guard

Frequently heard is the statement that children follow in their parents footsteps and in the military, a son frequently follows his father's path. For a recent enlistee, Stephen L. Hric, a 17 year old senior of Chalmette High School in Chalmette, following dad was only half of the bargain. Mom, with a weekend alias of Tech Sgt. with the Louisiana Air National Guard, lended to the understanding that enlisting in the Air Guard was indeed the course to take.

Sworn in by Jefferson Parish Sheriff, Harry Lee, who is also the Assistant Adjutant General (Air) of the Louisiana National Guard, Col. Lee commented. "I am pleased to swear in, for the first time, a second generation guardsman. I fully anticipate this young individual to be as dedicated to the military service as his parents have been," and dedicated young Hric is.

Hric was scheduled to go to his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas in July, with plans to proceed to Shepard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas with training in the Antenna Maintenance career field. When he received an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Hric was a member of the Beta Club, Who's Who Among American High School Students, and Captain of the Cheerleading Squad.

Dad, Stephen E. Hric, obviously proud of his son and his accomplishments, is a full-time employee at the Directorate of Manpower Management where he works as a Military Personnel Technician



**A FAMILY TRIO** — Stephen L. Hric, son of T/Sgt. Kathleen Hric, left, and Master Sgt. Stephen E. Hric, center right, is sworn in as a member of the Louisiana Air Guard by Colonel

for the Louisiana National Guard. He has over 18 years of combined active and reserve service time and is currently a Master Sgt.

Mom, Kathleen Hric, is a housewife, and a "weekender" in the guard. She is an Administrative Supervisor during drills for the Headquarters of the Louisiana Air National Guard.

To the best of the knowledge of all sources queried, this is the first mother, father, and son team ever in the National Guard.

Son, Stephen L. Hric says, "I joined the Air Guard par-

ticularly because of college. The Guard pays for tuition and I knew that if I went to college I would need some financial assistance. Besides that, there is a great opportunity to learn a trade and skill, but the parents were definitely an influence. They were the ones that explained all the paths that I could take and helped me understand everything."

Now Hric will have his financial assistance from the Military Academy, but a proud and smiling mom said, "His first love is the Air Force, and I think he'll be back."

Harry Lee, Assistant Adjutant General (Air) of the Louisiana National Guard. (Photo by La. Air National Guard.)



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# Conduct Medal reg explained

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The regulations establish that the medal "is awarded on a selective basis to each soldier who distinguishes himself from his/her fellow soldiers...throughout a specified three year period of continuous enlisted active federal military service."

The regulation allows the medal to be awarded retroactively "if evidence is available to establish qualification." Eligibility began 30 September 1980.

Unit commanders are authorized by this regulation to award the Good Conduct Medal and according to Capt. Michael J. Bendich, Jr., Special Activities Manager, it may be procured by submitting a DA Form 2765 to LANG-DLS-L, stock number 8455-00-269-5761. The nomenclature is Medal Set, Service, and unit of issue Set.

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Uniform items have been consolidated below. During 1985 and 1986 items with expiration dates for wear will be replaced or will be no longer authorized for wear. Replacement items are also listed.

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Items No Longer Authorized

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Men and Womens Green Raincoat	Coat, Black all Weather
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Women's Tunic	AG 415 Shirt
Towel, OG109 or White	Towel, Brown
White Scarf	Black Scarf
**Green and White Undershirt	Brown Undershirt

\*a. The women's white shirt with black tab will still be authorized with the white and blue uniforms. Additionally, the white shirt with black tab may be worn with the Army green uniform and with the Classic Coat and Skirt when worn at formal socials.

\*\*b. The white undershirt will be authorized with the Army Green Uniform, the White and Blue Dress and Mess Uniforms, and the Hospital Duty and Food Service Uniforms.

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STATE AVIATION OFFICER PROMOTED TO COLONEL — Lt. Col. Paul Alford, Jr. was promoted to the rank of Colonel in a private ceremony in the Adjutant General's Office. Smiling in the center, Col. Alford has his epaulets bearing silver leaves replaced by silver birds by Maj. Gen. A.M. Stroud and Mrs. Alford. (Photo by CW3 Stan Sirgo)

## Recruiting, retention credit to leadership at all levels

By: 1st Lt. T. Adams  
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Command Sgt. Major "Buck" Jordan, Command Sgt. Major for the 205th Engineer Battalion of Bogalusa announced the start of a battalion wide recruiting drive in March. As the drive was started, he told his senior enlisted men, "I haven't asked for a whole lot since I've been here, but I'm going to ask for a whole lot now. I'm asking you to get behind this (recruiting drive) 100%. Let's say I would like to have your help as a kind of going away present."

Three months later, the battalions strength is up by almost 5% and the retention rate has improved, according to S-1, Personnel and Administration Officer Capt. Clyde P. Drewett. "The retention rate is up to 88% and we are very pleased. I think this is an excellent showing of a combined recruiting effort.

"The efforts started off with personal letters to all personnel from unit 1st Sergeants asking for each unit member to provide names of 2 individuals that would be potential prospects for guard membership. Unit administrative personnel screened the old 1379's for personnel that had been discharged for possible re-enlistments. And

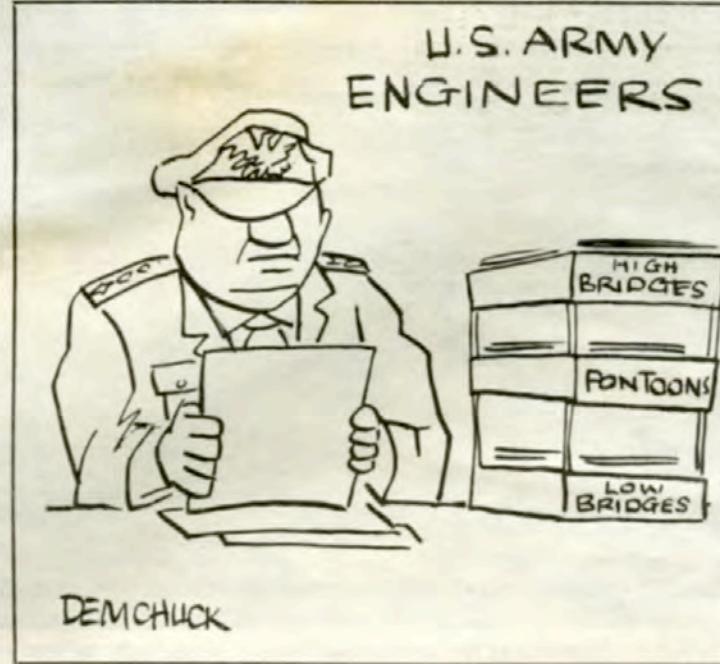
the Recruiting and Retention office got involved.

"The Recruiting and Retention personnel were just super," Capt. Drewett remarked. "Master Sgt. Vanderhoeven was instrumental in the success of the drive and put in many additional hours throughout this campaign. Sgt. 1st Class Ken Kinner in conjunction with Sgt. 1st Class John Woodward held retention seminars at each unit during the last quarter and introduced a new personnel development program. They also gave out SQUAD LEADER'S PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENT NOTEBOOKS. Their success is best

shown by the drastic increase in the retention rate.

Command Sgt. Major "Buck" Jordan, now with the gift of his successful recruiting drive, is scheduled to retire on July 23 after serving in the Louisiana Army National Guard for 29 years.

Although "Buck" is retiring he has really started something for the 205th Engineer Battalion and they are looking forward to keeping it up. "Lt. Col. Martinez and his staff have shown a total commitment to this effort, and I really appreciate that," said Jordan. For the 205th Engineer Battalion the ball is rolling, 100% is now just around the bend.



# National Training Center: Guardsmen will get

**Editor's Note:** Several units of the Louisiana Army National Guard are scheduled to begin training cycles at Ft. Irwin, also known as the National Training Center this summer. More units are scheduled to follow in the coming months and years. Because of the importance of this training, the members of the 241st Public Affairs Detachment have compiled several articles to familiarize Louisiana guardsmen with the training center and what its function is.

By Sgt John Sullivan  
241st PAD (LAARNG)

## Realism

In one word that's what the National Training Center, The NTC, at Ft. Irwin, Calif. stands for. It provides commanders the chance, for the first time, to train as they will be expected to fight.

Battles on the sandy surface of the NTC are hard-fought

and the action will take place both during the day and the night. The dirt and dust, tear gas, simulated chemical agents, smoke snakes and burning sun — all add to the most realistic training site the United States has.

Airburst pistols will be used to simulate overhead artillery, and everyone taking part in the training wears Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement

System (MILES) equipment which allows eye-safe lasers to simulate bullets.

During the battle, wounded personnel must be evacuated, damaged vehicles removed, and new personnel and equipment asked for and then brought to the front. Units failing to bring up their ammo supplies will find themselves without, and if the chow is

## 3rd Battalion looks to final preparation

By 1LT T. Adams

The time has come. Final preparation is all that remains between the 3rd Battalion, 156th Infantry Battalion, headquartered in Lake Charles, and the National Training Center in California.

July represented the last month for the battalions' 6 companies to solidify the last 12 months of intensive training and finalize corrections and plans. All took advantage of the month in the vast training areas at Ft. Polk.

One such unit, Co. C of Jennings, commanded by Capt. Elbert Dupont, participated in a CALFAX (Combined Arms Live Fire Exercise) with the 1/40th, during the Ju-

ly 15-16 weekend. Hot and sweaty, most soldiers had little time to reflect on the task following in the month of August, as they were intent on the business at hand. The tracked vehicles, steadily rolling through the training areas looked white, as the sun beat upon them for just a second, before they darted behind a tree or other covered area.

At the end of it all, most soldiers felt they were ready. They were looking forward to the challenge of the unknown. "They keep telling us about the National Training Center," said one E-5 Sergeant. "One guy will tell you how hard it is, the next will tell you how you can beat it. I'm still not sure what it will

be like, I'm not sure if we can win, but I know that we are sure going to go out there and try."

Sgt. 1st Class Edward Morvant also concurred with that feeling of the NTC being unknown. "I'm looking forward to NTC but I don't think that I will have a real appreciation for this thing until we experience it." Morvant continued, "I still think that this training during the past year has been just what our unit needs. Realistic training really helps a whole lot. At this point in time, I think NTC will be as real and as close to combat as we can try."

One soldier made a comment on how the Guard, within the 3/156th, has chang-

ed since they have been in. "I don't see too many old guys out here anymore. We lost a guy with 14 years in the Guard last month. I miss a lot of the old guys that have been around, and I think we could use some of that experience and the expertise. The Guard has changed, it is tough and demanding, but it is a challenge. I guess we all have to decide what is important to us in our own lives, but I'm glad to be here, and even if I'm not sure about this NTC stuff, I'm here because I want to be."

National Training Center according to Lt. Col. Billy Jack McGlothlin is a tool by which the National Guard can be evaluated to the standards

of the Regular Army. For a lot of the soldiers of the 3/156th the evaluation really isn't that important. One squad leader said, "I want to change their opinion of the Guard. I want the OPFOR to know that we are tough and that we are mean. I want to beat them."

Units to go to the National Training Center: From Lake Charles, the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 156th Infantry. The Battalion is commanded by Lt. Col. Billy Jack McGlothlin with the assistance of Sergeant Major (MSG) Michael Wilde. HHC is commanded by Capt. Mark Wilburn with 1st Sgt. Willie Gros.

Company A, 3/156 of Leesville: Commanded by Capt. Allan Reynolds with 1st Sgt. Gene Cudd.

Company B, 3/156th of Oakdale: Commanded by 1Lt Jadwin Mayeaux with 1st Sgt. Obin Broussard.

Company C, 3/156th of Jennings: Commanded by Capt. Elbert Dupont with 1st Sgt. Roger Schwinn.

Company D, 3/156th of DeRidder: Commanded by Capt. Robert Moore with 1st Sgt. John Burns.

Company E, 3/156th of DeQuincy: Commanded by 1Lt Durlin Ancelet with 1st Sgt. Wilbert Rainey.

## Ft. Irwin

Historians believe that about 19,500 years ago, the area now known as Ft. Irwin was inhabited by Pinta Indians. Several of the springs on the post served as watering holes for Indian hunting parties.

In 1844, Capt. John C. Fremont became the first member of the U.S. Army to pass through the area while enroute to Bitter Springs. Bitter Springs was one of the stopovers on the Old Spanish Trail that



PATIENCE — Members of the 1/40th Task Force wait patiently to start another tactical exercise in their preparation for NTC.

# *is close to the real thing as technology allows*



This soldier, fully dressed in MILES (Multi-integrated Laser Engagement System) equipment, can be "killed" by a battery operated laser transmitter. The transmitter, shooting pulses of codified laser energy, simulates the effects of live ammunition. Detectors, located on the load-bearing harness and on a strap fitting over standard helmets, determine whether the target was hit by a weapon which could cause damage, whether it was accurate enough to call a kill, or whether a miss had taken place.

lost, then troops will go hungry.

A spokesman for the center said, "Nothing interferes with realism. Training at the NTC is the toughest in the world."

Louisiana National Guard troops taking part in the NTC training will find themselves spending about three days getting their equipment ready and then moving out to the deserts around the post to meet the enemy. In this case it's the special troops of the OPFOR -Opposing Force.

"There's no time for movies, PX's, or sight seeing...just moving, fixing and fighting," the NTC spokesman added. The training will emphasize the Battalion Task Force system, a doctrine that states this particular force combination is the basic unit of land warfare.

"It is especially tailored with tanks, infantry and supported by mortars, artillery and close air support to bear the brunt of the fighting," the spokesman said. "It is the

NTC's mission to train these BTFs."

Fort Irwin was selected as the NTC for three reasons:

- \* With over 1,000 square miles - it is large enough to accommodate the firing of all the BTF weapons and allow maneuvers over realistic distances.

- \* It's remoteness allows relatively free use of the Radio Electronic Combat segment planned for in the BTF doctrine.

- \* It's restricted airspace

allows the free use of close air support without endangering civil aviation.

An extra bonus, to U.S. Army officers at the post is that its desert terrain allows for desert warfare training as well.

The NTC also allows two unique experiences to the rotating task forces taking part in training there: Live fire training in both the defensive and offensive situations.

In the defensive scenario,

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## **"I have no doubts that our troops will do an excellent job"**

By Sgt. John Sullivan  
241st PAD (LAANG)

**NEW ORLEANS** — The training that members of the Louisiana National Guard will take part in while at the National Training Center is important and the work will be hard, but it still involves the basics of soldiering.

That's how Maj. Gen. Ansel M. Stroud, Adjutant General of the Louisiana National Guard said he sees the training and benefits it holds for the guardsmen.

"It will not require a superhuman effort to survive at the NTC," Stroud said. "It will require the basics that our guardsmen learned."

Units of the Louisiana National Guard are scheduled to arrive at the NTC located at Ft. Irwin in California in August with other units expected to be deployed to the desert training center later.

The center offers an area the size of Rhode Island for armored infantry and armor forces to practice tactics and maneuvers they can not do in

Louisiana. The troopers are normally deployed for 17-day periods to the center.

"I don't think our troops will have any major problems with the NTC," Stroud said. "In some ways, they may find the climate a little better than that of Ft. Polk."

At Ft. Polk, Stroud said, "It's hot both during the day and the night. At least in the desert it cools off a little during the night."

The training troops will undergo at the NTC is important because it forces the units to rely on their basic skills and to sharpen them, Stroud said.

"The challenge will be great, both on a unit and individual basis," Stroud said. "It will point out the strengths and weak points of our units and the realism will cause us to stretch a little."

"But I have no doubts that our troops will do an excellent job at the NTC," he added.

Units going to the NTC will have their efforts recorded by a series of computers that will monitor the wargames and then give the commanders a

videotape of their performances. This will enable commanders to see where their

troops did well and areas where more training is necessary.



EVEN THE COOKS — Even the cooks will work in the realistic battlefield environment. (Photo by 1LT T. Adams, 241st PAD)

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a small fort there.

Armor units arrived at the desert location in the 1930's when George S. Patton used the region as a maneuver site for his tanks. Tank tracks from those maneuvers are still visible in some places on the post.

In 1940, then President Franklin D. Roosevelt established a military reservation of 1,000 square miles in the area of the present-day Ft. Irwin. The reservation was

then named the Mojave Anti-Aircraft Range. In 1942, the post was named Camp Irwin in honor of Maj. Gen. G. Leroy Irwin, commander of the 57th Field Artillery Brigade. The camp was deactivated in 1944 and reactivated in 1951 as a training center for combat units during the Korean War.

The post was designated a permanent Class I installation in August 1961, and was renamed Ft. Irwin. During the

Vietnam buildup, many types of units, primarily artillery and engineer, were trained there before being deployed directly from the base to Southeast Asia.

In January 1971, the post was again deactivated and placed in a maintenance status under the control of Ft. McArthur, Calif. In 1972 full responsibility for the post went to the California Army National Guard.

Despite deactivation, the

post has served as a training site for the National Guard Army Reserve Units since World War II.

On Oct. 16, 1980 the national Training Center was officially activated, following years of planning and study at the Department of the Army, Headquarters, U.S. Army Forces Command and the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command.

On July 1, 1981, the fort was officially reactivated.

# OPFOR to give LANG realistic opposition

**Editor's Note:** When the Louisiana National Guard units go to the NTC this year and in the coming months and years they will find themselves facing the 32nd Motorized Rifle Regiment, the OPFOR. Here is a look at this specialized U.S. Army unit and the part it plays at Ft. Irwin.

By Sgt. John Sullivan  
241st PAD (LAARNG)

The Opposing Forces - OPFOR for short - is an Army-wide training program that focuses on peacetime preparedness training on the tactical weak spots of potential enemies.

This training is basically aimed at the division and smaller unit level and programs is designed to provide a

commanders with a training device for "emphasizing the competition inherent in battle through the use of a realistic opposing force which uses tactics, weapons and doctrines of potential adversaries," according to a U.S. Army document on the OPFOR program.

At Ft. Irwin, the OPFOR is the 32nd Guards Motorized Rifle Regiment and is composed of two TO&E units: the 6th Battalion, Mechanized 31st In-

fantry, and the 1st Battalion, 73rd Armor.

These two units, permanently stationed at Ft. Irwin, have the full-time missions of portraying the OPFOR. They are trained in the tactics and doctrine of the armed forces of the Soviet Union.

In their OPFOR role, these units use U.S. equipment which has been modified to visually resemble various Soviet-made equipment: specifically the M551 Sheridan which has been made to represent the appearance of:

- \* T-72 main battle tank of the Soviet Union
- \* BMP, armored personnel carrier
- \* 122-mm self-propelled howitzer
- \* ZSU 23-4 anti-aircraft gun.

In addition to these, M882 light trucks have been modified to play the role of the Soviet BRDM-2 in three versions: surface-to-air missile carrier, reconnaissance vehicle and anti-tank missile carrier.

When playing their role, these NTC soldiers wear special uniforms to assist in the identification of the OPFOR as a threat force in the simulated battlefield. The OPFOR uniforms were developed for Army-wide use by the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, and are not replicas of any actual uniforms or the insignia of any foreign nation.

A variety of actual foreign material is on hand at the NTC, and includes tracked and wheeled vehicles, crew-served and individual weapons. This equipment is used for orientation classes, demonstrations, and in some cases, actual use in the field under simulated combat conditions.

The units at the NTC were specially trained in their OPFOR role by Red Thrust, which is the U.S. Army Forces Command Opposing Force Training Detachment at Ft. Hood Texas.

## NTC

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the BTF forces engage a Soviet motorized rifle regiment represented by computer controlled targets deployed in a manner around the landscape to simulate movement. There are about 54 targets that can be engaged, but planners have said that when this system is completed, there will be about 1,000 such targets.

In the offensive scenario, about 70 targets representing 30 kilometers of a typical Soviet security zone

Live fire targets at the NTC are equipped with pyrotechnic firing devices which shoot back to simulate enemy firing and black smoke cannisters to simulate burning vehicles.

In addition, some of the targets shoot back with styrofoam missiles to simulate a Soviet Sagger anti-tank guided missile firing. The computer's in charge of the training have the ability to speed up or slow down the enemy advances or make their defense stronger or weaker.

"Both the offense and defense live fire problems provide the BTF the opportunity to practice its combat mission using live ammunition on a typical battlefield," an NTC spokesman said. "(There are) no barber poles or special safety considerations (that) exist, just the unit chair-of-command controlling the bat-

tlefield as they would combat."

The average rotation for a typical unit is about 14 days, but most of that time is spent in realistic combat scenarios with either computer controlled targets that are shooting back or members of the OPFOR.

"Realism is the key to the NTC," said the spokesman, "It's the hardest training in the world, but it's the best."

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**HEAVILY PREPARED** — Vehicles carrying members of the 3rd Battalion, 156th Infantry have been a prevalent sight during the past year at Ft. Polk training areas. The battalion deploys to the National Training Center in Ft. Irwin, California on 11 August, becoming the 3rd National Guard Unit in the Nation and the first unit in the state to participate in this premier "realistic" training. (Photo by 1LT T. Adams, 241st PAD)

# Alexandria has ringside seat for training

By Captain Thomas A. Reso

Before it was all over, the streets of Alexandria and a quiet residential neighborhood in LeCompte were interrupted by intermittent machine-gun fire, artillery simulators and even an anti-war demonstration.

Neighbors watched OPFOR probes with interest and amusement, even hauling out lawn chairs just prior to one attack on the LeCompte High School to get a comfortable look from "ringside."

It was called "Operation COMET," which stands for Command, Maintenance, Engineering and Transportation and was AT85 for the 204th Area Support Group, its three battalions, and a cluster of units from the Oklahoma National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve units from Oklahoma, Texas, and Alabama, as well as an active Army unit from Ft. Bliss, Texas.

The exercise was a nine-day period to test sustainment and survivability of the 204th's logistical support package, its command coordination and interaction with its subordinate battalions, and a first time test in Louisiana of MOUT training in active neighborhoods.

MOUT (Military Operations in Urbanized Terrain), training previously had been restricted to a weekend or two each year guarding entrances to an armory. But Operation COMET moved the Guard into a vacant school in LeCompte and into the site of a boat dealership, NEWMAC Marine, that was expropriated by the state for Interstate 49.

A special MOUT training team from Ft. Benning was on hand with each battalion to coach in the skills of providing defenses for buildings and how to use existing structures to advantage.

Although much was simulated, such as boarding up windows, realism was played to the hilt and the learning curve saw a dramatic upturn.

To help play the problem to the fullest, the 204th called on the 45th Rear Area Operations Center of the Oklahoma National Guard from Oklahoma City, to plan the rear battle and to help ensure the security of combat support activities.

The 486th Civil Affairs Company, an Army Reserve unit from Broken Arrow, Okla., helped to coordinate

activities with public officials in the Alexandria-LeCompte area from all departments: mayors, police, fire and utilities. The 486th worked closely with area civilians whose quiet neighborhoods were disrupted by the operation.

To help with the rear battle chemical operations, the 417th Chemical Detachment, an Army Reserve unit from Opelika,

Ala., monitored and managed chemical activity.

And the Camp Beauregard engineering force was augmented by the 348th Utility Detachment from Waco, Texas, which performed many projects and maintenance operations during the exercise.

This was conducted before the backdrop of a scenario that was written with Soviet forces attacking the U.S. from

Mexico, after establishing its stronghold in Central America. Refineries and major Gulf Coast ports were the targets of the invasion, and much of the "battle" took place along a line from Corpus Christi to Midland, Texas. The 204th and its logistical support elements were located on the map at Camp Beauregard, which is the approximate distance from the

main battle area such operations would take place.

But in the middle of the paper exercise, real world activities were taking place. For example, the 2223rd Engineer Battalion's 2228th Dump Truck Company performed ARTEP task hauling missions at Camp Beauregard, Ft. Polk, and Gonzales, La. The Ft. Polk and Gonzales operations were community relations projects and were good examples of the support the Guard provides to local governments.

Likewise, the 1086th Transportation Company of the 165th Transportation Battalion and the 62nd Transportation Company, an active Army unit from Ft. Bliss, were involved in two hauling missions. One mission required the hauling of engineer equipment from the Port of Mobile to Camp Beauregard. This equipment was being returned from the Republic of Panama where it had been used by the 225th Engineer Group in the Exercise "Blazing Trails."

The other mission was transporting sea/land containers and MILVANS from Belle Chasse near New Orleans to the Red River Army Depot.

At the same time, the 1087th Transportation Company of the 165th Battalion was assigned to haul artillery pieces and other equipment from Ft. Polk to the 141st Artillery's home station in New Orleans. The 1087th also assisted in moving the Group Headquarters to and from annual training and performed numerous other local hauling missions.

The 773rd Maintenance Battalion carried out many missions in direct support of other units in the Group, and it performed direct and general missions for other units of the Louisiana National Guard. This included initiation of repair work on engineer equipment from Blazing Trails, providing support teams for tank repairs to the MATES at Ft. Polk, and providing general support to the state maintenance shop. This work was accomplished by the battalion's 3671st and 3673rd Maintenance Companies. Of particular help was the utilization of the DAS-3 computer for ordering and tracking spare parts required by the maintenance companies.

Operation COMET was a success, and it is a concept that will be used again.



# Company A cooks up Connelly Award

By 1st Lt. T. Adams  
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(New Orleans, La.) — The Connelly Award for excellence in Food Service for Army National Guard units was won for the second year in a row by Company A, 199th Support Battalion.

Company A's mess section chief, Odelon Romero grins as he speaks of the sections accomplishment. "This award is something we worked for very hard. We learned a lot last year and wanted to put that to work for us this year."

The mess section was inspected by the 5th Army Food Service Support team from Fort Sam Houston, Texas, on June 11th, during the unit's Annual Training period at Fort Polk. The Team observed the preparation, serving and clean-up of a hot meal in a tactical environment.

The menu perhaps would not rival Chef Paul Prudhomme's Louisiana kitchen, but where the Louisiana Army National Guard is concerned, it is the very best.

Company A, a unit with a long tradition of the Acadiana "Cajun" influence on the 14-day menu, feel they have an extra incentive to keep on working for the Award at the 5th Army and eventually the National level.

Mess Sergeant Warren Degatur, mess sergeant for 21 years died of cancer in 1984. The loss of their friend spurred the idea, according to Spec. 4 Thomas Larden, of, "let's do it for Warren."

Romero added, "Warren was the best and always said he had the best mess section. He would have never competed for the Connelly Award,

he always felt we were number one, and that the troops were first. A Connelly award just wasn't a priority. But that's why we're doing it; to prove how right he was."

The Connelly Award was established in 1968 to recognize excellence in Army Food Service. The award competition represents a personal challenge to individual soldiers, and as Company A demonstrates, a form of group unity, leading to a sense of prestige, dignity and purpose.

Staff Sgt. Romero remarked, "It's an honor to be chosen as best mess in the state, and a privilege to be chosen for competition for the Connelly Award. It is a lot harder than any training we've done before, and all strictly by the book."

SP4 Richard Guidry of Breaux Bridge stated, "It's above all a challenge, and you learn a whole lot."

As he turned to start checking mermite containers, Staff Sgt. Romero said, "My cooks are doing great, and we have become a better mess section because of the competition."



**LEARNING EXPERIENCE** — Staff Sgt. Romero said, "This has really been a learning experience, the competition has taught them a lot. They have become a much better mess section because of the competition." Attention to detail shows in Company A's work, placing 2nd in regional competition in 1984 and hopeful to represent 5th Army in this years competition.

(Photos by 1LT T. Adams, 241st PAD)



# Training demanding at Polk for 256th

By 1st Lt. T. Adams  
Louisiana National Guard

The 256th Infantry Brigade, under the new command of Brig. Gen. Frank M. Denton, reached higher goals in the most ambitious and demanding training the Louisiana Brigade, as the 256th Infantry (Mechanized) is known, has ever participated.

The Brigade is the round-out brigade to the 5th Infantry Division at Ft. Polk, becoming the 3rd Brigade should the 256th ever be mobilized for a national emergency.

Training at Ft. Polk is not unusual for the 256th Infantry Brigade. The usual comments on the long hours and the hot weather were heard; however, the consistent push for high performance was the most frequently noted characteristic for this year's Annual Training.

Spending 11 days in the combat field environment, the Brigade was located throughout the ranges and training sites of Ft. Polk. Training resembled the realistic distances and movements a brigade-size

component would operate within.

One officer, Capt. Rebecca Poole, commented, "Gen. Denton is really serious about the quality of training and is pushing for an atmosphere similar to a war-time situation." As a nurse attached to the Brigade, she explained a difference in care of the soldiers in comparison to past years. "In the past," she explained, "guardsmen that were sick and injured were evacuated to the containment area in the rear. This year the flow of personnel is more str-

ingent with personnel forwarded to rear areas for care only when it is not available in the field environment. This kind of training is what we've been needing for a long time. It makes us all a lot more conscious of our abilities, responsibilities, and in some cases, our limitations. I have really enjoyed the training. I've learned a lot."

A senior Non-Commissioned Officer, also commenting on the overall training, remarked, "In a way it's really crazy out there (in the field.) The guard has

changed so much since I got in. Gen. Denton is very demanding and you don't dare give him anything but your best. We are in a no-monkey business guard today; much more serious about our missions, our training, and I think most importantly, about ourselves."

The Brigade, under Gen. Denton's leadership has thus set the pace. Professional, determined, and dedicated; the Louisiana Brigade continues as a viable asset to the 5th Infantry Division at Ft. Polk.

By F. E. Thomas, Col (LA)  
Historical Activities Officer

In last month's column, I spoke about the Military History Renaissance being experienced by the National Guard throughout the country.

Our Louisiana Military History and State Weapons Museum plays a key role in this historical renaissance by preserving the heritage of the Louisiana National Guard. Your heritage, and Your Guard.

While many visitors from all parts of the United States, (and the world), pass through our museum, the number of Louisiana National Guardsmen who visit it are very few in comparison. On occasion, when a guardsman does drop by to look around, he departs with the comment that he had no idea the museum was as extensive and complete as it is. I do not believe that it is lack of interest which keeps them away - as most of the young men I've known over the years have always shown an interest in guns - perhaps not their "number one" interest - but, never-the-less, they have always been interested in firearms. I believe the problem is that most of the Louisiana Guardsman do not know the museum even exists - (several have made this statement to me).

To perhaps generate additional interest I would like to make an offer to the commanders of the LAARNG and LANG units - particularly those in the greater New Orleans area.

When you have several new young men and women who are awaiting "Rep-Training", why not invite them to visit the museum for a tour and orientation briefing on the history of the Louisiana National Guard with emphasis on the lineage of THIER particular units.

Of course, this offer is not only limited to rep-trainees but to everyone else as well.

I believe in showing and talking to the Guardsmen about their predecessors weapons, equipment, colors, and other artifacts, would instill a degree of belonging, esprit-de-corps and patriotism in these young men and women.

This sort of program would also be interesting and instructional in that it would allow the people in combat and combat support units to see and compare the development of

# Come see YOUR museum!

weapons and equipment with what they are currently using and being issued.

Should you as commander determine that something like this would be advantageous for your people and an overall benefit to your command, you need only to give me a call - we'll set something up.

One more thing, we have been told by the National Guard Bureau, United States Army Center of Military History, and others that Louisiana has one of the best National Guard Museums in the United States. When other states try to establish their National Guard Museums, many of them pattern their entire structure and methods of exhibiting on ours, certainly, you should allow your people to see what the National Guard in other states are trying to copy! Consider this a standing invitation for your unit to visit THEIR museum.

Now that the invitation has been extended, let me tell you what's going on at the museum.

On the "Blue Suiter" side -preliminary plans are being made for an F-4C Phantom to be placed on the rear museum grounds. "How?" You ask? Very carefully!! Because of its complex structure only the wing "TIPS" can be removed, leaving a very wide load to be trucked over from Alvin Callander. So then - how else could it be brought over - sky crane helicopter! With the power plants, instrumentation, electronic's, etc removed the bird still weighs out at 18,000 lbs (more or less) - and that's an awful lot of weight to be dangling from a helicopter sling.

The reason we will probably be getting the phantom at the museum is of course the fact that the 159th Fighter Group is presently in the transition period from F-4's to F-15 Eagles. Again, hartiest congratulations are in order to the 159th. It's not everyday an Air National Guard unit gets F-15 Eagles!

I was able to get over the Acceptance Ceremonies on 29 June and got to see the Eagle soar. Gave me goose bumps as big as marbles. I'll admit, it's a whole new ball game from my time of P-47's, Spits, and 109's. Just remember this bit of advice if you get to see the Eagle in flight - look fast!

When we get the F-4 Phantom it will give us three fine aircraft artifacts at the museum. The F-100 Super

Sabre, YF-102 Delta Dagger, (Y stands for a prototype), and the F-4 Phantom. I also understand we still have a shot at an F-86 - (look out Wright Patterson)!

ON THE GREEN SUITER SIDE. We will be receiving two 40 MM Bofors anti-aircraft guns mounted on towed carriages. According to NGB-PAH these fine World War II AAA weapons are in "Bristol" condition. Seems CMH came up with the last 17 guns in existence. The US NAVY - believe it or not - had them in storage since 1945. I understand they had plans to remove the guns from the carriages and mount them in ships, vessels, or whatever. This never materialized - and they were released back to the US Army last month - May 1985. That's right - 40 years! I wonder who paid for the storage?

One of the two guns will go to Camp Beauregard for static display and the other will be set up near our other AAA weapons - (M-19 Duster and M-16 Quad 50 cal on M-3 Half Track - (Referred to as the "Bloody Bucket"). This will give us three AAA weapons used by the Louisiana National Guard, c 1940-1960. (look out Fort Bliss)!

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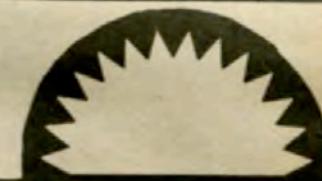
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**BACON RECEIVES EAGLE** — In a surprise promotion ceremony, Col. Roger Bacon, Sr. is promoted to that rank. Maj. Gen. A.M. Stroud congratulates Col. Bacon as his wife stands near. (Photo by CW3 Stan Sirgo)



Adjutant General shakes hands with Col. Charles Bourgeois after presenting him with the Meritorious Service Medal. (Photo by Sgt. Steven Brown)



**ISON GETS GOLD LEAF** — Maj. Richwell Ison is pinned by his wife and Maj. Gen. Ansel M. Stroud, Jr. as other staff members look on. (Photo by Sgt. Steven Brown, 241st PAD)



**BERGERON RECEIVES MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL** — Col. Lynn Bergeron is awarded by Meritorious Service Medal just prior to the monthly staff meeting by Maj. Gen. A.M. Stroud, Jr. (Photo by Sgt. Steven Brown)

## Awards and Assignments

### AWARDS

#### LOUISIANA COMMENDATION MEDAL

CW2 Eleanora C. Angelo to HQ, STARC  
CIV Clifford W. Arnold to HQ, LAARNG Trng Site  
SSG Richard L. Bottrell to 399th Med Det  
SSG Joseph M. Bradford to HQ, STARC  
SP4 James I. Branch to Det 1, HQ, STARC  
COL Valsin L. Brousse, III to HQ, STARC  
SGT Bobby R. Bullitt to Det 2, 256th Inf Bde  
SFC Charles W. Callahan to Det 2, HQ, STARC  
SGT Joseph Constantino to Det 1, HQ, STARC  
SSG Clarence J. Dauzat to Det 1, HQ, STARC  
SFC Fred P. Dauzat to Det 1, HQ, STARC  
SP4 Patricia G. Greene to HQ, 225th Engr Gp  
SP5 Lane R. Lavespere to Det 1, HQ, STARC  
SFC James S. Masters to HQ, STARC  
SSG Joseph L. Medler to Det 1, HQ, STARC  
SP4 Billy R. Mitchell to Det 1, HQ, STARC  
SP5 Richard D. Nichols to 399th Med Det  
SFC Ricky L. Robertson to HQ, STARC  
SFC Max O. Sasser to HQ, STARC  
CW1 Jewel T. Scroggs to Det 1, HQ, STARC  
SFC Wade A. Scroggs to Det 1, HQ, STARC  
SSG Larry J. Smith to 399th Med Det  
SSG Roy M. Snow to 399th Med Det  
1LT Marvin E. Stracener, Jr. to 159th MASH  
SGT Grady E. Welch to HQ, STARC  
SSG James A. Welch to Det 1, HQ, STARC  
SP5 Dale L. Vaughn to Det 1, HQ, STARC

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Mary B. Oalmann - HQ, STARC  
Cleo S. Watson - USPFO

#### LOUISIANA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

LTG Edward A. Partian - HQ, 5th Army

#### LOUISIANA CROSS OF MERIT

MAJ Sans C. Broussard - HHC, 256th Inf  
SSF Jerry D. Bryant - Det 1, HQ, STARC  
CPT Francis M. Campbell - Co. C, 156th AR  
SP5 David C. Chaffin - Det 1, HQ, STARC  
SSG Fred B. Cole - Co. A, 527th Engr Bn  
SFC Ronald T. Cole - HQ, 225th Engr Gp  
CPT Daniel J. Falanga - 3673rd Maint Co.  
CW2 Terrell G. Griffin 3673rd Maint Co.  
COL Gene C. Hazel - Camp Beauregard Director of Engineering Services  
CSM Donald F. Hemphill - Det 2, HQ STARC  
MAJ Charles T. Marvin - 256th Inf Bde  
CW4 Richard H. Miller - Det 1, HQ, STARC  
SSG James H. Mays - Det 1, HQ, STARC  
SFC George C. Owens - Det 2, HQ, STARC

#### ARMY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

1LT Tracie L. Adams - 241st PAD  
SSG Roy J. Brasseaux, II - NGB RCNCOES  
SSG Norbert J. Broussard - HHC, 2/156 Inf  
SGT Steven C. Brown - 241st PAD  
SFC Charles W. Callahan - Det 2, HQ, STARC  
SP6 Ida M. Clark - Det 2, HQ, STARC  
SFC Rickey T. Coleman - HQ, STARC  
SFC Gerald W. Holloway - NGB RCNCOES  
MSG James L. Lacour - HQ, STARC  
SGT Elizabeth A. Melton - HQ, STARC  
CPT Daniel R. Moore - HQ, STARC  
CPT Paula A. Nunez - HQ, STARC  
CPT Marilyn T. O'Hara - NGB, RCNCOES  
SGT Louis E. Pittman - HHC, 769th Engr Bn  
SFC Richard M. Riccardi - HQ, STARC  
SGT Richard L. Sharp - NGB RCNCOES  
MSG Vernon W. Sprawls - HQ, STARC  
SFC Patrick J. Tyrrell, Jr. - NGB RCNCOES  
MSG Oliver M. Vanderhoeven - HQ, STARC  
MSG James M. Winderweedle - HQ, STARC  
SFC John D. Wood - HQ, STARC

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SSG Thomas F. Chandler - USPFO Warehouse  
MAJ William J. Croft - HQ, STARC  
MAJ Earl L. Dickinson, Jr. - HQ, STARC  
SFC Hollis C. Dollar - HQ, STARC  
SFC Micheal T. Dowling - HQ, STARC  
LTC Ronald E. Kilcrease - HQ, STARC  
SFC James L. Lacour - HQ, STARC  
MAJ Stafford J. Landry, Jr. - HQ, STARC

COL Russell A. Mayeur - HQ, STARC  
CW4 Richard H. Miller - Det 1, HHC, 199th Spt Bn  
CPT Daniel R. Moore - HQ, STARC  
SFC Tobias J. Mullen, Jr. IV - HQ, STARC  
SGM Walter D. Renshaw - HQ, STARC  
LTC Lester R. Schmidt - HQ, 769th Engr Bn  
MSG Vernon W. Sprawls - HQ, STARC  
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MSG Oliver M. Vanderhoeven - HQ, STARC  
MSG James M. Winderweedle - HQ, STARC

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COL Charles A. Bourgeois - HQ, STARC  
COL Raymond E. Chavanne - HQ, STARC  
CSM Harold B. Cook - HQ, STARC  
MSG Lonie J. Douget - Co. A, 199th Spt Bn  
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#### ASSIGNMENTS

CW4 Lawerence Franton - HHD, 199th Spt Bn  
Bde PBO  
CW4 Charlie M. Weatherford - HHD, 199th Spt Bn  
Supply Tech  
2LT James M. Alexander, Jr. - Co. C, 205th Engr Bn  
General Construction Plt Ldr  
2LT Samuel E. Baley, II - Det 1, Co. C, 2/156 Inf  
Executive Officer  
2LT Robert J. Bergeron - 2673rd Maint Co.  
Plt Ldr  
2LT Doreen M. Blanchard - Co. A, 199th Spt Bn  
Assist. AG  
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1LT William F. Brown - 3673rd Maint Co.  
Armament Maint Officer  
1LT Thomas J. Crane - Co. C, 2/156th Inf  
Co Cmdr  
1LT John G. Fourcade - Co. B, 1/156th AR  
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1LT James Kidder - Co. A, 199th Spt Bn  
Personnel Mgmt Officer  
1LT Donald C. Williams - Co. B, 205th Engr Bn  
Const Officer  
CPT James W. Burdett - Co. B, 205th Engr Bn  
Engr Equip Maint Officer  
CPT Gerard W. Langlois - HHC, 204th ASG  
Automotive Maint Officer  
CPT Joe C. Nobles - HHD, 165th  
Cntr Equip Officer  
CPT Sidney L. Pitman - HHC, 769th Engr Bn  
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CPT Kirt R. Ricks - HHC, 165th Trans Bn  
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Co Cmdr  
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LTC Charles M. Partin - LAMA  
Superintendent  
COL Maston E. Wright - HQ, STARC  
Comptroller

# Baker armory dedicated



Open house at the new Baker armory included displays of various military hardware. Here, Mark Harrison from Walker, Louisiana, is getting an introduction to a 90mm recoilless rifle from SP4 Duane Hanna of Slaughter. (Photo by Maj. David O. Miller, 241st PAD)

## Appointments and Promotions

### Appointments

#### Appointed as CW2

Dwaine E. Janet - HQ, STARC

#### Appointed as 2LT

William L. Free - HHC, 2/156th Inf  
Margaret S. Smith - 159th MASH

#### Appointed as CPT

Roy Peltier - Det 1, HHC, 2/156th Inf

### Promotions

#### To SP4:

James D. Lofton - Det 2, HQ, STARC

#### To SGT:

Melanie Brent - HQ, STARC

#### To SSG:

Michael H. Belgard - Det 2, HQ, STARC  
David W. Chapman - Det, HQ, STARC  
Lester J. Degeyter - Det 2, HQ, STARC  
Cynthia L. Foster - Det 2, HQ, STARC  
Saundra Lachica - HQ, STARC  
Edmond B. McKinley - Det 1, HQ, STARC  
Robert W. Nugent - Det 2, HQ, STARC

#### To SFC:

Wilhemina A. Clark - Det 2, HQ, STARC  
Charles Brannon, Jr. - Det 2, HQ, STARC  
Roger P. Drake - Det 2, HQ, STARC  
Roger D. Johnson - Det 2, HQ, STARC  
Russell P. Lyons - Det 2, HQ, STARC  
Roy I. Nomey - Det 2, HQ, STARC  
Earnest A. Salsberry - Det 2, HQ, STARC

#### Promoted to MSG

Gerald W. Holloway - Det 2, HQ, STARC

#### Promoted to CW2

Michael R. Jenkins - HHC, 205th Engr Bn

#### Promoted to 1LT

John G. Adger - Co. C, 1/156 AR  
Robert A. Corley, IV - Co. A, 527th Engr Bn  
Jerry S. Crooks - Co. B, 527th Engr Bn  
Macky R. Giles - HHC, 1/156th AR  
Little R. Hershey - Det 1, Co. D, 769th Engr Bn  
Vernon Jiles - HHD, STARC

#### Promoted to CPT

Raymond E. Scott - HHC, 240th ASG

#### Promoted to LTC

Richard G. Brown - Det 1, HQ, STARC

#### Promoted to COL

Paul D. Alford, Jr. - HQ, STARC  
Roger A. Bacon, Sr. - HQ, STARC

Dedication ceremonies were held on July 14 memorializing a new armory in Baker, Louisiana. The facility is the new home of Detachment C, 769th Engineer Battalion, Louisiana Army National Guard, 1Lt. John R. Angeloz, Commander.

The new facility was memorialized as the Colonel Orren L. Pugh Jr Armory in honor of the late Colonel Pugh, a long time resident and civic leader of the City of Baker. Ceremonies included addresses by N.E. (Pete) Hinie, Mayor of Baker, Major General A.M. Stroud, the Adjutant General of the State of Louisiana, and by Colonel Steven J. Bailey (Ret) a long time friend of the Pugh Family. Mrs. O.L. Pugh of Baker, performed the ribbon cutting and Plaque/Portrait unveiling to officially open the new facility. An open house, immediately followed the ceremony.

The new facility is a 100 man Armory, which will be used to administer and train unit personnel. The facility may also be utilized, on a limited basis, by local civic and community organizations within approved state guidelines.

The construction of the new facility was a community effort with the City of Baker donating the site and local Baker contractor Ted Hicks and Associates, performing the actual construction.

### In Memorium

#### Master Sgt. James E. Mercer

Master Sgt. James E. Mercer passed away on 13 July 1985. He was 50 years of age.

Master Sgt. Mercer entered Active Duty on 26 August 1953 with the United States Army Reserve on 2 June 1956 and served until 25 August 1961. After a break in service, Master Sgt. Mercer enlisted in the Headquarters and Headquarters Company 527th Engineer Battalion, Bossier City, Louisiana on 21 March 1977. During his career with the Louisiana Army National Guard, he served in Headquarters and Headquarters Company 225th Engineer Group, the Louisiana Military Academy, Army National Guard Training Site and Detachment/Headquarters State Area Command in various Military Occupational Specialties. He served faithfully and honorably until his death. Master Sergeant Mercer's awards and decorations include the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Component Overseas Service Ribbon, Louisiana Commendation Medal (2nd Award) and the Louisiana General Excellence Medal. Surviving are his wife, Susie and children, Robert, Don and Ronald.



Another son followed his father's footsteps into the Louisiana Army National Guard when, upon his graduation from Denham Springs High School, Steven Adcox was sworn into the Guard by his father, Maj. Charles A. Adcox

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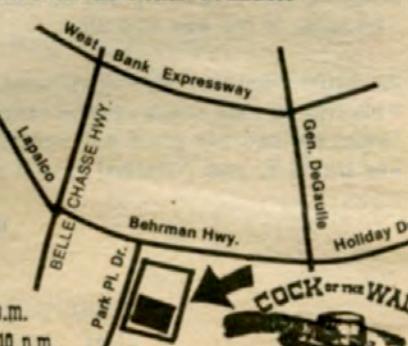
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# Poem captures Guard spirit

*Editors Note: Families are frequently impressed upon by the actions of husband, sons, and loved ones that are members of the Guard. One such person is Mrs. Joan P. Kennedy, wife of Sgt. 1st Class Jay G. Kennedy of the 205th Engineer Battalion. She did not venture to Panama, nor has she put on a uniform once a month for drill weekends; yet she has insight into the workings of the guard today.*

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In time of strife or trouble  
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Control a riot or calm a crowd.

When N.O.P.D. went out on strike  
The Guard was called to duty  
For Mardi Gras — it had to go on  
Tradition, throws, and beauty.

In floods, famine, earthquakes, and disasters  
The Guard is always there  
In time of need, they show the world  
There is someone to care.

It's not always easy for the men to leave  
Their families for training camp  
To go on maneuvers or mile long hikes  
Sleep in the woods often cold and damp.

They train to be ready to meet the need  
Of whatever task they face  
Some become leaders, outstanding in rank,  
Still others go at their own pace.

The Guard belongs, they do their share  
To help our country grow  
Community, school, and city projects  
The Guard is on the go.

Down to Panama in Central America  
Is the latest move they've made  
In lieu of their summer camp the men  
Down there for two weeks have stayed.

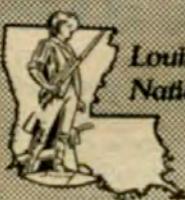
To a far out village, somewhat remote,  
Their task has been building a road  
The poor people there respect and admire  
These men who have shouldered the load.

Camp Gato Solo is their base  
Tent City it's sometimes called  
Sleeping on cots, living out of their bags,  
The same is for one and all.

An experience that all will remember  
This trip to that south central land  
'Twas yet another good will venture  
For the U.S. and National Guard man.

By Joan P. Kennedy  
2-25-85

Wife of SFC Jay G. Kennedy  
HHC 205th Engr Bn (Cbt Hwy)



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# Recruiters Report June 1985

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Michael Wayne Jackson to DET1 CO C 528TH ENGR  
Herbert Dewayne Jackson to CO D 1/156TH AR  
Herman Joseph James to 106TH MED CO  
Kevin E. Jefferson to CO C 528TH ENGR  
Mark Adam Jeter to CO A 3/156TH INF  
Ardis Max Johnson to 156TH ARMY BAND  
Douglas Edward Johnson to DET1 CO B 205TH  
Gary Wayne Johnson 39TH MP CO  
Terence L. Johnson to HHC 528TH ENGR  
Flencia Kay Johnson to DET1 1086TH TRANS  
Sylvester Joseph Jones to CO A 527TH ENGR  
Sonia Anita Jones to 239TH MP CO  
Peter G. Joseph to 256TH EN CO  
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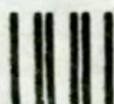
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From the revolutionary War to the War in Viet Nam, in national crises and national disasters, the National Guard has always been ready when America called.

Today is no different. The Guard still needs the kind of people who know peace and freedom don't come cheap. Who are willing to stand up and be counted when the chips are down.

People like you, and your fellow Guardsmen.

The Guard offers some great benefits for a part-time job: a monthly check, PX privileges,

low-cost insurance, and retirement benefits. All for two days a month, and two weeks a year. But while membership in the Guard is part-time, it takes a full time patriot to be a Guardsman.

So stay Guard — and encourage other good soldiers to do the same. Because "hero" doesn't have to be just a word. It can be the face you see when you look in the mirror.



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Keep them in. Remind them why they joined.