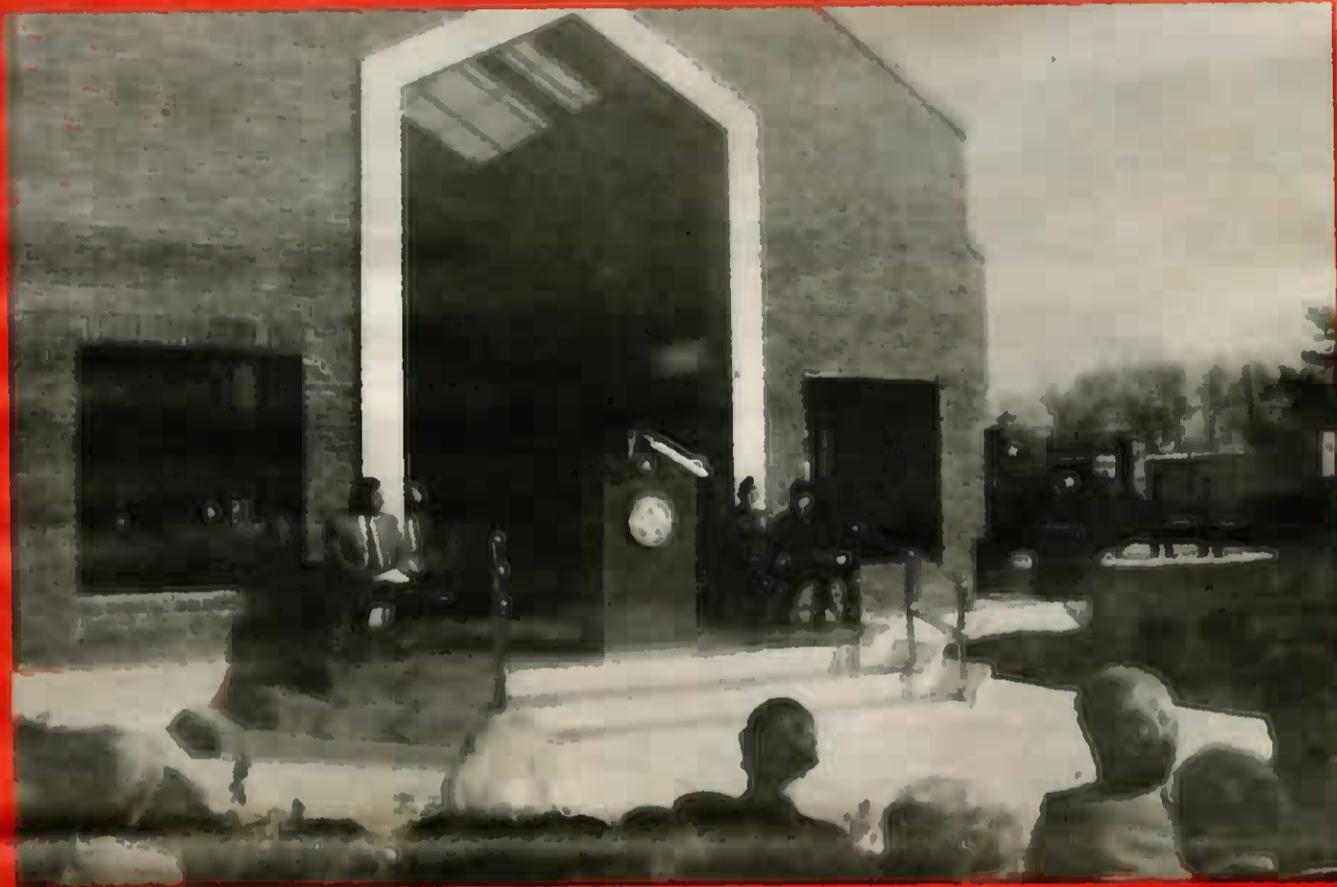


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AASF#1 Commander Named

By MAJ Phillip W. Nuss
SAO

Maj. Tom Mix has been named as the new commander for the Army Aviation Support Facility (AASF#1) at Lakefront Airport in New Orleans.

Mix replaces Maj. Phil Nuss who assumed the position of State Aviation Officer late last year. Previously, Mix held the position of administrative officer for the 1/244th Aviation which is also located at AASF#1.

Mix was selected for this position because of his vast knowledge and

experience in both aviation maintenance and safety according to Nuss. "His personnel, administrative and logistical backgrounds are needed as facility commander in order to accommodate the growing requirements placed on aviation facilities by the National Guard Bureau and the Federal Aviation Administration," Nuss said of Mix.

Mix stated that his programs will continue to focus on the employees at the facility and any concerns existing when he took over. "Budgetary constraints dictate most solutions to problems, but safety," said Mix, "is the bottom line."



The Cajun Fiddler Band provided musical entertainment for the recent 1992 ACOE campaign luncheon at Jackson Barracks. (Photo by SGT Kristi L. Moon, 241st PAD)

ACOE '92 Campaign Begins

By SGT Kristi L. Moon
241st PAD

This year's Army Communities of Excellence staff kicked off the 1992 "Leading and Caring" Campaign with a presentation luncheon at Jackson Barracks, January 7.

The theme for this year's competition is customer service. In order to succeed in providing quality service in excellent facilities, a committed caring leadership, extending down to each service provider, is crucial.

Maj. Gen. Ansel M. Stroud, Jr., fully supports the ACOE program and the many initiatives resulting from its implementation. "I strongly urge active participation by every unit, activity, installation and directorate in the Louisiana Army National Guard," Stroud said.

For the last two years, Louisiana has placed in the top three of all states. In 1990, Louisiana marched away with 3rd place and a check for \$100,000. In 1991, Louisiana swiftly took 2nd place and brought home

\$150,000. "We expect to be among the top again this year," stated Chief of Staff Col. Paul D. Alford, Jr. "The competition becomes more spirited each year. So, we must become more creative. The competition compounded by budget cuts increases the challenge immeasurably," Alford announced.

Louisiana participation is supervised by Lt. Cols. Stafford Landry, Lloyd Lacoste and John Catalanotte and assisted by Mrs. Pam Marks. The presentation part of the luncheon they organized took place in the Jackson Barracks Military History Museum Theatre. After the presentation, attendees from throughout the state were whirled through a guided tour of the museum annexes before lunch at the Officer's Club.

The Cajun Fiddler Band provided live entertainment to help celebrate what is bound to be the start of a winning year - for ACOE, Louisiana, and all Guards members.

In Memorium

It is with profound regret that we announce the untimely death of Sgt. Darvin J. Thierry, on November 16, 1991. He was 29 years old.

Sgt. Thierry enlisted in the Louisiana Army National Guard on April 3, 1985 and was assigned to the 256th Engineer Company in Opelousas, LA. He was assigned as a Combat Engineer Team Leader.

Upon mobilization of the 256th Infantry Brigade, Sgt. Thierry was activated with his unit where he served with distinction at Fort

Hood, TX and Fort Polk, LA, from November 30, 1990 through April 19, 1991.

Sgt. Thierry was awarded the Army Service Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Army Lapel Button and the Louisiana War Cross.

Members of the Louisiana Army National Guard mourn his death and extend deepest sympathy to his family.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Beatrice Thierry and their daughter, Cheryl Lynn Laws.

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TRP CMD Employee of Year

* Lt. Col. Charles Watts presented Staff Sgt. Matthew E. Lehrmann, Jr. of the 209th Personnel Services Company with a Certificate of Achievement for being named Troop Command's Employer of the Year in December.

* Lehrmann's outstanding job performance in providing quality and service to soldiers, their families

and customers of the Louisiana National Guard reflects the spirit and intent of the Army Communities of Excellence Program.

* Lehrmann was commended for his commitment and willingness to put forth the extra effort it took to be named Employer of the Year. (LANG-PAO Photo)

MASH Conducts Campaigner's Conference

By CPT Steven Carpenter
Medical Advisor Readiness Group

Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers of the 159th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (MASH) of the Louisiana Army National Guard recently participated in an automated Command Post Exchange at Camp Bullis, TX from November 9-22, 1991. The CPX called Campaigner's Conference 1-92 was hosted by the Unit Training Division of the Academy of Health Sciences, Fort Sam Houston, and the 112th Medical Brigade of the Ohio National Guard. The exercise used the Combat Service Support Training Simulation System (CSSTSS) that is being developed by the Combined Arms Support Command at Fort Lee, VA. Key staff members of the 159th MASH received training in skills needed to provide health service support to the soldier on the battlefield. The simulation exercised the unit's Command and Control of medical

logistics; medical evacuation; patient regulating; unit supply; as well as asset management; support planning; plans for reconstitution and realignment missions.

The 159th MASH recently returned from Southwest Asia where they provided medical surgical support to the 3rd Armored Division. Participation in the Campaigner's Conference provided an opportunity for the hospital's administrative staff to sustain their combat skills essential in conserving the fighting strength on the battlefield. CSSTSS continues to prove to be state of the art in battlefield simulation of Combat Service Support; as well as a valuable training tool for commanders and their staffs. More information about the Medical Component of CSSTSS can be obtained from Capt. Crafton, Unit Training Division, AMEDD Center and School, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234 (DSN) 471-2988/2973 or Commercial (512) 221-2988-2973.

ANG Participates In Sentry Mudbug

By SSG Suzanne Chaillot
159th TFG

Members and aircrafts from six states deployed to Gulfport, MS in November to participate in the Louisiana Air National Guard's annual "Sentry Mudbug" operation. Sentry Mudbug is a large force air combat training exercise, "stated Maj. Michael D. Gregory, project officer for the exercise.

Sponsored by the 159th Tactical Fighter Group (TFG) and the Mississippi National Guard Training Site, the exercise utilizes the base's Air Combat Maneuvering Instrumentation (ACMI).

Popularized in the movie "Top Gun," the air combat training system is the most advanced and realistic instrumentation scheme ever deployed for training aircrews and maintaining their efficiency in tactical air warfare. A computerized multi-color display of the actual missions is recorded for replay during the flight debrief in a theater-like environment with a

large screen graphic reenactment.

The 122nd VMFA Marine unit from Beaufort, S.C. flew in eight F-18s for the exercise. Six F-16s from both the Alabama Air National Guard's 160 TFS. and the Texas Air National Guard's 147th TFG joined the group. Nebraska's Air National Guard boasted three F-4s, while the 138th TFG from Tulsa, OK brought six of their A-7s. As the host unit, the 159th Militia headed the contingency with 14 F-15s.

Maintenance crews from the units were able to observe and exchange valuable training associated with the range of aircraft. "It's great to see the other crews in action," said Airman 1st Class Mark A. Cusimano, crew chief for the 159th, "To be around different aircraft is an exciting change of pace."

As a result, once again "Sentry Mudbug" has proven that the Air National Guard can offer the best air combat training in the world today. Two members of the Oklahoma Air National Guard prepare for flight during a training exercise during "Sentry Mudbug".



TRP CMD Facility of Year

Col. Fred Palmer, commander of Troop Command presented a Department of the Army Certificate of Achievement to Maj. Tom Mix executive officer of 1/244th Aviation for being selected as Troop Command Facility of the Year for FY-91.

The battalion was commended for outstanding maintenance of their facilities and for service to National Guard soldiers and their families.

This is a significant achievement because it demonstrates the unit's compliance with the Adjutant General's goal for our state. The 1/244th is located at the Army Aviation Support Facility, Lakefront Airport in New Orleans. Pictured from left to right are: Command Sgt. Maj. Jack Richard, Col. Fred Palmer, Maj. Tom Mix, and Maj. Tommy Bourgeois. (Photo by SGT Kristi L. Moon, 241st PAD)

225th Engr Grp – Giering Bids Farewell

By SGT Thomas W. Moulton
SGT Kristl L. Moon
241st PAD

After an extensive 16 year association with the 225th Engineer Group, Col. Edmund J. Giering, III, celebrates the passing on of his reign as group commander.

Recently, Giering was the guest of honor at a reception held at the Louisiana Club in Alexandria. While several hundred officers, enlisted soldiers and other guests enjoyed dinner, members of the 225th took the opportunity to express their appreciation for the faithful leadership Giering provided during his tenure.

There were the usual humorous stories relating Giering's fondness for *Milkyway* candy bars and Cokes, as well as, stories about the things that went right, wrong and undecided over the last five years of Giering's command of the group.

The remarks of all seemed to center on Giering's dedication. Brig. Gen. Gary G. Harber, commander of the 194th Engineer Brigade, TN National Guard was on hand to award Giering the Tenn. National Guard Distinguished Service Medal for the help and guidance Giering rendered through the 225th.

Giering thanked many people for the chance to have served in his various capacities over the years. He included first, God, for putting him here in this state at this time in history. Next, he thanked Maj. Gen. Ansel M. Stroud, Jr., for the confidence and trust granted him during his career. He thanked his wife, Anne, and their three children for their patience, support and understanding. "You all know," he said, "I was gone a lot, perhaps when I should have been there with you. I hope you know how much I love you and that your sacrifice was mine as

well... Hopefully because of your sacrifice and that of countless other families just like you, the world is a better place today."

Giering spoke with open pride and affection for the soldiers, the men and women of his command that comprise the largest engineer group in the world. He told the audience, "You are America's most precious asset and I hold you with the highest respect and greatest esteem."

The purpose of this festive yet somber occasion was to celebrate the following day's events. For on Sunday, January 5, 1992, Giering relinquished command of the 225th Engr Grp to Lt. Col. Bennett C. Landreneau.

At Camp Beauregard's Memorial Field, each element of the 225th Grp: the 205th Engr Bn, 527th Engr Bn, 528th Engr Bn, 769th Engr Bn, 4/156th Infantry Bn, the 156th Army Band, and HHC 225th Engr Grp, formed for Giering to conduct the final review of his troops. "A change of command is somewhat sad," said Stroud. "Leaving a command such as this, unequaled by its peers, is not easy for Col. Giering," he added. Giering is not gone from the Guard however. With over 30 years of service, he moves on to a new assignment and subsequent promotion.

Giering stated that the greatest regret of his career with the group is that he didn't deploy with his soldiers to South West Asia. He revelled in the fact, however, that his folks were able to participate in a war without one single casualty.

Giering solicited the continued support of Landreneau, the incoming commander; who is no stranger to this group. He said he felt confident that Landreneau would carry on the fine tradition and high standards the 225th Engineers display.



Col. Edmund J. Giering, III, and his wife Anne enjoyed a celebration dinner in Alexandria the evening before Giering relinquished his command of the 225th Engr. Grp. (Photo by SGT Thomas Moulton, 241st PAD)

Landreneau's Career Flourishes

By SGT Kristl L. Moon
241st PAD

It's overwhelming sometimes the many events that can take place in one short year. And that's how Lt. Col. Bennett C. Landreneau felt Sunday, January 5, overwhelmed.

Almost a year ago to the day, Landreneau led his 527th Engr Bn from Ruston through mobilization, federalization and deployment to Southwest Asia. There they provided rapid runway repair and barracks and renovation. In addition to bringing home with them a Soviet Armored Personnel Carrier, all 777 soldiers of the unit returned safely.

In October at the 1991 Leadership Conference in Alexandria, Maj. Gen. Ansel M. Stroud, Jr., donned Landreneau with a bronze star for his exceptional service and contributions during Operations Desert Shield and Storm.

The morning of January 5, at a ceremony in Ruston, Landreneau relinquished command of the unit he led, but more importantly, so faithfully served with for over five years. Landreneau said he felt confident turning over the battalion

to Maj. Wayne Patterson. "I'm sure he'll strive to maintain this dynamic organization," Landreneau said.

Landreneau credited his success with the 527th to the tremendous NCO strength. "Having a strong supply of NCOs makes commanding an entire battalion much easier," he said.

Stroud spoke of Landreneau with high regard during his part of the ceremony. Then, Stroud presented Landreneau with the Meritorious Service Medal for his exemplary service during his tenure with the 527th.

The afternoon of January 5, held another milestone in Landreneau's career. At Camp Beauregard's Memorial Field, Landreneau accepted the guidon of the world's largest engineer group. Landreneau replaced Col. Edmund J. Giering, III as 225th Engr Grp commander.

Landreneau pledged to the over 4,000 members of the group his dedication and commitment. "I pray that I may do my part for this powerful organization," Landreneau said.



Col. Edmund J. Giering, III, addresses the over 4,000 members of the 225th Engr Grp, the world's largest group of engineers, at the group change of command ceremony held at Camp Beauregard's Memorial Field. (Photo by SPC Mike Ritter, 241st PAD)

Stroud Speaks of Dedication

By SGT Thomas W. Moulton
241st PAD

"I think a lot of people in America forget why we have an Army," said Maj. Gen. Ansel M. Stroud, Jr., Adjutant General, Louisiana National Guard. The occasion was a Dining-In honoring Col. Edmund J. Giering III in Alexandria. Stroud went on to say, "I think every now and then we need to stop and think why we have an Army. First of all the Constitution says the Congress will raise and support an Army, Navy and provide the organization of

the Army, and the discipline of the Militia."

"The reason why comes from the Preamble to the Constitution... To ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense and secure the blessings of Liberty. During the past year we've seen that come to pass with the National Guard taking part in Desert Shield and Desert Storm" according to Stroud.

As to the mission of the Army, Stroud said, "It's a three fold mission: 1. To ensure the

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From XO to CO – Patterson Takes Over

By SGT Kristi L. Moon
241st PAD

With expressed feelings of humbleness, Maj. C. Wayne Patterson assumed command of the 527th Engineer Battalion in a January ceremony in Ruston.

This change of command ceremony, as others, signifies the end of one chapter but the beginning of many others. As Patterson takes on the 527th, he is challenged with much more than commanding. He must overcome the hurdles of post war service.

Patterson who replaces Lt. Col. Bennett C. Landreneau served as the battalion's executive officer while the

unit served in Southwest Asia for Operation Desert Storm. Together, Patterson and Landreneau led their troops swiftly to war and successfully returned them all home. Now Patterson is faced with reorganizing his troops and unit, excessive maintenance on equipment used in the desert, accountability, and construction on the unit's armory facilities.

Patterson said, "an officer waits an entire career for this opportunity of commanding a battalion. And my time is here." He has no plans for hasty changes but says he will rely on the Lord for the wisdom to carry on the fine tradition of the 527th Engr Bn.



Lt. Col. Bennett C. Landreneau passed the 527th Engr BN guidon to Maj. Wayne Patterson as he relinquished his command during a January ceremony in Ruston. Landreneau goes on to command the entire 225th Engr Grp. (Photo by SPC Mike Ritter, 241st PAD)

Education Requirements Rise

By CPT Joanne F. Sheridan

The Louisiana Army National Guard has one of the highest percentages of high school level education completion of any Army National Guard in the nation. Even so, as of Nov. 1, 1991, we still have 154 members who do not have a high school level education.

In his commitment to maintaining the best National Guard in the nation, the Adjutant General is encouraging all members to attain a high school level education as a minimum. For promotion purposes, a high school level education can be achieved with a traditional high school diploma, General Educational Development (GED) completion certificate, or a high school equivalency certificate.

Effective Jan. 1, 1989, all members must have a high school level education for promotion to the grade of E-5. Additionally, those members

already in the grade of E-5 or above before Jan. 1, 1989, must acquire a high school level education prior to promotion to the next higher grade.

Although funding is not available this year to assist soldiers with preparation classes or to pay for testing, Military Development can assist individuals interested in pursuing their GED completion certificate. We can put interested individuals in contact with their local adult education center where they will be provided instruction to prepare for the GED test. Video preparation material can be provided to soldiers, and where possible, GED tests can be administered. For further information and assistance, call (504) 278-6355 or 1-800-899-6355 or write to: Capt. Joanne F. Sheridan Louisiana Army National Guard ATTN: LANG-DPA-MD Building 37, Jackson Barracks New Orleans, LA 70146-0330

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uninterrupted supply of oil from the Persian Gulf. 2. To contain the proliferation of communism and we've seen that happen. 3. To support NATO if needed."

"We've sent soldiers to Central America with weapons, but did humanitarian things and they were not used to seeing that from the military. It's a great credit to what you did," Stroud said. "The future of the Army is going to change, Stroud said, the active Army is going to get smaller and along with it the Reserves and National Guard will get smaller also. But the threat in the world is still there. Communist nations are still there with 22,000

(thousands) nuclear weapons in the Soviet Union alone.

He went on to say, "The last mission of the Army was to reinforce NATO, if it was needed. No unit had a greater role in the participation in the 4201 plan of the defense of Europe than the 225th Engineer Group and its supporting activities."

"That's a war," according to Stroud, "we won and that, most people don't talk about... That probably saved more lives than any war we ever fought.

Quoting from a daily reading he does Stroud told the crowd, "The world is usually what each one makes it... In the last analysis the world is a mirror that reflects the little world of each of us."

Nation's First UMO Course Held

The Louisiana Army National Guard State Movement Control Center (SMCC) conducted the nation's first Senior Unit Movement Officer Course (SUMOC) on September 6-8, 1991, at the Holiday Inn Convention Centre in Alexandria. This SUMOC was held to further educate battalion commanders, major command commanders and selected staff members on the duties and responsibilities of Unit Movement Officers (UMO) and the required certification course standards. The course was designed to enable commanders to make knowledgeable decisions in selecting and appointing unit movement officers in their units. It will also enable senior officers to be more aware of unit movement planning requirements and procedures.

The Defense Movement Coordinator (DMC), Lt. Col. Palmer Sullins, Jr., has the overall responsibility for UMO training. He was assisted by Ms. Gail Hutcherson from Fort Hood, TX, who taught Unit Movement Data (UMD) and Automated Unit Equipment List (AUDEL) preparation; and Mr. Chuck Lukasik along with Capt. Al Klee from the Army Reserve Readiness Training Center (ARRTC) at Fort McCoy, WI who taught the remaining phases of unit movements including air, sea, rail and land movements. These professional instructors were directly involved in deploying and redeploying units in support of Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm. The Deputy

STARCOM Commander, Brig. Gen. Charles A. Lindsay was also present and provided comments that instilled command emphasis from the STARCOM level.

Instruction included unit movement data reporting procedures, and overview of FORSCOM Regulation 55-1 (Unit Movement Planning), LA Pam 55-1 (Transportation Unit Movement Planning Guide), a vehicle loading practical exercise complete with scale model trucks and boxes, and a hands-on vehicle loading exercise in the large bay areas of the Combined Support Maintenance Shop (CSMS). Lieutenant Colonels, Majors, and Captains actually had to develop vehicle cards, load containers into trucks and complete movement data worksheets. Attendees also participated in a discussion of lessons learned from the Persian Gulf War mobilization, deployment, and redeployment. The SMCC consists of a small staff of four officers and four enlisted personnel headed by Sullins and is supplemented by the 1091st Transportation Detachment which is commanded by 2nd Lt. LeDenna Mayeur located in the Directorate for Command Logistics at Camp Beauregard. Upon a full mobilization, the 1091st becomes a deployable asset to a theater command while the SMCC remains in the Joint State Area Command (JSAC) managing the Department of Defense moves on state and federal highways in Louisiana.

1/141st FA – Appe Relinquishes Command

By SGT Kristi L. Moon
241st PAD

When Lt. Col. Glen M. Appe took over command of 1/141st FA nearly two years ago, the unit was going through the motions of reorganization. The unit's strength was increasing. They were gaining more and better equipment. And MOS qualification standards were changing. Before all was calm and the unit was into a steady flow, news of pending war came over the wire. Before he knew it, in Nov. 1990 Appe and his battery commanders were notifying their troops that the entire 256th Infantry Brigade was on alert. In a matter of 20 days, Appe led his troops from Jackson Barracks to their mobilization station, Fort Polk, LA. In the following 25 days, he led them for further pre-deployment training to Fort Hood, TX.

At one point in our training," Appe said, "the information or rumor control was almost impossible to handle." News from all sources of media conflicted with the training schedules and dates being disseminated through inside

channels. "It was like trying to sell a square basketball," Appe said with a smile about one of the hardest phases of their training.

"But through it all, not one soldier of the 1/141st ceased to amaze me at the lengths to which they could be stretched." Appe proudly said of his troops.

Probably the most personal trying times for Appe were the anxious moments he spent thinking of his son Brian, who deployed to Saudi Arabia with the 159th MASH. "It became difficult to remain focused on artillery tasks," Appe said because of his dual role as a parent.

All in all, Appe's two year stint as artillery commander has been a success. There comes a time in every officer's career to move on though.

Appe took over as the State Recruiting and Retention Manager in January. He turned his pride, the 141st, over to Maj. Ivan M. Jones, formerly executive officer for the 141st.

Appe said he's excited about the move up to state headquarters. But some say he'll leave his heart with the 1/141st.



Lt. Col. Glenn Appe, outgoing commander of the 1/141st FA receives the Meritorious Service Medal from Maj. Gen. Ansel M. Stroud, Jr., at the change of command ceremony in January. (Photo by SGT Kristi L. Moon, 241st PAD)

Jones Takes Over 1/141st FA

By SGT Kristi L. Moon
241st PAD

Maj. Ivan M. Jones assumed command of the 1/141st FA January 12. Jones, most recently served as executive officer for the unit, but has held various other positions during his 11 years with the organization.

Jones looks forward to the command. What he sees in store for the unit are two main avenues. First,

unavoidable budget constraints. What he foresees as a result of less money, however, is better quality training. Perhaps by conducting battery level shoots instead of battalion level shoots, troops receive more individual attention and guidance, for example.

"The normal operations of taking care of the soldier will remain the same," Jones added.



Lt. Col. Michael Jennings passes the 159th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital's guidon through Maj. Gen. Ansel M. Stroud, Jr., to Col. Robert

Marler, incoming commander, in a December ceremony at Jackson Barracks. (Photo by SGT Kristi L. Moon, 241st PAD)

159th MASH – New Year Brings New Commander

By SGT Kristi L. Moon
241st PAD

In a December ceremony at Jackson Barracks Lt. Col. Michael Jennings turned command of the 159th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital over to Col. Robert Marler.

Jennings, a civilian physician, received the bronze star in 1991 after returning with his unit from Saudi Arabia and Iraq. During the change of command ceremony, Maj. Gen. Ansel M. Stroud, Jr., presented Jennings with the Meritorious Service Medal for his

accomplishments and devoted service during his tenure with the MASH. The unit also presented Jennings with a plaque of appreciation for the leadership and comradarie Jennings display.

Mrs. Jennings was presented with a bouquet of roses and certificate of achievement/appreciation by Stroud for her dedication as support group leader during Operation Desert Shield/Storm.

Marler, also a civilian physician in Youngsville, LA, comes to the MASH from the 256th Infantry Brigade.

Center the bottom of the U S insignia disk on the right collar approximately 5/8 inch up from the notch, with the center line of the insignia parallel to the inside edge of the lapel.

Center the bottom of the branch insignia disk on the left collar approximately 5/8 inch up from the notch, with the center line of the insignia parallel to the inside edge of the lapel.

Center unit crests on the shoulder loops an equal distance from the outside shoulder seam and the outside edge of the button, with the base of the insignia pointed toward the outside shoulder seam.

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Center the regimental crest 1/2 inch above the nameplate. The regimental crest will be worn 1/2 inch above any unit award or foreign badges if worn.

When special skill badges are worn above the ribbons, center them 1/4 inch above the ribbons. When more than one badge is worn above the ribbons, badges will be stacked 1/2 inch apart and may be aligned to the left to present a better appearance.

Center rank insignia between the shoulder seam and the elbow on both sleeves.

Center ribbons on the left side with the bottom row parallel to the bottom edge of the nameplate.

Center the nameplate horizontally on the right side between 1 and 2 inches above the top button. Adjust placement of the nameplate to conform to individual figure differences.

Center marksmanship badges with the upper portion of the badge 1/4 inch below the ribbons. If more than one marksmanship badge is worn, space them 1 inch apart. When special skill badges are worn below the ribbons, place them to the right of marksmanship badges.

The sleeve length will be 1 inch below the bottom of the wrist bone.

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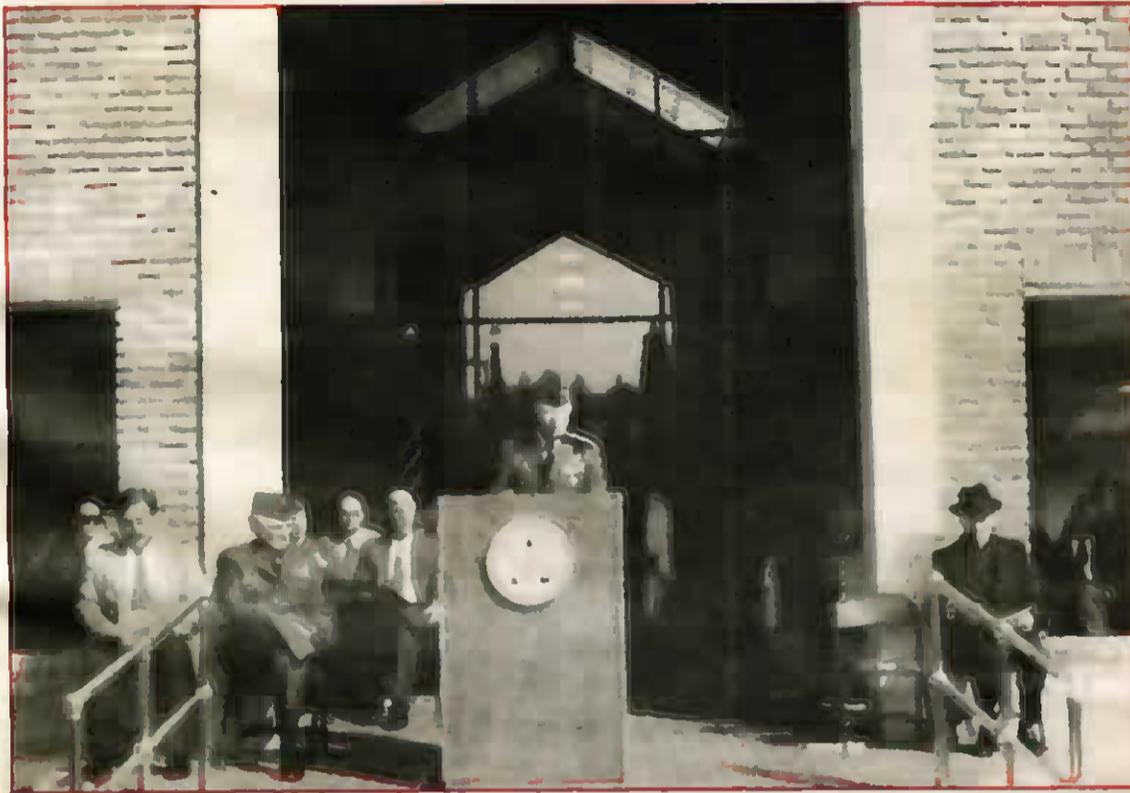


Women's Uniform

THE Army green Classic uniform is authorized for year-round wear. Certain awards and accessories can be adjusted slightly on the uniform to conform to the individual's figure. For more information, consult Army Regulation 670-1.

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Americans Gather to Com



FORSCOM Commander Gen. Edwin H. Burba addressed an audience of about 500 people in front of the new museum theatre. (Photo by SGT Lucas J. Landreneau, Jr., 241st PAD)

By SPC Mike Ritter
241st PAD

FORSCOM Commander Gen. Edwin H. Burba and Maj. Gen. Ansel M. Stroud, Jr. spoke to a crowd of 500 soldiers, airmen, their families and WWII veterans to recognize the 50th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor and to dedicate the Jackson Barracks Museum Complex.

"Too often military history is far removed from the scene of battle" Burba said. "The beautiful thing about this museum is that it was built by the sweat of the citizen soldiers in the National Guard.

Burba's words especially poignant to members of the Louisiana Guard present who participated in major American conflicts including a significant role in Desert Shield/Storm.

As with the construction of the museum, the dedication was a Guard-wide effort. The 156th Army band provided music and a memorable rendition of Taps to memorialize those killed at Pearl Harbor.

Members of the 141st Field Artillery and Air National Guard Headquarters performed a 21-gun salute and the 159th Tactical Fighter wing flew The Missing Man Formation—the aerial equivalent of Taps—symbolizing the fallen soldier.

Stroud talked about the importance of the bombing and its affect on generations who were born after the December 7, 1941 attack that forced Americans into war.

"We are paused today to remember Pearl Harbor and the subsequent events that changed all of our lives," said Stroud, who heard the news of Pearl Harbor on a radio at his home in Dixie, La. when he was 14 years old. He later was commissioned during the war.



This Soviet Armored Personnel Carrier captured by the 527th Engr Bn during Operation Desert Storm, arrived just in time to be part of the dedication display. (Photo by SGT Lucas J. Landreneau, Jr., 241st PAD)



Veterans, young and old, visited the museum after the dedicatory ceremony. (Photo by SGT Lucas J. Landreneau, Jr., 241st PAD)

Commemorate and Dedicate

Stroud who has been the driving force of the expansion of the museum and theatre said he pushed for it so the memory would be indelible for people who fought in wars and their families.

"It's not our museum, it's your museum and it will forever belong to the great men and women who made this country great," Stroud said.

Archbishop Philip Hannan, who was a captain in the 82nd Airborne Division in Germany during the war prayed that Americans would not forget the valor of those who fought for freedom.

"You gave us the gifts of freedom and human rights," Hannan said, "let us continue to have the bravery to defend them."

The museum dedication included an enlarged annex, theatre and iron fencing to match the old powder magazine that was built in 1837 under president Andrew Jackson. The Persing, armaments from every conflict since the Revolutionary War.

Burba also singled out members of the 256th Infantry Brigade, who he supervised while at Fort Hood, TX during reserve training for Desert Storm.

"They accomplished more in 30 days than anyone I've seen in my career," Burba said. "What a powerful message they sent to the evil despot."

The ceremony also included a fly-by in which F-15 jets roared through an otherwise undisturbed azure sky, and a recording of the words of Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

FDR's words seemed particularly prophetic echoing next to the museum that housed proof of American efforts all over the world, that led to the end of the Cold War with the antiquated Soviet Union.

Said Roosevelt, "I don't know how long it will take but the spirit of the American people will overcome this aggression."



Former members of the Washington Artillery listen attentively to speakers who continuously praised all veterans for their dedication and sacrifice to serving their country. (Photo by SGT Lucas J. Landreneau, Jr., 241st PAD)



The 156th Army Band contributed a major portion of the dedication ceremony. For no ceremony is complete without those time honored Army songs. (Photo by SGT Lucas J. Landreneau, Jr., 241st PAD)



Relic housed in the new annex to the museum. (Photo by SGT Lucas J. Landreneau, Jr., 241st PAD)

Place the bottom of the U.S. insignia disk approximately 1 inch above the notch, centered on the right collar with the center line of the insignia parallel to the inside edge of the lapel.

Place the bottom of the branch insignia disk approximately 1 inch above the notch, centered on the left collar with the center line of the insignia parallel to the inside edge of the lapel.

Center unit crests on the shoulder loops an equal distance from the outside shoulder seam and the outside edge of the button, with the base of the insignia pointed toward the outside shoulder seam.

When combat and special skill badges are worn, center them 1/4 inch above the ribbons. When more than one badge is worn above the ribbons, badges will be stacked 1/2 inch apart and may be aligned to the left to present a better appearance.

Center regimental crest 1/8 inch above the top of the pocket flap. Wear the regimental crest 1/2 inch above unit awards and foreign badges if worn.

Center shoulder sleeve insignia on the left sleeve 1/2 inch below the top of the shoulder seam.

Center unit awards 1/8 inch above the top of the pocket flap.

Center ribbons 1/8 inch above the top of the pocket flap. Third and subsequent rows may be aligned to the left to present a better appearance.

Center the nameplate on the flap of the right pocket between the top of the button and the top of the pocket.

Center marksmanship badges on the pocket flap 1/8 inch below the seam. If more than one badge is worn, space them 1 inch apart. When special skill badges are worn on the pocket flap, place them to the right of marksmanship badges.

Center rank insignia between the shoulder seam and the elbow on both sleeves.

Center service stripes on the outside of the left sleeve 4 inches from the bottom. Place the service stripe at a 45 degree angle with the lower end toward the inside seam of the sleeve.

The sleeve length will be 1 inch below the bottom of the wrist bone.

Men's Uniform

THE Army green uniform is authorized for year-round wear. For a more detailed discussion of proper wear of the uniform and accessories, consult Army Regulation 670-1.

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Trousers will reach the top of the instep and be cut on a diagonal line to reach a point approximately midway between the top of the heel and the top of the standard shoe in the back. The trousers may have a slight break in the front.





Maj. Thomas Bourgeois, S-3, 1/244th Av, gives a mission briefing to staff personnel during Distant Saber II (Remote CPX) at Lakefront Airport in New Orleans. (1/244th Av photo)

Airport Turns Field

By MAJ Tom Mix

The hangar that houses the 1/244th Av was camouflaged inside and out with camo screens and other equipment as the unit participated in a remote command post exercise (CPX) in November.

The 1/244th Aviation held its CPX at Lakefront Airport in New Orleans. This remote CPX known as Distant Saber II involved all units of the mature 6th Cav Bde (Air Combat). This particular CPX was remoted to four locations: Fort Hood TX; Phoenix, AZ; Fort Leavenworth, KS; and New Orleans, LA. This series of exercises was designed to prepare the 6th Cav Bde for subsequent field training exercises (FTXs).

The scenario was unclassified and took place in CORTHAG, Northern Germany. The 75th Maneuver Area Command coordinated control (including OPFOR)

and provided technical assistance, interactors and observers/controllers

at all sites. Because of the expense of actual flight hours for an aviation FTX, this CPX cost very little and produced the same effect in staff operation and interactions.

Computers were used by comptrollers to inject actual missions that were staffed and planned by the 1/244th, S-3 Section. These computers in New Orleans were remoted to the JESS 1.2.2 free play system at III Corps Battle Simulation Center at Fort Hood. The view screen allowed the players to see the enemy and troop movements. In total, 10 Battalions/Squadrons and 3 Regiments were exercised in this CPX.

Because of impending budget problems, this is probably the future for aviation units. "As a result of this exercise, the 1/244th discovered that it is an integral part of the 6th Cav Bde that helps makes up "the total package," said Maj. Tom Mix, executive officer, 1/244th.

214th EIS Provides Meals

By 1LT Marla L. Jonkers
State PAO

For the third year in a row the 214th Engineering Installation Squadron, Louisiana Air National Guard, collected and delivered the fixings for a healthy Thanksgiving dinner to needy veterans and their families.

"The names are provided to us by the Veterans Administration," said Chief Master Sgt. August J. Paretti III, Supervisor of the Engineering Technicians.

"This year we were able to provide a Thanksgiving meal for seven families in New Orleans, Kenner, St. Rose and Westwego."

The 214th provides more than a holiday dinner however; the provisions in the boxes are purchased to last beyond one meal.

"We buy a lot of beans and potatoes - items that will last for two weeks," said Paretti. "We could buy Thanksgiving meals for a lot more people if we just bought for one day, but we feel its more important if we get a few families through a longer period."

The deliveries to the veterans' homes took place the day before Thanksgiving.

The 214th hopes to increase the donations and recipients with each year that passes.

LANG Units Join Families and Festivities

By Jan Washispack
Family Assistance Coordinator

Det 1, HQ STARC (Training Site), Det 2, HQ STARC (LA Military Academy) and the 399th Medical Detachment combined resources to conduct their third annual Family Day at Camp Beauregard on December 14, 1991. Results of this joint effort continue to provide a positive and enjoyable experience for unit members and their families.

Opening ceremonies were held at the Post Theater where Unit Commanders, Col. Charles Partin, Lt. Col. Calvin Washispack and Maj. John Heath welcomed those present. Guest speaker, Sgt. Maj. Roger Toney, in a motivational presentation challenged unit and family members to continue striving to remain the BEST NATIONAL GUARD, with the BEST FAMILY PROGRAM in the United States. He reminded us that one of the fifty stars on our beloved flag belongs to Louisiana and that it is our right/responsibility to make certain that we each do our share to ensure that Louisiana is well-represented and continues to "stand tall".

Central Louisiana Electric Company (CLECO) provided a dramatic safety demonstration, appropriately titled "HOT SPOT". The sights and sounds of an "innocent" downed power line coming into contact with ordinary objects left no doubt that electricity does demand respect. CLECO employees Jim Adams, Jim Prejean and George Ferguson created vivid impressions of the dangers created by kites becoming entangled in power lines and of touching anything that might be in contact with an energized line. They stressed the need to always call your power company in any kind of situation involving a downed power line. It is important that citizens never attempt to move the line themselves.

Appropriate retirement awards and presentations were made to Lt. Col. Charles Adcox and Chief Warrant Officer 4 Clayton Murray who will retire in January. Special recognition was given to members of Officer Candidate School Class 32 for their record-breaking time of 24.05 in the 5K National Guard Run (platoon category) at Jackson Barracks on December 8, 1991. Officer Candidate McCloud presented the winner's trophy to Lt. Col. Washispack for permanent display in the OCS Hall of Fame, Bennett Hall, Louisiana Military Academy at Camp Beauregard. Also recognized were

the seven OCS members who performed as color guard and cannon firing detail at the Tioga High School homecoming ceremonies which honored our military community.

Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Addington, Sgt. Maj. Cliff Warner, First Sgt. Roger Corley and Jan Washispack spearheaded a food drive that yielded enough canned goods and cash to provide sixteen individual food baskets to needy area senior citizens and two large family baskets. The baskets were stocked with fresh fruit, vegetables, meat and bread in addition to non-perishable items. Distribution was made by the Quota Club of Alexandria on December 20 and 23, 1991. Company E 4/156th Inf pitched in on this "community of caring" project with a fully decorated Christmas tree and additional cash for food baskets.

In keeping with the Louisiana National Guard Family Assistance Program, members of the LA Military Academy honored their "Volunteer Family of the Year". Mrs. Susan Dupont and children, Mary and Evan, were presented with a "Certificate of Appreciation" and a wall plaque.

The Dupont's are the family of Capt. Elbert Dupont (Det 2, HQ STARC). Additional note was made that the Dupont family's "untiring efforts and enthusiasm exemplify family involvement at its finest" and that "Family Support is the Heart of the Military".

Highlights of the afternoon included a delicious holiday lunch prepared by LAMA food service personnel. The dining facility experience is unique for families and the opportunity to dine with their soldier(s) was greatly appreciated.

Children were able to give "examination and vaccinations" to their "patients" at a very special clinic for stuffed animals/dolls. Under the watchful eye of 399th medical personnel, youngsters applied bandages to their wounded and assisted in "well-baby" checkups.

Additional services were made available to participants, including issue of dependent I.S. cards. Family Assistance personnel from Jackson Barracks were on hand to provide visitors with information and literature.

Last, certainly not least, Santa himself (courtesy of Chief Warrant Officer 4 Lohr) made an appearance. The wishes all heard and his candy all gone, Santa delighted children of all ages with his promise to return next year! And, to all a good time...



Twenty-four airmen from the Louisiana Air National Guard recently graduated from the Non-Commissioned Officers Preparatory Course.

Front Row

SRA Monique Robinson,
Guidon Bearer

L to R

MSGT Ann Stohl, Instructor
TSGT Gary Johnson, Instructor

SRA Kyra Jones
SRA Robert Searls
SRA Michelle Johnson
SRA Scott Fryoux
SRA Beth Parker
SRA Resa Roberie
SRA Debra Williams
SSGT Marvin Vicknair,
Instructor
SSGT Perry Orillio,
Instructor

Second Row

SRA James Wood
SRA Susan Stewart
SRA John Williams
SRA Beth Cusimano
SRA William Wells
SRA Mark Vix

Third Row

SRA Samuel Rogers
SRA Christopher Corken

SRA Craig Mouney
SRA Christopher Montz
SRA David Junker

Fourth Row

SRA David Maitz
SRA Truman Guichard
SRA Kenneth Blanchard
SRA David Bowers
SRA Christopher Schultz

ANG Serves Community

By 2LT Holly F. Lanoux
HQ LA ANG PAO

Headquarters, Louisiana Air National Guard, visited a Christmas party at Padua Community Services in Belle Chasse, La., on Friday, December 13, 1991.

The theme for this year's party was "Christmas Around the World".

Padua is a pediatric residential home which provides services for 32 multi-handicapped infants and children who function within the severe/profound range of mental retardation.

Padua House opened in 1977 in response to the need for residential placement for Louisiana's retarded children formerly placed in Texas facilities as a result of lack of service provided in their home state.

As a Christmas present to the children of Padua, Col. Maxwell Desselle of Headquarters, LA ANG at Jackson Barracks, presented Larry Pate, Administrator of Padua Community Service, with two beautifully handcrafted wood and plastic park benches on behalf of the men and women of Headquarters.

The legs of the benches were constructed from hollow, heavy plastic, and made to be filled with water or gravel to add weight to them. This will allow the benches to be moved from place to place. The children will be able to take their benches with them in March when they participate in a Walk-a-thon at the Naval Air Station in Belle Chasse.



Larry Pate, Administrator of Padua Community Services, sits on the Christmas gift presented to him by

Col. Max Desselle. (Photo by 2LT Holly F. Lanoux, HQ LA ANG/PAO)

Air Guard Earns Top Recognition

2LT Holly F. Lanoux
HQ LA ANG PAO

In what has to be a highly unusual occurrence, three major Louisiana Air National Guard units were recognized for their excellence in separate unit ceremonies conducted during 1991. The LA ANG Headquarters, Jackson Barracks, was presented with the U.S. Air Force Organizational Excellence Award by Maj.

Gen. Ansel M. Stroud, Jr., Adjutant General, Louisiana National Guard.

Stroud recognized that "outstanding performance and determined dedication of quality personnel" resulted in making Headquarters, Louisiana Air National Guard, one of the very best in the U.S. Air Force.

The Headquarters, LA ANG, distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious service by serving as the lead element for the LA ANG during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. They provided expert guidance and rendered positive leadership to all subordinate units within the state. This enabled successful mobilization of members, training, and readiness operations.

In addition to this prestigious award, the State Headquarters, LA ANG was recognized for the second year in a row in achieving the highest overall state manning for FY-91 in the category of states from 1200-1499 total authorizations. This was quite a significant accomplishment during the challenging year of Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

Master Sgt. Heidi Pinkham, Recruiting and Retention Programs Manager, said that this was "the most difficult time in recruiting... ever. Phones stopped ringing, parents refused to process their children for enlistment; it was really a frustrating time." But through it all, the Louisiana recruiters pulled together, worked hard, and were able to maintain Louisiana's strength.

The 159th Tactical Fighter Group, Belle Chasse, LA, received the U.S. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award during an awards ceremony at their annual open house and family day December 7th. Brig. Gen. Ralph J. Melancon, Sr.,



MG Ansel M. Stroud Jr., Adjutant General for the Louisiana National Guard, presents LTC Michael Cushman with the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. Looking on is COL Ken Ross, Commander of the LA Air National Guard. (Photo courtesy of the Hammond Daily Star)

Assistant Adjutant General for Air, presented Col. Mike G. Sember, Commander of the 159th, with this award.

The 159th TFG distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious service during January, 1989 to December, 1990. During this period, the 159th TFG trained in the tropics; in Puerto Rico; in the sub-arctic at Cold Lake; in Europe, Iceland, Scotland, Germany, the Far West, Colorado and Arizona. The 159th trained hard, trained well, and trained safely.

Their safety record has also won them the U.S.A.F. Tactical Airlift Command's (TAC) Flying Safety Award and the McDonnell Douglas Flying Excellence Award.

The 159th TFG's outstanding ratings will be tested in January, when they participate in a RED FLAG exercise at Nellis AFB, Nev. This large-force on-going exercise is held annually to provide valuable tactical training for crews and pilots, and to validate tactics for 45 aircraft.

The 236th Combat Communications Squadron of Hammond, LA was the only unit of its type to be recognized for "exceptionally meritorious service when it received the U.S. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

Maj. Ansel M. Stroud, Jr.,

Adjutant General, Louisiana National Guard, presented this award to the unit on August 4, 1991. Lt. Col. Michael A. Cushman, commander of the 236th Combat Communications Squadron, accepted this prestigious award on behalf of the men and women of the 236th.

The Air Force Outstanding Unit Award is presented to U.S.A.F. units that have performed exceptionally meritorious service of national or international significance. The 236th was selected because of its many deployments outside of the United States to the Republic of Korea and South America, and because of the exceptional tactical communications services it provides.

The 236th also received national recognition by winning the National Guard Association of the United State's Mission Support Award. The unit's exceptional performance during their operational effectiveness inspection, conducted by the Air Force Communications Command, enabled the 236th to distinguish itself from other units by their exemplary training and performance.

"The men and women of the 236th are the best tactical communicators, not only in the Air Guard, but the Air Force," said Cushman. "I have been

truly blessed to have the privilege of serving with these fine airmen and women. I have the best job in the Louisiana Air National Guard."

Cushman, as well as the other members of the 236th, will tell you that you can feel the pride when you walk through their doors. "The recognition these fine young men and women have received this year is truly deserved," Cushman said.

The 214th Engineering Installation Squadron at Jackson Barracks, commanded by Lt. Col. Leon Simmons, Jr., was nominated for the Air Force Communication Command's Commander's Achievement Award. Although they did not win this award, it was indeed an honor to be nominated.

Louisiana has traditionally scored high with its Air Guard units, but 1991 will certainly go down in the record books as a truly outstanding year of recognition. Unit members from Belle Chasse, Jackson Barracks, Hammond, and our new unit the 122nd Tactical Air Control Party in Alexandria, LA at Camp Beauregard are joined by their families and employers in justifiable pride at all units' accomplishments this past year.

AWARDS

11th Annual 5 K Road Race - All Participants Are Winners

By SPC Rebekah Lloyd-Smith
241st PAD

The Louisiana National Guard's 11th annual 5K Road Race was held in December at Jackson Barracks. Profits from the race went to support the Jackson Barracks Museum Complex.

The event consisted of a one-half mile fun run/walk followed by the 5K run, open to all civilians and military personnel; and the 5K Platoon Competition, open to National Guard, Reserve and active duty.

Jambalaya, cold drinks and other refreshments were served following the race.

The Road Race was hosted by the Louisiana National Guard with cooperation of the Chalmette National Historical Park, St. Bernard Sheriff's Department and Southern Railway.

Sponsors of the race included 7-Up Bottling Co., Anheuser-Bush, Inc., Kentwood Spring Water, French Market Ice Service Inc., and Couvillions' Catering. 1/2 Mile Fun Run Overall Winner (Time) Male: Patrick Seller 2:39 Female: Flynt Stebbins 3:31

Male 6 and Under
1. Brandon Nye 4:02
2. Gerard Abair 4:16
3. David Riche 5:00

Female 6 and Under
1. Karen Coffman 3:47
2. Mary Ann Williams 4:02
3. Rebecca Riche 6:00

Male 7-8
1. Christopher Nye 3:24
2. Bryan Newman 3:51
3. Daniel Falanga 4:30

Male 9-10
1. Benjamin Girard 5:52

Female 9-10
1. Leah Coffman 4:13
2. Amy Newman 4:58

Male 11-12
1. Marcus Campo 3:04
2. Matthew Hebert 3:06
3. Wayne Gagliano 3:22

Female 11-12
1. Aubry Newman 3:35
2. Jennifer Humphry 4:07
3. Venesse Trapine 4:12

5K Race - Male
Overall Winner Desmond O'Conner 15:45

18 and Under
1. Patrick Shepard 21:12
2. Christopher Nye 22:39
3. Marcus Campo 23:01
4. Matthew Hebert 23:40

14-18
1. Tommy Shepherd 19:44
2. Charles Watts Jr. 23:16
3. Patrick Sellen 23:30
4. Ryan Landry 24:30

19-24
1. Edward Griffin 21:20
2. Todd Greene 21:22
3. George Grale 21:54
4. Michael Alonco 23:16

25-29
1. Sean Doody 18:20
2. Mark Becker 21:06
3. Scott Atkins
4. Paul Bergeron 21:55

30-34
1. David Cardon 18:50
2. Robert Coffman 19:48
3. Steve Denny 22:01
4. Pawday 22:02

35-39
1. Brad Labrazzo 18:00
2. Doc Jam Haywood 18:10
3. Dean Winslow 19:06
4. Tom Swain 19:44

40-44
1. Alan Christiansen 19:07
2. Lionel Miller 19:58
3. Phil Gioia 20:21
4. Ben Franklin 20:33

45-49
1. Michael Michalir 19:54
2. Buster Matthews 20:30
3. Wayne Gordon 20:37
4. Gene Lipscomb 21:48

50-54
1. Jerry Larousse 22:17
2. Lee Simpson 23:41
3. Jerry Mayeaux 25:25
4. Jan Kobylasz 25:31

55-59
1. Eddie LeRouge 21:07
2. Gabe Abene 21:57
3. John Ribar 24:08
4. Johnny Williams 26:45

60-69
1. Bob Allen 24:10
2. Bill Watson 25:47
3. Ted Lajaunie 27:30
4. Anthony Lund 35:16

70 and Over
1. Paul Tillot 47:46

5K Race - Female

Overall Winner: Debbie Hebert 19:26

13 and Under
1. Liz Fulcher 30:01
2. Flynt Stebbins 32:56
3. Aubry Newman 35:40
4. Amy Newman 44:56

19-24
1. Jennifer Gioia 20:11
2. Denese Merritt 26:28
3. Suzette Smith 35:00
4. Wanda Deemer 50:20

25-29
1. Debbie Soileau 23:50
2. Mary Pal 24:13
3. Deborah LeGros 24:17
4. Lisa Odom 34:30

30-34
1. Janel Mumme 21:02
2. Wendy Lucas 24:30
3. Adele Arthur 30:36

35-39
1. Sue Bourgeois 22:41
2. Ann Wise 24:59
3. Kyong Porter 46:00
4. Patricia Vestuto 46:06

40-44
1. Susan Sweeney 26:28
2. Lucy Lejeune 26:52
3. Celeste Watts 30:34
4. Marietta Johnson 31:14

45-49
1. Brenda Hopkins 27:46
2. Jan Perry 41:55
3. Mary Poche 41:58
4. Kathy Hric 46:28

50-54
1. Gloria Ribar 25:58
2. Rosalyn Stein 45:06
3. Frankie Moran 45:52

55-59
1. Betty Ketchum 45:22
2. Marian Montz 53:36

60-69
1. Dorothy Troclair 37:07

Platoon A - OCS Class 32
Time: 24:05

Platoon B - 214th EIS
Time: 27:29

Southern States Unite For Summit

Lt. Col. James McCall, The Louisiana National Guard's Counter Drug Coordinator, joined other state level policy makers and key agency representatives from 10 southwestern states in Houston, TX, November 18-22 to collaborate on strategies to eliminate the abuse of alcohol and other drugs.

Representatives from the states of Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and Utah attended the Southwestern States Summit III, sponsored by the Southwest Regional Center for Drug-Free Schools and Communities.

The goal of the Summit was to

enhance collaboration and coordination in state and regional prevention efforts and in the development of community environments that promote healthy life choices regarding alcohol and other drugs and other high-risk behaviors. During the 4 1/2 day event, teams from each state interacted and shared information with their counterparts in other states; promoted coordinated state level planning; looked at the development of statewide prevention resource systems; and heard nationally recognized presenters address different aspects of prevention.

"In order for prevention activities to be successful," said Mike Lowther, director of the Southwest Regional Center, "all facets of a community must be involved and committed to working together to eliminate the use of alcohol and other drugs in our country. The Summit brought together state level people who can create funding opportunities and policy initiatives that can help local communities accomplish that goal."

The first Southwestern States Summit, held in 1989, provided participants with a roadmap for prevention, planning and community mobilization. State teams were encouraged during Summit II to

strengthen their networking capacity and improve communication and linkage-building with all levels of prevention workers and volunteers in their state.

The Southwest Regional Center for Drug-Free Schools and Communities, which sponsored all three events, is one of five regional centers in the United States established in 1987 under a cooperative agreement with the U.S.

Department of Education. SWRC is a program of Public and Community Services, a division of Continuing Education and Public Services at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, OK.

LANG: An Integral Part of Black History

By CPT William O. Johnson

In the spirit of Black History Month, I would like to briefly examine Black History in the Louisiana National Guard and offer my perspective on where we've been, where we are, and where Blacks and other minorities can go in the Louisiana National Guard.

We are fortunate to be citizen of a state with such a diverse history and culture - one which transcends lines of religion and national origin, as well as race. Louisiana is particularly rich in Black History and culture.

Where We've Been:

There is more to Black History in Louisiana than slavery and cotton fields. During the time of Spanish rule of Louisiana, blacks enjoyed great accomplishments in military as well as civilian pursuits. These "FREE MEN OF COLOR" were physicians, craftsmen, store owners, businessmen and other professionals. In military pursuits, they commanded marine vessels and land troops even before the War of Independence. Like many of us today, these blacks were proud and felt a deep civic pride and responsibility.

Later, while Louisiana was still under Spanish rule, these free Negroes were organized into companies and became an integral part of the colonial militia. They were the envy of the general negro population in other parts of the Union. Their peacetime duties included patrolling New Orleans

streets after dark and the general maintenance of law and order. Arguably, Louisiana could lay claim to the first Black Militia in U.S. history.

During the Battle of New Orleans, black volunteers formed an all black battalion. They fought as part of General Andrew Jackson's army that defended New Orleans against the British.

We have continued to participate in large numbers as part of Louisiana's military forces. In addition to individual active duty participation, blacks were among the many Louisiana Guard units activated for the World Wars, Korea, Vietnam and the Persian Gulf.

Where We Are:

Blacks today make up about 31% of the total force of the United States. In Louisiana, blacks are about 34% of the National Guard.

Despite this numerical parity to the national average, Louisiana has recently been sharply criticized by NGB and others for the imbalance between the numbers of blacks/minorities serving in senior leadership positions and employed full time by the National Guard.

Blacks in fact do occupy positions in the National Guard of varying levels of rank and responsibility. In my career which spans over 12 years, I have seen black company commanders, first sergeants, and even sergeants major, battalion commanders and general staff officers of flag rank. In the Air Guard, there are black pilots and commanders. However, the

criticisms are specifically pointed at the ratio of black/minority leaders to black/minority service members.

As commandant of HHC, 256th Infantry Brigade, I am one of only six blacks who command at the company level in this state. There are 113 company-level commands in the state of Louisiana. To reach the same numerical parity at the company command level as general membership, there would need to be 34 more black commanders. And this doesn't begin to speak of the female disparities.

On the Non Commissioned Officer (NCO) side, there 13 Black First Sergeants and 1 black Sgt. Maj.

While I can see where these disparities would be discouraging to a black soldier, I refuse to subscribe to the notions of quota systems and the old "Us against them" excuses. These points of view I would dismiss as pointless demagoguery.

Why not quotas? Consider briefly the notion of only promoting the next/first 34 black 1st Lt. to Capt. and placing them in command of various companies around the state. Consider further that this is done without regard to proven ability, success at the Lt. level, or demonstrated potential for command on the part of these new Capt. Consider even further still that no other Lts. will be promoted or new commanders assigned until the promotion and reassignment of the 34 blacks are accomplished.

Even the most hopeless demagogue can see the disaster that would result. A few possibilities include: literally thousands of soldiers would be victims of "less-

than-the-best" leadership and administration of their units; good, capable and qualified black and non-black officers would leave the National Guard for the Reserves or leave military service completely; and most importantly, the future of probably the finest militia organization in the United States would be effectively squelched.

Let's face it. Just as every other class or social group, we have our "TEN PERCENT". That 10% is made up of "trouble makers", problem soldiers, APFT failures and individuals who don't meet the height and weight standards of the Army, etc.

Who do we want in charge of OUR National Guard anyway? The BEST QUALIFIED commanders and leaders, or the BLACKEST? I'll opt for the BEST QUALIFIED every time.

The point I hope I've made is that this so-called "disparity" amounts to yet another in the long line of leadership challenges we face in the National Guard. As leaders, we all must shoulder some the load and take responsibility to recognize leadership potential in all of our soldiers and maybe especially our minority soldiers.

The challenge is to instill in the minds of those young, potential leaders the right attitudes and drive it takes to succeed. The ground work is probably already laid or he/she wouldn't be here in the first place. We must do this with every one of our soldiers - minority or not - or we risk throwing away the future of the Louisiana National Guard.



In recognition of and thanks for Pan American's support of its employees who served in the Persian Gulf War, Chairman of the Board G. Frank Purvis (second from right) recently accepted a certificate from the Louisiana Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. Mentioned particularly was the Red, White and Blue Day held in June to celebrate our employees' return. On hand for the presentation were (from left) Pete Manoir, Pan-American New Orleans Group Office; Ned Diefenthal, president of Southern Scrap and Louisiana Chairman of the Committee for Employer Support; Mr. Purvis; and Col. Russel Mayeur, U.S. Army (Ret.).



The 204th Area Support Group of New Orleans recently provided a color guard for the Governor's Inauguration in Baton Rouge, January 13th. Pictured from l to r are: SPC Quillens, SGT Goldsmith, SPC Griffin and SPC Landreneau. (All photos by SGT Kristi L. Moon, 241st PAD)

LANG Adds Classy Touch to Inauguration



Members of the 239th MP Co. of Baton Rouge and the 39th MP Co. of New Orleans provided human corridors for Gov. Edwin Edwards at the Inauguration Ball held at the LSU Assembly Center.



Lt. Gov. Melinda Schwegmann and her husband John make their way to the grand stand, guarded by MPs of the 239th and 39th MP Companies.

415TH MI Bn Ahead of Counterparts

By MAJ Steven J. Wilson
415th MI BN S3

The 415th Military Intelligence Battalion (LING) is composed of a headquarters company as well as two line units, Company A and Company B. The present authorized strength of this organization is 211 personnel. The companies of the battalion train individuals in skills such as interrogators of prisoners of war, counterintelligence agents, intelligence analysts and electronic warfare voice intercept operators.

The languages offered at the 415th MI BN (L) are German, French, Spanish, Italian, Russian and a variety of others. In order to qualify linguists as rapidly as possible, the 415th MI BN conducts a basic acquisition language program (BALP) in French, German and Spanish. The program has been very successful drawing favorable comments from the National Guard Bureau (NGB) and the United States Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC). The success in our language training as well as

military occupational speciality (MOS) training has put the 415th ahead of its sister battalions formed at the same time in Washington, California and Florida. Personnel perform annual training in a year-round status. Some of the military courses individuals attend are Primary Leadership Development Course (PLDC); Basic Non-Commissioned Officer's Course (BNCOC); MOS producing schools; FORSCOM Refresher Language Course at Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah and World

Wide Personnel Upgrade Program (KPUP) missions. The 415th MI BN (L) is currently recruiting personnel to fill company C with a scheduled effective date of December 1, 1994. This opportunity provides career progression and travel opportunities for unit personnel. Many unit members have deployed on missions in Panama, Honduras, Europe and the continental United States.

Anyone interested in becoming a part of this elite organization should contact Maj. Wilson, SFC Doughty or SFC Kennedy at (504) 358-0669.