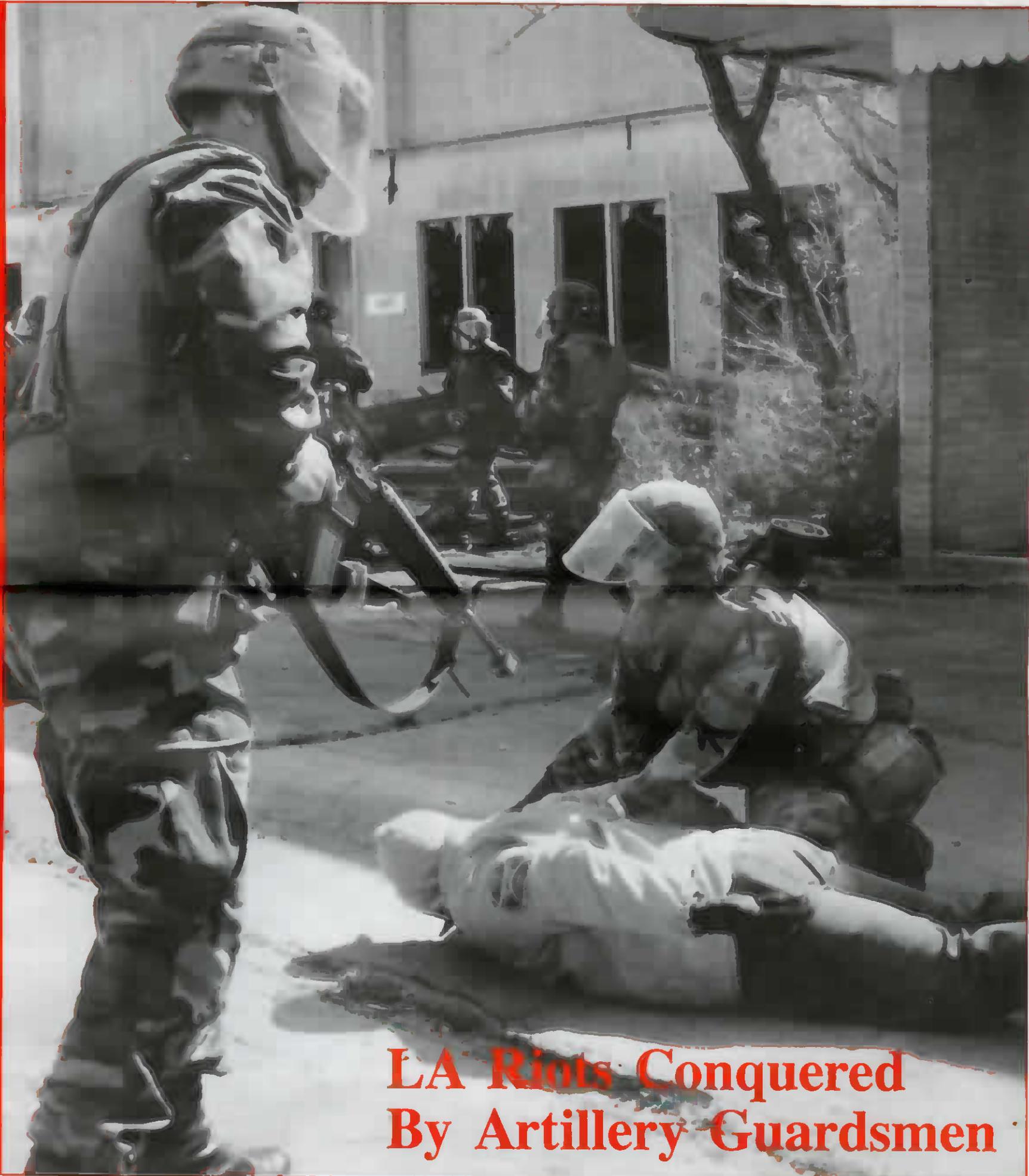


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## LA Riots Conquered By Artillery Guardsmen

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It is with profound regret that the Louisiana Army National Guard announces the untimely deaths of three Louisiana National Guardsmen.

#### PFC Scott Joseph Armand

Pvt. 1st Class Scott Joseph Armand died November 17, 1992. He was 19 years old.

Armand enlisted in the Louisiana Army National Guard October 10, 1990. He was most recently assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, (HHC), 1st Battalion, 156th Armor, as a petroleum supply specialist. He also served for a short time with HHC of the 225th Engineer Group and HHC of the 4th Battalion, 156th Infantry.

Armand was awarded the Army Service Ribbon upon completion of his Military Occupational Speciality Course.

He is survived by his parents, Newell and Cheryl Armand.

#### SPC Robert Brian Harrell

Spec. Robert Brian Harrell died November 7, 1992. He was 23 years old.

Harrell enlisted in the Louisiana Army National Guard April 21, 1987. He was assigned to Delta Company, 3rd Battalion, 156th Infantry in DeRidder. He trained as an Infantryman at Fort Benning, Ga.

During Operation Desert Storm, Harrell was activated with his unit and served from November 30, 1990 until May 4, 1991, at Fort Polk, La., and Fort Hood, Tex.

Harrell's awards include the Army Service ribbon, Army Lapel Button, National Defense Service Medal, Army Achievement Medal with one bronze oak leaf cluster, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, LA War Cross, LA Longevity Ribbon and the LA General Excellence Ribbon.

He is survived by his father, Robert C. Harrell and his mother, Pamela A. Watson.

#### SGT Darwin Glenn Dugas

Sgt. Darwin Glenn Dugas died January 17, 1993. He was 30 years old.

Dugas re-enlisted in the Louisiana Army National Guard April 29, 1988. He was assigned to Headquarters State Area Command and further attached to the NGB Region VI NCO Academy where he served until the time of his death. During his enlistment he also served with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 225th Engineer Group. He worked as a food service sergeant.

Dugas served in the active Army from May 1980 through May 1983. He became a member of the US Army Reserve Control Group (Reinforcement) until he joined the Louisiana Army National Guard for the first time August 12, 1983. He remained a member of the Guard until May 19, 1987. He had an eleven month break in service prior to his reenlistment into the Guard.

His military awards include the Army Service Ribbon, Army Good conduct Medal, Louisiana Longevity Ribbon with one fleur de lis and the Louisiana General Excellence Ribbon with two fleur de lis.

He is survived by his wife, Lucille Williams Dugas; mother, Antonia Gladd Dugas; and sons Darkus Jermaine White and Darwin Lynn Newman.

Members of the Louisiana Army National Guard mourn the deaths of these soldiers and extend deepest sympathies to their families.



BG Edmund J. Giering, III

*In January, Brig. Gen. Edmund J. Giering, III, was promoted to that rank and assumed the position of Deputy STARC Commander for the Louisiana Army National Guard. Giering, former commander and sixteen year member of the 225th Engineer Group, among others, is no stranger to the Guard. In fact, he has over 30 years of service. Oftentimes, he has thanked his wife, Anne, and their three children for their patience, support and understanding of his commitment to the Guard. Giering feels that Guardsmen are one of America's most precious assets. "I hold you with the highest respect and greatest esteem," he told his fellow Guardsmen at the change of command ceremony for the 225th. (Photo by SGT Kristi M. Graves, 241st PAD)*

**On The Front Cover:** Members of the 1st Battalion, 141st Field Artillery, headquartered in New Orleans, joined with the New Orleans Police Department and the 241st Public Affairs Detachment to conduct civil disturbance training at the abandoned Pontchartrain Beach Amusement Park. See page 20 for the story. (Photo by SGT Lucas J. Landreneau, Jr., 241st PAD)



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## A Lost Generation

By Jody Merrill



Streets entailed with happy homicides and cocaine  
Peer group pressures exerting mental strain  
Unenthusiastic attitudes toward church and school  
Getting super star recognition for being a darn fool

Carrying automatic weapons and talking loud  
Multiple shootings in every crowd  
Their only aspiration is to sling cocaine  
Where they'll ultimately end up with heartaches and pain

They'll hit rock bottom then you'll hear them utter  
"I never dreamed I'd end up in the gutter"  
Then they sit in these jails with their heads hanging down  
Trying to look tough hiding agony with a frown

Eventually they'll come to realize as they struggle day by day  
That they've tried everything else so why not pray  
But if they think cocaine is bad they ain't seen nothing yet  
Until they try gambling with life and expect God to cover the Bet

# Tactical Ops Center Dedicated

By CPT Maria L. LoVasco  
State PAO

The William F. Degan Tactical Operations Center of the U.S. Federal Marshal's Office was dedicated January 8, at Camp Beauregard in Pineville.

Construction on the center, which was named for a Marshal who was killed in the line of duty, began in September 1991.

The two-story, 37,125 square foot building will house the Special Operations Group. The facility includes open bay barracks, two-man dormitory rooms, class rooms, offices, shower facilities, a cafeteria, recreation lounge, arms vault and warehouse. The \$3.36 million center was funded through a state bond issue.

The need for a special operations group arose in the early 70s according to William E. Hall, associate attorney general for law enforcement training. Hall was one of several guest speakers at the dedication ceremony. "Over 22 years ago I said that we had a long way to go, and now we've come that long way," he said to the guests seated in the Camp Beauregard theatre.

The mission of the Special Operations Group (SOG) includes tactical problems or situations related to fugitive apprehension, dignitary protection, court security, prisoner operations, witness security and seizures. SOG also conducts a counter-terrorist operations course for foreign police agencies sponsored by the Department of State.

Mr. Henry E. Hudson, director, U.S. Marshals Service, also spoke at the ceremony.

"It's not often that someone outside of the U.S. Marshal Service becomes part of the family," he said. "Before the Louisiana National Guard, there were only two — John Wayne and James Arness."

Ironically the individual who initiated the relationship between the U.S. Marshal's Office and the Louisiana National Guard is not a member of either organization. It was Ansel "Marty" Stroud, III, the adjutant general's son, who suggested that Camp Beauregard might be an ideal site for the special operations and training center.

The National Guard also supplied the legal legwork to close the deal on the military site. Col. Thomas Kirkpatrick, state judge advocate, was instrumental in making the arrangement possible. His efforts were praised by Maj. Gen. A.M. Stroud, Jr., at the ceremony.

6th District Congressman Richard Baker was also on hand to visit Camp Beauregard which now falls within his newly configured district.

After the speeches in the post theatre the guests moved to the newly completed building.

Several members of the Special Operations Group raised the flag, before Congressman Baker cut the ribbon that barricaded the entrance.

The doors were thrown open, and the crowd entered to inspect the new facility.

The Special Operations Group will maintain a full-time operational cadre at Camp Beauregard.

"Camp Beauregard offers a central location and warm climate," said John W. Haynes, commander, Special Operations Group.

"One of our primary reasons for locating here was due to the outstanding support we receive from the National Guard. And with Esler Air Field only six miles away, it's easy for operations to mount out."

## Recruiting and Retention — Louisiana Fares Well

By MAJ Dave Stoltz  
1 LT Susan Bush  
SSG Jana Patin  
SPC Christian Taratino

Again, Louisiana recruiting and retention efforts have been recognized as among the best in the nation. Louisiana was recently presented with four National Guard Bureau (NGB) awards for quality recruiting during Fiscal Year 92. Unlike some states and territories that failed to achieve or barely achieved goals established by NGB for quality recruiting, Louisiana exceeded these goals.

Lt. Col. Glenn Appe, Recruiting and Retention Manager (RRM) for Louisiana attended the RRM Conference in Nashville January 11-15, 1993 where the awards were presented. He stated that these awards represent the hard work and dedication of all recruiters and retainers assigned to Louisiana. "Our recruiters are fishing in the quality pools for top notch soldiers for the Louisiana Army National Guard," Appe said. He was referring to recruiting's efforts on high school and college campuses throughout the state. "Getting the student who is a proven achiever is the key to improving the readiness of the guard."

The awards received from NGB do not tell the whole story of Louisiana's recruiting efforts. During the first quarter of FY 92, talk nationally had turned to downsizing in the military. News articles both locally and nationally brought concern over the future of the Guard. During this time, Louisiana continued to seek out quality recruits and by the last quarter of the year had exceeded end strength mis-

sion set by NGB. Rumored cutbacks never materialized and these efforts helped overcome the failure of other states to meet their established goals. Louisiana's recruiting efforts are no different today. "We must continue to recruit quality individuals to improve the ability of our units to train for any contingency which may face our nation or state," said Appe.

Louisiana already has one of the highest civilian education levels in the nation due to educational benefits offered. National Guard Bureau established one goal to lower the number of Mental Category IV soldiers coming into the Guard. This goal was set at 5 percent of the total number recruited for FY 92. Louisiana, which has always set more stringent goals than NGB established a goal of 2 percent. This mark was blown away when Louisiana did not produce any Category IV soldiers.

High school graduates have always been a priority for the National Guard, but Louisiana has led the way in this category. Ninety-eight percent of the recruits enlisted into the Louisiana Army National Guard during FY 92 were high school graduates with the remaining having general equivalency diplomas. "Our efforts have always been targeted at the high school graduate, preferably those who are going to college to achieve bigger and better things," according to Appe.

Louisiana will continue to lead the way in the area of recruiting and retention but the support and assistance on every member of the Guard is needed. Referrals of quality prospects are necessary to maintain our strength levels. These referrals can be made directly to the area recruiter or retainer or by calling 1-800-442-2751.



Congressman Richard Baker cuts the ribbon to the entrance of the newly dedicated William F. Degan Tactical Operations Center located at Camp Beauregard. The center houses the U.S. Marshal's Service tactical unit known as the Special Operations Group. On hand for the dedication ceremony from left to right were: Mr. Henry E. Hudson, Director, U.S. Marshal's Service; Mr. John W. Haynes, Commander, Special Operations Group; Mr. William E. Hall, Associate Attorney General for Law Enforcement Training; Mr. Richard Baker, Congressman, 6th District; MG Ansel M. Stroud, Jr., Adjutant General Louisiana. (Photo by CPT Maria L. LoVasco, State PAO)

## 1/141st FA —

## Youth Leader Academy Begins

By CPT Maria L. LoVasco  
State PAO

For now, what they'll remember most is how loud the cannon boomed and the smoke that blanketed the parking lot. What they'll remember years from now, Capt. Pat Santos hopes, is the message that the artillerymen were trying to impart.

Motivated by the external requirement to sponsor a Drug Demand Reduction Activity, and the internal desire to make a difference, several soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 141st Field Artillery, of New Orleans, hosted a day of team oriented activities for over 230 elementary schoolchildren from St. Bernard Parish. The day included lectures, circuit training and drill and ceremony.

The idea was conceived by Mr. Charles Cassar, Drug Free Coordinator for St. Bernard Schools and Capt. Frank Hijuelos, Louisiana National Guard Drug Demand Reduction Administrator. Initially envisioned as a program that would take place at Camp Villere in Slidell, the "Youth Leadership" Academy had to be moved to Lynn Oaks School in St. Bernard due to a schedule conflict.

"Mr. Cassar and I had discussed this type of program back in October," said Hijuelos. "He was very interested in using Camp Villere. When we lost Villere I called Capt. Santos on a relatively short notice to host something locally."

Santos and Battalion Command Sergeant Major William Schmidt designed the activities with several goals in mind.

"We wanted to stress the importance of leadership and what it means to be a leader," Santos said. "We wanted to talk to them about the importance of physical fitness and nutrition and education. We stressed the significance of having positive self-esteem and how that helps them to stay off of drugs. But mostly we wanted these kids to know that each and every one of them is a unique and special individual and that the National Guard cares about them."

With these goals in mind Santos and Schmidt planned a day that would challenge the children physically and mentally. The boys and girls representing fourteen area elementary schools spent the night in the Lynn Oaks gymnasium. The next morning the soldiers appeared and spoke to them about leadership and nutrition. The lecture on physical fitness led to the challenge of testing their strength by having a few pull the lanyard on a cannon stationed outside.

Several eager kids besieged their Guard team leaders to be chosen. What they didn't know was that the cannon had been set up to not function. Under the watchful eyes of their peers the selected few pulled on an especially long lanyard and promptly fell on their cabooses.

"You're weak!" yelled Santos. "Try it again!" The kids tried twice more with no success. "You're too weak!" yelled Santos. "You need to exercise!"

With that, the circuit training began. Nine stations were set up in the gym amidst the chaos of sleeping bags and overnight packs. 200 pairs of arms and legs pumped, pedaled, hopped and scuttled. When all of the groups had completed the stations the challenge went up again.

"Think you can fire the cannon?" Santos asked.

"Yeah!" bellowed a chorus of voices.

The kids were formed up in the parking lot to witness the selected representatives yank the lanyard.

Several girls covered their ears tightly in anticipation. All of them faced eagerly toward the cannon (which was now fully functional).

Three-two-one! they counted, and a thundering crack escaped the cannon with a belch of smoke.

After the laughter and howls a more subdued group marched back into the gym where they listened raptly to Sgt. Maj. Schmidt and 1st Sgt. Harold Butler.

"Who are your heroes?" Schmidt asked the group.

"Dr. Martin Luther King," answered one little girl. "Jean Claude Van Damme," said a little boy. "My Dad," said another.

Schmidt said that when he was growing up his heroes were his mom and dad. "You should see your parents as heroes," he told them. He said that today even at his age he was still in school studying for the Sergeants Major Academy. "You're gonna be in school your whole life," he said to the group, some of whom expressed dismay. "You should never stop learning if you want to become something. You've got to learn, to earn."

Butler then spoke to the group about goals and attitudes.

"If you work together as one, you can make a big impact on society," he said. "I speak to the homeless about once a week. These are people who are at the end of their rope. But you kids today, this minute, this second, you are the future. Every person in here has a part to play in life, and coming to speak to you today has been an honor for me."

The day ended with drill and ceremony assisted by middle school teenage role models at a nearby state park.

"What I got out of today is a feeling inside that these kids are good kids," said Santos. "Hopefully we got through to them and made them see how important and special they are."

This type of Guard sponsored activity will continue as "Discovery Weekend" at Camp Villere in Slidell. Already a middle school weekend have been scheduled with St. Bernard Schools.

"Camp Villere is an under-utilized asset," said Capt. Hijuelos. "A Confidence course or a ROPES course is proposed for construction there." This will be an on-going program at Villere like the Leadership Reaction Course is at Camp Beauregard. "I'm very excited about the possibilities," he concluded.

"Is it okay to lose?" Schmidt asked the children in the gymnasium.

"Yes!" they responded.

"Yes," he said. "As long as you follow the rules, and one rule is that you have to have tried your best. If you don't make it the first time, you have to be like Arnold Schwarzenegger and say, 'I'll be back.'"

Like Schwarzenegger, the 141st Field Artillery also plans to be back.

**DRUG USE  
IS  
LIFE ABUSE**



Invigorated by a round of circuit training, over 200 children from St. Bernard Parish schools spent a recent weekend with members of the 141st Field Artillery as part of a Youth Leadership Academy Program. (Photo by CPT Maria L. LoVasco, State PAO)

## 1/141st FA Youth Leadership Participants

CPT Earl Pat Santos, Bn S-3  
CSM William Schmidt, Bn CSM  
1SG Harold Butler, 1SG HQ Battery  
SFC Patrick Roche, Bn Supply NCO  
SSG Richard Reysack, TACFIRE Ops Spec  
SSG Kip Millon, Radar Chief  
SSG Paul Celestine, Bn NBC NCO

SSG Michael McDow, Plt SGT, B Battery  
SSG Vossey Quartermaster, Svc Battery Supply  
SSG James Philyaw, Bn Retention CNO  
SGT Daniel Chacon, Unit Clerk, B Battery  
SGT Alan Drumm, Unit Clerk, A Battery  
SGT Anthony Scarpuzzi, Asst. Bn Supply SGT

## Guilbeaux Develops Gun Alley

By SGT Bernard Chaillot  
256th INF BDE PAO

Sgt. 1st Class Chris Guilbeaux, master gunner at HHC, 2nd Battalion, 156th Infantry was studying training and field manuals one day when he said he got one of those ideas that is so simple, no one thought of it before. Others call it brilliant, an innovative marriage of initiative and execution.

Guilbeaux built a scale range, using a few dollars worth of fishing line and a few feet of engineer tape, along with some cut-out targets, that has the potential of saving untold thousands in training costs, while at the same time increasing the hours of troop training, battalion leaders said.

"My Bradley troops love it," Guilbeaux said. "I practically have to force them to get off and let another crew go through."

On a recent weekend, Bradley crews from the battalion's Alpha Co., in Breaux Bridge and Bravo Co., in Eunice spent Friday night at battalion headquarters in Abbeville and spent Saturday and Sunday going through "Guilbeaux's Gun Alley."

The scale range is about 50 yards long and 20 yards wide at the wide end, with tin pop-up targets spaced at various distances according to the book, to simulate target engagements with enemy personnel carriers, tanks and structural objectives.

"I cut all the targets out of tin with a pair of snips," Guilbeaux said, displaying his "battle-scarred" hands. "Once I sketched out what I wanted, it took five of us about four hours to set it up. That's it."

Each pop-up target has fishing line hooked to a lever-board next to the Bradley. When Guilbeaux pulls back a lever eight or so inches, the target pops up. A rubber band on the back of the target pulls it back down when the lever is released. The line is run through tent peg holes for extra control.

The Bradley gunner sights on the silhouette targets. The track commander looks at corresponding paper silhouettes on a board set on the Bradley in front of his position. Guilbeaux zeroed the downrange targets with a laser simulator, then lined up the commander's board.

A hit on the board with the laser that tracks with the gunner's aim is a hit downrange, the master gunner explained. "I've even got a moving target set up. That's my pride and joy. I'll add some more difficult targets, too."

Guilbeaux pulled on a lever and a T-72 cut-out began moving across the target area. He varied the speed of the target with a tug on the fishing line.

The mobile target is invisible at each end of its dash across the open space, hidden by a "berm" left by the tires of a deuce-and-a-half on the wet ground, and by "woods" on the other side, which consisted of a pile of pine needles.

The same firing adjustments are used as on an actual range, with the Bradley commander directing the gunner how to adjust aim after misses.

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# Brigade IG Wins Seat in 15th District

By SGT Bernard Chaillot  
256th INF BDE PAO

Maj. Jules Edwards, Inspector General for the 256th Infantry Brigade, recently was elected to the Division B seat of the 15th Judicial District. The 15th covers Lafayette, Acadia and Vermilion parishes.

Edwards, who practices law in Lafayette with his wife, Orida, said his election to the judgeship fulfills a long-held dream.

*"I have been concerned for a long time about the perception many people have that the judicial system is not a fair and equitable system — that it doesn't work the same for everybody," Edwards said. "I want to do what I can to dispel that perception."*

Edwards is a 12-year veteran of the Louisiana Army National Guard. He was in the Marine Corps from 1977-80 as an infantryman before becoming an ROTC cadet at Loyola University in New Orleans. After a stint as an artillery officer with the 1st Battalion, 141st Field Artillery, and graduating from



MAJ Jules Edwards

law school, he got a branch transfer to the Judge Advocate General's Corps.

He has been the brigade IG for the past two years. As a former counsel to the state Senate Select Committee on Crime and Drugs, Edwards said he has a close understanding of the pressures facing today's young people.

"There are many youthful, first-time offenders who can be rehabilitated, instead of put in with

hardened criminals and learning how to really be an effective criminal," Edwards said.

"There is also a major backlog of criminal case processing that has to be reduced," he said. "We have to make sure that people who commit crimes get appropriate sentences, so we can protect ourselves from violent offenders — that's what prisons are for, but by using creative measures that do not include incarceration, we can steer young people toward education and employment."

Edwards said his military training served him well during his campaign for the minority district judgeship and now that he is a sitting judge, the discipline and dedication to duty continue to pay dividends.

"In the military, you've got to know how to do a lot of different things simultaneously, and the leadership skills I gained and the experience in not only doing my best, but knowing how to delegate authority, has been invaluable," he said.

Edwards said he realizes he may be a role model for young blacks determined to rise above societal drawbacks and make something of their lives.

"With hard work, commitment and belief in yourself, there's nothing that can't be accomplished," he said.

The new judge said that the military also is an excellent outlet for youthful energies that, if not channeled into constructive pursuits, could lead to trouble.

"Most people involved in criminal offenses are between the ages of 16-22, which is also the age when young men and women are making a lot of life choices. That young age group is not always aware of the gravity of their actions, they need guidance and discipline, and military service is one of the best places to find that," he said.

Edwards said goal-setting and working mightily to reach those goals are two of the most important elements of success.

"What the mind can conceive, the body can achieve," he said.

Edwards and his wife, who are one of the only husband-wife attorney teams in the state, live in Lafayette with their two children, Jules, 2, and Juliesa, 1, with "another one in the oven," the judge said.

## Abercrombie Plans Clean Sweep Repeat

By SGT Bernard Chaillot  
256th INF BDE PAO

Even before thousands of Louisiana Army National Guardsmen and Boy Scouts finished cleaning up the state's interstate highway system in November, Deputy Adjutant General Brig. Gen. Arthur Abercrombie began making preparations for this year's planned repeat.

Operation Clean Sweep, a joint effort coordinated by Gov. Edwin Edwards, served to alert the public in a very visible way that littering is unacceptable, participants said.

Abercrombie toured the state in a helicopter, checking on work crews and offering encourage-

ment to Scouts and Guardsmen who picked up trash on a cold, blustery day when most people would probably have preferred to be curled up someplace warm, he said.

"There's a lot of dedication out here today, and I think the participation in 1993 will be even greater," Abercrombie said.

Weeks of planning went into the exercise, and although the event had to compete with a number of other activities in various Scout regions around the state, the mission was deemed a success, from several standpoints, Abercrombie said.

"The teamwork between Guardsmen and Scouts is a natural," he said. "The troops enjoy working with the youngsters and the Scouts do a lot

of things with the same kind of careful preparation and execution that the military does."

Secondly, the sight of uniformed Guardsmen, volunteers all, and Scouts, walking the roadsides with garbage bags, gave pause to untold thousands of motorists, both state residents and visitors, that the state cares about and is trying to improve its image, the general said.

"Thirdly, there's the actual amount of trash cleared from roadsides, which was substantial," he said. More than 68 tons of refuse was gathered in approximately 1,000 garbage bags, with hundreds of miles of highways covered statewide.

Abercrombie said that with the experience of the initial Operation Clean Sweep as a measuring

stick, planning adjustments and coordination should make the 1993 effort even better.

Operation Clean Sweep's practical and psychological advantages were noted by Guard and Scout leaders who said that more joint exercises between the two groups would be mutually beneficial.

Scouts working on a stretch of I-10 near Lafayette said one of the most interesting aspects of the operation was the rations - Meals Ready to Eat.

"The boys really got a kick out of those," said a New Iberia scout leader. "They even enjoyed the stuff they couldn't identify. Their favorites were the ones with Tabasco sauce and M&Ms."

## Final Chapter Closes on 5th ID

The 2nd Armored Division returned its colors to Fort Hood in a reflagging ceremony December 2.

The redesignation to the 2nd Armored Division closes the final chapter on the 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized). In July of 1992, while beginning their 16 month move from Fort Polk, La., to central Texas, plans were announced to reflag the 5th Inf Div under 2nd Armored Division colors. The division is the first to start moving their assets under the Base Realignment and Closure program designed to reduce the number of U.S. military installations.

The decision to reflag the 5th Inf Div is keeping within the Army's tradition of lineage. Units

with longer histories of battle honor, such as the 2nd Armored Division, have greater claim to active status. Additionally, it helps balance out the number of mechanized infantry and armored divisions currently active.

Nicknamed Hell on Wheels, the 2nd Armored Division drew down in May 1991, after nearly 50 years service and participation in World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and the Persian Gulf War. By leaving its third brigade in Garlstadt, Germany, the division kept intact its legacy as the longest continually activated armored division in the U.S. Army.

Maj. Gen. Jared L. Bates, division com-

mander, along with the help of division Commander Sgt. Maj. John L. Hermanson, retired the colors of the 5th Inf Div Red Devils before accepting the 2nd Armored Division colors from Lt. Gen. H.G. (Pete) Taylor, III Corps and Fort Hood commander. Spectators among the crowd of nearly 3,000 soldiers, family members and retirees included Gen. Gordon R. Sullivan, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, Gen. Edwin H. Burba, Jr., Commander in Chief, Forces Command; the Honorable Ann Richards, Governor of Texas; two Medal of Honor winners and other former division warriors.

Bates said of the historic event and the challenges he and his soldiers face, "There are special

images surrounding these colors (2nd Armored Division), not famous, not storied heroes - just soldiers - thousands of them - who have followed these colors onto the training grounds and battlegrounds of the world for more than 50 years. Ordinary Americans who answered the call to arms and in doing so became the very soul of this very extraordinary outfit."

Richards, the keynote speaker, added, "Hell on Wheels may have been born in Fort Benning (Georgia), but it came home to Texas, and here is where it belongs."

# New Winners Capture 1992 5K Titles

By SGT Lucas J. Landreneau, Jr.  
241st PAD

As the runners lined up to begin the 12th Annual National Guard 5K Road Race, things appeared to be the same as they were for the last eleven years. The weather, as always, was semi-cooperative with overcast skies hiding the sun and causing a slight chill for the favorites who were warming up and stretching at the front of the pack.

But, one of approximately 500 competitors stood head and shoulders below the rest. Nine-year-old Chris Nye of Meraux was one of the most noticeable runners. He lined up next to the top runners, including his father, Rick Nye, 35. The father and son tandem finished 40th and 41st overall.

"He (Chris) gets a lot of attention when we run. He almost gets trampled during the start of the race because we are toward the front," said Rick Nye.

Chris Nye has been running since age seven. He usually runs three or four miles every other day. He is also planning to run in the 1993 Crescent City Classic.

Chris had a strong performance even though he had bronchitis for a week previous to the 5K race. His father was somewhat inspired to run with Chris. Actually, he said, "Chris was pushing me to run."

When asked about his accomplishment, Chris commented, "I just wanted to finish."

Chris said he likes to run because it is a great way to exercise. His best 5K time is 20:44. Chris also won two half-milers in '91 and '90.

Rick Nye recalls Chris's first run, "The first time he ran a mile he had a time of nine minutes. He was talking the whole way."

*Although Chris Nye did exceptionally well in the race, nobody out-performed Gene Cavalier. He was the top runner with a time of 15:50. The top female finisher was Jennifer Gioia, 19:18.*

The 12th Annual National Guard 5K Road Race was sponsored by Kentwood, Couvillion's Catering, Pepsi, and French Market Ice Company. The St. Bernard Police Department was also instrumental in making the race a success.

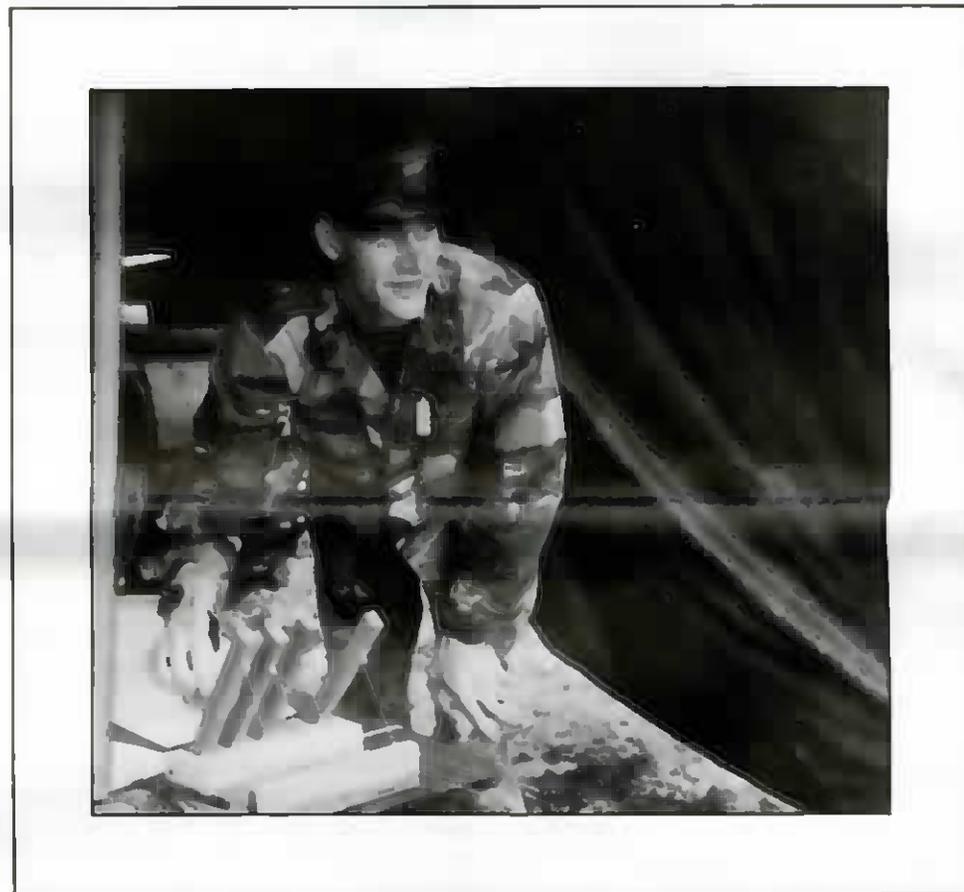
Anyone who did not get their race shirt can contact Sgt. Ann Marie Landry at (504) 278-6282.



Nine-year-old Chris Nye of Meraux and his Dad, Rick, completed the 12th Annual 5K Road Race 40th and 41st out of about 500 runners. The young Nye usually runs three or four miles every other day. (Photo by SGT Lucas J. Landreneau, Jr., 241st PAD)



COL Philip Carruth, DDS, and member of the 2224th Medical Dental Clinic, presents the Department of Defense Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. Jack H. Rayson, dean, LSU School of Dentistry. Rayson received the award for his efforts supporting LSU School of Dentistry faculty members who are members of the Louisiana National Guard. (LSU Photo)



Master Gunner SFC Chris Guilbeaux of HHC, 2/156th Infantry demonstrates how the control panel to Guilbeaux's Gun Alley operates. For a few dollars, Guilbeaux built a scaled range for his Bradley crews to practice. (Photo by 256th Inf Bde PAO)

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## Guilbeaux's Gun Alley

"This is an all-weather, 24-hour range," Guilbeaux said. "I can use stereo tabs in cans to heat the tin targets in the down position, so we can use thermal sighting too. We can go at night, in the fog, rain, whatever."

"People are amazed when they see it," Staff Sgt. Raymond Dickerson said. "The brigade commander (Col. Frank Catalano) was very impressed with it. People see the possibilities right away, and wonder why no one ever thought of it."

Command Sgt. Maj. Carl Hebert said the scale range has the potential of massive training cost savings, while giving excellent troop training and more of it.

"We can bring troops here for a fraction of the cost of a trip to Fort Polk, provide basically the same kind of training and you don't have all of the transportation headaches, not to mention the time," he said.

"We can train during all that time that we would normally be on the road or preparing to leave or come back," Hebert said. "And, as master gunner Guilbeaux mentioned, the troops love it. They line up to get on his range."

Guilbeaux said a National Guard commander from Washington state already has offered to pay his air fare to fly up and construct a similar range.

"This won't replace trips to the field, but we can do the same kind of training at home station anytime," he said. "It probably cost less than \$20 to set up the range. It just goes to show you what a little time and effort can accomplish. It's a simple, inexpensive solution to a question that faces every commander — how to get the most out of limited training time."

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Time of  
Year Again!*



# Post New Pay Changes — FYI

## Drill Pay

(Effective January 1, 1993)

Pay Grade	Under 2	2	3	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	26
<b>Commissioned Officers</b>														
O-10	887.36	918.56	918.56	918.56	918.56	953.80	953.80	1006.64	1006.64	1078.64	1078.64	1150.88	1150.88	1222.60
O-9	786.40	807.00	824.20	824.20	824.20	845.16	845.16	880.32	880.32	953.80	953.80	1006.64	1006.64	1078.64
O-8	712.28	733.64	751.04	751.04	751.04	807.00	807.00	845.16	845.16	880.32	918.56	953.80	977.32	977.32
O-7	591.84	632.08	632.08	632.08	632.08	660.44	660.44	698.72	698.72	733.64	807.00	862.52	862.52	862.52
O-6	438.68	481.96	513.56	513.56	513.56	513.56	513.56	513.56	513.56	531.00	614.96	646.36	660.44	698.72
O-5	350.84	411.92	440.44	440.44	440.44	440.44	453.76	478.20	510.24	548.44	579.84	597.44	618.32	618.32
O-4	295.72	360.12	384.16	384.16	391.28	408.52	436.40	460.92	481.96	503.12	517.00	517.00	517.00	517.00
O-3	274.80	307.28	328.48	363.44	380.84	394.48	415.84	436.40	447.12	447.12	447.12	447.12	447.12	447.12
O-2	239.64	261.68	314.44	325.00	331.76	331.76	331.76	331.76	331.76	331.76	331.76	331.76	331.76	331.76
O-1	208.08	216.56	261.68	261.68	261.68	261.68	261.68	261.68	261.68	261.68	261.68	261.68	261.68	261.68
<b>Commissioned Officers With Over Four Years' Active Service As Enlisted Members</b>														
O-3E	0.00	0.00	0.00	363.44	380.84	394.48	415.84	436.40	453.76	453.76	453.76	453.76	453.76	453.76
O-2E	0.00	0.00	0.00	325.00	331.76	342.28	360.12	373.92	384.16	384.16	384.16	384.16	384.16	384.16
O-1E	0.00	0.00	0.00	261.68	279.60	289.92	300.40	310.84	325.00	325.00	325.00	325.00	325.00	325.00
<b>Warrant Officers</b>														
W-5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	477.84	495.96	531.80
W-4	280.00	300.40	300.40	307.28	321.24	336.40	349.48	373.92	391.28	405.00	415.84	429.28	443.64	478.20
W-3	254.48	276.04	276.04	279.60	282.84	303.56	321.24	331.76	342.28	352.48	363.44	377.60	391.28	405.00
W-2	222.88	241.12	241.12	248.16	261.68	276.04	286.52	297.04	307.28	318.08	328.48	338.84	352.48	352.48
W-1	185.68	212.92	212.92	230.68	241.12	251.48	261.68	272.52	282.84	293.40	303.56	314.44	314.44	314.44
<b>Enlisted Personnel</b>														
E-9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	325.76	333.04	340.60	348.40	356.20	363.12	382.16	419.32
E-8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	273.16	280.96	288.36	295.84	303.68	310.64	318.28	336.96
E-7	190.68	205.88	213.48	220.96	228.48	235.76	243.32	250.92	262.28	269.72	277.20	280.80	299.64	336.96
E-6	164.08	178.84	186.28	194.20	201.48	208.72	216.40	227.56	234.68	242.28	245.96	245.96	245.96	245.96
E-5	143.96	156.72	164.36	171.48	182.76	190.20	197.72	205.00	208.72	208.72	208.72	208.72	208.72	208.72
E-4	134.28	141.84	150.16	161.76	168.16	168.16	168.16	168.16	168.16	168.16	168.16	168.16	168.16	168.16
E-3	126.52	133.48	138.80	144.28	144.28	144.28	144.28	144.28	144.28	144.28	144.28	144.28	144.28	144.28
E-2	121.76	121.76	121.76	121.76	121.76	121.76	121.76	121.76	121.76	121.76	121.76	121.76	121.76	121.76
E-1	108.64	108.64	108.64	108.64	108.64	108.64	108.64	108.64	108.64	108.64	108.64	108.64	108.64	108.64
E-1 <4	100.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Amounts above are for a weekend drill and are estimated. For actual rates see your finance officer.

## Monthly Basic Pay

(Effective January 1, 1993)

Pay Grade	Under 2	2	3	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	26
<b>Commissioned Officers</b>														
O-10	6655.20	6889.20	6889.20	6889.20	6889.20	7153.50	7153.50	7549.80	7549.80	8089.80	8089.80	8631.60	8631.60	9169.50
O-9	5898.00	6052.50	6181.50	6181.50	6181.50	6338.70	6338.70	6602.40	6602.40	7153.50	7153.50	7549.80	7549.80	8089.80
O-8	5342.10	5502.30	5632.80	5632.80	5632.80	6052.50	6052.50	6338.70	6338.70	6602.40	6889.20	7153.50	7329.90	7329.90
O-7	4438.80	4740.80	4740.80	4740.80	4953.30	4953.30	5240.40	5240.40	5502.30	6052.50	6468.90	6468.90	6468.90	6468.90
O-6	3290.10	3614.70	3851.70	3851.70	3851.70	3851.70	3851.70	3851.70	3982.50	4612.20	4847.70	4953.30	5240.40	5683.50
O-5	2631.30	3089.40	3303.30	3303.30	3303.30	3303.30	3403.30	3403.30	3586.50	4113.30	4348.80	4480.80	4637.40	4637.40
O-4	2217.90	2700.90	2881.20	2881.20	2934.60	3063.90	3273.00	3456.90	3614.70	3773.40	3877.50	3877.50	3877.50	3877.50
O-3	2061.00	2304.60	2463.60	2725.80	2856.30	2958.60	3118.80	3273.00	3353.40	3353.40	3353.40	3353.40	3353.40	3353.40
O-2	1797.30	1962.60	2358.30	2437.50	2488.20	2488.20	2488.20	2488.20	2488.20	2488.20	2488.20	2488.20	2488.20	2488.20
O-1	1560.60	1624.20	1962.60	1962.60	1962.60	1962.60	1962.60	1962.60	1962.60	1962.60	1962.60	1962.60	1962.60	1962.60
<b>Commissioned Officers With Over Four Years' Active Service As Enlisted Members</b>														
O-3E	0.00	0.00	0.00	2437.50	2488.20	2567.10	2700.90	2804.40	2881.20	2881.20	2881.20	3403.20	3403.20	3403.20
O-2E	0.00	0.00	0.00	1962.60	2097.00	2174.40	2253.00	2331.30	2437.50	2437.50	2437.50	2437.50	2437.50	2437.50
O-1E	0.00	0.00	0.00	1560.60	1624.20	1624.20	1624.20	1624.20	1624.20	1624.20	1624.20	1624.20	1624.20	1624.20
<b>Warrant Officers</b>														
W-5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3583.80	3719.70	3988.50
W-4	2100.00	2253.00	2253.00	2304.60	2409.30	2515.50	2621.10	2804.40	2934.60	3037.50	3118.80	3219.60	3327.30	3586.50
W-3	1908.60	2070.30	2070.30	2097.00	2121.30	2276.70	2409.30	2488.20	2567.10	2643.60	2725.80	2832.00	2934.60	3037.50
W-2	1671.60	1808.40	1808.40	1861.20	1962.60	2070.30	2148.90	2227.80	2304.60	2385.60	2463.60	2541.30	2643.60	2643.60
W-1	1392.60	1596.90	1596.90	1730.10	1808.40	1886.10	1962.60	2043.90	2121.30	2200.50	2276.70	2358.30	2358.30	2358.30
<b>Enlisted Members</b>														
E-9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2443.20	2497.80	2554.50	2613.00	2671.50	2723.40	2866.20	3144.90
E-8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2048.70	2107.20	2162.70	2218.80	2277.60	2329.80	2387.10	2527.20
E-7	1430.10	1544.10	1601.10	1657.20	1713.60	1768.20	1824.90	1881.90	1967.10	2022.90	2079.00	2108.00	2247.30	2527.20
E-6	1230.60	1341.30	1397.10	1456.50	1511.10	1565.40	1623.00	1706.70	1760.10	1817.10	1844.70	1844.70	1844.70	1844.70
E-5	1079.70	1175.40	1232.70	1286.10	1370.70	1426.50	1482.90	1537.50	1565.40	1565.40	1565.40	1565.40	1565.40	1565.40
E-4	1007.10	1063.80	1126.20	1213.20	1261.20	1261.20	1261.20	1261.20	1261.20	1261.20	1261.20	1261.20	1261.20	1261.20
E-3	948.90	1001.10	1041.00	1082.10	1082.10	1082.10	1082.10	1082.10	1082.10	1082.10	1082.10	1082.10	1082.10	1082.10
E-2	913.20	913.20	913.20	913.20	913.20	913.20	913.20	913.20	913.20	913.20	913.20	913.20	913.20	913.20
E-1 >4	814.80	814.80	814.80	814.80	814.80	814.80	814.80	814.80	814.80	814.80	814.80	814.80	814.80	814.80
E-1 <4	753.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

\*Basic pay is limited to \$9,016.50 by level V of the Executive Schedule.

## 1993 General Schedule Civilian Employee Pay Rates

Grade	Step 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
GS-1	\$11,903	12,300	12,695	13,090	13,487	13,720	14,109	14,503	14,521	14,891
2	13,382	13,701	14,145	14,521	14,683	15,115	15,547	15,979	16,411	16,843
3	14,603	15,090	15,577	16,064	16,551	17,038	17,525	18,012	18,499	18,986
4	16,393	16,939	17,485	18,031	18,577	19,123	19,669	20,215	20,761	21,307
5	18,340	18,951	19,562	20,173	20,784	21,395	22,006	22,617	23,228	23,839

## Nutrition:

# Daily Food Pyramid Provides Practical Choices

By Rudi Williams  
American Forces Information Service

In trying to keep Americans healthy, the Department of Agriculture went from a circular food guide in 1946, to a "basic four" guide in the 1950s, to a food wheel in 1984.

Now, to lead Americans down the path of food righteousness, agriculture nutrition experts have come up with another geometric figure — a pyramid.

"At a glance, the pyramid will help Americans understand more about the foods they need, from what groups and in what amounts," said Edward R. Madigan, secretary of agriculture. "For example, the pyramid clearly shows that fats, oils and sweets should be eaten sparingly."

Dick Thaxton, an agriculture department spokesman, said the food-guide pyramid represents ongoing research in the nutrition areas and trends in Americans' eating habits. He said the trend is toward more breads, cereals, rice, pasta, vegetables with less milk, cheese and eggs.

"We're aiming this at all Americans, but we hope it will help people on limited incomes eat more nutritious food and also stretch their

food dollar," Thaxton said. "For those in the upper economic segment, we hope it will provide them information as to how to best select foods that's good for them instead of foods they just want."

The food-guide pyramid recommends six to 11 daily servings of breads, cereals, rice and pasta; three to five servings of vegetables; two to four servings of fruits; two to three servings of milk, yogurt and cheese; and two to three servings of meats, poultry, fish, dry beans and peas, eggs and nuts.

"All foods are important to a balanced diet," said Madigan. "If the pyramid recommends fewer servings of one type of food than of another, that doesn't mean one food is less important than another. All foods provide important nutrients. The trick is making lower-fat choices."

Madigan said the new graphic shows the three essential elements of a healthy diet: proportion, moderation and variety. Agriculture officials define proportion as the relative amount of food to choose from each major food group. Moderation calls for Americans to eat

less fats, oils and sugars. Variety emphasizes the importance of eating a selection of different foods from each of the major food groups every day.

The department tested a group of 3,017 white, African American and Hispanic children and adults from all income ranges before adopting the pyramid. Researchers involved consumer interest groups, school teachers and food industry representatives. They also tested 415 graphic designs — pie charts, half-circles, shopping carts, bowls and pyramids, among them — before choosing the pyramid.

The pyramid reflects advice set forth in the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans*, a joint publication of the agriculture and Health and Human Services departments. This represents the federal government's official advice on how to achieve a healthy diet.

More than 5,000 educational packages are being distributed through USDA's nutrition program directors nationwide. They will also be distributed to schools, health and consumer groups and at women, infants and children, or WIC, clinics.

Reflecting on his school days, Thaxton said, "We grew up with seeing the food chart in school lunchrooms. So we hope the food guide will have a positive influence on children's dietary selections."

"We'll be working with DoD to distribute the food guide pyramid to Department of Defense Dependents Schools overseas," he said. "DoD represents a broad segment of American society and just like the every other section of society, we want to make sure they're eating right, too."

Shirley Griggs, DoDDS health coordinator, said information about the new food guide pyramid has been sent to schools worldwide. "We'll be sending out more information later and the pyramid will be included in our new health guide that's due out around October," she said. "We have sections on nutrition at every grade level — K through 12. We're trying to teach the students to develop good eating habits by providing them information for balanced diets."

## Food Guide Pyramid A Guide to Daily Food Choices



The U.S. Agriculture Department's new Food Guide Pyramid conveys the proportion that major food groups should play in a person's daily diet. The pyramid is a direct descendant of the department's food group circle of 1946, left.

U.S. Dept. of Agriculture

### Worth Repeating

"A piece of spaghetti or a military unit can only be led from the front end."

—Gen. George S. Patton Jr.,  
U.S. Army

"Adherence to one principle frequently demands violation of another. Any leader who adheres inflexibly to one set of commandments is inviting disastrous defeat from a resourceful opponent."

—ADM Charles R. Brown,  
U.S. Navy



# Family Support Group Information: B

## Volunteer Recognition Week

By CPT Robert Fink  
Family Services Coordinator

Volunteer Recognition Week is rapidly approaching. April 18-24 has been designated a time for us to recognize the contributions of all volunteers. But more specifically it's a great time for us to recognize the efforts of our family members who contribute their time and efforts in unit Family Support Groups. These unsung heroes are laying a foundation of mutual support for all military families to help each other in times of state and national emergencies. We at the Office of Family Services encourage you to do something special for those volunteers during that week to thank them for the many special things they do for you.

## 528th Engr Families Get Jump On Overseas Operation

Family support group leaders from each of the companies under the 528th Engr Battalion got a jump on taking care of unit families during Operation FC 93. Mrs. Ethel Whitehead, Mrs. Lorraine Carter, Mrs. Carolyn Robinson, Mrs. Sandra Sistrunk and Mrs. Cynthia Coleman along with their unit Family Liaison Officers met with Capt. Robert Fink of the Family Services Office to discuss ways to better support the families while the soldiers are in

Guatemala.

The meeting was very informative and each of the ladies left with a great deal of new information and resources. Because of their prior planning and commitment, their efforts helped comfort those whose loved ones were away, and helped the soldiers to perform their missions with the piece of mind that their families back home are being looked after.

## ARPERCEN Opens Transition Office

Many soldiers who leave active duty because of force reductions won't give up military life. Instead, they'll become members of the Army Reserve, either in Troop Program Units or the Individual Ready Reserve.

To help these soldiers transition to the Army Reserve, the Army Reserve Personnel Center in St. Louis, Mo., has opened a new Transition Assistance Management Program (TAMP) office. ARPERCEN is the Reserve equivalent of the U.S. Total Army Personnel Command, and is responsible for managing the Army Reserve personnel system. All Reserve soldiers not assigned to a particular unit are assigned to ARPERCEN.

The TAMP office is dedicated solely to making the transition from active duty to the Reserves easier for soldiers. It will serve as an ombudsman on

behalf of these soldiers, making sure their questions are answered and their first impressions of the Army Reserve are good ones.

TAMP office personnel work with soldiers on such issues as retirement point accounting, separation incentives and family support programs. The TAMP office works closely with the agencies and services available to transitioning soldiers to ensure that they aren't needlessly bounced from one agency to another. They also identify problems in the transition process and work with the agencies and services to improve the overall system.

Soldiers with questions about benefits, entitlements and Army Reserve participation may call the ARPERCEN TAMP office toll-free at (800) 874-8451. -ARPERCEN PAO

## Life Insurance Coverage Rises

Soldiers now may elect as much as \$200,000 in life insurance coverage, thanks to legislation that became effective last Dec. 1.

A new form for electing the extended coverage under the Serviceman's Group Life Insurance program is being distributed to military personnel offices world-wide as well as to various units and commands of the reserve components.

The new form, SGLV 8286, is the preferred method for choosing insurance above the automatic \$100,000, but the old forms and locally reproduced copies of the new form may also be used.

Any service member eligible for SGLI cover-

age as of Nov. 30, 1992, may choose to increase the SGLI coverage up to the maximum of \$200,000 without proof of good health, until March 31. After that, proof of good health will be required to increase the insurance.

Coverage at the increased level becomes effective once the SGLI form is properly prepared, signed by the soldier and received by the service.

The incremental cost for the extra insurance is the same as for the current coverage - 80 cents per month for each \$10,000 of coverage, making the monthly premium for the maximum coverage under the SGLI program \$16. -Army News Service

## Helicopter Trainer Phasing Out

Testing is now underway at Fort Rucker, Ala., to replace the UH-1H Iroquois - the "Huey" - as the primary trainer model for soon-to-be Army aviators.

The UH-1 has been the standard aircraft used for the Initial Entry Rotary Wing course at Fort Rucker since 1988.

The UH-1 has proven to be a safe and effective trainer, but because of its size, weight and

design, it costs more to operate and maintain than would a smaller, lighter, "off-the-shelf" aircraft, according to Fort Rucker Aviation Center officials.

The initiative will reduce operating and maintenance costs for flight training without sacrificing quality of training or safety, officials said.

Aviation students are expected to begin training on the replacement aircraft in September 1994. -ARNEWS

## More Eligible For Early-Outs

Soldiers in three military occupational specialties have been added to the list of those eligible for the fiscal 1993 enlisted Voluntary Early Transition Program.

Specialists and sergeants in MOS 31K, 31V and 39D may now apply for the VET Program,

according to officials at U.S. Total Army Personnel Command.

For more information on the VET Program, contact your local personnel action center. -ARNEWS

## New Protection For Military Movers

New legislation protects servicemembers from commercial carrier bankruptcy during the relocation of household goods to new duty stations.

The law, which has been proposed by the Military Traffic Management Command, forbids carrier liens on servicemembers' property during carrier disputes over payments, according to MTMC

officials.

Servicemembers' property "has often been wrongfully detained by parties who claim a lien on the property," according to Bill Merrigan, an attorney at MTMC headquarters.

A similar law was passed addressing privately-owned vehicles. -Military Traffic Management Command

## Uniforms Available By Catalog

Soldiers who don't have easy access to a military clothing sales store can buy uniforms through an MCSS catalog. Anyone authorized to buy uniforms from an Army and Air Force Exchange Service MCSS may order from the catalog when a local store is not available.

Dress, service and battle dress uniforms are available through the catalog, as are boots, shoes, shirts, insignia, patches, and accessories. It also includes size charts and special-measurement procedures to ensure the right fit.

To receive a copy of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service MCSS catalog, write to:

Headquarters AAFES

ATTN: PD-U

P.O. Box 660202

Dallas, TX 75266-0202

or call (214) 312-3206 or DSN 967-3206.

Specify Army or Air Force edition. -AAFES PAO

### States Most Active Assistance

October 1991-September 1992

State	Total Cases	Amount Disbursed
Alabama	200	\$17,050
Arizona	100	\$36,580
California	75	\$19,202
Delaware	50	\$26,315
Florida	240	\$58,404
Georgia	65	\$17,519
Illinois	160	\$123,562
Indiana	42	\$10,364
Iowa	68	\$16,854
Kentucky	84	\$27,125
Louisiana	110	\$26,397
Maryland	130	\$35,617
Michigan	145	\$21,285
Minnesota	65	\$17,154

# Benefits, Happenings and Changes

## Emergency Travel Costs Reduced

Military families are getting a break on the cost of airline tickets for emergency travel. Several airlines recently started emergency leave programs offering special fares to active duty personnel. The special rates also apply to family members who are ticketed at the same time for the same flight.

Airlines generally waive the requirement for the seven-day advance purchase of round trip tickets, allowing purchase of the lower-priced tickets on short notice.

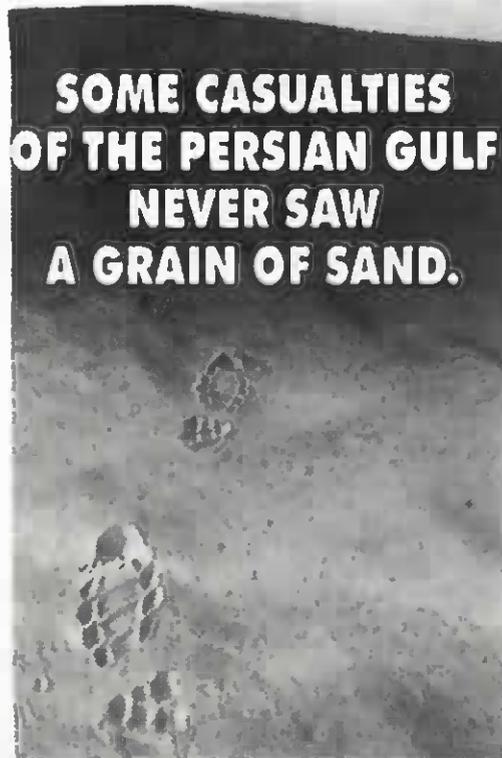
Under the emergency leave program, airlines require personnel to show an ID card and a copy of emergency leave orders when purchasing tickets.

## Savings Bonds Change

Soldiers and civilian employees may now buy U.S. Savings Bonds in denominations of \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000.

But there is a limit to the amount you may purchase. You're allowed to spend \$15,000 a year on bonds - a face value of \$30,000. This can be doubled through co-ownership. Bonds may be bought through the Payroll Savings Plan, in payments of two, four, five or eight months.

Bonds can't be cashed for at least six months; they take 12 years to mature. A six percent minimum interest rate applies to bonds held five years or more; bonds held less than five years earn less. For more information, contact your local finance office. -Army News Service



## Family Support Group Provides Valuable Service

By CPT Robert Fink  
Family Services Coordinator

Soldiers of HHC 3156th Inf were provided a very valuable service by their Family Support Group. Since the unit has been realigned from under the Fifth Infantry Division at Fort Polk to the Second Armor Division at Fort Hood, there have been many changes affecting the soldiers. One seemingly small but none the less important change was the change of the embroidered patches worn on their uniforms. For anyone who has had to pay for patches to be sewn on by professionals, this seemingly simple job can be quite pricey.

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## TROA Increases Education Program

The Retired Officers Association has increased its Educational Assistance Program to provide \$2,000 interest-free loans to select college students.

Unmarried dependent children under age 24 of active, reserve or retired service personnel are eligible for up to five years' undergraduate study.

The loans, up \$500 over the past two years, were awarded to about 700 students this year. In addition to the loans, 142 students received \$500 grants based on their academic, extracurricular and civic achievements.

Loan applications for the 1993-94 school year became available Nov. 1. Applications must be requested by Feb. 15 and postmarked by March 1. For applications and more information, applicants should write to:

TROA Educational Assistance  
Program Administrator  
201 North Washington St.  
Alexandria, VA 22314-2539.

## DVA Changes Death Benefits

The Department of Veterans Affairs has changed the benefit amounts paid to survivors of soldiers who die on active duty. New recipients' monthly entitlements will be based on an "across the board" figure rather than on the soldier's pay grade.

Since the new amount of \$750 is less than the previous amount of benefits for grades above SFC, there will be a reduction in benefits for the surviving spouses of more senior members. These families may consider compensating by taking higher amounts of SGLI coverage. -ARNEWS

## 527th Engr Families Play Crucial Role in Optimal Focus

Members of the Family Support Groups of the 527th found out first hand what is involved in being mobilized during this year's Optimal Focus mobilization exercise. The family support group leaders were involved in this exercise from the very beginning. Upon the order to mobilize, the battalion headquarters notified the family support group leaders who in turn exercised their unit phone trees (Family Member Alert Rosters) to notify the family members of what was happening.

After notifying the families, key members of the groups came to the armories and assisted in the processing of the soldiers. Additionally the family support groups provided warm food and beverages to the soldiers who were unable to leave the armories. The soldiers were extremely grateful for the support provided by these family members and consider them as part of the unit. The exercise

evaluators from Fifth Army were very impressed by the 527th's family member involvement, and commended the unit on what they described as the best family support program that they have ever seen.

*If you or your support group have a success story you would like to share with other family members, please send it to Capt. Fink at:  
LANG-DPA-FS  
Jackson Barracks  
New Orleans, LA 70146-0330*

*All stories will be reviewed and considered for publication in the upcoming issues of the Louisiana Guardsman newspaper.*

## Safest Year Ever

Fiscal Year 1992 was the Army's safest year on record for all categories except privately-owned vehicle fatalities.

Officials at the U.S. Army Safety Center attribute the trend to continued command emphasis on safety, integration of safety programs such as risk management, continued force quality improvements and the reduction of the Army.

Privately-owned vehicle accidents continue to be the biggest killer of soldiers, officials said, causing 146 fatalities in the reporting period. ARNEWS

### in Family

State	Total Cases	Amount Disbursed
Missouri	55	\$17,160
Nebraska	59	\$11,469
New York	240	\$65,996
North Carolina	90	\$19,569
Ohio	65	\$14,714
Oklahoma	100	\$28,296
Pennsylvania	185	\$32,970
South Carolina	52	\$11,288
Tennessee	240	\$57,821
Texas	120	\$22,544
Virginia	185	\$44,118
Washington	45	\$13,705
Wisconsin	185	\$40,816

# Family News In Brief

## Guard SF Group Seeks Troops

The 5th Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group, located in Aurora, Fort Collins, Golden and Pueblo, Colo., is accepting applications from prior-service active duty, National Guard and Reserve enlisted soldiers with MOS 18C, 18D, 18E, 18F, or 18Z and warrant officers in specialty 180A.

Positions are available in the grades of staff sergeant to master sergeant and warrant officer 1 to chief warrant officer 4. Applicants must meet the prerequisites for enlistment in the Army National Guard.

For more information contact Maj Reiter or Master Sgt. Geron at DSN 877-1646 or commercial (303) 273-1646 --19th SF Group PAO

## Unauthorized Skill Badges Noted

A recent records review indicates confusion about wearing of certain combat and special skill badges, say officials at the Enlisted records Center at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

For instance, despite what many soldiers believe, only a few active-duty soldiers qualify for one or more stars on their combat infantryman badges.

One award of the CIB is authorized for each separate period of war in which the requirements for the award are met. Second and third awards are indicated by one and two stars at the top of the badge, between the points of its oak wreath.

Only one award of the CIB is authorized for service in Vietnam, Laos, the Dominican Republic, Korea (after July 27, 1954), Grenada, Panama and southwest Asia. The policy applies whether an individual served one or more tours in one or more of these areas.

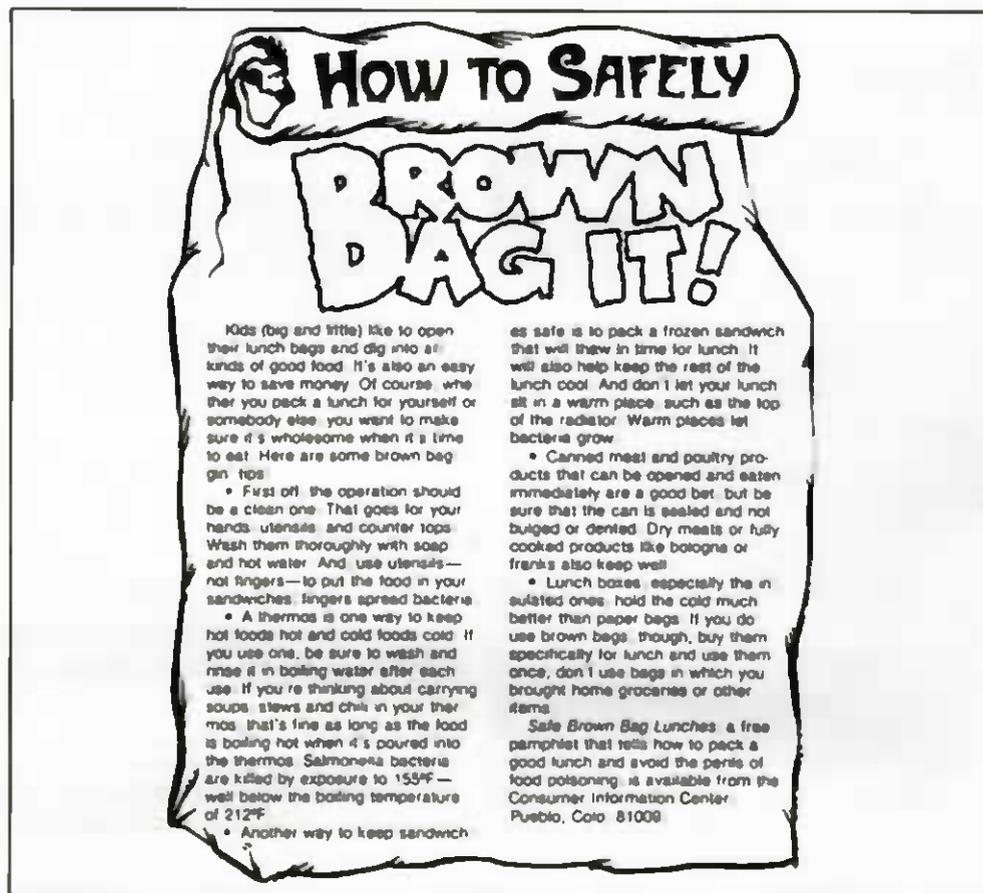
Only veterans of the Korean War (June 27, 1950 to July 27, 1954) and one or more of the actions listed above are authorized to wear a CIB with a star.

Another issue that surfaced during the records review centered on assault landing credit.

Officials said many soldiers are wearing a bronze service star on their parachutist badge, signifying a combat parachute jump for Operation Just Cause in Panama. No such designation is authorized. --ARNEWS



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## ACS Offers Job Hunt Edge

Job-hunting family members of soldiers and Army civilians have a support program in place to help ease the process.

Staffed by Army Community Service workers, the program is called Family Member Employment Assistance. ACS records indicate that during 1990 and 1991, more than 18,000 family members found employment through the program.

Clients of the program learn how and where to look for jobs, using an automated job-listing data bank for information and referrals. Assistance is also available in career planning, honing job search skills and preparing resumes.

For more information, contact your local ACS office. --ARNEWS

## Overseas Civilian Health Costs Rise

The cost for outpatient medical care at military hospitals and clinics overseas recently went up for Defense Department employees who don't have military sponsors.

The fiscal 1993 cost for these civilian employees is \$94 per day, \$22 more than last year's rate. The fee includes all health care and medications a patient receives during the day he is treated at a military medical facility.

Inpatient health care rates also changed for DoD civilian employees without military sponsors. These patients must pay inpatient fees based on the treatment received. Previously, the inpatient rate per day was the same for all medical care.

DoD raised the inpatient fees for military and retirees' family members from \$8.95 to \$9.30 per day. There is no charge for outpatient care for military family members or for retirees and their family members. --ARNEWS

## Army Tests New Tactical Generator

Sophisticated weapons systems, more power-consuming equipment and deployments to austere environments such as Somalia. All these are reality for today's Army. Along with these come two more realities: Tactical power requirements have increased, and so has the Army's dependence on mobile electric power.

To meet those needs, the Mobile Electric Power Office at Fort Belvoir, Va., is developing a new standard family of electric generators. The tactical quiet generator program will provide both skid- and trailer-mounted generators with power

ranges from 3- to 60- kilowatt capacity.

The TQG sets are quieter, more reliable and lighter weight than the current military standard sets. Other TQG improvements include reduced acoustic and infrared signatures, electromagnetic pulse protection, lower fuel consumption and reduced maintenance requirements. With TQG also comes elimination of gasoline engine-driven generators.

Five 60 kw TQGs are scheduled for initial fielding in the fourth quarter of this fiscal year. -- Mobile Electric Power Project Office

## AAFES Gives Military Hiring Preference

Soldiers who are involuntarily separating and their family members have a hiring preference with the Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

The Transition Assistance Preference in Hiring applies to soldiers who have been involuntarily separated because of force reductions. To qualify for the preference, separation must be under honorable conditions.

Most of the jobs available are in food and other service areas. The preference applies to AAFES

grades UA-8 and below, and to hourly pay positions. It normally applies to qualified applicants who are applying for their first AAFES job in a currently vacant position.

For more information, departing soldiers should contact their local AAFES People Resource Office or civilian personnel office, or call Capt. Sue Meisner at DSN 697-3999; commercial (214) 312-3999. --Army and Air Force Exchange Service PAO

## Troops Head For Croatia

More than 300 soldiers left Germany Nov. 10 for duty with the United Nations protection forces in Zagreb, Croatia.

Dubbed Task Force 212, it's the first U.S. Army, Europe, unit to deploy for duty with the U.N. forces in the region formerly known as Yugoslavia.

The soldiers are assigned to the 212th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital and the 7th Medical Command.

As part of Operation Provide Promise, TF 212 is scheduled to spend six months in the war-torn region. The unit will provide hospital support for 20,000 soldiers in the U.N. protection forces in the Balkans. --7th MEDCOM PAO

## New Agency To Head NBC Defense

The Army activated a new agency at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., last Oct. 1 to oversee chemical and biological defense.

The Chemical and Biological Defense Agency will be responsible for research, development and acquisition for all chemical and biological defense within the Department of the Army. Brig. Gen. George E. Friel was named the Agency's first commander.

With the activation of CBDA, the Army Chemical Research, Development and Engineering Center was disestablished and its mission absorbed by the new agency. Unlike CRDEC, which reported to the Army Munitions and Chemical Command at Rock Island Arsenal, Ill., CBDA reports directly to Army Materiel Command in Alexandria, Va., giving it the stature of a major subordinate command of AMC. --CRDEC PAO

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## Environmental Awareness Word Search

### Word List

AEHA (Army Envir Hygiene Agcy.)  
 Asbestos  
 Assessment  
 CAA (Clean Air Act)  
 Compliance  
 CWA (Clean Water Act)  
 Disposal  
 ECAS (Envir. Compl. Assess. Sys.)  
 Endangered  
 EPA (Envir. Protection Agency)  
 Friable  
 Ground Water  
 Hazardous Waste  
 HAZMIN

Landfill  
 MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheet)  
 NEPA (National Envir. Policy Act)  
 Noise  
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 Pesticides  
 Poison  
 Pollution  
 Preservation  
 RCRA (Resource, Conserv. & Recov. Act)  
 Recycling  
 Red Cockaded Woodpecker  
 Regulations  
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 UST (Underground Storage Tank)  
 Washrack

See Page 19 for answer key

# Project Z Personnel Making Equipment Ready For States

By SGT Ellen Farrell

Due to Operation Desert Shield/Storm and reduction of forces, an operation had to be established to bring incoming equipment to standards. Thus, redistribution centers were established state-side. Originally, 10 centers throughout the United States were established and each had its own ALPHA name. Col. Walter R. Weaver, Jr., Director of Surface Maintenance, Camp Beauregard named his project, the State of Louisiana's project, Project "Z."

The primary mission of Project "Z" is to receive, inspect, order parts, repair equipment to standards and ship to gaining states.

Project "Z" was established in October at Camp Beauregard. Chief Warrant Officer James Curtis, Shop Foreman and First Sgt. Roy Snow, Project NCOIC, began the operation with approximately 20 men and women on Temporary Tours of Active Duty (TTAD), Active Duty Special Work (ADSW) and man-days. Over the year the number of personnel has grown to a total of 154 individuals. All Major Commands (MACOM) are represented at Project "Z."

Some of these personnel were not MOS qualified mechanics. With the assistance of LANG-DMT, LANG-DST, Louisiana Military Academy and qualified senior noncommissioned officers employed at Project "Z," a 63B Supervised on-the-job training (SOJT) course was established. Those individuals completing the course were presented Completion Certificates and awarded the 63B MOS (light wheeled vehicle mechanic) at Camp Beauregard on Nov. 13, 1992.

Project "Z" involves an enormous workload which is made up of a lot of equipment. A total of 1548 pieces of equipment have been received. These items include: 2 1/2 tons, 5 tons, HEMMIT's Fuel Tankers, HMMWV's, cargo Trailers, 280 pieces of Commo equipment and numerous pieces of armament, generators, pumps, heaters, and installation kits, etc.

Thus far, a total of 523 pieces of equipment have been repaired and 385 have been shipped from this site to Texas, Oklahoma, Arizona, Colorado, Oregon, Mississippi, Vermont, Alabama and Arkansas.

# Environmental Corner



By CPT Gregg Putnam  
 Environmental Branch

### Definitions of the Month

**Underground Storage Tanks (UST)**— A tank system defined by law to have at least 10 percent of its volume below the surface of the ground. A tank system includes all piping connected to the tank.

**Red cockaded Woodpecker (RCW)**— The Red Cockaded Woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*) is a small (8 1/2 inch) "zebra backed" endangered woodpecker species native to older pine forest stands in the south eastern United States. The bird's red cockade is seldom seen so the best distinguishing feature on the bird is a large white cheek patch. The bird excavates a large gourd shaped cavity out of mature older pine trees (usually 60 years and older) generally afflicted with red heart disease. The bird's highly selective breeding is the major reason for its endangered status because of vast reduction of adequate habitat which now exists almost entirely on lands owned and managed by government agencies and the military.

**National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)**— A legislative act passed in 1969 declaring a National Policy to encourage a productive and enjoyable harmony between man and his environment; to promote efforts to prevent or eliminate environmental damage and stimulate the health of man; to enrich understanding of ecological systems and natural resources; to establish the Council on Environmental Quality. The act requires federal agencies to follow specific decision making procedures to evaluate the environmental impact of their actions.

### Environmental Training

The Fall 1992 edition of the Hazardous Technical Information Services (HTIS) Bulletin published and excellent summary of the environmental training requirements for personnel at military facilities. The HTIS Bulletin is a Department of Defense service operated by the Defense General Supply Center.

Training requirements for personnel involved in several aspects of the use of Hazardous Materials and/or handling of Hazardous Wastes have become very confusing over the years because of overlapping and sometimes contradicting, regulations of the Department of Transportation, Environmental Protection Agency and the Occupational Safety and

Health Administration, and a consortium of state agencies. Without good training, the Louisiana Army National Guard can not expect to achieve its environmental compliance goals efficiently and may make us more susceptible to future liabilities. In addition, the more informed and knowledgeable our soldiers are about the use of Hazardous materials and handling of Hazardous Wastes the less likely they are to be injured or damage our environment.

In the long run, adequate environmental training should be cheaper and a publicly and politically more acceptable practice. A small release of HM/HW can cost thousands of dollars while larger or unmitigated spills can cost millions to clean up. Environmental problems resulting from a large spill or series of unresolved smaller spills can result in a health hazard or even loss of life for plants, animals, and humans.

A facility's training program should be designed to meet the regulatory requirements outlined in an easy-to-follow table included in the HTIS bulletin. For a copy of the table, contact the Environmental Branch at Jackson Barracks at 504/278-6266 or DSN 485-8266. Leaders should consider other non-regulatory training to further reduce liabilities, to provide insight into environmental programs, and to show stewardship for our environment. Other training may include Environmental Awareness, Environmental Management, Regulatory Overview, Recycling, Hazardous Waste Minimization (HAZMIN), Risk Communication and Auditing.

The Directorate of Facilities Engineering is developing an environmental training program for Guard personnel in Louisiana. The first course of this program (Environmental Awareness) is planned to be taught late in February 1993 at Jackson Barracks. Additional information on the training program will be available at a later date.

Environmental training for military personnel is offered by the Department of the Army and the Department of Defense agencies listed below. In addition, the Army Environmental Hygiene Agency has a large video lending library available for in-house training.

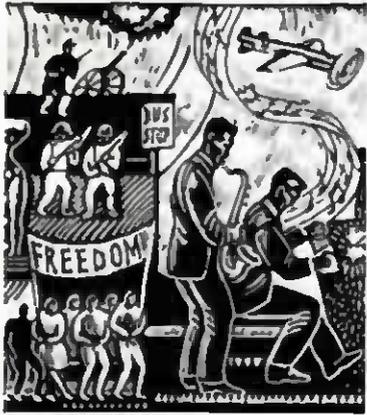
U.S. Army Environmental Hygiene Agency  
 410/671-3651 DSN 584-3651  
 Ms. Kris Durbin (Course Information)  
 Ms. Frances Bullard (Lending Library)

U.S. Army Toxic and Hazardous Materials  
 Environmental Training Section  
 DSN 584-4714 or 584-1674

Commandant, U.S. Army Logistics Management College  
 ATTN: ATSZ-MRE  
 Fort Lee, VA 23801-6049  
 804/734-4774 or DSN 687-4774  
 Mr. William Hamilton or Ms. Rosemary Harris

Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) is in the process of standardizing environmental training to prevent duplication of efforts. TRADOC pulled in experts from each TRADOC school to collect environmental training information and then sent a Training Development Guidance Package to school training developers to coordinate efforts.

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# BLACK HISTORY MONTH—

## WWII Remembered

By Rudl Williams  
American Forces Information Service

During World War II, African-Americans had to fight a battle on two fronts: against the enemy and against the entrenched prejudice of the United States.

It was ironic, therefore, that some of these men, who fought to prove their worth, were the liberators of two notorious Nazi concentration camps.

The men of the 761st Tank Battalion survived more than two years of training in the racist backwaters of Texas and Louisiana. They shipped to England, then joined Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army in France. The black tankers didn't know they were guinea pigs. "We were an experiment to see if African-Americans could operate tanks and fight," said former tanker Preston McNeil.

"Patton came down to Saint-Nicolas, France, to welcome us into the Third Army," said William McBurney, another tanker. "We could hear fighting at the front line, heavy artillery. We were in a state of nervousness. So Patton came down to greet us and said, 'I don't care what color you are as long as you go up there and kill those Kraut sons of bitches! The whole world is looking at you. Your people are looking at you, and I'm looking at you. So goddamn it, don't let me down, and don't let them down.'"

The 761st fought well as the unit's tanks rumbled across six countries, but was given little credit for its efforts.

Now, nearly 50 years later, it's being hailed as the first American unit to liberate two of the Nazi's most notorious concentration camps — Buchenwald and Dachau — freeing thousands of Jews and other prisoners from the death camps.

Just as some people claim the Holocaust never happened, there are those who say African-American soldiers didn't liberate the concentration camps.

That angers the aging veteran combat tankers.

"Lots of people deny we were there," McBurney said angrily. "I'm not going to argue the point with anybody. I don't give a damn. I know where the hell I was and what I did."

The 761st stumbled upon Dachau, and later, Buchenwald, while searching for German tanks in advance of the infantry outfits. After silencing the Nazi SS guards' machine gun fire at Dachau, McBurney's tank was the first to break through the gates, said fellow tanker Leonard Smith. "McBurney said, 'I'm going to knock the gate down.' We said, 'OK, we'll cover you.'"

"When we got inside, these poor human beings, just skin and bone — their eyes popping out of their heads — started running out of the buildings waving their arms," Smith painfully recalls. "I got out of my tank and

tried to give one of them some chocolate, but he was afraid to take it until I ate a piece."

Walter Woodson's tank was the third through the gate. "That's all the tanks I remember being in there," said Woodson. "It was a horrifying thing to see a person walking dead. I saw them fall and tumble over. Their eyes were sunk in, and I could count every rib in their body. Some were half-clothed; some didn't have any clothes on.

"When we started throwing them crackers and other food out of the tank, they fought over it like animals," Woodson continued. "You could hear the eerie sound of their bones knocking together. When one would fall, they would trample him. You had to see it to believe it."

Woodson said they didn't realize trying to feed the prisoners was doing more harm than good. "Somebody yelled, 'Don't feed them! You'll kill them!'" he said. "We didn't know any better. We were 19, 20 years old.

"We were there maybe 10-15 minutes before we got orders to move out," he said. "But those people were branded into my memory forever."

Woodson said he still chokes up every time he makes a speech at a school or at a Jewish organization. "It was a horrible experience," he said. "I've prayed to God — many times. How could one human being do this to another human being? They had to be very sick — Hitler and his generals.

"It was a terrible, terrible, terrible feeling to see that," Woodson continued. "As the world is now, it looks like some people are trying to bring that type of thing back with this racial issue. It's unspeakable, unbearable, but you talk about it, then you try to forget it. But you can't forget it. It's always in your mind. I dream about a lot of it.

"But I seldom tell people about it because people don't really believe you," Woodson said.

So many walking, mourning skeletons of human beings encircled the tanks, the African-American soldiers couldn't move their vehicles. "You didn't want to go near them because they were stinking — lice were jumping off them," said Preston McNeil. "When I went back the next day is when I really saw Dachau. Some of the bodies were still there. The Nazis used to shoot the men on one side of the river bank and the women on the other. They put bodies in a tank and filled it with ice to see how long a person could live."

McNeil can't forget the gas chambers "where the Nazis used to tell them they were going for a shower and turn gas on them, watch them squirm and die." He'll never forget the human parts "a mad doctor" had preserved in jars.

"It was horrifying, hard to believe a human being could live that way," McNeil said. "I

think I would have committed suicide.

"It was the most horrible thing you could imagine," McNeil said. "Some people say we were not there. But I tell them, 'I know where I was, but I don't know where you were.'"

Holocaust survivor Abe Chapnick, a Polish-Jew freed by the 761st from Buchenwald, said, "I'd never seen a black person before. It was like someone came from the outer limits and would want to save us. They were like angels to us."

David Yeager, another Buchenwald survivor, said, "These are unbelievable stories. The only ones who would really understand is the 761st Tank Battalion and us — the survivors. Even what you see on television, it's hard to describe. You can't explain it well.

"These black soldiers — the 761st — who liberated me are my friends," said Yeager. "They're not acquaintances, they're friends because they put their lives on the line to liberate me and many more like me."

The only national recognition they received was a 1978 Presidential Unit Citation awarded the unit by then-President Jimmy Carter. Their exploits were ignored in most accounts of World War II, including the Academy Award-winning film *Patton*.

Their deeds in defense of the nation caught the attention of documentary filmmakers William Miles and Nina Rosenblum, who started digging through cobwebbed accounts of their actions.

It took the filmmakers 10 years to piece together their final product — *Liberators: Fighting on Two Fronts*. Aired nationally on Veterans Day 1992 on the Public Broadcasting Service's *The American Experience* series, the documentary featured the black liberators and Jewish survivors of the concentration camps.

In 1991, veterans of the 761st returned to Buchenwald and Dachau along with several Holocaust survivors to participate in the production of *Liberators*.

In November 1991, African-American concentration camp liberators and Jewish survivors gathered aboard the *USS Intrepid* Museum, docked on the Hudson River in New York City, for a ceremony honoring them and introducing the film.

Academy Award-winning actors Lou Gossett and Denzel Washington narrated *Liberators*. Gossett attended the ceremony aboard the *Intrepid* honoring the liberators and survivors.

"These gentlemen have some incredible stories," Gossett said. "So, if I can't do anything else, I'm going to make sure their stories are told because it's an important part of history." 🐾

# U.S. Employer Support Compared to Brits

By Madro Bandaries  
LA ESGR PAO

The National Committee for the Support of the Guard and Reserve (NCESGR) and its 55 committees are considered by many to be one of the most efficient and cost-effective programs of all Department of Defense operations. Its public affairs operations alone bring in over \$80 million of donated money for advertising each year. The value of America's Guard/Reserve forces is highlighted in the ads.

NCESGR survives by the efforts of its volunteer force. But the United States isn't the only country in NATO that supports its part-time militia. Our sister organization in the United Kingdom, refers to their volunteers as the National Employer's Liaison Committee (NELC) for the Territorial and Reserve Forces and it has similar functions to our ESGR.

Under the day to day operations of Col. R. D. Kinsella-Brevar and Lt. Col. John Bolton-Clark, the organization reports to a civilian volunteer chairman, Sir Alexander Graham. Military members of the national board are the Chief of the Defense Staff, the Secretary of State and the Commander of the Territorial Army.

Set up in 1986 at the request of Prime Minister Thatcher, its mission is "to win and maintain the support of employers of those who wish to serve in the Volunteer Reserve Forces" and "to raise the status of the Volunteer Reserve Forces amongst employers, families and peer groups."

Unlike ESGR, Britain's NELC is also mandated "to enlist the support of employers for those

employees who are or wish to be members of the Reserve Forces." In other words it can and does aid recruitment. Another interesting difference is that NELC has an advertising budget, therefore paying for their ad campaigns.

Many employers become aware of the skills gained in the Volunteer Reserve Forces because their employees are able to use them in the work

place. For instance, in the U.K., all shops of a certain size require a first-aid-trained person on duty. Since all members of the VRF meet this standard due to their training, employees end up using this skill on the job without the employer having to train someone to do it. Also many heavy equipment drivers earn their qualifications in the VRF.

Unlike the U.S. which has Guard and Reserve forces, the U.K. Volunteer Reserve Forces include both the Territorial Army (which compares to our National Guard) and the Reserve, which is the term used for the Naval, Marine and Air Force units. As in the U.S., NELC encourages employers to sign "Statements of Support", an idea borrowed from ESGR. The British system creates what both the employer and the employee refer to as a "profitable partnership", encouraging regular promotion of the VRF and nationwide exhibitions.

One of the most successful programs are three day wilderness training problems for the junior management of major companies accompanied by members of the VRF. Not only does this give the junior management (future senior management) an in-depth look at VRF operations, it also tends to bring in recruits from major companies who have never considered the VRF as a part-time career.

**\*\* The U.K. is the only major European NATO country without conscription, therefore the VRF plays a significant role in defense.**

**\*\* The Territorial Army provides 37 percent of the Army's Order of Battle and more than 50 percent of infantry for mobilization in Europe.**

**\*\* During national mobilization 50 percent of the RAF Regiment's active combat units will be manned by the reserve and 60 percent of all medical support will come from the citizen-soldiers.**

**\*\* In naval activities, 67 percent of mobilization manpower for shipping will be reserve and even the Royal Marines will receive one-fifth of its strength from the VRF.**

## LA Military Relief Act -- Ieyoub Supports Guardsmen

By Anne Marie Cahill  
LA ESGR PAO

Louisiana Attorney General Richard Ieyoub appeared at a recent quarterly meeting of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve State Committee (ESGR) and promised the full support of his office in the enforcement of the 1991 Louisiana State Military Service Relief Act.

Ieyoub expressed his "support of the men and women of the Louisiana National Guard and their commitment to the state."

For his support Ieyoub was presented the Louisiana ESGR State Chairman's award in December. Making the presentation to Ieyoub (center) was (left to right) Col. Ray Dawson, commander of the "Lost Battalion" in Operation Desert Storm; Madro Bandaries, Louisiana ESGR member, and Lt. Col. Glenn Appe, Louisiana National Guard Recruiting and Retention manager. (Photo by Bernard Baisier, LA ESGR)



### Excerpts from the Louisiana State Military Service Relief Act

**\*\* Citizens called to active duty shall not be penalized nor economically disadvantaged because of military service.**

**\*\* It is applicable to active duty or other training rendered as a member of a reserve component.**

**\*\* Authorizes employers to provide differential pay to reservists during their military service.**

**\*\* Provides that the guardsman shall be considered on leave during the period of military service and authorizes the use of annual leave during military service as well as providing for the accrual of annual and sick leave during the period of military service.**

**\*\* Authorizes the employee to continue coverage under an insurance or health care plan including dependents during his military service by paying required contributions.**

**\*\* Provides for reinstatement with his employer to the prior status of his employment or to a position of like seniority, status, and pay, provided that he applies for re-employment within ninety days after his release from military service or his discharge from hospitalization incidental to his military service.**

## ESGR Launches Ad Campaign

By Madro Bandaries  
ESGR PAO

In time for active duty training periods, ESGR is introducing its new national advertising program, "Side By Side". These public service announcements are already in the hands of your local television and radio stations.

They are particularly relevant due to the past and current use of the Guard/Reserve in hurricane relief efforts and participation in major military exercises around the world. As you are aware, the Guard and Reserve played a critical role in the Gulf

War and continues to be an important part of our military defense in light of force reductions.

Past television ad campaigns have increased the awareness of the critical role the Guard and Reserve play in our National Defense. A recent survey indicated that 88 percent of all employers agree that employees learn skills in the Guard/Reserve that make them more cost effective.

Despite this survey, a full two-thirds of the 260,000 Guardsmen and Reservists left the service because of job or family pressures. ESGR intends to intensify their efforts with employers this year.

# Tips For Employer Relations

By Bernard Baisier  
ESGR PAO

Employer Support is a Two-Way street. American employers should support civilian military employees but, at the same time, the Guard and Reserve must cooperate as much as possible with employers. Every unit commander has a responsibility to seek and encourage support and every member needs to maintain a positive relationship with his or her employer. If an employer or supervisor doesn't understand or approve of Guard or Reserve participation, there may be problems. Here are a few suggestions to promote positive employer support.

••Keep employers and supervisors posted on drill dates. Be fair with employers; let them know as far in advance as possible when training is scheduled. Don't spring it at the last minute. Provide them plenty of time to schedule a replacement if necessary.

••Tell the employer about the productive things learned and accomplished in uniform. An employee returning from drill or training should talk about the real accomplishments of the unit. Don't give the employer the impression that it was a vacation away from work. That could hamper future participation.

••At least once a year than the employer and supervisor for their cooperation. Let them know their support in arranging schedules to fit military duty is appreciated by both the employee and the

unit commander. Invite them to be members of the Guard and Reserve For A Day, for a walk-through or take them on a field exercise. As a minimum, write them a warm, appreciative letter. Whatever method is chosen, recognize every employer personally and express gratitude for their support.

••Use training on the job. The Armed Forces operate some of the best technical schools in the world and many reservists are graduates. If possible, this training should be used on the civilian job and all opportunities should be taken to improve skills through advanced courses. Leadership and management experience received in uniform are valuable, too; they can lead to a better job and higher pay in civilian occupations.

••Iron out problems personally. If employer problems develop, try to resolve them by personal contact. Cordial relations with employers usually will reap cooperation. If a satisfactory solution cannot be reached, there are ombudsman services available at both the state and national levels. Contact your ESGR unit representative for assistance.

Other points to remember are simple. Be a leader, make a vital commitment to your employer and become active in your community. Encourage the participation of all you fellow Guard and Reserve troops in the ESGR "My Boss is a Pro" Award. How far can this go? WalMart Stores, Inc. received the Department of Defense Pro Patria, our highest employer award, based on the number of WalMart employees that submitted its name as an excellent employer last year.

# Age 26, Milestone For Men

Young men who will turn 26 in 1993 will be reaching an important milestone according to the Selective Service System.

Beginning Jan. 1, 1993, men who were born in 1967 and were required to register with Selective Service in 1985, will be turning 26 and will no longer be eligible for induction should a draft be reinstated. Selective Service does not have the authority to accept late registrations after a man reaches his 26th birthday.

Selective Service officials warned that, with few exceptions, a man who fails to register before turning 26 will permanently forfeit his eligibility for certain programs such as federal student aid, job training and most federal employment, in addition to facing possible prosecution as a felon. Some states also require registration for state student aid, entrance to state-supported colleges and universities, state employment and permission to practice law.

Men ages 18 through 25 who have not yet registered can avoid the risk of prosecution and loss of eligibility by registering promptly at any local post office. Failure to register is a felony punishable by a fine of up to \$250,000, up to five years in prison or both.

A man is exempt from registering while he is on full-time active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces. Cadets and midshipmen at the service academies are included in the exemption. Members of the National Guard and Reserve Forces not on full-time active duty must register unless they have reached age 26 or are already registered.

Those who are unable to register due to circumstances beyond their control - for example, those who are hospitalized, institutionalized or incarcerated - do not have to register until they are released. After release, they have 30 days in which to register. Handicapped men who live at home must register if they are reasonably able to leave the home and go into a public place. A friend or relative may help a handicapped man to fill out the form if he is unable to do so by himself.

# Bosslifts Continue With ESGR

By Madro Bandaries  
LA ESGR

With across the board cuts already in effect and more to come, many ESGR committee members feel that the Bosslift will soon become a thing of the past. That is far from true in Louisiana.

Not only does the Louisiana ESGR Committee plan to continue with the unfunded Bosslift, but most of its members feel that the new policies will in fact encourage more state committee participation. Additionally, since more local committee work will be needed to plan and direct Bosslifts, the activity will encourage a closer relationship with the military units tasked to support it, thereby bringing about a closer relationship with those units that receive the most benefit from ESGR.

This is evident from recent operations in the Louisiana committee. Within 30 days last summer, the committee sponsored seven Bosslifts involving more than 200 employers from around the state. Included in the trips (all involved air transportation) were three overnight Bosslifts and four one-day trips.

The trips involved an overnight visit at sea to the USS Nimitz and the USS Forrestal, and an overnight trip to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio via an Air Force Reserve tanker. Transportation for the one-day trips was provided by National Guard helicopters and enabled employers to see their employee-Guardsmen in the field.

When the state committee does its mandated projects such as Mission One, it should make and keep on file the dates of the unit's annual training and the location. Annual training sites could be excellent places for employers to visit on a Bosslift. The training unit can assist in arranging or providing transportation for guests.

Is every major service in your state represented on your committee? If not, work to ensure

that all Reserve components are on with your committee. These individuals can provide information for future activities. The ideas for the three overnight Bosslifts came from Reserve officers at committee meetings.

Do not expect the National Guard or Reserve unit that provides transportation assets to also do the planning and logistics. Remember they have a full time job and other duties.

Every committee should have an individual willing to coordinate Bosslifts. Identify a coordinator early as their assistance will make your operation successful.

All Bosslift operations should be under the control of the coordinator. Questions the coordinator should consider include: where, when, how many, transportation, lodging, agenda, and how much. The 'how much' refers to a dollar figure that is collected up front from participants to cover the cost of meals, lodging and other expenses.

Our most expensive trip was to Wright-Patterson AFB and cost each guest \$102. This figure covered all transportation from Louisiana, two meals, a banquet on the Wright-Patterson Museum and a single room in the best hotel in Daytona.

The Reserve unit provided the aircraft and a public affairs officer as our escort. The coordinator determined which employers to invite, what to see, the agenda, mailing invitations, receiving and disbursing the funds collected and management of the trip.

A Bosslift involves a little work, but it also gives an immediate sense of satisfaction to those who coordinate one and then see it completed according to plan.

The future of the Bosslift is bright. The relationship between committees and local National Guard and Reserve forces will improve while a greater employer understanding of the Reserve role in the total force concept is established.



By Madro Bandaries  
LA ESGR PAO

The Louisiana Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Committee is again stressing the importance and implementation of MISSION ONE. This top priority program has the concept of assigning a state committee member to each National Guard and Reserve training site within the state and to visit the site at least once a year.

Unit commanders should be prepared to receive the ESGR volunteer, give him access to his command, understand the concept of ESGR and know the local ESGR volunteers in his area of operations. Even with the work of state volunteers, there is still a huge audience that needs the information that MISSION ONE volunteers can provide.

Among the MISSION ONE items that the individual commander should be familiar with and able to assist his command in are the ESGR awards program for employers and the name and address of the nearest ESGR ombudsman. The concept is a two-way street with both the ESGR volunteer and the unit commander having an equal share of the responsibility for its success.

Shown are ESGR volunteers (from left to right) Anne-Marie Cahill, Dr. Robert Barnes and John Callender. They completed a unit visit and ended it with a boss lift to see Guard troops in the field at Fort Polk. (Photo by Bernard Basier, LA ESGR)

# IRS Offers Guidelines For Complicated Tax Issues

## Military Pay

American Forces Information Service

When it comes to military pay, exactly what is taxable can be confusing. Housing allowances, re-enlistment bonuses, combat pay and base pay are just a few of the many different pays and allowances service members receive — some are taxed; others are not.

Internal Revenue Service officials said generally the following military pay is taxable:

- Active duty pay;
- Reserve training pay;
- Military retirement pay based on length of service or age;
- Service academy pay;
- Re-enlistment bonuses;
- Amounts received by retired personnel serving as instructors in Junior ROTC programs;
- Special pay for hazardous or foreign duty; and
- Lump-sum payments upon separation or release to inactive duty.

Generally, the following items are not taxable:

- Basic quarters allowance;
- Variable housing allowance;
- Other quarters cost-of-living allowances;
- Basic allowance for subsistence;
- Department of Veterans Affairs benefits;
- Uniform allowance;
- Forfeited pay, but not fines;
- Family separation pay;
- Certain disability retirement pensions;
- Benefits under Servicemen's Group Life Insurance; and
- Moving and storage expenses provided in kind, or reimbursements for actual expenses for permanent-change-of-station moves.

For more information, contact your installation tax assistance office or IRS. In addition, IRS publishes two pamphlets on military pay, IRS Publication 3, *Tax Information for Military Personnel* and IRS Publication 945, *Tax Information for Those Affected by Operation Desert Storm*. For copies, call toll free 1-800-829-3676 or write to:

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### Do You Know

What amendment to the U.S. Constitution authorizes a federal income tax?

**16th**  
(ratified 1913)

When was the first U.S. income tax levied by Congress?

**1862**

At what rate was income taxed in 1862?

**3 percent**

When did the U.S. Congress eliminate the income tax enacted during the Civil War?

**1872**

When did the U.S. Supreme Court declare that income tax was unconstitutional?

**1895**

What are the three tax rates for 1992's federal tax returns?

**15, 28 and 31 percent**



## Special Military Pubs

Military members and their families face special problems when it comes to filing federal income taxes. The Internal Revenue Service recognizes this, putting out two free publications specifically for the military.

One publication, *Tax Information for Military Personnel*, covers such topics as what pay and allowances are taxable and nontaxable, re-enlistment bonuses, moving and travel expenses, hazardous duty pay, separation pay and itemized deductions. For a copy, request IRS Publication 3.

IRS compiled a special booklet, IRS Publication 945, for individuals involved in Desert Shield and Desert Storm. *Tax Information for Those Affected by Operation Desert Storm* handles combat pay exclusion, when to file tax returns and other tax-related matters. In addition, it includes the latest administrative and legislative changes relating to these individuals' tax issues.

Copies of these two publications and others are available by calling toll free 1-800-829-3676 or writing to:

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## Home Ownership and Tax Procedures

Interest on mortgages secured by their first or second home is still deductible for most homeowners, but special rules apply to making claims on refinancing costs and other home expenses.

The Internal Revenue Service said homeownership can be a nightmare for some people when it comes to tax time. Some things, like normal upkeep, are not deductible; others, such as remodeling costs, can be added to the home's basis.

The basis for tax purposes is generally the purchase price, fair market value or construction cost, said IRS officials.

Accurate records on home-improvement costs, selling and closing costs, mortgage interest and repair costs simplify your federal tax return, IRS officials said. These are just a few things IRS checks on tax returns.

When selling a house, it is possible to postpone taxes on the gain. However, you have to meet certain criteria, including buying a more expensive replacement house within a certain time limit — certain military duty assignments can extend the time limit significantly. Also, said IRS officials, if you are 55 or older when you sell the home and do not buy a new one, it is possible to exclude a portion of the gain.

There are numerous restrictions on what is tax deductible when it comes to home ex-

penses. IRS officials said you should be extremely cautious before taking any deductions on your tax returns. A few deductible homeowner expenses include:

- Qualifying mortgage interest and assessed property tax (on Schedule A);
- Limited theft and casualty losses with insurance reimbursements reducing the amount accepted;
- Property taxes at settlement; closing costs, such as transfer taxes, attorney's fees and surveys can be added to the home's basis.

Free IRS brochures and forms that deal with taxes and homeownership include:

- Form 2119, "Sale of Your Home";
- Publication 3, *Tax Information for Military Personnel*;
- Publication 523, *Tax Information for Selling Your Home*;
- Publication 530, *Tax Information for Homeowners (Including Owners of Condominiums and Cooperative Apartments)*;
- Publication 551, *Basis of Assets*; and
- Publication 936, *Home Mortgage Interest Deduction*

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Jan. 29	March 26
Feb. 5	April 2
Feb. 12	April 9
Feb. 19	April 16
Feb. 26	April 23
March 5	April 30
March 12	May 7
March 19	May 14
March 26	May 21
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## 236th CCS — AFOUA, Again

By SMS Paul Lambert  
 236th CCS

The 236th Combat Communications Squadron, located at the Hammond Airport, was recently awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

The award was presented by Col. Maxwell Desselle at the unit's December drill, for exceptionally meritorious service from January 1991 to April 1992. The presentation of this award marks the second consecutive year the unit has received the prestigious citation.

The previous award covered January 1989 to December 1990. State and community leaders were invited to attend the awards ceremony in December.

The 236th received federal recognition in November 1953 and moved to the Hammond Airport site in May 1954. The unit employs 29 full time technicians and over 200 Air Guardsmen.

During the period cited for award, the unit provided a first-of-a-kind Air Traffic Control and Landing System training seminar on the fully mobile radar set. Units from across the United States participated in the training seminar.

The service performed by the 236th includes communications operations outside the continental United States to assist the government of Honduras.

Locally, the unit provided approximately 40 power generators to the victims of Hurricane Andrew and the personnel to operate the units.

The 236th continues to provide many services to the State of Louisiana and the Hammond area. Among those services are: communications and transportation to the Louisiana Special Olympics, Air Traffic Control for the Hammond Air Show and continues as a leading participant in the annual blood drive conducted by the Hammond Area Blood Bank.

The unit's facilities are available for tours and interested groups should contact the 236th at (504) 345-1837.

## Melancon Applauded For Service

Bng Gen Ralph J. Melancon, Sr., received the Distinguished Service Medal in recognition of his years as the Assistant Adjutant General for the Air National Guard.

Maj Gen Ansel M. Stroud, Jr., adjutant general of the Louisiana National Guard, nominated Melancon for this award - an award which comes from the Office of the President of the United States.

With a military career spanning 37 years, Melancon joins Stroud as being the only two recipients of the highest peacetime medal ever awarded to a Louisiana Guardsman.

Melancon accepted the award and credited all of the Air National Guardsmen who were responsible for tremendous, selfless dedication over the past five years.

As the assistant adjutant general, Melancon led Louisiana to a premier position in the nationwide Counter Drug Program. The program used \$5.1 million in 1991 on such missions as aerial reconnaissance, air and ground surveillance, cargo inspections, training programs and intelligence. Louisiana's program contributed to the seizure of over \$150 million in illegal drugs.

Melancon directed and implemented an all-volunteer Drug Demand Reduction Program. Guardsmen volunteer to support local communities in activities for "high risk" children.

"Guardsmen enthusiastically volunteer to help programs within their community," Lt. Col. Jim McCall, the Guard's Counter Drug Program director said. "The National Guard provides a community resource to help fill the gap in existing programs. General Melancon's foresight helped make this possible."

Melancon began his military career in 1956, when he received a Reserve Officer Training Corps commission. He reported to Lackland Air Force Base in Texas for orientation and pre-flight training in June 1955. Then he graduated from undergraduate pilot training and received his wings at Greenville Air Force Base in Mississippi in July 1956. After completing advanced pilot training, Melancon was assigned to the 49th Fighter Interceptor Squadron at L.G. Hanscom Air Force Base in Maine. Melancon reported to the Louisiana Air Guard in 1960 and served as a fighter interceptor pilot until 1967. He assumed command of the 159th Civil Engineering Flight in New Orleans in 1969.

Melancon's planning and guidance allowed the 159th Fighter Group to successfully convert to F-15 aircraft. As the Headquarters Civil Engineering Staff Officer and the Plans and Programs Officer, Melancon assisted the 159th and the 236th combat Communications Squadron in receiving \$10.1 million in contracts for renovation and building new facilities.

*"A strong National Guard means the best people, the most modern equipment and the very best facilities in which to train. General Melancon has contributed significantly to the future of a strong and ready militia by providing Louisiana with these resources," Lt. Col. Michael Cushman, former commander of the 236th, said.*

During his tenure as commander of the Air Guard, Melancon implemented programs and policies which led to enlisted specialty training levels of 96.7 percent and increase in over 400 percent in federal awards presentations.



**BG Ralph J. Melancon, Sr.**

"General Melancon was able to rectify a long-standing problem in the management structure of the Louisiana Air National Guard," said Col. Harry Troscclair, deputy commander for the Louisiana Air Guard. "Under General Melancon's direction, we were able to give our people the recognition they deserved."

Melancon served as the assistant adjutant general since June 1987. He retired from Headquarters in July and serves as regional supervisor for production and development, Gulf of Mexico Region, for Minerals Management Service, in New Orleans.

Upon his departure, Melancon said,

*"I wish continued good fortune to all Louisiana Army and Air National Guard units. Keep up your contagious can-do, will-do, winning attitude and your success these past five years in outstanding mission accomplishments will certainly continue."*

## Calling All History Buffs

The Jackson Barracks Military Library, located in Building 51, is open to the general public Monday through Friday from 8:00 to 4:00, phone (504) 278-6241. Did you know that the library:

- ▶ Maintains over 3,000 books & files on LANG history
- ▶ Maintains over 4,000 books & files on general military history
- ▶ Maintains over 1,000 books & files on genealogy
- ▶ Answers over 50 inquiries every quarter
- ▶ Maintains a staff to assist you in historical research
- ▶ Is always searching for donations, either monetary or items of military or historical interest

The library does all of this without an operating budget. If you would like to make a tax-exempt monetary donation to the library, make your check payable to the Jackson Barracks Museum "Dedicated to the Library Fund". Checks should be mailed to: Headquarters, Louisiana National Guard, Attn: Military History Library, Bldg. 51, Jackson Barracks, New Orleans, LA 70146-0330

# Charlie Co, 769th Engr Bn - Civic Assistance Project Pays Off

By 2LT Bruce Newton  
Co. C/769th Engr Bn

Charlie Company of the 769th Engr Bn in Gonzales, La. conducted their annual weapons qualification at a firing range they helped to construct in Ascension Parish. As a Civic Assistance Project (CAP) in 1992, Charlie Company put in extra hours to organize materials, construct the firing tower and coordinate range logistics.

Charging Charlie maintained an impressive 99 percent individual weapons qualification rate for personnel firing. The use of the Sheriff's Range as a local training area for Charlie Co. gave much more flexibility to accomplish the mission. The close proximity of the range (about 3 miles from the armory) significantly reduced travel time, saving countless man-hours, fuel, and maintenance costs for government vehicles. In addition, the company

adequately rotated the personnel to the range qualification and perform other missions at the unit armory including equipment maintenance, common task training, and CAP projects.

Capt. Paul Robert of the Ascension Parish Sheriff's Department aided "Charging Charlie" by providing access to the firing range. Cooperative efforts between the Sheriff's Office and Charlie Co. made for a successful weapons qualification.

The following guardsmen from Charlie Co. assisted in the construction project at the firing range: Cdt. Jules Borghardt, Cdt. Robert Nance, Cdt. Wayne Yates, Sgt. 1st Class John Gonzales, Staff Sgt. Eric Erickson, Staff Sgt. Duane Lanoux, Sgt. Andrew Adams, Sgt. Bonnie Hymel, Sgt. Jeffrey King, Sgt. Dwayne Labatut, Sgt. Chad Lynch, Sgt. Dean Matheme, Sgt. Dermck Oakley, Sgt. David Pearley and Spec. Craig Lebourgeois.



MG Ansel M. Stroud, Jr., takes time off to have lunch and visit with members of Charlie Company, 769th Engineer Battalion and other soldiers in Morgan City during the Hurricane Andrew Relief Effort. (Photo by SFC Quinn Richard, Co. C 769th Engr Bn)

# Charlie Sponsors Food Drive

By SFC John Gonzales  
Co. C/769th Engr. Bn.

Company C of the 769th Engineer Battalion sponsored a Holiday Food Basket Drive in December. Local citizens and businesses from Ascension Parish donated food baskets to needy families in East Ascension. Names of needy families were provided by the Gonzales Fellowship Center.

The food drive took place at the Gonzales National Guard Armory. Capt. Gregg Putnam, Sgt. 1st Class John Gonzales, Spec. Melvin Diez, Staff Sgt. Martin Longa and Sgt. Bonnie Hymel spent their free time getting the food baskets ready for distribution. Jean Diez and Sheri Longa, wives of unit members Sgt. 1st Class Diez and Staff Sgt. Longa, also assisted in making the drive a success.

Over 50 food baskets were prepared and delivered. The baskets included a whole turkey, canned goods, bread, fresh vegetables, drinks, spices, Tabasco sauce and other items donated by local businesses and purchased through monetary donations from citizens of the Gonzales community.

The delivery of the food baskets was another difficult task. St. Amant Baptist Church assisted Charlie Company members with the distribution of 20 baskets in and around the St. Amant, Sorrento and Acy areas.

Company C received 20 percent of the gratuities solicited by Mr. Gary Strong in the Holiday Food Basket Drive. This money was donated to the Gonzales Jaycees' Toys for Tots.

# Soldiers Raise Thousands For Needy

By SFC John Gonzales  
Co. C/769th Engr. Bn.

Charlie Company showed their support of the surrounding community by helping to raise money for the Gonzales Jaycees' Toys for Tots Program. The Toys for Tots held a wagon raffle on Dec. 12, and Co. C provided personnel to help sell raffle tickets.

Ms. Babin and Ms. Morsery, representatives of Jaycees Toys for Tots, coordinated with the management of the local Wal-Mart store and city officials to set up stations for ticket selling in front of the Wal-Mart Department store and at a road junc-

tion on Highway 61. A booth was set up in front of the Wal-Mart entrance and manned by Sgt. John Diez, Spec. Frederick Sharbaugh and Private Sarah Tibbs. A road block was also set up at a 4-way stop at a road junction where Spec. Daron Crochet, Spec. Goreon Joshua, Spec. Maxwell Boudreaux and Spec. Carl Toussant sold tickets.

By early Saturday evening a total of \$2,541.64 was raised from the two stations. The grand total of money raised by Co. C and donated for the Food Drive and the Toys for Tots drive was \$3,616.64. A special thanks is extended to the Gonzales Jaycees for including Co. C in such a worthy cause.

# Future of Air Guard Pondered at Meeting

By 2LT Holly F. Lanoux  
LA ANG

Members of the Louisiana Air National Guard recently met for a strategic planning session at Camp Beauregard, Pineville, La. to discuss issues of concern to guardsmen and to revise the vision of the future Air Guard.

"You can be proud of the commitments you have made to address and resolve these important issues," said Brig. Gen. Kenneth L. Ross, commander of the Louisiana Air National Guard.

Airmen were able to develop a purpose and values statement which recognizes that the National Guard "is a volunteer organization of citizen-soldiers in the finest tradition of the minuteman."

"We are committed to selfless dedication to our nation, state and communities, and to the preservation of the quality of life and traditions unique to the state of Louisiana."

The senior leadership have agreed to work together in teams and to cross unit lines, if necessary, in order to accomplish goals and objectives.

One of the commander's areas of emphasis for 1993 is "to integrate, train and operate, where feasible, to enhance teamwork among Army and Air units." This will allow Air Guardsmen to participate more fully in the Army Communities of Excellence Program. The ACOE evaluation team is slated to visit Jackson Barracks between January and March.

"Our work has just begun," Ross said. The teamwork and dedication exhibited by all at the strategic planning session will ensure that "together, we will have a great year."

Senior leaders agreed that in order to capitalize on their planning efforts, a disciplined approach to follow-ups needs to be conducted and they've outlined an action plan to assist with this effort.

# Guardsman Gives CPR Services to Local Hospitals

By 2LT Holly F. Lanoux  
LA ANG

A heart specialist without a medical degree? Expertise shared free of charge? Pendleton Memorial Methodist Hospital is fortunate to have the services of such an individual.

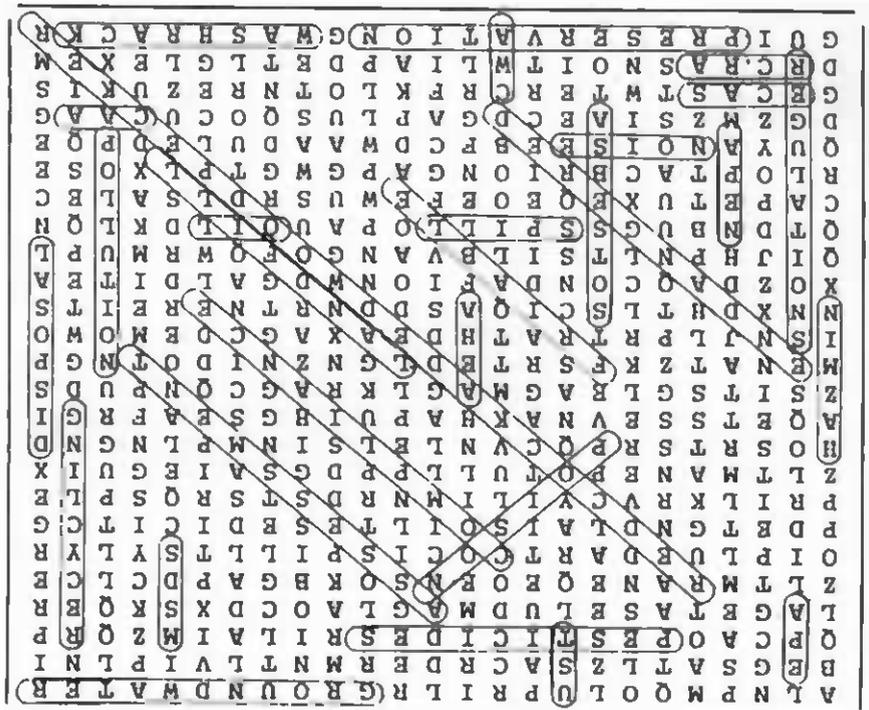
Master Sgt. Billy White, Sr. Recruiting Office Supervisor for the 159th Fighter Group in Belle Chasse, La. contacted the Methodist Hospital Director of Education, Edris Chamel, to volunteer as a cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) instructor.

White received his CPR teaching certificate four years ago and explains his motivation to volunteer reflects his desire to give "something back" to the community.

In addition to the regular CPR classes at Methodist, White is also on standby for requests from other groups including Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America and the Louisiana National Guard.

"The National Guard is very pro-community and supportive of any efforts to make contributions to it," he explains. "I am very grateful to the Air National Guard Headquarters staff and the commanders who allow and encourage me to pursue volunteer activities."

A native of Florida, White has devoted 15 years to military service. He is a bible and Sunday school teacher at St. Andrew's Baptist Church in Braithwaite, La. He and his wife, Juanita, are parents of 10-month-old Billy Jr.



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## MEDEX '93 — U.S. To Save Latin America

By SPC Rebekah Smith  
241st PAD

Years of governmental mismanagement and corruption in Latin American democracies, combined with the continued destructiveness of their drug trade has led to increasing resentment of government by the general population. This resentment recently resulted in an aborted, but widely popular, military coup in Venezuela. It was this festering sense of popular indignation that the Peruvian president exploited to pull off a *coupe d'etat*. A side effect of the coup was an immediate escalation of activities of Peru's two main rebel groups. People are struggling daily with their futures, battling drug lords, guerillas and international economic problems. Against this backdrop, *government ministers in Latin America are expecting the U.S. to be active in their corner and provide more than verbal support from the state department.*

This detailed scenario set the stage for the imaginary *deployment of five Louisiana National Guard medical units to Lima, Peru.* Under this imaginary premise, the 159th MASH, the 812th Medical Co., 2222nd Medical Co., 2224th Medical Detachment and the 209th Personnel Service Company were assigned specific roles as a part of Troop Command's Medical Exercise (MEDEX 93).

The exercise, held at Camp Villere's DEPAMED site in January, was designed to give the units experience in dealing with their higher headquarters during a "war time" situation.

The soldiers' mission was to provide medical care in Peru's neediest areas. In order to create a realistic environment, a complete mobile hospital was set up at the site in Slidell, and moulage (make-up) was used to simulate casualties. Some "casualties" were flown in by helicopter and evacuated to proper treatment areas.

"This training will help develop and enhance our soldiers' medical skills and help prepare them for future emergencies which may be physically and mentally demanding," said Capt Randal L. Gaines, company commander of the 159th MASH.

The units trained in patient administration and management of medical assets. They exercised skills in evaluating casualties by individually determining the necessary treatment and supplies. Their logistical skills were also tested in utilizing the proper channels to process supply orders and evacuation forms. The site operations center would receive the information and then arrange for supplies and evacuation through Troop Command.

"You are only as good as your higher headquarters," said Col R. Philip Marler, hospital commander of the 159th MASH. "If we can't coordinate with our higher headquarters, we can't do our job."

Upon completion of MEDEX 93, unit evaluators and commanders reviewed the over-all performance of the troops and the effectiveness of the exercise. The "Peace keeping forces in Peru", were deemed a success.



Members of the 812th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) evacuate casualties to Camp Villere in Slidell. (below) 1LT Bobette B. Dudley, ChiefRNA of the 159th MASH evaluates SPC Jack T. Huntington, during Troop Command's annual training deemed MEDEX '93. (Photo by SPC Rebekah Lloyd-Smith, 241st PAD)



## 141st FA Clashes With Police in Civil Disturbance

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To have regard for the human rights of all persons does not seem like a difficult task, but try maintaining your composure under the pressure of an angry crowd of rioters who have no respect for property or authority.

The former site of Pontchartrain Beach, at the New Orleans Lakefront was the location where Guardsmen from the 1/141st Field Artillery acted in cooperation with the New Orleans Police Department's Special Operations Division, to conduct 16 hours of civil disturbance training.

The debris of the once popular amusement park was used to simulate a shopping mall where N.O.P.D. officers and recruits posed as disorderly protesters and shop owners. Under this guise the guardsmen were expected to restore law and order amidst a chaotic and antagonistic crowd.

Two specific scenarios, a crowd control lane and an obstacle lane were devised to train the soldiers. The crowd control lane was set up in the parking lot where soldiers from Support Battery posed as picketers who obstructed a roadway intersection. Batteries A, B, and C armed with face shields, riot batons, and rifles, were individually tested on their ability to implement proper civil disturbance control techniques while the crowd shouted and threatened, them.

"This is the first time our soldiers have trained in such an intense environment, said Capt Pat Santos, S-3 of the battalion. "These situations gave our soldiers a realistic example of riot control," he said.

The obstacle lane consisted of a more intense environment. The simulated shopping mall served as a backdrop where looters and rioters were on the rampage. The guardsmen encountered arsonists, casualties, armed store owners, hostages and about 50 members of the police department who posed as aggressive rioters, some of whom were armed. The soldiers were required to minimize the loss of life and property while using the minimum amount of force necessary to accomplish the mission. The tasks included apprehension of offenders and search and seizure while controlling the force and removing bystanders from the area. They were expected to react quickly and effectively amidst a verbally and physically abusive crowd.

The police had an opportunity to experience a civil emergency from the rioters point of view. They were able to help train the soldiers by implementing tactics from their own experience. "We learned what it was like to be on the other side," said Maj. Howard Robinson, commander of the Special Operations Division of the N.O.P.D. "We were able to exchange ideas with the National Guard and hopefully save some lives in the future."

The soldiers were evaluated after completing each phase of the training. Robinson, Capt Dominick Bondi, Lt Charles Schlosser, Sgt Ken Boudin, and Sgt Jeff Winn, of the N.O.P.D., along with battalion advisors critiqued each battery. They suggested

areas of improvement and praised areas of strength.

"We have built a foundation," said Lt. Col Ivan M. Jones, the battalion commander. "We now know our areas of strength and weakness. This was a giant step forward."

## 241st PAD Acts As CNN

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"We wanted the training to be as realistic as possible. The N.O.P.D. did a fantastic job of playing an unruly mob, but we knew that the media would also play an important role in the events taking place," said Capt. E. Pat Santos, Jr., Battalion S-3.

Santos called the 241st Public Affairs Detachment to solicit a few journalists to play-act as civilian media. What he got was the broadcast officer, who also works as a civilian radio announcer for Louisiana Network and the print officer who also serves as a reporter with the Monroe News-Star.

As 141st Artillery commanders moved through the area dealing with hostages, arsonists and armed rioters, they were also "harassed" by an overly aggressive reporting team. The reporters, asking insensitive and sometimes stupid questions, added to the commander's burdens.

Commanders often had to take precious time to round up the overzealous "mock" reporters to protect them from the crowd. The PAD journalists tried to interview store owners who were firing into the air to keep looter away. They shoved microphones into the faces of rioters who were being detained by the Guard. In short, they were doing their jobs and making life miserable for the 141st Field Artillery.

"We have to be prepared for this," said Santos. "We may be called on to do riot control or respond to a civil disturbance, and when we get there chances are the media will already be ahead of us."

The 241st PAD officers followed each scenario with an after action report telling commanders what they did right and what they need to look out for. They supplied the information from the perspective of a civilian reporter trying to get a story and the public affairs officer trying to ensure that the flow of information comes from informed, prepared sources.