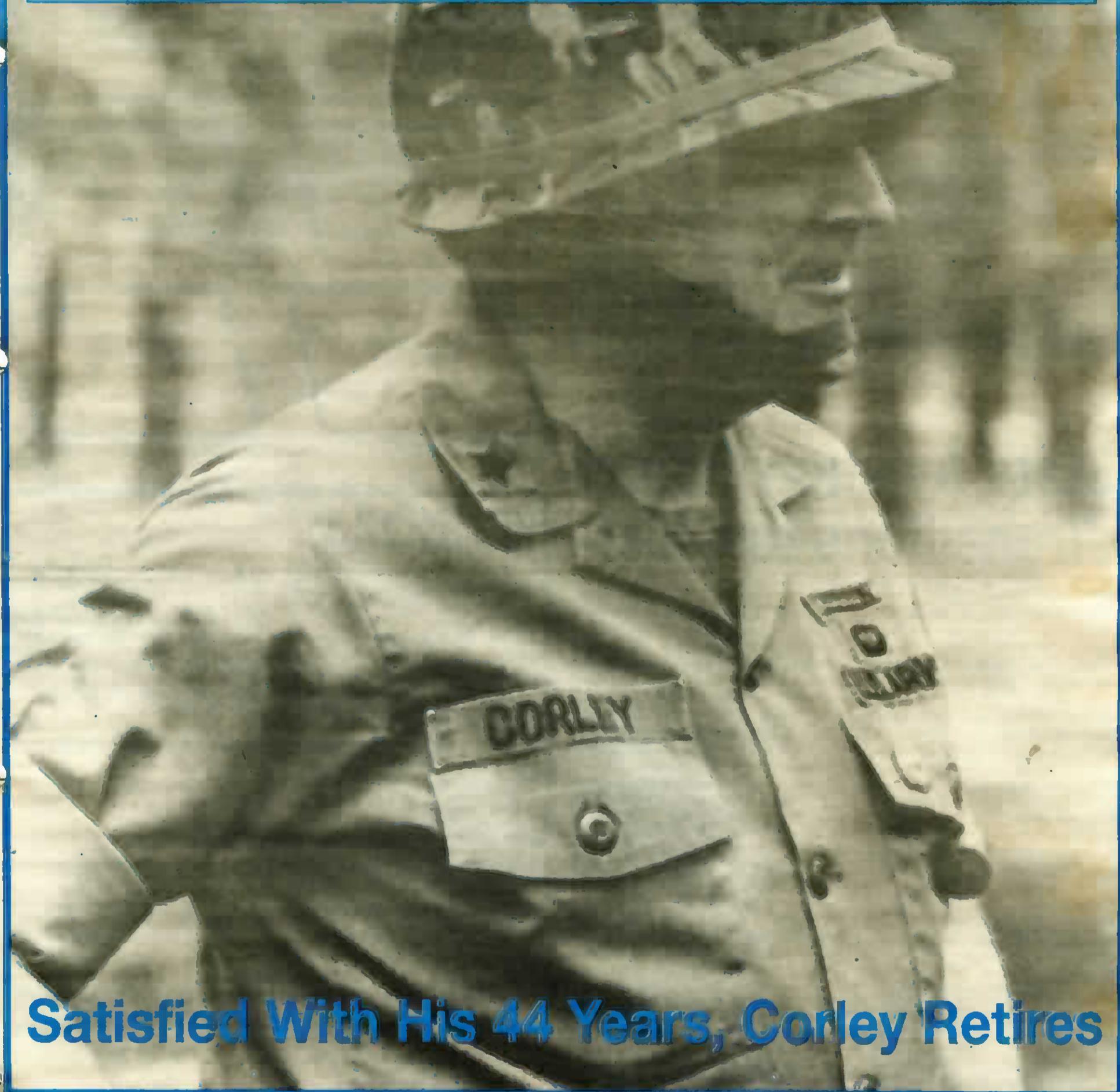


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Satisfied With His 44 Years, Corley Retires

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Col. Paul D. Alford, Jr.

State Aviation Officer Transitions to Chief

By SPC Kristi L. Moon
241st PAD

After 15 years of helicopters, airplanes and flight crews, Louisiana's State Aviation Officer put his wings on hold to assume the position of Chief of Staff of the Louisiana Army National Guard.

Col. Paul D. Alford, Jr. took over his new position in November after Col. James K. Corley retired. (see p. 8 for story)

Alford began his military career with the Marine Corps where he earned his commission. He went on to attend Naval Flight School. As a pilot, he served six years with the Marines, including one tour in the Republic of Vietnam.

In 1971, then Capt. Alford became a member of the Louisiana Army National Guard. Over the past 20

years, he has served several positions ranging from instructor pilot, Army Aviation Support Facility Commander, and State Aviation Officer.

With over 7,000 flying hours recorded, Alford displays many awards and medals from throughout his career. He wears the Meritorious Service Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross, Purple Heart, Single Mission Air Medal with Bronze 55, and Navy Commendation Medal, to name a few.

A native of Mount Hermon, Louisiana, Alford graduated from Mount Hermon High School and Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge with a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture.

He is married to the former Brenda Williamson and they have two daughters, Paula and Brigit.

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From The Desk of: The Chief of Staff,

Effective October 1, 1991, Black Shoulder Marks are authorized for wear by the Officer Corps as an optional item.

The Black Shoulder Marks will have a one-year phase-in and will become mandatory October 1, 1992. The Green Shoulder Marks may continue to be worn through September 30, 1992.

In the interest of uniformity of appearance and in order to cause as little confusion among the general public as possible, it is highly encouraged that the Officer Corps and Non-Commissioned Officer Corps effect the change over to the Black Shoulder Marks immediately.

On The Front Cover:

Brig. Gen. James K. Corley commander 256th Infantry Brigade takes a moment to admire the devotion of his troops during his reign of command from 1980-1984. See p. 8, 9 for the story on his retirement.

CORRECTION

In the last issue of The Guardsman, we gave incorrect photo credit for 1/244th Av Bn Commanders' photo. SFC Danny Stewart of HHC (-) 1/244th Av Bn

took the photo. We apologize for the mix-up.

The Louisiana Guardsman Staff.

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A symbolic ground breaking ceremony took place at Camp Beauregard in October marking the initial construction of the U.S. Marshal Service Tactical Center. Making part in the ceremony from left to right are:

Mr. Ron Henson, Deputy Chief of

Staff, Governor's office; Mr. John J. Twomey, Deputy Director of Administration, USMS; MG A.M. Stroud, Jr., Adjutant General, and Mr. Duke Smith, Deputy Director of Operations, U.S. Marshal Service Tactical Center. (Photo by 1LT Maria L. Jonkers, State PAO)

U.S. Marshals Settle In At Camp B

By 1LT Maria L. Jonkers
State PAO

Ground breaking for the 36,000 square foot U.S. Marshal Service Tactical Center, which will be located at Camp Beauregard, took place in late October.

Guest Speaker John J. Twomey, Deputy Director of Administration, U.S. Marshal Service spoke of the significance of the event. "This construction coincides with the 20th anniversary of the Special Operations Group. The Special Operations Group knew it had found its home in 1983 when they held basic training classes at Camp Beauregard. Plans for a permanent facility began in 1985."

Said Maj. Gen. Ansel M. Stroud, Jr., "During the classes they held back in 1983, we were impressed with the discipline and rigorous training they underwent. These men would rappel from helicopters, land, re-pack their chutes and do it again. We knew they were our kind of guys."

This will be the first permanent facility the U.S. Marshal Service Tactical Center has ever had. The

vision for this project endured economic setbacks, legal difficulties and three gubernatorial administrations. But the vision became a reality with the official ground breaking.

"This is a win-win-win proposition," Stroud said, "a win for the U.S. Marshal Service, a win for central Louisiana and a win for the Louisiana National Guard. And when a proposition is this good, and benefits this many people, it makes me nervous," he joked.

Stroud commended Col. Tommy Kirkpatrick judge advocate general, Louisiana National Guard for the extensive legal work done in ironing out the legalities of the agreement.

"We would not be here today without his efforts," he said.

He also thanked the Chamber of Commerce, the banks, contractors and private citizens for supporting the endeavor.

"This three million dollar facility will be built with taxpayers' money. The rental fees generated by the agreement will pay for the facility in 16 years," said Stroud. "The facility will have a considerable economic impact on central Louisiana."

Jobs, Jobs, Jobs!!!

For Your Information, throughout the state, there exist many full-time and temporary job positions with the Louisiana Army and Air National Guard. These technician and active guard/reserve jobs are announced by the Directorate of Manpower Management (DMM) at Jackson Barracks. All job announcements are

posted at DMM and on unit bulletin boards through the job's closing date. These positions are open to members of the Louisiana Army and Air National Guard. For assistance in applying or for questions, contact 1st Lt. Mary Salcido or Tech. Sgt. Charlotte Weber at (504) 278-6347.

Stroud Challenges Leaders

by SPC Kristi L. Moon
241st PAD

The Adjutant General prescribed his command philosophy for the new fiscal year at the Sixth Annual Leadership Conference in October.

After a year filled with anticipation and hardship for thousands of Louisiana Guardsmen, their families and employers, Maj. Gen. Ansel M. Stroud bequeathed upon his commanders and first sergeants the challenge to "lead AND care".

Stroud reflected on the past year and Louisiana's part of United States history by saying, "No state did it better. We really came together in a time of crisis." At the dinner ball, the guest speaker, Gen. Neal T. Jaco, 5th Army Commander (designee) said, "Your (Louisiana's) dedication is burned into my memory forever."

There is no one word to describe what anyone experienced through it all and because of what can't be put into words, Stroud stressed the importance of several leadership qualities that need to take precedence with all soldiers.

"At times, we get carried away with this business of wearing stars, bars, eagles or stripes, and that's not the way we're supposed to be," Stroud reminded his audience of leaders.

One central theme that runs throughout the qualities Stroud stressed is communication.

COMMUNICATE BY LISTENING. Sometimes as a leader, there exists the need to "dig deep" within soldiers to get at a problem. Listen to soldiers and offer advice as a human being. "Like your soldiers, genuinely, and be amused at their humor," Stroud encouraged, "After all, your soldiers are as good as you make them, or as lousy as you let them."

COMMUNICATE THROUGH LEADERSHIP. Stroud puts a lot of pressure on his leaders to be just that-a leader. But more importantly, a leader has to lead during peacetime as he or she would during wartime. Col. Tim Fulcher, the Senior Army Advisor for the Louisiana National Guard encouraged leaders to be there, where soldiers can see them, and experience what they do. Because, "When the going is tough, if they love you and respect you, they may let you be one of them," Fulcher said.

COMMUNICATE WITH CARE. Care about soldiers and their families as people. Keep them informed. Reward them. And correct them when necessary and do it all adequately. "There ain't nothing wrong with telling a soldier he or she did a good job," Stroud said.

But the key to taking care of soldiers is doing what's right, when it's right and doing it right the first time.

Stroud told a funny story about communication breakdown.

Regarding the construction of a fence, the story begins with a general expressing concern about construction progress to the command sergeant major. The command sergeant major in turn told the group commander that the ol' man is mad and somebody better do something about "the fence." The group commander told the battalion commander to do something about "de fence." The battalion commander told the officer-in-charge to put more emphasis on "defense." So, the soldiers built a "defensive" position with sandbags. A funny anecdote, but a strong realization of how important effective and correct communication is in peacetime as well as wartime.

Other topics discussed at the conference were training, management, and maintenance.

On training, Col. Mickey Evans, Inspector General for the Louisiana National Guard, reminded the audience that since the average soldier expects his leader to be able to teach him his job, training is more essential than ever. Evans conducted a mass oath renewal for all commissioned and non-commissioned officers. The renewal served as a symbolic representation of his challenge for leaders to make a difference with their troops. "We can get there from here if we choose to continue the trip," Evans added.

On management, Fulcher urged all leaders to evaluate themselves; to search their hearts openly and honestly about the methods used in dealing with troops. "If a soldier has to look further than the leader in front of his formation for a role model, he's in trouble," Fulcher said.

On maintenance, Sgt. Maj. Roger Toney re-introduced the concept of PMS-preventive maintenance of soldiers. Toney challenged leaders with the fact that if one of their 2 and 1/2 ton trucks worth thousands of dollars broke down on the interstate, it would not be left there overnight. So, if one of your \$50,000 soldiers breaks down, have your mechanic or wrecker ready for service. Maintain in order to retain, because nothing takes the place of an experienced soldier, he urged. "We need to be ready to take care of our Louisiana star on that flag of 50," Toney said.

Various awards were presented over the weekend's events. Among them were:

The Chief of Staff Award for Maintenance

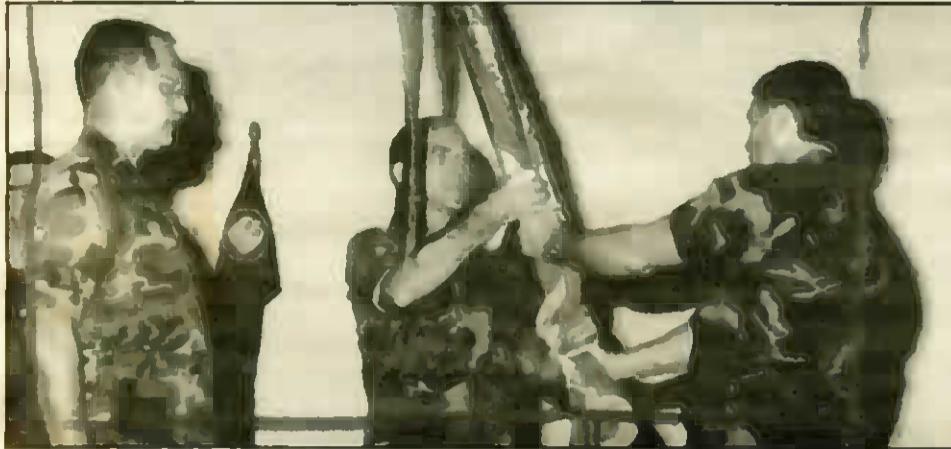
5th Army Light Category - HQ, 204th ASG

5th Army Intermediate Category - HQ, 225th Engr Gp

5th Army Heavy Category - B Co, 199th Spt Bn, 256th Inf Bde

The NGAUS Special Projects Award - 1st Place for 50th Anniversary of 1940 WWII Ceremony, media coverage to the 241st Public Affairs Detachment.

FY 92 Brings Command Changes Across the State...



Col. Charles M. Partin, Camp Beauregard Post Commander assists Lt. Col. Willie Buffington in the recent change of command ceremony where Lt. Col. Calvin Washispack took over.

(Photo by Louisiana Military Academy)

LAMA Gains Washispack

The Louisiana Military Academy (LAMA) at Camp Beauregard secured Lt. Col. Calvin J. Washispack as its official superintendent and commander in October.

Lt. Col. Willie E. Buffington relinquished the unit colors to Washispack in a formal change of command ceremony at Camp Beauregard. Buffington, after serving as super for two years, took command of the 528th Engineer Battalion in Monroe.

Camp Beauregard Post Commander Col. Charles M. Partin and Command Sgt. Maj. Robert D. Addington assisted in passing the colors to Washispack.

Recent positions held by Washispack include chief of operations at Camp Beauregard Post Headquarters and training administrator.

As superintendent of LAMA, Washispack will oversee all Officer Candidate School training and all levels of the Noncommissioned Officer Education System for the

Louisiana Army National Guard. On any given weekend or annual training period Washispack is responsible for anywhere from 450-500 soldiers and their training at once.

"It's fantastic!" Washispack said about his position. "It gives me personal satisfaction and enhancement to my career," he added.

A native of New Iberia, Washispack's 37 year military career is well decorated. He has served as platoon leader, battalion, group and brigade training officer, battalion adjutant, company executive officer and commander.

His awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, Army Reserve Component Award, Army Achievement Medal, Army Forces Reserve Medal and Army Service Ribbon. He also received the Louisiana Commendation Medal, Louisiana Emergency Service Medal and Louisiana Longevity Medal.

528th Engineers - From Bozeman to Buffington

By SGT Lucas J. Landreneau, Jr
241st PAD

The 528th Engineer Battalion, Louisiana National Guard, in Monroe acquired a new commander recently in a change-of-command ceremony that took place in the 528th armory.

Lt. Col. Allen R. Bozeman relinquished the 528th's guidon to Lt. Col. Willie E. Buffington after holding the position for five of his last 22 years of military service.

Bozeman holds a masters degree in education from Northeast Louisiana University. He is presently on military leave from his job as principal of Caldwell High School, a position he has held for the last five years.

Bozeman will be reassigned as Chief, Training Branch, Detachment 1, Headquarters State Area Command, at Camp Beauregard in

Pineville.

Buffington is a graduate of Northeast Louisiana University with a masters of arts in criminal justice. He is employed as the Chief of Police for the city of Monroe. He has held several staff positions during his 24 years of military service to include inspector for the 256th Infantry Brigade, and superintendent of the Louisiana Military Academy.

Maj. Gen. Ansel M. Stroud, Jr. Adjutant General, said that Bozeman always maintained 100 percent strength and that the annual training evaluations during the years he was commander were among the highest in the state. Stroud added that Buffington's previous assignments have prepared him well for his new assignment.

"I expect him to continue the high standards and tradition of the 528th," Stroud said.

1/156th Armor - Dabadie Commander After 5 Years in Guard

The Louisiana National Guard's 1st Battalion, 156th Armor, located at Fort Humbug, Shreveport, held their change of command ceremony in November.

Lt. Col. Ralph E. Stapleton, the outgoing commander, commanded the battalion when the unit was ordered to active duty in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm. Stapleton additionally commanded the battalion when it first organized with the M60AIR "Patton" Tank and transitioned into the modern M1 Abrams Main Battle Tank in the summer of 1989. He is being reassigned as the Plans and Policy Officer with the Directorate of Maintenance at Beauregard in Pineville.

Stapleton is a native of Elizabeth, La. He graduated in 1969 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Technology from Northwestern State University, and later joined the Louisiana National Guard in 1975. He spent four years as an enlisted soldier before receiving his commission.

He served in a variety of command and staff assignments in numerous units located throughout the state.

Stapleton is a graduate of the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course; Transportation, Ordnance and Armor Advance Officer Courses and has successfully graduated from the Command and General Staff College.

His numerous awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Louisiana Commendation Medal and the Louisiana War Cross.

He is married to the former Donna Merchant and they have two sons, Chad and Rodney.

Assuming the command of the battalion is Maj. Stephen C. Dabadie, a native of New Roads, La. Dabadie holds a graduate degree in Pre Law from Loyola University, and in 1979 graduated as a distinguished military graduate of the university ROTC program.

Dabadie has served as an instructor at the U.S. Army Armor School at Fort Knox, Ky., and subsequently as training and operations officer for the Law Enforcement Command, also at Fort Knox. He joined the Louisiana National Guard in 1988 and was assigned as the personnel officer for the 2223rd Engineer Battalion in Baton Rouge, La. Later he was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 156th Armor as the executive officer, and has served in that position since.

His military schools include the Infantry Officers Basic Course, the Airborne Course, NBC Officer Course, Armor Officer Advanced Course, Senior Officer Logistical Management Course, Instructor Training Course and the Combined Arms and Services Staff School.

During the battalion's mobilization for Desert Shield/Storm, Dabadie functioned as the executive officer and had overall responsibility for the coordination of the staff officers and the logistical support of the battalion.

His awards include two meritorious Service medals, two Army Commendation medals, the Expert Infantryman's badge, the Parachutist's badge, and the Louisiana War Cross.

He is married to the former Sue Poyer and they have two sons, Bert and Craig. (Information Provided by 1st Battalion, 156th Armor)

HHC 204th Area Support Group - Lajoie Takes Charge

By 204th PIO

On October 5, 1991, Capt. Donna A. Lajoie assumed command of Headquarters Company (HHC) 204th Area Support Group in a formal ceremony held at Jackson Barracks. Lajoie is a 1982 graduate of the New Hampshire National Guard Officer Candidate Program and has served in positions from physical security officer, capstone coordinator, assistance rear area protection officer to MACOM NBC officer. In addition to serving as the unit company commander, Lajoie serves as the full time training officer for the 204th Area Support Group. Upon assuming command of HHC, Lajoie established one solid theme in the

organization, that of "unit pride."

During the Louisiana Army National Guard Sixth Annual Leadership Conference in October, HHC 204th was presented with the Fifth Army Maintenance Excellence Award runner-up certificate for training year 1991. This award reflects great credit on the soldiers of the unit and their ability to maintain assigned equipment at the highest standards possible. HHC 204th has a long standing reputation for setting the standards for others to follow. With a new unit commander and a new unit first sergeant (1st Sgt. Joseph Kuhn) HHC 204th will continue to be a unit ready to meet any challenge.

Guidon Passing Continues Throughout Louisiana...



Lt. Col. Henry A. Boese, new commander of the 205th Engineer Battalion headquartered in Bogalusa, accepts the battalion

guidon during the change of command ceremony held in November. (Photo by SPC Rebekah D. Lloyd-Smith, 241st PAD)

205th Engineers – McCall Relinquishes Colors

The Louisiana National Guard's 205th Engineer Battalion hosted a change of command ceremony in November at its headquarters armory in Bogalusa.

Surrendering the reigns of command was Lt. Col. James R. McCall. McCall took command of the 205th in 1986. At the ceremony, McCall was presented with the Meritorious Service Medal by Maj. Gen. Ansel M. Stroud, for his exemplary service as battalion commander. McCall formerly served as the executive officer of the 225th Engineer Group, and the commander of the 2223rd Engineer Battalion.

He was commissioned in July 29, 1968 and received a degree in management from the University of Southwestern Louisiana. He served in Vietnam from February 1970 to February 1971, earning a Silver Star, a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart. He is airborne and special forces qualified and also earned the combat Infantry badge. He has attended Jungle Expert School and the Defense Intelligence School in addition to the Engineer Basic and Advanced Courses.

He leaves the 205th Engineers to serve as the Assistant Deputy in the Directorate of Personnel and Administration.

"He's the best damn battalion commander we've ever had," said Maj. Clyde P. Drewett, executive officer.

Assuming the command of the battalion is Lt. Col. Henry A. Boese, a registered civil engineer, who serves full-time as the Staff Civil Engineer for the Louisiana National Guard, supervising construction throughout the state.

Boese graduated from McNeese State University in 1967. Two years later he graduated from Louisiana Tech with a masters degree in civil engineering.

From 1970 to 1978, Boese served on active duty with assignments in Thailand, Germany and with the New Orleans Corps of Engineers district office. His assignments included combat engineer company commander, battalion maintenance officer, battalion S-1, project officer for the Old River Control Project, and project officer for waste water treatment plant construction throughout Louisiana.

Boese joined the Louisiana National Guard in 1978 and served with the Directorate of Facility Engineer's staff, and with the 256th Infantry Brigade. He was called to active duty with the brigade for Desert Shield/Storm and served as the brigade engineer, deputy G-4, and deputy chief of staff.

Boese is a graduate of the Engineer Officer's Advanced Course and the Command and General Staff College. His awards include two meritorious service medals and three Army Commendation medals.

209th Personnel Service Co. – Fink Takes Command

By SFC Nelda Peterson
209th PSC

Capt. Robert A. Fink, a former member of HHC 204th Area Support Group assumed command of the 209th Personnel Service Company (PSC) on October 7, 1991. He served on active duty as a personnel system management officer and transferred to HHC 204th Area Support Group on November 9, 1989 where he served as purchasing control officer and personnel management officer until he assumed command of the 209th.

Capt. Clarence A. Becknell served as commander from September 13, 1989 until October 6, 1991. During his tenure as commander, the 209th received 2nd place in the Army Communities of Excellence unit competition and the State Marksman-ship award. Becknell served on active duty during Operation Desert Shield/Storm processing units for activation.

Becknell was recently appointed as the new Recruiting and Retention Specialist for the Louisiana Army National Guard.

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2223d Engr Bn Gains Kent

Major Hollis Kent addresses members of his new command. Major Kent assumed command of the 2223d Engineer Battalion on October 1, 1991. Kent transferred from the HSC 415th Military Intelligence Battalion

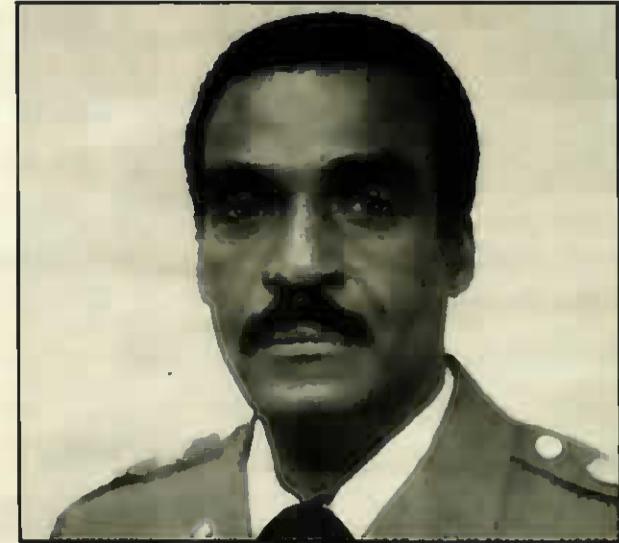
where he was the Executive Officer. He replaces LTC Thomas Reso who has transferred to Headquarters STARC. (Photo by SPC Mark Smith, 2223d PAD.)

3673d Maintenance - Bronze Stars Presented On Anniversary

By CPT Eugene Barattini
204th ASG S-1

In a ceremony conducted one year to the day the 3673rd Maintenance Company was alerted for Operation Desert Shield/Storm, fourteen soldiers were presented the Bronze Star medal by Maj. Gen. Ansel M. Stroud, Jr. in a formal awards ceremony. The large amount of Bronze Star medals awarded to the 3673rd Maintenance Company reflects the outstanding job the unit performed in Southwest Asia. The 3673rd Maintenance Company members

receiving the Bronze Star medals were:
 Maj. Marc McNeal
 1st Lt. Duke Sanders
 1st Lt. Maurice Brown
 Chief Warrant Officer 3 Claude Danneman
 Sgt. 1st Class William Kelch
 Sgt. 1st Class Freddie Williams
 Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth G. Gifford
 Staff Sgt. Steven Gagliano
 Staff Sgt. Katherine Hoke
 Staff Sgt. David Sellers
 Staff Sgt. Lawrence Unser
 Staff Sgt. Stephanie R. Walker
 Sgt. Joseph Barger
 Sgt. Mary Molony



Becknell: From Commander to Recruiter and Retainer

Capt. Clarence A. Becknell was appointed the new Recruiting and Retention Specialist for the Louisiana Army National Guard. He handles enlistments for officer and

enlisted personnel, and serves as the operations officer. He can be reached at 1-800-442-2751 or comm (504) 277-2807.



The Silent Auction at the recent Military Museum Reception and Dinner attracted many big names as well as their bank accounts. Harry Lee, Sheriff of Jefferson is shown holding the hand painted sculpture he bid on and purchased for \$1500. Lee turned around and donated the statue to the museum. Pictured with Lee are from left to right: Mrs. Freda Lupin, Col. Ralph Lupin, and Mrs. Phyllis Taylor, all members of the board of directors for the Friends of the Jackson Barracks Military Museum.

(Photo by SPC Kristi L. Moon, 241st PAD)

VA Benefits For Sale

(Reprinted from Army Families Fall 1991 Issue)

One of the federal government's all-time best selling publications, Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents, has been updated for 1991 and is available from the U.S. Government Printing Office.

Published by the Department of Veterans Affairs, the 92-page handbook describes such VA benefits as medical care, education, compensation, life insurance, home loan guarantee, vocational rehabilitation, and burial assistance. It also explains the eligibility

requirements for each program and outlines claims procedures.

The handbook would be of special value to reserve component soldiers who were mobilized for Desert Storm.

The handbook is available by check for \$2.50 postpaid from Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office,

Washington, DC 20402-9325,
Stock Number 051-000-00197-4.

VA advises consumers that the handbook is sometimes reprinted with few or no changes, and sold by private companies for considerably higher prices.

Museum Fundraiser Yields Formal Fun

By SPC Kristi L. Moon
241st PAD

The recent fundraiser reception and dinner for the Jackson Barracks Museum accomplished more than anyone had imagined.

By joining forces, both military and civilian, the second annual gala event was once again a success, at raising the funds necessary to complete the finishing cosmetics of the museum's new annex and theatre.

The event, sponsored by Friends of the Jackson Barracks Military Museum, hosted some 375 attendees from members of the guard to distinguished citizens and businesspeople. Among those guests were Maj. Gen. Frank Denton, Deputy Commander 5th Army Reserve Affairs, and Harry Lee, Sheriff of Jefferson Parish.

The evening ignited with a champagne reception in the new theatre where guests mingled and enjoyed highlights of the movie Top Gun on the theatre's new state-of-the-art video equipment. Each supporter that attended the champagne reception in essence purchased a permanent seat in the theatre.

Rather, the individual's name was engraved on a brass placard and affixed to the back of a seat. That evening, all seats were sold.

The champagne reception progressed into the new annex where dinner was catered by the Fairmont Hotel. The menu of Terrine of Smoked Salmon with Wild Cress, Tournedo of Beef, Wild Mushrooms, and Chocolate Pasta made for

interesting conversation at the eight person per dining tables. The tables were situated around the podium where Maj. Gen. Ansel M. Stroud and Chairperson Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Harry Lee announced competitive bids to generate interest in the Silent Auction. The competition sparked enough interest to raise over \$3500 in the auction alone. During his address at dinner, Lee bid the purchasing price of \$1500 on a hand painted figurine of a soldier that he donated back to the museum later that evening.

With flickering embers, the remainder of the evening was heightened by live entertainment provided by the 156th Army Dance Band.

In all, the event raised over \$60,000 in support of the museum. The music was rejuvenating and the company even better. What will polish off all the work and dedication that has gone into this two year project will be the grand opening of this historical complex in December. (See sidebar p. 5)

The Board of Directors of the Friends of the Jackson Barracks Military Museum responsible for the evening includes: Maj. Gen. Ansel M. Stroud, Jr., Command Sgt. Maj. Harold B. Cook, Ned Diefenthal, Huntington B. Downer, Jr., Robert S. Eddy III, Col. James D. Flick, Mrs. Ralph E. Lupin, Col. Urban B. Martinez, Jr., Col. Russell A. Mayeur, Lt. Col. John McInnis, Lt. Col. John Pugh, Col. Kenneth Ross, Col. Emile J. St. Pierre, Col. Lester Schmidt, Mrs. Patrick F. Taylor and Col. Francis E. Thomas.

Precautions Yield Pleasurable Holidays

By MAJ Tom O'Leary
Safety Officer

The holiday season is JOY and FUN, PRESENTS and PARTIES! The holidays also bring extra hazards: more Traffic Accidents, more Home Fires more Accidents with Toys, more Falls more Accidental Poisonings. In fact, there are approximately 10,000 accidental deaths every year during the month of December.

Here are some ways to keep your holidays safe and happy:

When driving:

Make Safety your No. 1 job. Be courteous. Allow extra time for heavy traffic. Stay Alert for the driver who has "over celebrated".

Always use your safety belts - they save lives.

Expect the unexpected from others who have "holidays" on their minds.

Holidays often create a Dangerous Combination --

The Throttle and the Bottle!

If driving to a party, try the one-for-one plan:

One drink (beer, wine or cocktail) per hour. Then one hour without drinking before you drive. Better yet,

Don't drink if you are going to drive. Use a designated driver.

If you are giving a holiday party, be a friend first -- then a host.

Provide non-alcoholic drinks for your guests.

Never force drinks on your guests.

Close the bar at least one hour

before the end of the party.

Offer coffee or soft drinks as "the one for the road."

Never let anyone drive away from your party under the influence.

We all like a festive holiday season with plenty of lights but there are a few things we need to remember:

Outdoor Lights Can Cause Fires. Use lights approved for outdoors.

Don't overload circuits.

Place cords away from traffic areas and heat sources, but not under rugs.

Check cords and plugs for wear and loose connections.

Decorating the tree is one of our most cherished Christmas rituals, but this too must be handled properly:

If you buy early, store your tree in a cool place and place the tree in a container of water.

Keep it away from heat sources.

Check lights before putting them on the tree.

Be sure to water the tree daily.

Turn lights off when left unattended.

Never use a regular string of lights on a metal tree -- the danger of shock is great.

Glass, wool, "angle hair" and spray-on flocking make a highly combustible combination.

Just these few precautions, thought about in advance, can prevent an accident from marring your holiday season. Have a safe Merry Christmas, and a safe Happy New Year.

Military News - In Brief

CANADA TO TRIM EUROPEAN FORCES

The Canadian government has said it will close two bases in Europe and slash overall military manpower by 9.5 percent in response to changes in Europe.

Defense Minister Marcel Masse announced a new defense policy that will pare Canada's already small military force from 84,000 to 76,000, reduce its NATO forces in Germany from 6,600 to 1,100 and shut some domestic bases.

Masse said the cuts will allow more to be spent on new equipment. "Within a few short years, we have moved from a straightforward scenario of East-West confrontation to an ill-defined, relatively uncertain situation with respect to possible threats to security and world peace," he said.

FALSE IMAGES BLAMED FOR FRIENDLY FIRE'

The worst instance of "friendly fire" in the Persian Gulf War was caused mostly by American tank

forces mistaking a fairly harmless grenade assault for enemy tank fire, according to Army records.

Six U.S. soldiers were killed, 25 were wounded, and five M1-A1 tanks and five Bradley fighting vehicles were destroyed by fire from their own forces during a running battle against units of Iraq's Republican Guard on that pitch-black morning of Feb. 27, the records said.

The Army said the major though apparently not sole source of the confusion was the image presented M1-A1 gunners when rocket-propelled grenades fired by Iraqi infantrymen exploded harmlessly off the thick skins of other American tanks. Viewing the distant action through thermal heat detecting sights, the gunners mistook the grenade flashes as hostile cannon bursts from the tanks themselves, and then fired at them, the documents said.

The records were released to The Associated Press in response to a Freedom of Information Act request.

Height (in inches)	Male Age			
	17-20	21-27	28-39	40+
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79	203	209	215	222
80	206	214	220	227

Current Soldiers - Do You Measure Up?

In the August/September issue of the Louisiana Guardsman the body fat and weight standards we published are part of Army Regulation 40-501 that pertains to initial procurement or initial entry soldiers only.

Army Regulation 600-9 pertains to soldiers currently serving in the military. If you have been in the Guard, the standards pertain to you from AR 600-9.

Maximum allowable percent body fat standards are as follows:

Age Group: 17-20
Male (% body fat): 20
Female (% body fat): 30

Age Group: 21-27
Male (% body fat): 22
Female (% body fat): 32

Age Group: 28-39
Male (% body fat): 24
Female (% body fat): 34

Age Group: 40 & Older
Male (% body fat): 26
Female (% body fat): 36

The records show that on that overcast beginning of the final full day of the 100-hour ground war, the 3rd Brigade of the "Hell on Wheels" 2nd Armored was pushing eastward through southern Iraq, clashing repeatedly with elements of a Republican Guard armored division. The Iraqi forces were no match for

U.S. armor but they fought hard. The chaotic battle raged almost uninterrupted for five hours.

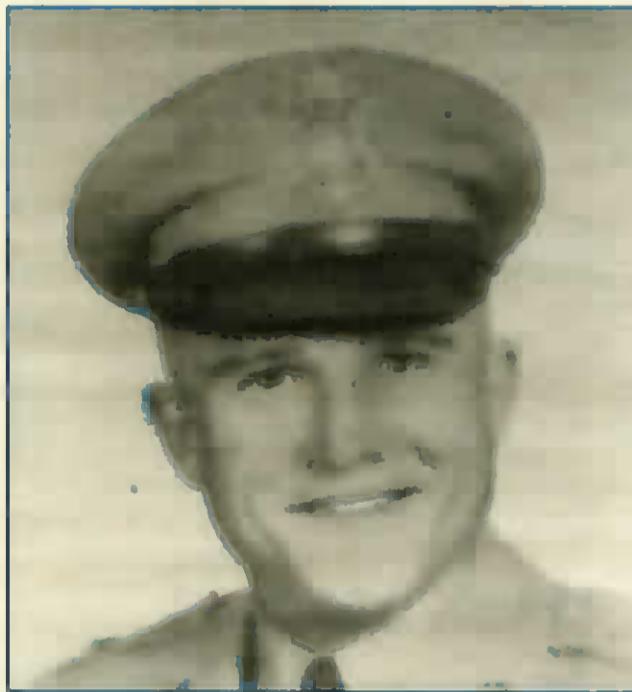
CHANGES LISTED FOR AIR FORCE

Air Force Secretary Donald Rice has announced a major overhaul of

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Corley Retires 'With A Satisfied'

Second Lieutenant James K. Corley earned his commission on May 20, 1953 at Fort Benning, Georgia. As a brigadier general, on December 11, 1981, Corley was inducted into the Infantry Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame at Fort Benning.



Lt. Col. Corley explains field matters to one of his leaders sometime after 1967, when he was promoted to that rank. (This is Ms. Bonnie's favorite photo of her husband.)

Brig. Gen. Corley and Lt. Gen. Edward Partain, then Commander 5th Army, inspect the 256th Infantry Brigade during Corley's reign as commander of the Brigade from 1980-1984.



By SPC Kristi L. Moon
241st PAD

The historical residential area at Jackson Barracks hosted yet another monumental event with the retirement of James K. Corley.

Corley served most recently as chief of staff for the Louisiana Army National Guard as a colonel but retires in the rank of brigadier general, the rank he obtained and held as commander of the 256th Infantry Brigade.

"I'm coming home for good this time, Bonnie."

At the ceremony, representatives of each major command in the state formed in a manner so that Corley was able to conduct a final symbolic review of the troops he so faithfully served with over 44 years.

Maj. Gen. Ansel M. Stroud, Jr., spoke of Corley with high regard, as a fellow guardman and personal friend. The two served together for over 30 years in many positions. Stroud thanked Corley for being what he is today.

"I know that when I leave this field today my life will be changed, forevermore."

Corley's career began with six years of enlisted service and continued to flourish. He served many positions and holds an unchallenged record. On this retirement day Corley said, "When I take this uniform off the last time I'll



Col. Corley conducts a symbolic retirement ceremony for the Louisiana Guard the day of his retirement. SPC Kristi L. Moon, 241st PAD

Mind' After 44 Years of Service

do so with a satisfied mind."

Corley said, "retirement is something that always happens to the other guy." He expressed pride, displayed gallantry and gave thanks to many. He vowed to his wife Bonnie his love and promised this time he's coming home for good.

In a strong voice, Corley said, "I know that when I leave this field today that my life will be changed forever more. But I accept my fate."

Corley, a teacher by trade, will return to the education arena as headmaster of Trinity Heights Christian Academy in Shreveport.

Joining him at the ceremony were his children, David Corley and Julie Huffstickler, and granddaughter Megan.

The Air Guard contributed an F-15 Eagle fly-over to honor the event.

His decorations and awards include the Army Commendation Medal; American Defense Service Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Hour Glass; Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal; Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Badge; Parachutist Badge; Ranger Tab; Louisiana Cross of Merit; Louisiana Emergency Service Medal with Three Bronze Fleur De Lis; Louisiana Longevity Medal with Silver Fleur De Lis, The Meritorious Service Medal, and the Legion of Merit. He was inducted into the Infantry Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame, Fort Benning, Georgia on December 11, 1981.

His civic affiliations include the National Guard Association of the United States; National Guard Association of Louisiana; Association of the U.S. Army; Louisiana Principals Association; and the National Association of Secondary School Principals.



Brig. Gen. Corley and Governor Dave Treen conduct the time old tradition of Pass and Review, an Inspection of the troops.



Maj. Gen. Ansel M. Stroud, Jr. presents Mrs. Bonnie Corley with a certificate of appreciation from the Department of the Army that reads "for her unselfish, faithful, and devoted service. Her unfailing support and understanding helped to make possible her husband's lasting contribution to the nation."

(Photo by SPC Kristi L. Moon, 241st PAD)



At the reception that followed the ceremony, Col. Corley is pictured with his family. From left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Donnie (Julie) Huffstickler and their daughter Megan, Corley, Ms. Bonnie, and David Corley. (Photo by SPC Kristi L. Moon, 241st PAD)



View of the troops he served with in the ceremony, November 3, 1991. (Photo by SPC Kristi L. Moon, 241st PAD)

Air Guard's 122nd Trains Like Army



Senior Airman Jose Tony Diaz del Valle (left) and Tech. Sgt. John M. Harris (Right) of the newly organized 122nd Tactical Control Party establish contact with a far flung Air

Force Base during the unit's first official drill. The new Louisiana Air National Guard unit will be located at Camp Beauregard. (Photo by SPC Michael A. Ritter, 241st PAD)

By SPC Michael A. Ritter
241st PAD

Airmen in the newly-formed 122nd Tactical Air Control Group (TACP), Louisiana Air National Guard, conducted drill for the first time in October.

The TACP will be headquartered at Camp Beauregard in Pineville, and will also facilitate one of only four regional training centers for Air Liaison Officers (ALO's) in the U.S.

"Our mission is to provide a battlefield communication link between the Air Force elements and Army Infantry," said Maj. Brod Veillon, commander.

With that in mind, the unit spent its first official weekend training. They camouflaged their specially equipped HUMVEE vehicles, which carry world-wide communications capability, and practiced setting up a 20-ft. antenna. They tested their skills by contacting air force bases around the nation by radio.

The image of the Air Force as the country club of the Armed Forces does not apply in these type units. Candidates for the program must complete a 14-15 week technical school, a 17-day survival school and 30 days of on-the-job training. Because they usually work with Army forces, they are taught Army command structure, battlefield tactics, and also must meet the lean-and-green standards on the Army Physical Fitness Test.

"The people who work in this area have to meet all of the Army's

physical fitness requirements and must train to survive in the same environments that the Army does," said Senior Airman Tony Diaz del Valle, who was a TACP from 1983-88, working with the 5th Infantry Division and in Europe with the 1st Armored Division.

In addition, TACP airmen must be able to mirror their Army counterparts when assisting the 82nd Airborne Division or 75th Ranger Regiment.

These strict requirements have made the unit appealing to members of other Air Guard units and to recruits who are just beginning their military careers.

"When I heard about this group, I knew I wanted to be in it," said Richard J. Calamia Jr., 18, a native of Chalmette who recently enlisted. "It's kind of like Special Forces."

According to Veillon, 32 of the unit's 48 enlisted airmen will drive and operate specially equipped HUMVEE's which are used to gather information about target areas and communicate with both Army personnel and Air Force fighter pilots.

The vehicles are loaded with a generator and four radios that have world-wide communications capability.

The members of the unit have only recently been recruited and many are in schools to be TACP qualified.

"We've got 24 months to be 100 percent qualified and mission ready," said Veillon. "But we'll be ready before then."

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the Air Force that will merge three of the major commands into two units designed to improve the service's combat power.

The plan will restructure the Tactical Air Command, the Strategic Air Command and the Military Airlift Command, Rice said.

The secretary said he wants to form two groups, one which will focus on moving forces quickly and the other that will be in charge of the missiles, fighters and bombers that will bear the brunt of any air campaign operations around the world.

Rice's announcement is part of a major overhaul of the service to slim the top-heavy administration of the service and improve its combat power.

Rice said one would be called the Air Mobility Command, which will have responsibility for global transportation, but its mission will be expanded to include the responsibility for aerial refueling tankers. Rice said the Air Combat Command will consist of the Air

Force's intercontinental ballistic missiles, its communications aircraft, some tactical airlift and tankers, fighters and bombers, as well as the people who operate and support them.

SAC TO ELIMINATE ITS TAIL GUNNERS

The era of the tail gunner, who sat in the back to protect the plane's rear, came to an end Sept. 17, as the Strategic Air Command announced the position would be eliminated on its B-52 bombers.

The move, which took effect Oct. 1, will trim 525 SAC positions and help the Air Force save money in an era of defense budget cuts, said Tech. Sgt. Alan Dockery, a spokesman at SAC headquarters near Omaha. Dockery said it was difficult to determine exactly how much money would be saved. Tail guns will be salvaged for possible use on other aircraft. For Albert E. Conder and about 1,000 other members of Air Force Gunners Association, who once flew backward and stared at approaching enemies with a pointed gun, the news marked the end of an era. (Information compiled by SFC 1st Class John A. Sullivan)

Grand Opening Commemorates the Anniversary of Pearl Harbor

By SPC. Kristi L. Moon
241st PAD

The Jackson Barracks Military History Museum holds more history within its walls than the mind can consume in one day.

And it's expanding! In fact, most of the work is complete and the grand opening is scheduled for December 7 at Jackson Barracks.

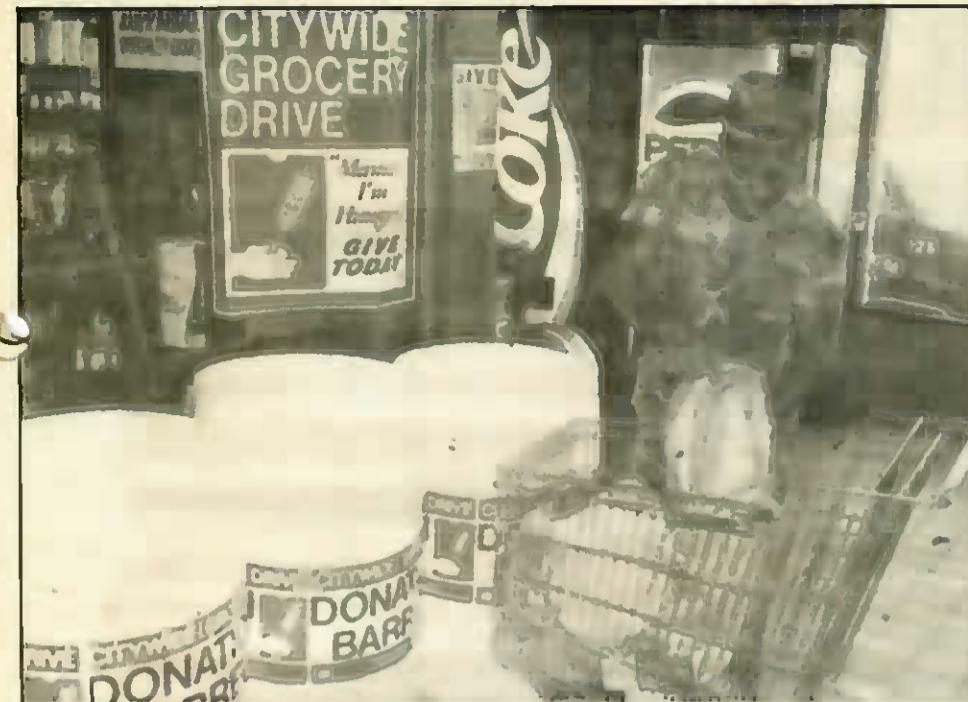
The public is invited to come out and witness the most recent building additions and artifacts. Engineers from throughout this state and many others worked long hours for nearly two years and through all kinds of weather to erect an elegant theatre and an annex.

The theatre houses state-of-the-art audio and video equipment. Col. (ret) Francis E. Thomas museum curators, hopes the theatre will be used as an educational tool for historical

seminars, meetings, conferences and to present historical films about the United States, with emphasis on Louisiana.

The new annex to the original museum will house the most recent artifacts from Desert Storm back to World War II. The main attraction is sure to be the Russian MTB Armored Personnel Carrier captured by the 528th Engineer Battalion during the Persian Gulf War. Other Desert Storm artifacts will include uniforms, small arms, anti-aircraft guns and rocket launchers.

Gen. Edwin Burba, Commander of Forces Command is the scheduled guest speaker for the grand opening. Representatives of the units that worked on the site will also be attending along with key contributors and Friends of the Jackson Barracks Military Museum Board of Directors.



Sgt. Marc Allen (pictured) of Troop Command and Staff Sgt. Paul Sylvest of the 241st Public Affairs Detachment made the final pick up for a recent city-wide food drive. Four units of the Louisiana Army National Guard, the 1/244th Aviation Battalion, 241st Public Affairs Detachment, 209th Personnel Service Company and Troop Command assisted the Second Harvest Food Bank with their

Emergency Food Box Program. Metro area grocery stores on both sides of the lake, donated food during the latter part of September that will provide three days of nutritionally balanced meals to metro area families, once a quarter.

The Louisiana Army National Guard also assists Second Harvest with their annual area school food drive coming up this Spring.

Reservists Gain PX Privileges

(Reprinted
from Army Families Fall 1991 Issue)

Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve soldiers who perform training in a pay or non-pay status are authorized unlimited exchange privileges.

Reserve component soldiers will be asked to show their U.S. Armed Forces identification card, DD Form 2 (red), at the point of purchase or upon entering the exchange when not in military uniform. Family members, who have a current RC family member ID card, may shop

without the sponsor.

Guardsmen and reservists may also use the Exchange Mail Order Catalog. Soldiers who participate in overseas military exercises have an extended time period - 45 days after return - in which to order "starred" items.*

AAFES operations include retail and military clothing stores; food facilities; personal services concessions, such as barber and beauty shops, laundry and dry cleaning and florists; automotive facilities; video rental; motion picture theaters; and vending machines.

Their Battle Continues...



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Guard Contributes To Research

Spinal cord research is benefitting immeasurably from donations made by federal employees to the Paralyzed Veterans of America Spinal Cord Research Foundation (SCRF). SCRF is a participating agency in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), the government's annual employee fund-raising drive.

Whether through military conflict or as the result of automobile or sporting accidents, traumatic spinal cord injury strikes 8,000 young, active men and women yearly in America, resulting in lifelong paralysis.

There are an estimated 300,000 individuals with traumatic spinal cord injury or disease living in the United States today.

"People benefit directly from the grants awarded by SCRF to gifted clinical and scientific researchers, because these grants lead to improved care and rehabilitation, and to new technology to aid those with spinal cord injury or disease lead more productive lives," said Cheryl Chanaud, Ph.D., acting director of PVA's Research and Education Program.

SCRF is the oldest and one of the largest private funding sources for spinal cord research in the nation. Since its inception, SCRF has provided more than 6.7 million dollars in funding for some of the most promising research projects and fellowships related to spinal cord

impairment. In 1990, SCRF received 141 proposals from scientists, but only 25 could be funded.

This is the fourth year SCRF has participated in the Combined Federal Campaign.

SCRF is the only organization in the United States covering the complete range of spinal cord research, including both care and cure research.

"Since 1988, we are proud to say that giving to the Paralyzed Veterans of America Spinal Cord Research Foundation has been the choice of many federal government employees participating in CFC."

One of the most important things we want SCRF contributors to know is that less than one percent of the money raised through CFC is used for overhead or fund-raising, the rest goes directly to support scientific research," Dr. Chanaud said.

Federal workers participating in the Combined Federal Campaign may donate to SCRF by contributing directly or indicating a total pledge to SCRF by designating the number of 0218 on their pledge forms.

The Paralyzed Veterans of America, a veterans' service organization chartered by Congress, has for more than 40 years served the needs of its members, all of whom have catastrophic paralysis caused by spinal cord injury or disease.

Louisiana Shoots High In Competition

By SPC Kristi L. Moon
241st PAD

Once again, Louisiana's Rifle and Pistol Teams shot up the Winston P. Wilson Championship Matches at Camp Robinson, Arkansas.

This year the rifle team is captained by 1st Lt. Stephen Buck and is comprised of seven additional members all from the 205th Engineer Battalion, 225th Engr Group, Louisiana Army National Guard. The team ascended from 28th place in 1990 to 14th in the overall team competition in 1991.

According to Buck, this is quite an accomplishment for a team that thrives on personal strength and perseverance. Unfortunately, there is not much funding for additional training and practice rounds. Thus the team members incur personal expenses as well as the investment of time.

Buck said, "the culmination of training and the experience gained by participating in the matches makes the hardship worth it; worthwhile!"

The rapid pace of the competition

that includes teams from other states and territories makes the event "a spectacle" Buck added.

The rifle team members include: Buck, Sgt. 1st Class Jack Whaley, Sgts. Dave Parker, Christopher Gagnon, Gary Root and Susan Spiller, Specs. Ernest Yancey III and Robbie Gibbs.

Louisiana's pistol team's debut performance wasn't hindered by first time jitters according to Capt. Gary Starkey, captain of the team. This year, the pistol team is made up of first time competitors in the Wilson Matches.

Starkey said he felt good about their shooting. He said, "It was an eye opening experience for us all to compete with people nationally ranking in competitions."

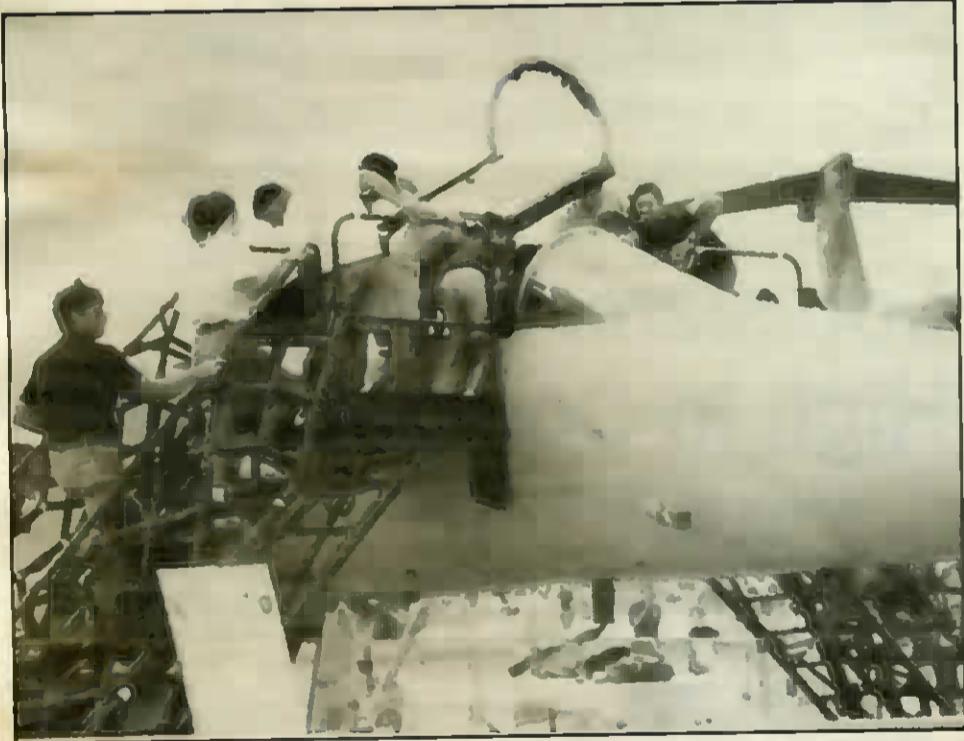
The five member pistol team also of the 205th Engr Bn includes: Starkey, Staff Sgt. Dudley Mixon, Sgt. John Willis, and Specs. Joseph Miller and Michael Matran.

The pistol team ranked 32 out of almost 50 teams. "We had one weapon malfunction that set us back. Otherwise we would've ranked better than 32," Starkey said.

'91 N'AWLINS AIR SHOW SIGHTS



The '91 N'Awlins Air Show enticed folks of all ages to Belle Chasse, Louisiana in October to experience our flying machines that helped win the recent war. Pictured clockwise from top are a C-310, F-15 Eagle, and a Stealth. (Photos by SGT Patrick M. Graves, HQ STARC.)



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LOUISIANA NATIONAL GUARD 5K ROAD RACE

SUNDAY, 8 DECEMBER 1991
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In consideration of the acceptance of this application form, I, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, do hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, knowingly and willingly waive any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the persons or entities connected with this race, including THE LOUISIANA NATIONAL GUARD, CHALMETTE HISTORICAL PARK, ST. BERNARD PARISH, ORLEANS PARISH, and THE SOUTHERN RAILROAD and I release and hold them harmless from any liability for any and all injuries sustained in connection with this event. I hereby grant full permission to use my name and image in any photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, recordings, broadcasts or other record of this event for any legitimate purpose. I attest and verify that I will participate in this event as a bona fide entrant; that I know and understand the risks of running in the temperature and humidity conditions of this event; that I have sufficiently trained for the safe completion of this event; and that my physical condition has been verified by a licensed medical doctor.

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5K Scheduled

The Louisiana National Guard 11th Annual Road Race is scheduled for December 8th at 8:30 a.m.

The 1/2 mile Fun Run/Walk kicks off the event followed by the 5K Run. Once again, both races start and finish at Jackson Barracks.

The race is open to everyone of all abilities. Participants pick up their race numbers the morning of the event, not before.

All registered runners will receive race commemorative t-shirts. If registered by November 29, receive your t-shirt on race day. Remember to check t-shirt size on entry form.

After the race be sure to turn in finish tags in front of building 53 not later than 45 minutes after the race. Then enjoy refreshments by race sponsors: O'Doul's, 7-up, RC Cola, 10K, Kentwood, Couvillion Catering and French Market Ice.

The race is being hosted this year by Louisiana Army National Guard in cooperation with Chalmette Historical Park, St. Bernard Sheriff's Association and Southern Railway.

Retention, An Everyday Business, Everywhere

By SPC Bernard Chaillot
256th Bde PIO

Now that Operation Desert Storm is history, one of the most important missions of the National Guard is retaining its soldiers, and it's a job that has to be done every day, said speakers at recent retention seminars for 2nd and 3rd battalions of the 256th Brigade.

At the 3rd battalion seminar in Jennings, Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Clyde Guidry, along with his senior non-commissioned officers (NCOs), listened to Sgt. 1st Class Harold Dixon, state retention NCO, explain the importance of approaching retention in a businesslike manner.

"We must be like businessmen, and the soldiers are the clients who keep us in business," Dixon said. "If you don't listen to your clients and address their needs and concerns, you're going to be out of business."

Dixon was joined by Sgt. 1st Class Gerald Credeur the next night in

New Iberia for the 2nd battalion seminar. "The benefits of staying in the Guard need to be made clear," Credeur said. "Desert Storm has not had a negative effect on retention like some thought it would. We've confirmed what we already knew, that the busier you keep soldiers, the happier they are," Credeur said.

Lt. Col. Sans Broussard, 2nd Battalion commander, told his NCOs that they have the tools they need to keep good soldiers in the guard, with the challenge being to use those tools effectively on a daily basis.

"We're facing a much different battle now than we were facing a few months ago," Broussard said. "But the mission is clear, and we have the weapons to do the job."

One of the best of those weapons is simply a good listening ear, Brigade Executive Officer Lt. Col. Richard Averitt said.

"It is necessary to listen to your soldiers from the beginning of their enlistments, not just at retention

time," Averitt said. "The Sponsorship Program of taking new recruits and showing them the ropes, making them understand the job they are expected to do, is where it all starts, and it should be a continuing process from there," Averitt said.

Averitt read from an NCO manual that was published in 1917, making many of the same points that were being pointed out by the retention NCOs.

"The more things change, the more they remain the same," he said. "Take care of your soldiers, and they'll take care of you."

Command Sgt. Maj. John Quebedeaux told the NCOs gathered at the seminar that stressing the positive can go a long way toward building the kind of attitude needed for successful retention efforts. "Instead of asking a soldier how long he's got before his ETS (End of Time in Service) date, ask him how long he's got before his reenlistment date comes around," Quebedeaux said.

"The same thing with recruits. Don't talk about ETS, talk about reenlistment, and keep talking to your soldiers and listening to them," Quebedeaux said. "That way, when reenlistment time does come around, you've got more people who are thinking in terms of staying in, rather than getting out."

Dixon said retention efforts statewide are going well with some areas that need extra attention, but most units experiencing full-strength signups or better.

Averitt said that Desert Storm had the effect of separating the wheat from the chaff as regards retention.

"The people who understand what soldiering means have reacted in a positive manner, while we've lost some who didn't really realize what the commitment was all about," Averitt said. "The effect has been that we are retaining a better class of soldier."

Chain of Command Committed to Alcohol Education

Over the past several years, rape cases involving alcohol have increased. Thirty six percent of all confirmed rapes involve alcohol consumption by victims, perpetrator or both. This alarming rate requires the immediate attention of commanders and leaders. Commanders and Alcohol Drug Control Officers (ADCOS) should address rape prevention in on-going alcohol prevention education. Crime prevention programs targeting rape should also emphasize the role of

alcohol in incidents.

Commanders must promote responsible behavior by those who consume alcoholic beverages. Peers should be encouraged to provide support by calling attention to problem drinking and behavior. We MUST educate soldiers about date rape and the increasing frequency of alcohol in reported rape cases. Soldiers must understand that excessive use of alcohol can result in loss of control, irresponsible behavior and increased risk of safety.

The key to prevention is a chain of command commitment to the early identification of alcohol abuse, and aggressive preventive education in the unit. The LAARNG Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Program (ADAPCP) Office has the resources and expertise to address the negative consequences of alcohol abuse and STANDS READY TO ASSIST.

Commanders and leaders must understand the negative spin-off of alcohol abuse, and educate their

soldiers. Involved leadership is the key.

For further assistance, please contact 2nd Lt. Theresa McInnis, Jackson Barracks, New Orleans, La. telephone

504-278-6240
or toll free
1-800-899-6341, ext. 240.

Coast Guard Searching For Applicants

United States Coast Guard Academy Nationwide Competition The United States Coast Guard Academy is now accepting and processing applications for appointment as Cadet, U.S. Coast Guard, Class of 1996. Applications are being accepted for both men and women.

Appointments as Coast Guard Cadets are tendered solely on the basis of an annual nationwide competition with no congressional nominations or geographical quotas. Applications must be submitted to the Director of Admissions prior to December 15, 1991. Candidates must arrange to participate in either the College Board Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Testing Assessment (ACT) prior to or including the December 1991 ACT and SAT test administrations.

Appointments as Cadet are tendered based on the candidate's high school record, performance on either the SAT or ACT, and leadership potential as demonstrated by participation in high school activities, community affairs and/or part-time employment. Most successful candidates rank in the top quarter of their high school class and have demonstrated proficiency in both the mathematical and applied science fields.

Candidates must be unmarried at the time of appointment, have no legal obligations resulting from a prior marriage, and must have reached the age of 17 but not 22 by July 1, 1992.

All candidates must be assured of high school graduation by June 30, 1992. All candidates must be completed a minimum of three years of English, and three in mathematics to include algebra and plane or coordinate geometry or their equivalents, and must fulfill basic

physical requirements.

Coast Guard Cadets obtain an excellent undergraduate education at no personal expense. In addition, they receive pay and allowances fully adequate to fulfill their ordinary living expenses. The constantly updated Academy curriculum leads to a Bachelor of Science degree with a strong academic emphasis on engineering and science. The selected major studies, when combined with varied elective courses, establish a solid foundation for a challenging career. Graduates of the Academy are commissioned as Ensigns in the United States Coast Guard. Selected officers may pursue further postgraduate education and specialized training at many leading civilian and military graduate or professional schools, in such fields as aviation, business administration, electronics, engineering, law and oceanography.

The young Academy graduate can look forward to a varied, exciting, and demanding career as a regular Coast Guard Officer. Under the Department of Transportation, the Coast Guard performs a variety of missions. These include search and rescue operations by ship and plane, maintenance of advanced electronics and other aids to navigation around the globe, operation of icebreakers which clear the way for all polar expeditions, and enforcement of marine law and all aspects of merchant marine safety. In addition, the Coast Guard has responsibility for boating safety and marine environmental protection.

To obtain an application or further information write: Director of Admissions, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, 15 Mohegan Avenue, New London, CT 06320; or call (203) 444-8501.



Sgt. 1st Class Quinn Richard points to the patriotic clown saluting the flag at the Halloween Ball, a civic action project sponsored by Charlie Company of the 769th Combat Engineers in Gonzales.

(Photo by SSG Paul Sylvester, 241st PAD)

769th Acts Civically

**SSG Paul Sylvester
241st PAD**

Charlie Company of the 769th Combat Engineers in Gonzales again sponsored a successful civic action project.

The National Guard Armory in Ascension Parish turned into a Halloween Dance Hall for three of its area elementary schools. The costume ball, held Friday night, October 25, was hosted by the 769th for grades 5-8 from St. Amant, Galves and Dutch Elementary Schools.

Guard members and their spouses chaperoned more than 100 kids who attended the dance. The Gonzales City Police provided security while the 769th's family support group assisted with chaperoning and serving refreshments.

The kids' costumes varied from clowns and ninja turtles to Freddie

Krueger and the Grim Reaper. Decorated with black and orange trimmings, pumpkins and skeletons, the armory was transformed into a dark Halloween ballroom.

A special treat was provided for the kids who enjoyed guest appearances from two popular Baton Rouge radio stations, Shari Flowers of the WFMF (102.5 FM) Morning Crew and K.C. a disc jockey with "The Tiger," 100.7 FM. They added excitement to the dance by awarding the best dancers and best costumes with music cassettes, compact discs and T-shirts. The Grand Prize was an all expense paid trip for four to Houston.

Sgt. 1st Class James Griffin, maintenance supervisor of Charlie Co. said, "It's not easy to compete with the Greater Baton Rouge State Fair, but we still got a good turn out."



The 156th Army Band, Bossier City, led by CW2 Leon Anderson, performed for the 141st Field Artillery Review at Jackson Barracks in October. The band also provided dance music for the Military Museum Reception and Dinner the night prior to the review. (Photo by SPC Rebekah D. Lloyd-Smith, 241st PAD)

From Saudi to Chalmette - 39th MPs Cover Their Tracks

By 2LT Darlene Williams
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As the soldiers walked into that old familiar place they call home, their spirits were as before, at ease. Everyone began to greet each other and talk about old and new things that were happening in their lives.

The time was drawing near for the first formation since returning from Saudi Arabia. The soldiers began to think about the war and the job that had been done. A quietness came over the drill hall as the soldiers were called to attention.

On August 18, 1991, soldiers of the 39th Military Police Company were honored for their bravery, courage and togetherness as a unit for overcoming tasks placed before them.

Also, civilian employers were honored that same day for their contributions to their employees during the war.

The awards presented were the Louisiana War Cross, the Louisiana Longevity Award and the Civilian Employer Award.

The Louisiana War Cross was given to the entire company.

Sergeant 1st Class Robert Nagy was nominated in Saudi Arabia for a Bronze Star for his excellence in Operation Desert Storm. His duties during the 39th's six month activation included being the company's operation non-commissioned officer and platoon sergeant.

The company commander, Captain Frederick Edgecomb, and the unit's first sergeant Master Sgt. Jimmie Mims had nothing but praise for the soldiers of the unit and for Nagy.

"The professional leadership of the NCO corps made the operation go smoothly. They took their orders, carried them out and accomplished the assigned tasks regardless of any shortage of supplies, equipment or manpower," said Edgecomb.

The 39th MP Company was activated December 6, 1990, and returned home June 12, 1991.

The 39th deployed from Fort Polk in February for Saudi Arabia. From their arrival in country, they went to work handling enemy prisoners of war (EPWs). Even before the ground war began, prisoners were being taken as the futility of Saddam Hussein was realized by his own troops in the field.

From the headquarters at Al Khobar, near Dhahran in northeast Saudi Arabia, the 39th served in places known to us only third hand from CNN. They were places like As Sarror, King Fahd International Airport, and King Fahd Military Medical Center, and Riyadh.

In the days and weeks following the ground war, the 39th was assigned to provide security for EPWs who required medical treatment.

That was the mission. The

challenge, however, was that there was no written doctrine in Saudi Arabia for handling enemy prisoners through medical channels.

It is safe to say that the 39th wrote the book on handling prisoners through medical channels. This involved the reception of prisoners, separating them into groups of those who could walk and those who needed litters, maintaining accountability, coordinating transportation to the prisoners' next destination, and the transportation back for the MPs sent as security.

EPWs would arrive in groups of 20 to 60 at a time, and it was normal for two platoons to provide security for more than 300 EPWs at a time. This was done while providing overall security for U.S. Army Hos-

pitals...hospitals such as the 8th, 85th and 201st Evac Hospitals.

The development was largely the work of Nagy and his people who devised this plan of procedures. And not only did this plan work for the 39th, but other MP companies adopted it as their own operating procedures. In addition, a representative from the Military Police School at Ft. McClellan was sent to Saudi Arabia to observe these procedures and ultimately, perhaps, incorporated into official MP doctrine.

But doing things the unconventional way became routine for the 39th.

When the promised prisoner of war camp did not materialize, the MPs built one. They became

carpenters, wire stringers, plumbers, and anything else needed to construct the camp, where the 39th at the peak guarded more than 11,000 EPWs.

And when transportation assets were stretched, qualified drivers from the 39th pulled extra duty to drive busloads of EPWs to their next destination.

When the EPW activity slacked off, the 39th was the first MP company to organize law and order missions around Al Khobar for upwards of 36,000 U.S. troops redeploying from combat missions in Kuwait and Iraq. That is the equivalent of a police department of 100 assigned to control a city the size of Lafayette, Louisiana.



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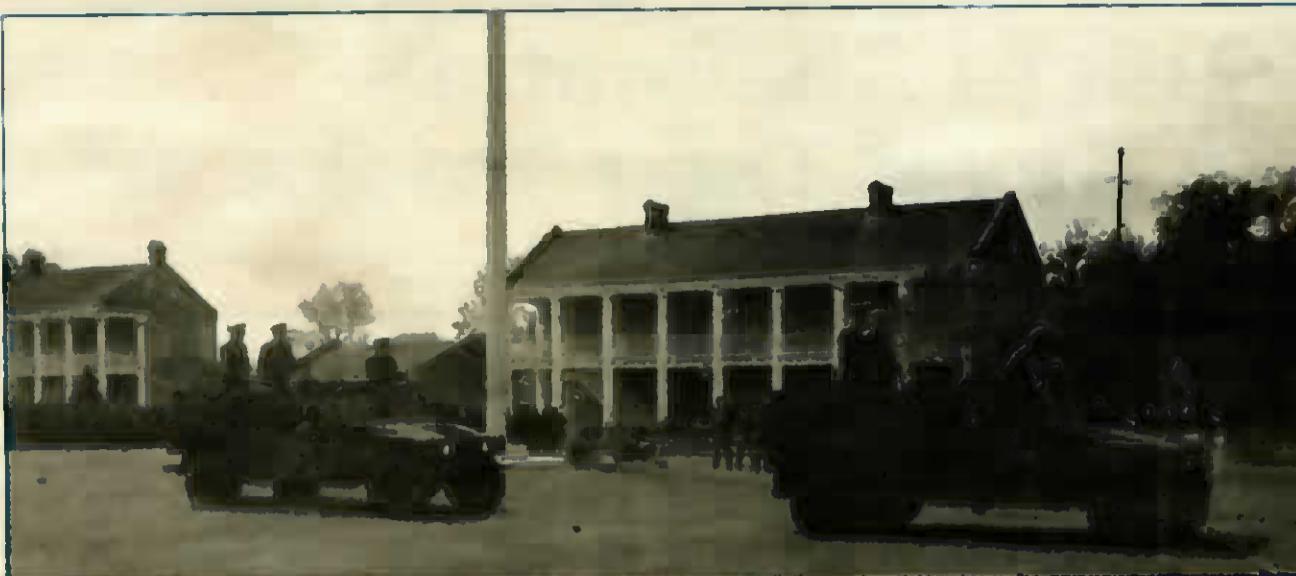
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The Commanders inspect the assembled troops. Alexander the Great was the first military leader to use this technique of inspection. Today it continues to provide commanders the opportunity to view their troops and form a general impression of their fitness. First vehicle, Col. Ralph Ripley, 5th Inf Div. commander; Lt. Col. Glenn Appé, 141st Field Artillery commander. Second vehicle, Maj. Gen. Ansel M. Stroud, Adjutant General; Brig. Gen. Gary J. Whipple, 256th Infantry Brigade commander.

(Photo by SPC Rebekah D. Lloyd-Smith, 241st PAD)



The Washington Artillery Color Guard. From left to right: Staff Sgt. Edward Daigle, Staff Sgt. Rick Rysack, Sgt. Jose Chacon, Staff Sgt. Kip Million, Sgt. Alan Drumm.

(Photo by SPC Rebekah D. Lloyd-Smith, 241st PAD)



The soldiers of the 141st Washington Artillery pass before the reviewing stand for inspection by staff and family members.

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141st FA Passes 153rd Annual Review

By 1LT Maria L. Jonkers
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The 141st Field Artillery held its 153rd Annual Parade and Review at Jackson Barracks in October.

The Washington Artillery had its proud beginning in New Orleans one hundred and fifty-three years ago. Shortly after its organization, the unit volunteered for duty in the Mexican War, serving under General Zachary Taylor both as an artillery and infantry unit. Upon declaration of war in 1861, the organization enlisted. During four years of hard campaigning, it participated in sixty major engagements and gained lasting recognition in such famous battles as Bull Run, Shiloh, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Murfreesborough, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Chickamauga, Petersburg and the Wilderness. The battalion concluded its Civil War service with the surrender of Lee's Army at

Appomattox in April 1865.

During the Reconstruction Period, the Washington Artillery was inactive, but the battalion was reorganized and mustered into the Louisiana State National Guard in December 1879. During the Spanish-American War, it furnished a battery which served as part of the Louisiana Volunteer Field Artillery.

When President Wilson mobilized the National Guard in 1916, the battalion found itself once again in federal service as part of the 13th Provisional Division on the Mexican Border. A year later, it was called upon to participate in the First World War and saw service as the 141st Field Artillery Regiment in France.

In 1941 the unit entered upon four years of active duty in the Second World War and served with distinction in Italy, France and Germany.

On November 30, 1990 the

Washington Artillery entered active duty for Operation Desert Shield/Storm, as part of the 256th Infantry Brigade and 5th Infantry Division until April 20, 1991.

Honors Presented

Col. Numa P. Avendano Award for the Outstanding Soldier of the year: Spec. Joe Pham, B Battery

Lt. Col. Edward P. Benezech, Sr. award for Outstanding Soldier of the year above the grade of E-5: Sgt. 1st Class Leonard Farria, Headquarters Battery.

Avendano Continuous Fire Streamer for the battery with the highest achievements in live fire exercises and artillery procedures: C Battery.

The "Try Us" Streamer awarded to the outstanding battery based on combat readiness in the areas of administration, training and maintenance: Headquarters Battery Commanders

Battalion Commander

Lt. Col. Glenn M. Appé	Command Sgt. Major
Command Sgt. Maj. William Schmidt	Headquarters Battery
Capt. Issac Soileau	First Sergeant
1st Sgt. Robert Landry	A Battery
Capt. Pat Santos, Jr.	First Sergeant
1st Sgt. Patrick O'Shea	1st Sgt. Harold Butler
B Battery	C Battery
Capt. Patrick Gibbs	Capt. Stephen H. Bergeron
First Sergeant	First Sergeant
1st Sgt. Terry Donelon	1st Sgt. Gerald Leonick
Service Battery	Salute Battery
Capt. Thomas Travis	1st Lt. Lawrence Hathaway
First Sergeant	
1st Sgt. Gerald Leonick	
Salute Battery	
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