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MG Ansel M. Stroud, Jr. was recently elected the 40th president of the National Guard Association of the United States.

MG Stroud, the Adjutant General since 1980, began his military career in 1944 with the U.S. Army. He joined the Louisiana National Guard in 1947 as a second lieutenant. After a variety of assignments, he rose to command of the 256th Infantry Brigade prior to his selection to be Adjutant General. As the 256th commander he helped pioneer the present day partnership programs between the National Guard and active services when his brigade became a round-out element of the Army's 5th Infantry Division (Mech).

MG Stroud was a member of the Army Reserve forces Policy Committee (ARFPC) from 1973-1976 and was

reappointed to the committee in 1984, currently serving as the chairman of the Army National Guard Subcommittee.

In 1977 he was appointed chairman of a Department of the Army Study of Full Time Training and Administration of the Guard and Reserve. The study, which became known as the "Stroud Report", determined that there was insufficient full time military support in the military technician program. The Stroud study established the groundwork for today's active Guard/Reserve program.

The National Guard Association of the United States, founded in 1878 to promote improved readiness of the National Guard within the Total Force, currently has almost 56,000 active and retired National Guard Officer and Warrant Officer members.



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GUARD CELEBRATES 350TH ANNIVERSARY

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This year the National Guard is celebrating its 350th anniversary. The 350th theme, "Citizens, Soldiers, Patriots" describes the role of Guardsmen since 1636. The 181st Infantry, 182d Infantry, 101st Field Artillery and the 101st Engineer Battalion, Massachusetts ARNG will be celebrating their 350th Anniversary on December 13, 1986.

Although militia units had previously been formed in Virginia, the creation of three regiments from existing companies by the Massachusetts Bay Colony on Dec. 13, 1636 is officially recognized as the beginning of the National Guard. These three regiments, which are 350 years old, are not only the most senior in the U.S. Army, but also rank as three of the oldest military regiments in the world.

On that date the North, East and

South Regiments were formed. The 181st Inf and the 182nd Inf both hold the lineage and honors of the North Regiment. The South Regiment, later the Boston Regiment, is perpetuated today by the 1st Bn, 141st FA, Boston Light Artillery. The East Regiment, later known as the Essex Regiment is now the 101st Engr Bn.

The term "National Guard" was first adopted by an American Militia Unit, the 2nd Bn, 11th New York Artillery in honor of the Marquis de Lafayette's celebrated, "Garde National de Paris," on the occasion of Lafayette's final passage through New York City en route to France, August 24, 1824. It became the official title of the American Militia after passage of the National Defense Act of 1916.

To mark the 350th Anniversary of the Guard, a House concurrent resolution will declare the first Sunday of December as National Guard Day. The U.S. Postal Service will also celebrate the event by issuing a commemorative post card.



SAFETY SEZ

By MAJ Mattie L. Caldwell

Hearing Loss is a preventable accident. Many people think that their ears adjust to the high intensity of noise in their environment after a period of time. But ears don't grow calluses like the bottom of your feet. They don't enlarge and toughen like the muscles in your arms as they are worked and sometimes abused. The nerves in your ears that enable you to hear simply lie down, give up, and die.

The best thing to prevent hearing loss is to reduce your exposure to high levels of noise. By high levels of noise, it is meant that anything with an intensity of over 85 decibels of sound. Examples of this kind of noise is 2 1/2 Ton and 5 Ton trucks when running, tanks and field artillery pieces when in operation or firing, and small arms while firing. Even chain saws, air powered drills, and computer printers with the tops opened. Some people joke that the only noise hazards they have around their homes are the kids and their wife. But these people have obviously forgotten about their lawn mowers, wood working equipment, televisions, stereos, and vacuum cleaners. Worse yet is when many of these items are all working together and are competing to be heard at the same time. Like when you turn the T.V. up in order to hear it over the vacuum cleaner or the neighbor's lawn mower.

Since it is not always possible to reduce your exposure to loud noise, hearing protection in the form of ear muffs, ear plugs, and ear caps, provide an excellent respite from a dangerous and

insidious hazard. The best ear plugs in the world are your two index fingers, each fit snugly into its respective ear. Since this makes it very difficult to do anything else however, other forms of hearing protection, such as those mentioned above were invented. When worn properly, each hearing protective device should provide the same muffled sound produced when the index fingers are used.

Your hearing is one more resource that if properly protected, can pay dividends in a combat environment. If an individual loses his good hearing through a lack of hearing protection during training exercises, he may be unable to detect the approach of enemy personnel, distinguish commands when two or three sources of noise are present, or hear high pitched alarms. In several studies, it has been documented that hearing protection aids marksmanship by reducing shock to the ears and causing the individual to flinch less.

There is no good reason not to use some form of hearing protection. Some types of hearing protection are better suited for some types of work than others. For example, muffs are excellent for short or intermittent use while ear plugs are better for longer wear and comfort, particularly in hot, humid areas. Noise induced hearing loss is painless, and once the ear's hair-cells are damaged, there is no way to fix them. Don't let this "accident" sneak up on you. Prevent damage to your hearing by proper and adequate use of hearing protection.

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Chaplain's Corner:

In God We Trust

By 2LT James Brown, HQ STARC



On our currency these words are written, "In God We Trust." Looking around I see people putting their trust in things or other people, but they do not seem to put their trust in God. Why is this the case? Is it that in our technological age we have outgrown God? As children, we were taken to church by our parents. As adults, we rarely set foot in the Church. Our actions say that we no longer need God. We leave God totally out of lives. In essence, we say, "We can handle it ourselves."

We wonder why God seems so distant. He is never there when we need Him! Could it be that we have been looking in the wrong places? God is not found where the worldly mind set resides. He is not a part of stealing, drunkenness, lying, or loose living. Could it be that we are looking for a God who is too small? Many

bow the knee to power. Many bow the knee to pleasure. God is able to give all of these, but these in themselves will never sustain us when the struggles of life come tumbling down on us.

God alone is able to carry us through the struggles of life. Anything less than the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords is not worthy of worship and trust. The Almighty God is intimately concerned about each of us. He loves us. Can you imagine that? God actually loves us! It is no wonder that our forefathers placed these words, "In God We Trust," on the currency of our great land. He truly is the One we can trust.

News from the 156th

One of the more popular displays at this year's Barksdale Air Force Base's open house was an M60A1 tank, belonging to 1st Battalion, 156th Armor in Shreveport.

The tank display, which attracted young and old alike, was part of an open house which included the USAF Precision Flying Team — the Thunderbirds, the Golden Knights — the U.S. Army parachute team, and over 100 tactical, strategic and support aircraft of the U.S. Air Force.

1/156th Armor personnel were on hand to answer questions on the tank and tracked vehicle displays. The Armor Team's display has become a favorite among open house organizers and visitors, according to 1/156th Armor administrative officer Capt. Charles K. Tolleson.

Lt. John D. Banks and Sgt. 1st Class Larry M. Stephens have been named as 1986-87 Outstanding Officer and NCO of the 1st Battalion, 156th Armor respectively by the Exchange Club of Shreveport.

The two were recently presented with engraved sabers by club members.

Banks has served as Battlefield Intelligence officer from 1984 until taking a position at HQ LAARNG. He was cited for his leadership, devotion to duty and exhibiting values most becoming of a soldier.

Stephens served as Battalion Food Service NCO from 1984 until being selected as 1st Sgt. of Company A. He was cited for his willingness to serve, his exemplary performance as a senior NCO and his professional development of subordinates.

Williard Blackwell and Staff Sgt. Bill Knight, both of 1/156th Armor, have been selected as Guardsmen of the Quarter by the Exchange Club of Shreveport and Pierre Bossier Mall.

Blackwell and Knight were selected

based on criteria of service, expertise and loyalty. They join four other Guardsmen selected earlier this year as Guardsmen of the Quarter.

Those named for the first quarter were: Capt. Clyde R. Casselberry, HHC 1/156th commander and Sgt. 1st Class Dennis E. Harlan, PAC supervisor, HQ 1/156th. For the second quarter, those honored were: Lt. James Hinson, XO Co. D 1/156th and Staff Sgt. John Whitehead, scout platoon sergeant, HQ 1/156th Armor.

Capt. Charles K. Tolleson, administrative officer for 1/156th Armor, will assume the duties of treasurer of the Exchange Club of Shreveport.

Tolleson and three other club members were recently sworn into their positions in the organization's 1987 leadership during an August installation ceremony hosted by Louisiana Attorney General William Guste.

Tolleson also received recognition as recipient of the President's Award for his participation in Exchange Club activities and involvement in community activities through the Louisiana National Guard.

The 1/156th Armor's display at the March of Dimes fundraiser sponsored by K-Mart of Bossier City was voted "best" in several categories.

The fundraiser included an antique car display, prizes from local radio sponsors and March of Dimes organizers. The featured display was 1/156th's M-60A1 tank from Company B.

The Armor Team "centerpiece" raised a few eyebrows and lots of donations. Sgt. 1st Class Billy R. West, Company B training NCO, and other crew members provided spectators with information about the tank and spoke with pride about Armor's history and contributions in mounted combat.

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P.E. THOMAS
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Because of increased museum activities the History, Heraldry and Museum column will not appear this month.

The Princeton Hyatt in New Jersey was the site of the 15th Annual U.S. Army Museum Conference early November.

Featuring an official welcome from Governor Thomas H. Kean, and a presentation by Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh, the more than 200 representatives of Army Museums from throughout the United States, Australia, Canada and Europe spent the week in Princeton, the crossroads of the American revolution.

BG William A. Stofft, Chief of Military History and Mrs. Jodi Davis, Chief Curator, Center of Military History were the primary organizers of the weeks

agenda with MG Francis R. Gerard, TAG, and the New Jersey National Guard as the official hosts.

Many curators showed video tapes and slide presentations of their museum's artifacts. Louisiana boasted a slide presentation of over 210 slides showing everything from our 1917 touring Cadillac to the signatures of soldiers during the Civil War, Spanish American War, WWI, and WWII, carved in the bricks of the museum's exterior.

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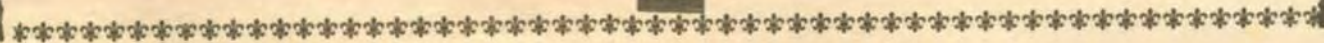


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If anyone is asked what his or her job is, the first thing that comes to mind is the AFR 39-1/AFR 36-1 position description (PD). Because the duties and tasks specified in our PDs determine the scope of training requirements, we frequently think we are successful if we perform our specified duties and tasks in accordance with prescribing directives.

We in the military can agree that the foregoing factors are important to any self-evaluation of success; however, we shouldn't stop there. We have to assess whether or not we have provided the needed service for which our job was created. We must be able to see how our job fits into the overall scheme of things, to somehow realize that the service we

provide is an essential service to our unit or the people in our unit. We must also understand that when we fail to provide that service, whatever the reason, the efficiency of the unit is adversely affected, and our ability to perform our mission is diminished and, in some rare cases, completely negated.

Have you ever observed an individual so intent on compliance that he or she develops tunnel vision and fails to deliver a needed service? This is not an open invitation to disregard prescribing directives. It's an appeal to each and every member of the Coonass Militia to realize that your unit cannot perform its mission unless you provide the essential service for which your job was created. Understand the role you play in the overall scheme of things, and insure that your number one priority is mission accomplished.

If you are a cook, you expect your pay to be accurate and timely. If you are a finance clerk, you want to pick up your uniforms from supply when promised. Supply personnel who have fasted from food and liquids deserve to take their physicals as scheduled. I'm sure there have been instances when your supervisor told you to go somewhere at a precise time to obtain a needed service only to be denied that service when you reported. How did you feel at that very moment? If you were gruffly turned away without explanation, not very well, I'm sure. After all, you interrupted the important things you were doing and maybe even travelled a consid-

COMMAND NOTES

ANG Topics from Headquarters Louisiana Air National Guard



By BG James J. Hourin
Commander, La ANG

erable distance to obtain the service. On the other hand, if someone took a personal interest in you and made an honest effort to overcome obstacles which may have developed, you left feeling good about yourself, the individual who delivered the personalized service, and your organization. You felt wanted, and you wanted to belong.

Everyone of us will need the services of another, and most, if not at all, will provide a fellow member a service during

our military careers. With that thought in mind, it seems to me that the efficiency and effectiveness of our people and our units will be greatly improved if we dedicate ourselves to taking that extra step when needed to deliver the quality of service that we ourselves expect when we are receiving, instead of delivering, a service. If we truly dedicate ourselves to this principle of personalized service, the Coonass Militia will not only be among the best, it can and will be the very best.

Sen. Johnston takes to skies

By SSG Courville

The light at the end of the tunnel is not an oncoming train, it's just a long way off! This statement somewhat mirrors Senator J. Bennett Johnston's feelings about the future of the State of Louisiana.

In a recent visit to the 159th Tactical Fighter Group, he accompanied the fighter pilots on a training mission in the F-15 Eagle B-model. He took time out after his

flight to assure us there is no cause for alarm.

He feels that the State has a good economic future - much more secure than in the recent past. Although he thinks the economy will bottom out in 1987, he does foresee a gradual upswing on the road to recovery.

And what about the 159 TFG?
Senator Johnston has always been a

strong supporter of the Air Guard and is particularly proud of this unit. He states that the Air Guard has consistently outperformed the regular Air Force for several reasons: optimum use of available military facilities and resources, longer rotation cycles and excellent retention levels.

After partaking in aerial maneuvers and witnessing the performance of our unit he

became an even bigger supporter. The pride and dedication displayed by the members of the Louisiana Air Guard were obvious to Sen. Johnston who really felt a part of the unit.

Senator Johnston stated he would very much like the 159 TFG to get the new ground control radar unit (GCR) established at the Naval Air Station.

LeBeouf honored at Military ball



By CPT C. Whitt and CMSGT Brady

MSG Richard E. LeBeouf was the recipient of this year's "Washington Artillery Veteran's Association Outstanding Airman Award" from Col. James R. Matthews, Group Commander, 159th Tac Ftr Gp, at the 149th anniversary of the Military Ball held at the Clarion Hotel.

The Military Ball is held annually in recognition and appreciation of military personnel in the New Orleans area, and recreates the military balls of the late 1800's.

LeBeouf's selection as the La. Air National Guard's representative was based upon performance, dedication, professionalism and civic awareness. He has been a member of the 159th TFG for over 26 years, and presently serves as an F-15 Eagle aircraft mechanic.



MAJ Berry and Senator Johnston prepare to taxi to the runway. (Photo by TSG Roscher, 159th Audio Visual Support Center)



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159th WSSF Honors Family

By ILT F. S. Strocchia

The 159th Combat Support Squadron (CCS) along with the 159th Weapons Systems Security Flight (WSSF) played host to their third annual "Spouse/Parent Appreciation Night" in September. The event took place at Jackson Barracks in the Officer's Club.

The purpose of this function was to say thanks to each member's spouse/parent(s) for their sacrifice and support of the Guard. Lt. Col. Musso, Commander of the 159th (CCS) addressed the group and applauded the honored guests and asked for their continued support.

The evening started out with a cocktail hour followed by an Italian supper, prepared by the 159th CSS and 159th WSSF.

During the slide show, door prizes were awarded to the members of the audience holding the lucky tickets. Distinguished guests included: Col. and Mrs. Montz', Col. and Mrs. Flick, Lt. Col. Thibodeaux, and Lt. Col. and Mrs. Salles.

159th TFG visited by AFLC

By ILT F.S. Strocchia

Maj. Gen. Carl Black, Air Guard Liaison to Air Force Logistics Command

(AFLC) recently visited the 159th TAC Ftr Gp to determine how far the unit has come with the conversion to the F-15 Eagle. Black has taken a special interest in seeing that the 159th TAC FTR Gp gets the proper support from the AFLC.

He spent approximately an hour and a half looking over Avionics, Material Control and the WRSK areas. He was impressed with the Group's accomplishments and offered future assistance to the unit.

236th CISS Exercise "Coronet Shasta" in Europe

By Lt Col Rufus L. Warren III

Members of the 236th CISS, Hammond, LA, are currently deployed as part of two major JCS-directed exercises.

One element recently departed Hammond in order to participate in the exercise OKSBOEL '86 in Denmark, while deployed, this element will assist members of the 254th Combat Information Systems Group (CISG) based in Garland, TX, providing equipment and tactical communications support.

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5A civilian aides conference held in Louisiana

The Fifth Army Civilian Aides to the Secretary of the Army Annual Conference was held in October at Fort Polk and New Orleans. Sponsored by the Fifth Army commanding general, Lt. Gen. Louis C. Menetrey from Fort Sam Houston, Texas, the meeting was hosted by Maj. Gen. Kenneth C. Luer, commander of 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Fort Polk, and Maj. Gen. Ansel M. Stroud, Jr., Louisiana adjutant general.

The keynote speaker, Dennis R. Shaw, principal deputy assistant secretary of defense (Reserve Affairs), came from Washington.

Ten of the 12 aides attended the conference which updated them on major issues facing the Army's Total Force (Active, Guard and Reserve Components), and provided Menetrey an executive session with them.

The Civillian Aides Program began in 1922. The aides perform the dual role of interpreting and relating Army policies to area citizens and keeping the Army secretary informed as to public opinion on matters of interest to the Army. The Fifth Army aides are among more than 60 nationwide serving voluntarily and without pay.

OCS Class 28

The Louisiana Military Academy is located at Camp Beauregard in Pineville, Louisiana. It is the home of the Louisiana Army National Guard Officer Candidate School and the NCO Academy. The Officer Candidate School is a one year commissioning program and involves attending drill one weekend per month and two Annual Training periods. Upon completion of OCS class members are commissioned as 2nd Lieutenants. The training offered at the Louisiana Military Academy is some of the best in the state and is administered by qualified instructors.

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Notes from the 165th Trans. Bn.

The communities of Alexandria and Pineville expressed their appreciation for the 165th Trans Bn's participation in the Louisiana Blood Center's blood drive. The unit has always participated in a blood drive every year, but this drive was the best they've ever had.

SSG Charles W. Hartman has returned to Det 1, 1086th Trans Co at Cp. Beauregard after a long tour at Ft. Dix, New Jersey where he completed the Transportation Basic NCO Course.

School, Guard Members must be U.S. citizens, have a GT score of 110 or higher, and have 20 hours of college at the time of application. Members of Class 28 which begins in June 1987 will be required to have 50 hours of college prior to graduation in August 1988. In addition to the above qualifications, applicants must be of good moral character and must possess qualifications as potential leaders and have the ability to deal effectively with people. Applicants will also be required to successfully complete the Army Physical Readiness Test with a score of 180 prior to graduation.

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Application

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Family I.D. Card

Family members of National Guard and Reserve soldiers will soon need to show a photo I.D. to enter military commissaries.

The policy change, scheduled to take effect this fall, was made to prevent abuse of commissary privileges, according to Lt. Col. Douglas J. Lamude, chief of the Military Entitlements Branch of the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff of Personnel (ODCSPER).

The Reserve Family Member I.D. card (DA Form 5431) created by ODCSPER last year will speed up and simplify the identification process at exchanges, commissaries and other facilities, although some other picture I.D.'s might be accepted by individual commissaries, said Lamude.

The Family Member I.D. card won't entitle family members to any new benefits, but it does have advantages over other forms of identification. Children and adults who must have a valid form of identification and who have relied on the State Drivers License Bureau for this service can now hold the Family Member I.D. card for their identification.

The I.D. card is a pink laminated card with a photograph of the bearer to provide positive identification, much like the I.D.



Those who participated directly in the ribbon cutting ceremonies at the dedication of the James E. Valentine, Jr. Memorial National Guard Armory in Colfax included Valentine's mother (seated) Mrs. Beatrice Brown Valentine, brother Bob L. Valentine and sister Elma Louise Churchman. (Photo by Maj. David O. Miller, 241st PAD)

card carried by Guard soldiers now.

Soldiers may apply for the Reserve Component Family Member I.D. Card by completing DD form 1172 and submitting it to their unit commanders.

PX Entitlements Doubled

Guard members, now have double the time to use post exchange entitlements, up from the previous six-month limit to one year.

Reservists earn PX visits at the rate of one day entitlement for every four hour inactive training duty period. Leave and Earnings Statements and a military ID card are required for admission of reservists who are not on active duty.

Family members are authorized to accompany the soldier when he or she visits the exchange.

CW4 Dean completes 35 Years with 528th Engr. Bn.

By Capt. Donald L. Taylor
528th Engr Bn.

Charles Henry Dean, born 20 September 1932 in Winnsboro, La. reached a milestone with the Louisiana Army National Guard on 9 June 1986. On that date, Mr. Dean completed 35 years of full time service with the Louisiana Army National Guard.

Mr. Dean began his career in June 1951. Since that time he served in the Monroe area with several organizations: Company K, 199th Infantry, HHC 539th Transportation Battalion, HHD 165th Transportation Bn, and HHC 528th Engineer Battalion.

He served in the rank of private through sergeant major and warrant

officer first class through his current rank of chief warrant officer four. In his full time capacity he served as an administrative supply technician and is currently the shop foreman of OMS #3 located in Monroe, La.

Mr. Dean is an outstanding guardsman and throughout his career has always put extra efforts into his assignments.



LTC Donald Bringol, Commander, 2223d Engineer Battalion, pins the Army Commendation Medal on Chaplain (MAJ) James Comer, for meritorious service, while serving as Battalion Chaplain during the period, 20 August 1984 to 18 August 1986. Chaplain Comer was recently reassigned to the 225th Engineer Group.

In Memorium

It is with profound regret that announcement is made of the untimely death of PRIVATE BARRY SCOTT BEARD on 23 September 1986. He was 18 years of age. Private Beard enlisted in the Louisiana Army National Guard on 25 August 1986, in Company C (-), 528th Engineer Battalion, Oak Grove, Louisiana, where he served honorably until his death. He was awaiting Initial Entry Training at Fort McClellan, Alabama, and MOS Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma as a 31V10 Tactical Communications Security Equipment Repairer.

Credit where credit's due: Guard college benefits

By Cpt. Wilmer L. Bennett, III

With the advent of new civilian requirements for OCS candidates and the commissioned Officer Corps, and the high probability of their application to the Warrant Officer and Non Commissioned Officer Corps in the near future, many soldiers are concerned with receiving college credit within a short amount of time in order to meet this new challenge.

"NEVER FEAR, HELP IS HERE"

Within the framework of the Army National Guard Continuing Education System (ARNGCES) there are programs for both the evaluation of civilian work and life experience and military education and experience, and financial assistance available to pursue post secondary education at both the under-graduate and graduate level and at both public and private institutions of higher learning.

Many universities such as Cumberland University in Lebanon Tennessee, have developed programs which allow for the detailed evaluation of educa-

tion wealth already gained through years of training and experience off the traditional campus. This credit can then be defined in academic terms and documented as actual credit hours earned on an official college transcript. This can provide in many cases, a 30 to 60 hours head start toward the earning of a college degree. In some cases, an individual can be within as little as 30 hours from completing their undergraduate work.

In addition, there are a number of financial aid programs available which can assist one in carrying that head start to its final conclusion: the earning of a baccalaureate or masters degree. These programs are outlined as below;

1) Selective Reserve GI Bill Effective 1 July 1985 the Selective Reserve GI Bill program will provide financial assistance for post secondary education of ARNG personnel as provided in Department of The Army Circular 621-85-1. Soldiers could receive the following entitlements:

- \$140 per month for FULL-TIME enrollment
- \$105 per month for THREE

QUARTER enrollment
— \$70 per month for ONE HALF enrollment

2) Army Continuing Education System (ACES)

Due to recent changes in the application of Army regulation 621-5 effective 7 January 1986 ARNG personnel can receive Tuition Assistance through this system. The minimum benefit is 75% of tuition cost and soldiers in grades E-5 to E-9 with less than 14 years of service could receive 90% tuition assistance.

3) Louisiana National Guard Tuition Exemption Program

Members of the Louisiana National Guard are eligible for exemption from tuition cost of any state supported college or university and vocational school for five years or until they receive a baccalaureate degree for satisfactory service in the Louisiana National Guard as prescribed in Louisiana National Guard Regulations 621-1 (ARMY) and 35-3-1 (AIR).

The Louisiana National Guard is committed to excellence within tomorrow's leaders and is dedicated to ac-

complishing these new education goals. Take the first step toward excellence! For further information about these and other educational opportunities contact CPT Wilmer L. Bennett, III, Headquarters, Louisiana Army and Air National Guard, Attn: LANG-DPA-MD, Jackson Barracks, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70146-0330 or call (504) 278-6355.

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Armory construction must continue despite closings

By LTC William J. Croft

National Guard armories are constructed to provide space for administration and training of Army National Guard units. The Armory includes space for offices, classrooms, assembly areas, kitchens, latrines, locker rooms, storage of equipment and weapons, and a rifle range. A secure area is also provided for the storage of unit trucks and equipment. Each facility is designed to maximize training periods as well as serve as an assembly area for emergency and mobilization situations.

The armory project begins with the acquisition of a parcel of land on which to construct the facility. The land is either donated by or leased from local governmental agencies. The donation/lease obligates the local government to provide temporary facilities, and the Guard to construct a permanent facility.

During the initial phase, the project is programmed in a specific Fiscal Year (FY) by the National Guard Bureau in Washington, D.C. Normally the programmed fiscal year is three to four years from the date of the initial inception of the project. Programming documents are formulated and submitted to the Congress of the United States for inclusion in the Defense Department's appropriation for Military Construction (MILCON).

The project is also included in the Military Department, State of Louisiana, Capital Outlay program for inclusion in the appropriate annual State Budget Request. These State funds are needed to match the Federal contribution in conjunction with Federal/State agreements. The armories of the future are estimated to cost between \$900,000 and \$1,200,000. The Federal share is approximately 70 to 75 percent with the State share as the balance.

Following the programming actions at

Federal and State levels, the project plans and specifications are prepared by local architectural/engineering firms. The project is bid and subsequently constructed. Upon completion of the project, the local National Guard unit relocates from temporary facilities into the newly constructed Armory Facility.


Despite the recent development of closing armories, the construction program must continue. Each armory is scheduled in a Long Range Construction Program (LRCP) which is used by the U.S. Congress to appropriate funds to the Department of Defense. Once Congress programs a project, the project is either constructed or cancelled. Reprogramming actions are not allowed.

Additionally, it is extremely important to provide adequate space for storage of supplies and equipment. These supplies and equipment are currently being stored at the temporary facility and various other

locations. Each Guard unit continues to report for weekend training to each individual armory throughout the State. This requires the supplies and equipment to be available at their home station.

The impact on the community by not constructing a permanent armory is significant. The Federal recognition of a Guard unit in a temporary facility is contingent on future construction of an adequate facility. The local government donates temporary space on this basis. The land is donated for construction of a new armory and is subject to revert to local government should construction not begin within five years.

National Guard armories are a mainstay of communities nationwide. Our National Guard units will continue to be a part of the community and will continue to assemble and train in their community. Adequate facilities are needed to support this endeavor.



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ROTC and the Louisiana National Guard

Southeastern and the SMP Cadet

By MAJ Steve Livingston
Department of Military Science, SLU

You may have heard the term "SMP", and you may even have a few SMP cadets in your unit. The term SMP means Simultaneous Membership Program. This program allows National Guard soldiers to obtain a degree in college while also pursuing a commission through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) and also be in the National Guard. It is illegal to try and obtain a commission through ROTC and be an enlisted soldier in the Guard without this program.

You can be in the ROTC basic program and the Guard at the same time without the agreement, because the basic program is non-contractual. You haven't made an agreement with the Army yet to go for the commission. Once you enter the Advanced ROTC program however, you have signed a contract and if you are in the Guard you must have an SMP agreement.

What does it take to qualify to be an SMP cadet?

First, you have to have 30 academic credit hours. Developmental and pass/fail classes don't count. You must also have a minimum of a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on a four point scale. You must pass your physical, and the Guard and ROTC must agree to accept you.

You must be enrolled as a full-time student in college and pursuing a bachelor's degree.

Why should you be an SMP? The benefits are great. The National Guard exempts your tuition if you are attending a state college, which is worth about \$600 a semester. The National Guard pays you as an E5, which is worth about \$110 a month. The Army ROTC pays you \$100 a month. And, if you agree to a six year commitment with the Guard as an officer (if you are an advanced course ROTC cadet you have already agreed to eight years as an officer) you can qualify for the Selected Reserve GI Bill which pays you \$140 a month. You can actually earn up to \$500 a month while going to school.

What about the training requirements?

If you are in ROTC its training takes precedence. Such training is advanced ROTC camp and mandatory FTX's with ROTC. Your unit may still require you to make up drill, or if the training is similar to what the unit is doing, the commander may opt for split unit training and give you credit for the training you did with ROTC, as long as it is documented. If your unit goes to AT while you are at camp, you will generally be required to make up that training.

What about active duty?

The ROTC program is designed to support the total Army concept. We commission second lieutenants for the active Army, the National Guard, and the Army Reserve. If you sign a Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty contract you will not go on active duty, except for your Officers' Basic Course, which varies in length from 8 to 16 weeks. You may elect to void your GFRD contract 6 months prior to commissioning if you want to apply for active duty, but this is your option. The Army may not void the contract on its own.

ROTC at Southeastern Louisiana University...

We currently have 22 SMP cadets enrolled in the program, and are looking for more. The SMP cadet receives outstanding all-round training. ROTC training and National Guard training complement each other. As a cadet at SLU you learn small unit tactics, land navigation, leadership, marksmanship, and communications. In the Guard you have the opportunity to apply these skills and you also learn how everything you learned in ROTC fits together. SLU has a Ranger program (the requirements this year are extremely challenging) which has brought itself in-line with the United States Army Ranger program. To join the Rangers you must be in good physical condition and highly motivated. To qualify to remain in the Rangers you must be mentally and physically tough. You will have to maintain a good grade point average and you will have to get into

the best physical condition of your life. You will learn Ranger tactics and use them on several training events. If you qualify as a Ranger at SLU you have also met the prerequisites to be awarded the beret and flash for the 75th Ranger Regiment.

Training at SLU in the ROTC program is varied, interesting, and challenging. Cadets have traveled to Fort Hood and trained on the M1 tank and M2 infantry fighting vehicle; Fort Benning and trained on the M2 and the UH-60 Blackhawk; Camp Rudder, the home of the Florida Ranger Department; and

trained as you have at Camp Beauregard and Camp Shelby.

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LSU cadets benefit in ROTC program

By 2LT Henry H. LeBas

Budget cuts, tuition increases, and the prospect of unemployment are grim realities for LSU students of the 1980s. However, the U.S. Army recently introduced a program that relieves students of the financial burdens of college and provides them with job opportunities for the future.

The Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP) allows qualified and accepted LSU students who are assigned to units of the U.S. Army Reserve or Louisiana Army National Guard, to enter the advanced level of the Senior Army ROTC Program and serve simultaneously as officer trainees within their unit of assignment.

"The SMP program leads to a commission as an officer in the U.S. Army Active or Reserve components," explained Col. Louis G. Cancienne, the Professor of Military Science and Commandant of the LSU Corps of Cadets. "SMP gives students the chance to gain military experience and obtain an education."

"In today's Army, commissions and degrees go hand in hand," he added.

"SMP allows qualified students to participate in the Reserves or the National Guard and at the same time participate in ROTC," said Capt. Jerry Houston, the Assistant Professor of Military Science at LSU.

According to Capt. Houston, students desiring to enter the SMP program must have a minimum of 30 college hours of credit and must be American citizens. Also, students must be between 17 and 25 years of age at the time of enlistment, must be med-

ically qualified, and must be full-time enrollees with a minimum 2.0 grade point average and at least 12 hours of college classes per semester.

"Veterans who have served on active duty but are over 25 years of age may apply to have the age limit waived," said Capt. Houston.

As an officer candidate with simultaneous membership in the National Guard and ROTC, the cadet receives tuition exemption at LSU, \$109 a month for one weekend drill per month, and a \$100 a month stipend from Army ROTC. Also, 2-year and 4-year scholarships and tuition assistance are available through ROTC and the Reserves.

"A student who is interested may drop by the Military Science Building on the LSU campus at any time" explained Capt. Houston. "If he is accepted, we will assist in coordinating with a National Guard or Reserve liaison to locate an SMP position in a local unit."

"We need good citizen-soldiers, enlisted and commissioned, in our military," said Col. Cancienne. "SMP cadets have chosen the right and best way to obtain an education and officer's commission while preparing for the future and serving their country."

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McNeese does its' part in commissioning officers

By Audrey F. Louviere

The McNeese State University Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program is doing

its part in training and commissioning officers for the Louisiana Army National Guard (LAANG) and U.S. Army Reserve (USAR) units through the Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP).

The SMP is designed to allow an individual to serve as an officer trainee in a Guard or Reserve unit while attending college and participating as a contracted cadet in the ROTC. Upon completion of military science requirements, the individual is commissioned and then serves as an officer with a Guard or Reserve unit.

SMP participants are paid \$100.00 per month from ROTC and are paid for their monthly drill days at the grade of E-5. National Guard members also have their college tuition exempted.

Of 17 MS IV (senior-year military science) cadets to be commissioned in May 1987, eight are Guard SMP participants and four are USAR members. An additional two Guard members will be commissioned in December 1987.

Fifteen of the 21 newly contracted MS III (junior-year military science) cadets are SMP participants, 12 with the Louisiana Army National Guard and three with USAR units.

Current LAANG SMP participants, enrolled both at McNeese and at the University of Southwestern Louisiana (USL) where they are cross-enrolled in McNeese ROTC classes, are the following cadets and their units of assignment:

Assigned to Co. A, 2nd Bn., 156th Infantry, Breaux Bridge, are Stephen E. Stansbury and Aaron W. Guidry.

With Hqs. Co., 256th Infantry in Lafayette are Thomas L. Burleigh, Jeffrey A. Goulas, Lewis A. Post, Russell J. Spencer, and Koby G. Sellers, and with Hqs. 2nd Bn., 156th Infantry, Abbeville, is Ryan D. Faulk.

Assigned to Co. A, 199th Support Bn., Lafayette, is Melanie L. Bray; with Co. B, 199th, St. Martinville, are Linden J. Bercegeay III, Simon J. Freyou, Jr., Gerald D. Thompson, and Mark T. Calhoun; and with Co. D, 199th, Lafayette, is Michael T. Hulin.

With Co. C, 205th Engineer Bn., Slidell, is Michael S. St. Cyr.

Reserve SMP participants and their units are David L. Dalton and Clifford L. Harris, both with 872nd Medical Detachment, New Iberia; Leanne Davis, Michael L. Dickson, and Darryl W. Washington, 4073rd USA Reception Station, Lafayette; and Paul C. Bernard, 221st Replacement Detachment, Lake Charles.

Cadets cross-enrolled from USL are Bray, Burleigh, Dalton, Davis, Goulas, Guidry, LeBlanc, Post, Spencer, Stansbury, Faulk, Calhoun, Begnaud, Bercegeay, Freyou, Hulin, Sellers, St. Cyr, Thompson, and Washington.



Cadet Robert Jackson and Cadet Steve Martin participate in hand to hand combat as part of Ranger Training. (SLU Photo)

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