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Sgt. Ryan Grant of Addis, La., a member of the 928th Sapper Company, 705th Engineer Battalion, eliminates targets during a 300 meter Rifle Range Stress Shoot in May. Southern Shooting Center, located in Thibodaux, La., donated the use of their private range facilities to the Louisiana Guardsmen in order to successfully qualify with their individual weapons, to include handguns and long range rifles.

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## A word from Louisiana's Commander-in-Chief



### Soldiers and Airmen of the Louisiana National Guard:

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It is a privilege to serve our state with you. From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank you for stepping forward to serve. I know your families' and your own sacrifices are many. Please know that the value of your service is tremendous and its impact on all of our lives, and our state, will live on forever, long after the days and the years can number.

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# HURRICANE RESPONSE TEAM STEPS UP EFFORTS, LEARNS FROM KATRINA

By Senior Airmen Rosie Dao and Tech. Sgt. Talus Medina  
159th Fighter Wing, Louisiana Air National Guard

With another active hurricane season predicted by forecasters, the Louisiana Air National Guard Hurricane Response Team prepared for real life rescue missions recently, learning new strategies and reinforcing what Hurricane Katrina already emphasized—the need for interagency cooperation and work-related experience.

The Department of Health and Hospitals coordinated with the Louisiana Air National Guard to test an emergency patient transport plan. The Louisiana National Guard's C-130 transport aircraft and the 433rd Aero Medical Evacuation Squadron from San Antonio, Texas, arrived in New Iberia, La., the staging and demonstration area for the exercise on May 30.

"We have always had hurricane plans," Trent Hebert, plant operations manager and safety director for Iberia Medical Center said. "The coordination efforts by the state have really been stepped up by the hurricane experience of hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

A crowd of media, civilian medical personnel and Red Cross members greeted the team and were prepared to take part in this interagency event that would train civilians to work with military equipment and aircraft and vice versa.

The participants off-loaded stretchers and began their evacuation operation. Volunteers became mock patients, were loaded onto stretchers and into the C-130.

In the case of a real emergency, all personnel must be aware of handling procedures and be confident in their actions to avoid further patient injury. The C-130 gave civilians the opportunity to work with military air rescue equipment and allowed them to familiarize themselves with their protocol and procedures.

"During Hurricane Katrina, we flew these same evacuation missions, evacuating hundreds of people from New Orleans," said Capt. Samuel DeGeneres of the 159th Fighter Wing.

The aircraft can hold between 30 and 50 patients and the goal was to safely load all victims in a timely and efficient matter and prepare them for transport.

During the exercise, one of the mock patients was a civilian nurse who was loaded onto a stretcher and secured inside the aircraft. Unaware of her claustrophobia, the exercise immediately became a real-world situation forcing personnel to react quickly under pressure to her not-so-mock situation.

Anjanette Herbert, director of safety and emergency planning at Lafayette General Medical Center, said she was thrilled with the level of cooperation from all the partners in a process that has taken three years of planning. "We feel very comfortable with how things have gone," she said. "It has been amazing so far."

"Through missions like this one, and working with the medical teams, we continue to hone our skills so that we can perform even better than we did in the last storm," Degeneres said. ■

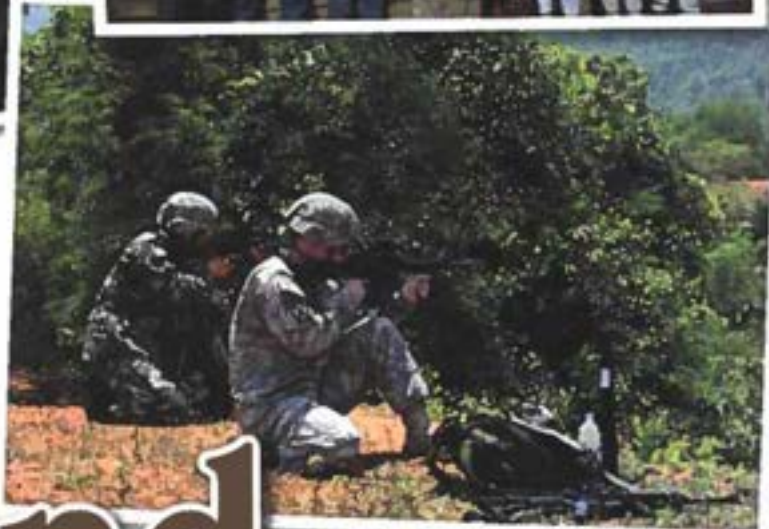
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Members of the 433rd Aero Meds from San Antonio, Texas, caring for mock patients prior to loading them on a C-130 to simulate transportation to a medical facility.

Photo: Senior Airman Jeffrey Barone

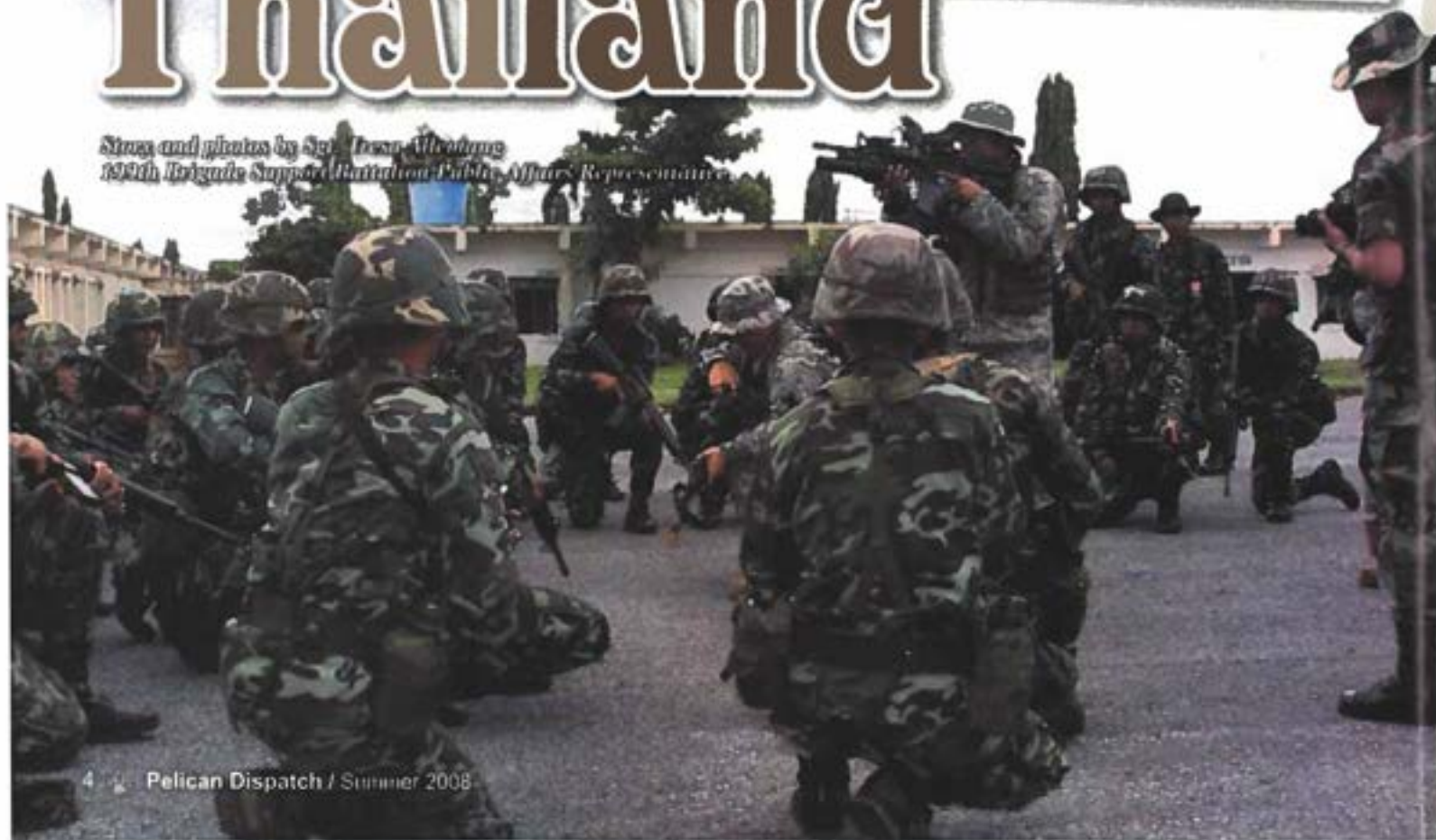




Louisiana receives 'Royal'  
training in

# Thailand

Stories and photos by Sgt. Jason Albrecht  
199th Brigade Support Battalion Public Affairs Representative







As the command post exercise wrapped up training, it was time for some fun. Soldiers from the U.S. and Thailand met for a game of soccer after working together in support of Cobra Gold.

Baton Rouge resident Lt. Col. George Kranske, commander of 2-156th Inf. Reg. steps up to honor the fallen Soldiers of his battalion, as well as fallen soldiers of the Royal Thai Army during a memorial wreath laying ceremony held during the 2008 Cobra Gold exercise in Thailand.

The weather was hot and humid, but the morale was high as Soldiers stepped off the airplane in Thailand to make history as the only National Guard Soldiers to participate in Operation Cobra Gold.

Cobra Gold, established in 1982, is a regularly scheduled joint/combined exercise and is the latest in the continuing series of American-Thai military exercises designed to ensure regional peace and strengthen the ability of the Royal Thai armed forces to defend Thailand or respond to regional contingencies.

"For our Soldiers to come together in a foreign country with less than 120 days notice, conduct a corps level multinational exercise over 11 days, and successfully replace active-component elements is amazing," said Col. Jacques

Thibodeaux, deputy commander of the combined armed forces.

This year's overseas duty training consisted of a computer-simulated command post exercise, field training exercises and humanitarian/civic assistance projects, which included Thailand, Singapore, Japan, Indonesia and the United States as participants.

"The exercise control group, United States Army Pacific Command, stated this exercise was the best integration in the past three years," Thibodeaux added.

The training included a command post exercise with Guard Soldiers from various locations in Louisiana and a field training exercise with the Abbeville-based 2nd Battalion 156th Infantry Regiment.

"We were very excited when we got the opportunity to come here. To participate in a Joint Coalition Exercise with a foreign army as professional as the Royal Thai Army is ... you just can't beat it!" said Lt. Col. George Kranske, the 2nd of the 156th commander.

The field training exercise consisted of bilateral exercises including medical training, map reading and land navigation, setting up traffic control points, urban warfare training, hand-to-hand combat training, sniper training and jungle warfare.

Soldiers also participated in a wreath-laying ceremony, paying joint respects to fallen Soldiers from U.S. and Thailand. The ceremony was held at the Kla Klang Samorn, or "Great Courage in Battle" monument, which was established in 1983 in remembrance of the 125 Thai

soldiers killed in action since 1971.

"For us to pay joint respects to each other was very heartwarming and it was a privilege to participate in something so solemn," said Kranske. "To see our banner on the wreath placed beside their regimental wreath at the memorial is a feeling that is hard to put into words. It is truly a great honor."

While there, Soldiers enjoyed traditional Thai cuisine, beer and MWR activities to include soccer with their Royal Thai Army counterparts.

"It is unquestionable that our Soldiers built a better relationship with their Thai counterparts than they ever thought possible," said Kranske.

Though there was a language barrier, both Thai and American Soldiers became so immersed and intertwined that contact information, patches and even uniforms were exchanged as a symbol of an unbelievable bond that would not be forgotten.

"This was absolutely a life-changing experience," Kranske added. "We were the first battalion from the National Guard to participate in Cobra Gold and I would love for this to be an annual event."

Kranske reminisced, "The Thai Battalion Commander and I were walking back from the mortar lanes and were standing on the gun line at night watching the artillery fall, and we could see the silhouette of the Thai Soldiers firing in the back drop. When I saw the look on his face, I could just tell that he was very, very happy, and I knew I was on target." ■

#### Facing page, clockwise from left:

2-156th Inf. Reg. Soldiers try "sticky rice" the Thai soldiers cooked in bamboo, a technique American Soldiers learned as part of survival training during the field training exercise in Cobra Gold 2008.

Louisiana National Guardsmen participating in Cobra Gold earned a chance to visit the Royal Palace in Bangkok, Thailand.

Pineville native Capt. Steven J. Luebbert, battle captain for the combined armed forces during Cobra Gold 2008, goes head-to-head against 1st Lt. Sunai Jirasamoon, better known as "Lt. Mac," the Royal Thai Army Artillery Battalion, 1st Battery commander, firing a series of weapons, including the M-4 Carbine during range training in Thailand.

The Louisiana Army National Guard works closely with the Royal Thai Army showing them techniques of clearing buildings during the participation of Operation Cobra Gold 2008. These Soldiers spent nearly two weeks working hand-in-hand with the Royal Thai Armed Forces in an exercise designed to ensure regional peace and strengthen the ability of the Royal Thai Armed Forces to defend Thailand or respond to regional contingencies.



# Louisiana National Guard medics examine Italy

By Spc. Cami Carber, 415th Military  
Intelligence Unit Public Affairs Representative

**M**y unit sent out an e-mail asking us who wanted to go on a trip to Italy and I said let's go," exclaimed Staff Sgt. Jeannie Prewitt of Baton Rouge, a medic with the Louisiana National Guard.

The Guard selected two physician assistants, one nurse and five medics from the 756th Area Support Medical Company, of the 415th Military Intelligence Battalion out of Carville to spend March 8-29 at Caserma Ederlei Army Base in Vicenza, Italy.

The overall mission of the trip was to train the Soldiers in a clinical environment on a regular active duty Army base and give them a feel for real-world medical emergencies.



From left, Capt. John Merrill, Capt. Kay Stephen, Spc. Michelle Everett, Capt. Tarren Kingsly and Staff Sgt. Jeannie Prewitt ski in Italy after a hard day of training at Caserma Ederlei Army Base in Vicenza, Italy. Selected National Guard Soldiers spent three weeks training in Italy for their annual National Guard training.

U.S. Army photo: Staff Sgt. Jeannie Prewitt

The eight Soldiers were separated during the training days and put into different types of clinical environments. Spc. Michelle Everett trained in the obstetrics and



Sgt. Brad Chatelain of Baton Rouge, a medic for the Louisiana Army National Guard rotates a Soldier's arm and provides stretches for physical therapy at Caserma Ederlei Army Base in Vicenza, Italy. Eight selected Soldiers spent three weeks training in Italy for their annual National Guard training.

U.S. Army photo: Staff Sgt. Jeannie Prewitt

gynecology clinic, while Sgt. Brad Chatelain trained in the physical therapy clinic and Staff Sgt. Jeannie Prewitt trained in the birthing center. Captains John Merrill, Kay Stephen and Tarren Kingsly, along with Sgt. Brandon Powell trained in the health care clinic where Soldiers and family members visit for sick call.

"The training was awesome because we got to work with other Soldiers and their families who were stationed there full-time," explained Prewitt, who was able to witness a cesarean section in the midst of her training. "It was a beautiful baby boy with a head full of hair," she exclaimed.

Sgt. Brad Chatelain trained with physical therapists at the wounded Soldier unit set up for Soldiers coming in with injuries from Iraq. Not only did Chatelain get to help other troops, but he received training in physical therapy, something he had never done before.

The Soldiers returned home following the three weeks of training with a sense of pride and accomplishment.

"I love the National Guard," explained Prewitt. "It's a different lifestyle from the civilian world, and I take pride in it. There are so many opportunities and things to learn when you become a Soldier, and honestly, I still can't believe that I got to travel around Italy!" ■

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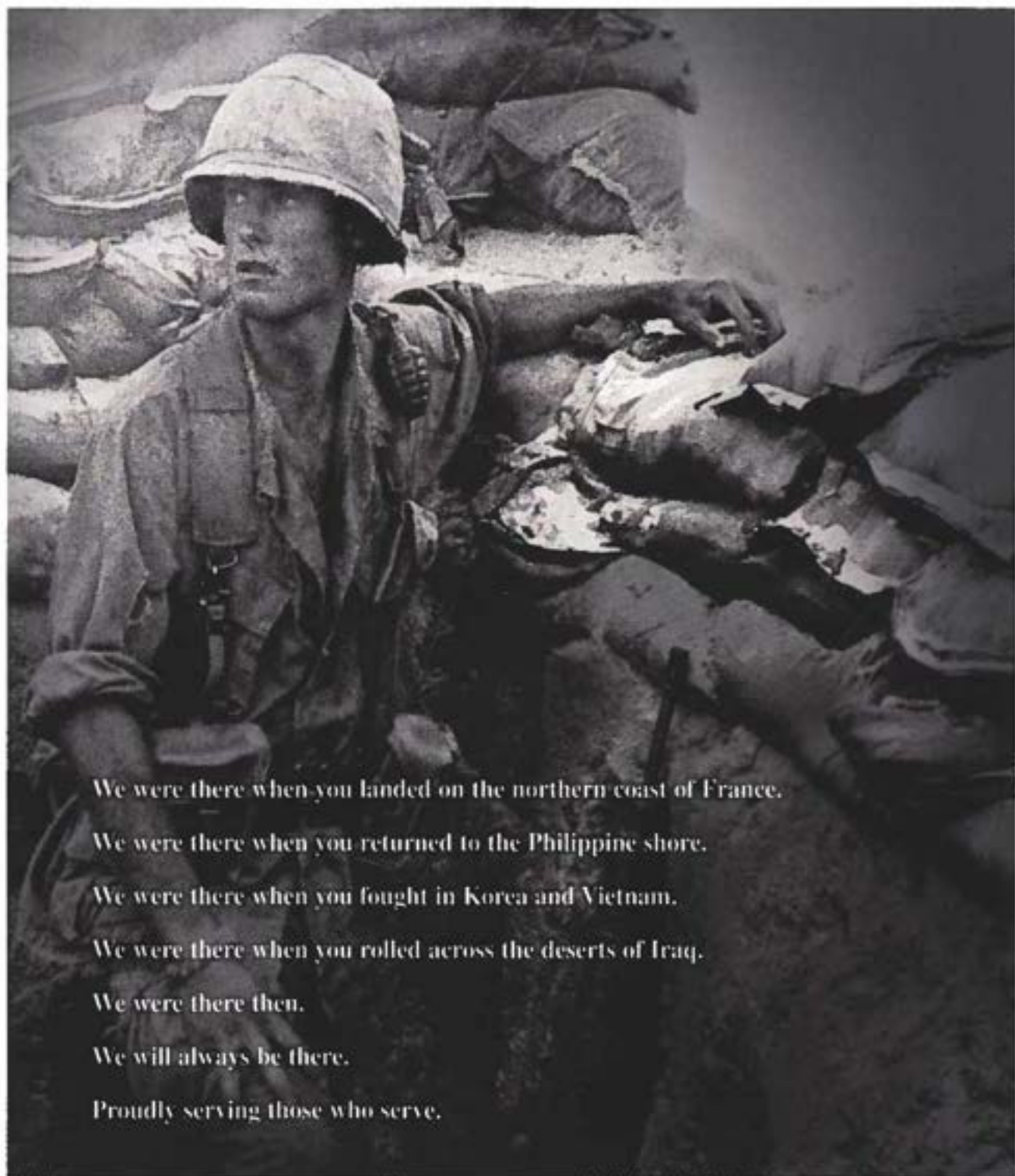
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# ENGINEERS BATTLE FLOOD

Governor Jindal calls Soldiers into state active duty for first time

By Sgt. Rebekah Malone, 225th Engineer Brigade Unit Public Affairs Representative



Gov. Bobby Jindal kneels down to speak with the children of the farmers and landowners at the Potato Levee, north of the Morganza Spillway. Jindal commended the farmers for taking the initiative to save their crops before calling on the government for assistance.

U.S. Army photo: Staff Sgt. Denis Riccio, Louisiana National Guard Unit Public Affairs Representative

"Before this week is done, I hope every one of us finds one of these Soldiers and thanks them for what they do," said Gov. Bobby Jindal. "You know, a farmer put it best to me, he said, 'freedom's not free.'"

Jindal and Maj. Gen. Bennett C. Landreneau, the Adjutant General for the Louisiana National Guard, made a visit to the site where the farming communities of Morganza and Batchelor, La., in Pointe Coupee Parish, fought to save crops worth millions of dollars from the flood waters of the Mississippi River, before receiving aide from the Guard.

"These are men and women with day jobs. These are men and women that have families," pointed out Jindal. "They dropped what they were doing to come here without hesitation ... they were happy to come here and help the local community to protect property and protect farmland."

More than 5,000 acres farmed by eight farmers and owned by nearly 50 landowners flooded at the "Potato Levee"



The two-mile line of super sacks stands as the only defense against the approaching flood waters of the Mississippi River.

U.S. Army photo: Sgt. Rebekah Malone, 225th Engineer Brigade Unit Public Affairs Representative

in the Atchafalaya River Basin, north of the Morganza Spillway. Significant rains throughout the Mississippi River Basin caused the water levels to rise, destroying the current wheat crop. Without intervention, the soybean crop, intended to be planted in July, will certainly be lost.

At the direction of Jindal, Landreneau sent the 225th Engineer Brigade, headquartered in Pineville, La., to conduct emergency operations after ordering 13 Soldiers into state active duty status.

The Soldiers filled super sacks, 4 feet by 4 feet, with approximately 3,000 pounds of soil using heavy equipment. This was an attempt to raise the levee for 2.2 miles before the river crested.

## Deja vu for two Soldiers... 25 years later

Sgt. Maj. Jimmy Vicellio, of Slaughter, La., operations non-commissioned officer for the 225th Engineer Brigade, helped save the very same properties in 1983 as a private first class. At the time, the method of filling sandbags consisted not of huge "super sacks," forklifts, backhoes and track hoes, but of shovels and small sandbags containing less than 40-50 pounds of dirt.

"As a [young] private, the mission was just as important [to me] as it is now; however, advances in technology have made the job more efficient and effective," stated Vicellio. "Ultimately, we are still a

part of this community and are trying to help save a lot of good people from severe hardships."

Joe Major, command sergeant major of the 225th Engineer Brigade and resident of nearby Ventress, La., was a readiness non-commissioned officer 25 years ago when the Guard helped sandbag the levee. He explained that having the opportunity to help one's local community in such a big way is a rare gift.

"It's always good to come home and support the local community ... the Guard did a lot in 1992 after Hurricane Andrew [as well]. We spent six weeks



# WATERS AT POTATO LEVEE

doing clean up because the community needed our help," said Major.

Marty Graham of Batchelor, La., who farms more than 1,200 acres of wheat, appreciates the help all the farmers and landowners are receiving at the hands of the National Guard Soldiers.

"It means a lot to our community that the Guard is here helping us. It's not just us, it's everyone," Graham explained. "We feel a whole lot more confident with the National Guard's help in that we will be able to sandbag it and get it completed."

## Soldiers ordered back to state active duty

"Due to the higher than expected rise of the river and expected crest, the additional height of the super sacks was not enough," explained Vicellio.

The Guard again called 11 Soldiers back into state active duty status to attempt to double stack the super sacks to keep the water from coming over the top, but eventually had to pull back.

"In the end, the farmers made the decision to pull everyone back due to safety hazards to the Soldiers and workers," stated Vicel-

lio. "Eventually, the levee broke in several places, before being topped by more than two feet of water."

The Guard, Army Corps of Engineers, Police Jury and community leaders continue to meet to put together a plan to remove the water that is more than 20 feet deep at the lowest point.

"Every community project we work on, especially when working an emergency situation, is rewarding to the Soldiers involved," said Landreneau. "I'm particularly proud that we can assist in whatever little part we can play in this project." ■



The Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Bennett C. Landreneau, Gov. Bobby Jindal and Col. Owen Moncondul, commander of the 225th Engineer Brigade, discuss the progress of the temporary line of defense built over five days to combat possible flooding. For the first time since entering office, Gov. Jindal activated National Guard Soldiers for a state mission.

U.S. Army photo: Sgt. Rebekah Malone, 225th Engineer Brigade Unit Public Affairs Representative



Spc. Michael Champion of Berme, La., carefully places a 3,000 pound, 4 feet by 4 feet, "super sack" filled with soil along the levee north of the Morganza Spillway. Thirteen Soldiers were called to State Active Duty for one week to assist farmers in the effort to save their crops from the possible flooding of their land by the Mississippi River.

U.S. Army photo: Sgt. Rebekah Malone, 225th Engineer Brigade Unit Public Affairs Representative





# 769TH SOLDIERS RECEIVE PURPLE HEARTS

Story and photos by Sgt. Rebekah Malone, 225th Engineer Brigade Unit  
Public Affairs Representative



Maj. Gen. Bennett C. Landreneau awards Sgt. David Antoine, of Lake Charles, the Purple Heart for injuries sustained on February 19 in Iraq.

"I'm very honored to be standing here with you after what you've demonstrated in your service to your country. It makes me proud to be associated with you," said the Adjutant General of the Louisiana National Guard, Maj. Gen. Bennett C. Landreneau. "Today we want to recognize you for your service."

The Louisiana Army National Guard awarded the Purple Heart to Sgt. David A. Antoine and Staff Sgt. Irvin L. George, both members of the 769th Engineer Battalion, headquartered

in Baton Rouge, La., for injuries sustained in Iraq this spring.

Both Soldiers were pinned while at Brooke Army Medical Center.

George, a native of Baton Rouge, was injured on March 30 when an improvised explosive device hit near the Palletized Load System (PLS) he was riding in with Sgt. Terrell Gilmore, also of Baton Rouge. Gilmore died as a result of his injuries sustained during the accident.

"We were driving in Sadr City. It was just a normal day and a normal convoy. As we were driving, I felt something wasn't right," George recalled. "I told Gilmore to step on it; I'm glad he did. It wasn't five seconds later when we were hit."

When the vehicle was hit by the IED, it engulfed the PLS and the Soldiers. George was on fire and jumped out when a medic from HSC, 769th Engineer Battalion saw him and came running.

George continued, "I wouldn't have my life if it wasn't for him. I was all alone [on the side of the road]. He must have done a double take and saw me there. He just came running, without waiting for cover or anything and grabbed me."

George spoke fondly of his friend, Gilmore, who lost his life that day.

"He was my battle buddy. I have known him for three years," George reflected. "He was the kind of guy that helped you; if he had it, you had it."

"He was quiet sometimes, but everybody is sometimes," said George, who laughed as he continued, "He was an 'old-school' cat!"

George has nine years in the military and also served during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, 2002-2003, with

the Forward Support Company, 769th Eng. Bn.

Several members of his family were present at the presentation including his mother, Gladys Hayes of Lafayette; his brother, Jeremy George of Baton Rouge; nephew Kentyre George, and friend Danica Ruffins, also of Baton Rouge.

Antoine, who is from Lake Charles, La., was also awarded the Purple Heart for injuries sustained on February 19 when his vehicle hit an improvised explosive device.

Antoine said the route he was on that day was known for its increased level of attacks and usually was not taken. He was with another sergeant from Minnesota he called "Wimpy" and traveling with another unit.

"All I remember is Wimpy yelling for me to get out of the kill zone," Antoine recalled. "I don't remember how I drove from one side of the bridge to the other."

He continued, "The good Lord dispatched the angels that day to move the truck. I firmly believe that. My mother had a dream that night about vehicles being blown up. She woke up my dad to pray for me. She knew everything was going to be alright."

Antoine, who served in Desert Storm on active duty as a cargo specialist, is the father of three: Alexis, Brandon and David Jr. Members of Antoine's family present for the ceremony included his mother and father, Juanita and Vince, and brother Anthony Antoine.

Col. Owen Monconduit, commander of the 225th Engineer Brigade, spoke to the families and Soldiers about the courage demonstrated by their actions.

"Receiving the decoration is an honor, but it's also a very humbling experience," said Monconduit. "In the Army Values, we talk about honor, integrity, duty, respect, loyalty, selfless service; but, I think the one that stands out for these two individuals is 'personal courage.' These Soldiers have displayed personal courage with all that they have endured, [and so have] the families that have supported them."

The Soldiers also received the Combat Action Badge, Army Commendation Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Mobilization Device, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Louisiana War Cross and the Freedom Salute Award. ■



Staff Sgt. Irvin George of Baton Rouge, receives his Purple Heart decoration from Maj. Gen. Bennett C. Landreneau, the Adjutant General of the Louisiana National Guard. The Purple Heart was awarded to George for injuries he sustained on March 30 in Iraq.





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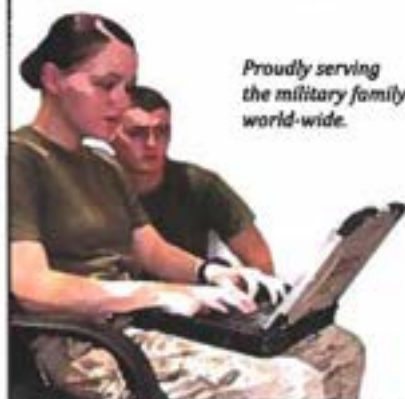
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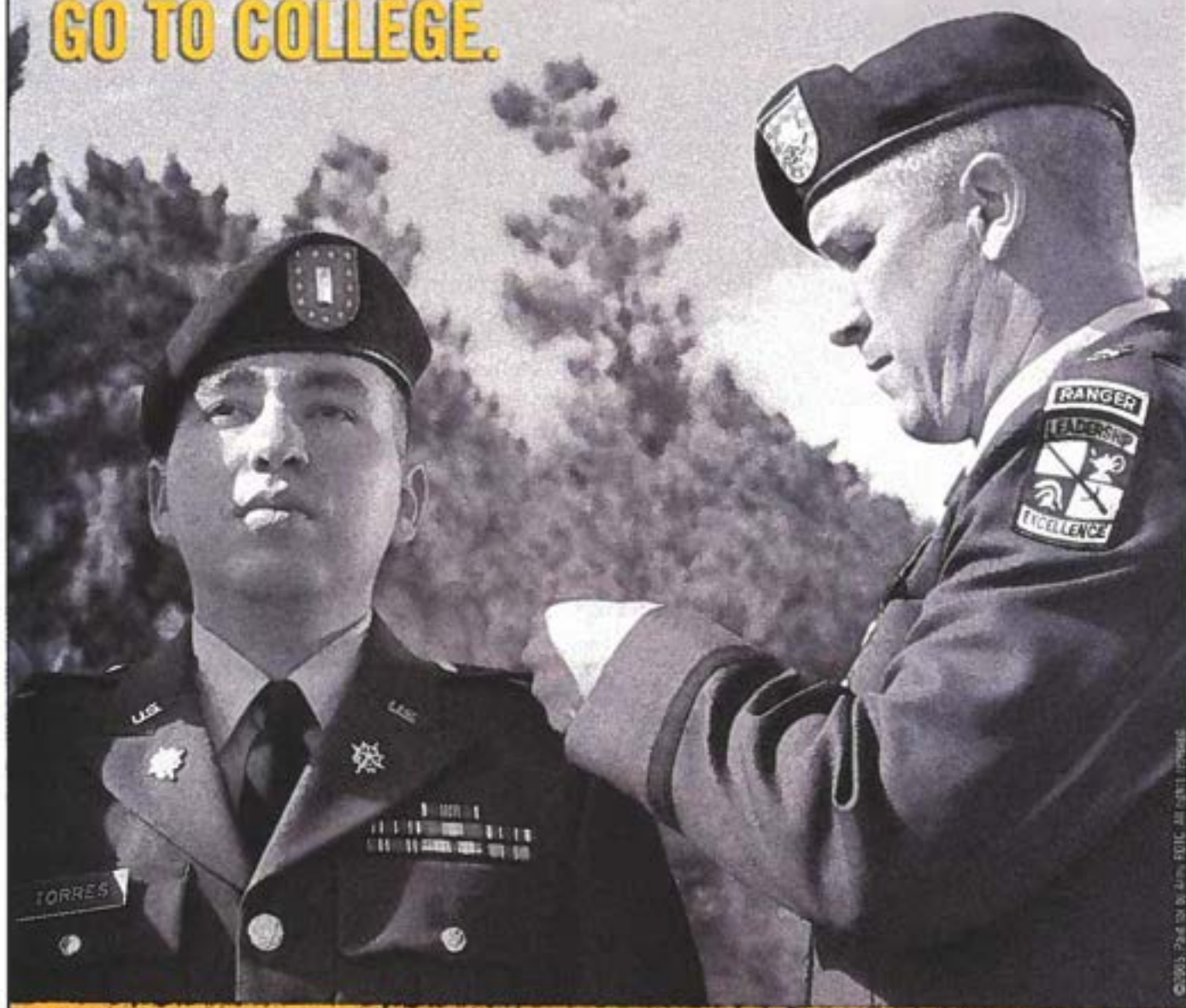
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# Air Guard passes evaluation with 'flying' colors



159th Fighter Wing Alert Force earns top honors

By Staff Sgt. Kristi Moon  
159th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 159th Fighter Wing alert personnel recently demonstrated their proficiency at protecting the Gulf Coast of the United States in an Air Force Evaluation commonly called the AFE conducted April 24. The North Atlantic Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) inspector general called the Bayou Militia Fighter Alert Force (FAF), "the best in the Combat Air Force."

Prior to the inspection, jets had been grounded; there were two deaths within the alert crew, (Chief Master Sgt. Roy Ripp and maintainer Master Sgt. Pat Hock); and the wing's operational readiness inspection (ORI) had been conducted in March. These were not the ideal precursors for a test of this magnitude.

"For three months we were under the gun," said alert officer-in-charge, Lt. Col. Oscar Evans. "A mere passing grade (on the AFE) would've been good considering the circumstances."



Despite the setbacks, they prepared for the inspectors to arrive and when they did, the alert crew was ready. Within 30 minutes of the inspectors' arrival, the horn went off. This sound had everyone jumping into position to launch the jets and scramble toward the intended targets. At this point, it's the pilot's job to diffuse the situation using all available resources and communications. The objective was to launch the jets as quickly as possible with minimal risks.

One target was a simulated hijacking and the other was a non-responsive pilot who overflew his destination. During the alert launch, one pilot was forced to abort to the spare jet. Then, 23 minutes of downed communication had the crews running all operations through the supervisor of flying (SOF) using good old-fashioned telephones. These were hurdles the alert crew managed with skill and precision.

Alert Chief, Senior Master Sgt. Rodney Schaubhut, explained that the inspectors expect normal launch but when something breaks, the real world sets in. "We awed them with our response to the unexpected," Schaubhut said.

"All the credit goes to these guys on the air crew - if we can't get 'em (jets) airborne, it's all for naught," said Evans. "The guys on the ground made it all happen."

The inspector general report reads: "The quality and degree of integration between Operations and Maintenance and the unswerving dedication and teamwork displayed by this Air Sovereignty Alert detachment are outstanding and constitute a benchmark for the Combat Air Force."

The report also noted flawless launch and recovery procedures; technical data utilization during flight inspection was commendable; the composite tool kit program managements was superior and "Best Seen To Date"; aircraft appearance was pristine and facility cleanliness "noteworthy."



"We had three jets back on status within the NORAD directed turnaround time thanks to the engine shop, electricians and all the support that came in," Schaubhut said. "It was a group effort."

Their motivation for excellence was fueled by many forces, including that of the passing of their crew mates.

"Roy put a lot of time into the alert, not to mention his leadership," Master Sgt. Darren Vicknair said. "One of the things we could do for him was to do the best we could on this inspection."

The alert crew had Ripp's name put on all four alert jets.

"Roy was our leader," Tech. Sgt. Brian Fast said. "We work 364 days a year for the one day that matters. We never know when the horn will go off for real."

The FAF received the highest grade of "Mission Ready." According to the NORAD Alert Team Chief, "While 'outstanding' is not a grading criteria anymore, the 159th FAF once again achieved and continues to perform in an outstanding manner and is the Best Fighter Alert Force in the United States Air Force."

#### **The 159th Fighter Wing Alert Force crew:**

Senior Master Sgt. Rodney Schaubhut, Master Sgt. Darren Vicknair, Master Sgt. Travis Cooper, Master Sgt. Michael Gauthier (SAFETY), Tech. Sgt. Brandon Ayler, Tech. Sgt. Brian Fast, Tech. Sgt. Jeff Broussard, Tech. Sgt. Mark Baldini (HAZMAT), Tech. Sgt. Glenn Butler (Training), Lt. Col. Jeff "Homer" Samuel, Lt. Col. Ricky "TKO" Pierce. ■



## *A Citizen Soldier*

*By Staff Sgt. Alex Juan, 159th Fighter Wing Public Affairs*

The term "Citizen Soldier" is widely used when describing members of the National Guard, but the members of the 159th Fighter Wing recently created a whole new type of Soldier who adapts in times of great stress by reaching out to Louisiana residents with a compassionate hand.

As Citizen Soldiers, Soldiers and Airmen juggle dual roles and some do so with remarkable ease. Senior Airman Felix Romero of New Orleans is one such example.

Romero works in the Information Management Section as an alternate client support administrator. Between computer accountability, rebooting systems and solving computer issues, he still readily shows everyone a bright smile as they approach him. What they won't see, at first glance, is the incredible story that lies beneath the smile.

The 24-year-old Romero moved here from Tela, Honduras, when he was 12 years old. According to him, it was one of the most painful experiences of his life as he shared a close bond with his mother and sister and was forced to leave them behind.

His father felt that he would have the opportunity for a better life if he came to the United States. The move proved to be extremely difficult because of the sense of loss he felt from losing his best friend and confidant — his mother — and his inability to speak the English language.

Even still, he was determined to make the experience worthwhile and managed to successfully pass all of his courses dur-

ing his first year at an American school. As a reward, his father returned him home that summer. Unbeknownst to him, this would be the last time he would go back for a number of years. Romero graduated from John Ehret High School in Marrero, La., in 2003, where he was recognized by the president for his 4.0 grade point average. After high school, he worked at Home Depot and wasn't doing so well financially or emotionally.

"I thought that this (The National Guard) would help me meet my goals," Romero said.

He enlisted with the 159th Fighter Wing on March 18, 2005, and has been happily serving ever since.

Romero's journey is deeper than coming to America, becoming a permanent resident and deciding to serve this country. His sense of family and gratitude for the opportunities bestowed on him are truly humbling. Romero has taken financial responsibility for both his mother and sister back in Honduras. He sends them a portion of his paychecks regularly so that his mother does not have to work and his sister can focus on attending school. He speaks highly of Master Sgt. Miapatrice Allen, his recruiter, whom he credits for helping him begin his citizenship paperwork.

Because of Allen's help, Romero now eagerly anticipates the date of July 17, 2008, when he will have the opportunity to become a citizen. He is also looking at the future opportunity of becoming an officer in the National Guard. Because of his service, he has already been awarded the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Air Force Training Ribbon and the Humanitarian Service Medal.

Romero attends the University of New Orleans and his current goals include becoming a United States citizen, being able to vote and being able to bring his mother here to live with him. He also would like to graduate and go on to become a pharmacist. ■

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Field Officer Philip Bace presents Senior Airman Romero with his certificate of citizenship.  
U.S. Air Force photo. Staff Sgt. Alex Juan, 159th Fighter Wing Public Affairs Representative



# Louisiana Army National Guard Incentives (10 AUG 07 through 31 OCT 2008)

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Non-Prior Service Bonus in Critical UIC PQJ, PQQ, PQR, QP1, VCA, Y2V, Y2W	Prior Service Enlistment in a Critical UIC PQJ, PQQ, PQR, QP1, VCA, Y2V, Y2W	Reenlistment/Extension Bonus (REB) in Critical UIC or Skill
<b>\$20,000</b> • Enlist into critical UIC (see above) • Lump sum payment • AFQT >30 (CAT I-IIIB) • 6x2 or 8x0 contract period • Enlist into vacant or valid position • Against projected vacancy within 101-125% of units authorized wartime strength	<b>6 years for \$15,000 or 3 years for \$7,500</b> • <b>MUST be MOSQ</b> • 50% initially and 50% on 3rd anniversary • Not more than 16 years of military service • Enlist into a vacant or valid position or up to 125% of units authorized strength at MOS level • Honorable Discharge for all periods of service	<b>6 years for \$15,000 or 3 years for \$7,500</b> • Lump sum payment • Not more than 20 years of military service • MTOE unit only if not Critical UIC • MOS qualified for position re-enlisting • Must be a vacant or valid position or up to 125% of units authorized strength at MOS level
NPS Critical Skill (CS) Enlistment Bonus	Prior Service Enlistment Bonus (PSEB) in Non-Critical MTOE Unit	Reenlistment/Extension Bonus Non-Critical MTOE unit
<b>\$20,000</b> • Any of the state's 30 critical skill MOSs • 6x2 or 8x0 contract • 50% becomes MOSQ and 50% on 3rd year <b>\$20,000 NPS Non-Critical Skill Enl Bonus</b> • Any MTOE unit regardless of MOS • 6x2 or 8x0 contract • 50% becomes MOSQ and 50% on 3rd year	<b>6 years \$15,000 only</b> • If not MOSQ enlist in one of Top 30 MOSs • Has 24 months to become MOSQ • Have not more than 16 years of military service • Enlist into a vacant or valid position • Honorable Discharge from all periods of service • Enlist up to 125% of authorized strength at MOS level	<b>6 years \$15,000 lump sum payment</b> • Same requirements as above except for not being in a critical UIC or skill <b>\$6,000 subsequent 3year re-enlistment bonus</b> • Lump sum payment
<b>\$10,000 Civilian Acquired Skills Program (CASP)</b> • Enlist into a vacant or valid position 3x5, 6x2, 8x0 • MTOE units only • 50% becomes MOSQ 50% 3rd year anniversary • Enlist up to 125% of units wartime strength • Glossary NPS applicants are not eligible for CASP <b>\$5,000 NPS Quick Ship Bonus for 3x5, 6x2, 8x0</b> • Must agree to ship 45 days from enlistment <b>\$5,000 NPS Off Peak Bonus for 3x5, 6x2, 8x0</b> • Ship to training between 1 October - 31 May • Both the Quick Ship and Off Peak applies only to CASP	<b>Affiliation Bonus (AB)</b> • 2 years or more of active duty • Have no more than 20 years to total military service • MOS qualified at time of enlistment • Affiliate in a valid, vacant position up to 125% of unit wartime strength • Have a re-entry code of 1,2,3 and have a SPD code of KBK, KCA, KCB, KCC, KCF, KDM, MBK, MCA, MCB, MCC, MCF, MDN, JCC, LCC • MTOE units only <b>AB in a Critical UIC 6yr-\$20,000, 3yr-\$10,000</b> • Lump sum payment <b>AB in MTOE unit 6yr-\$20,000, 3yr-\$10,000</b> • Paid 50% upon enlistment and 50% 3rd year anniversary	<b>Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) NPS</b> • Up to \$20,000 • AFQT 50 or higher • Enlist 6x2, 8x0 in a MTOE unit • Have a disbursed qualifying loan at enlistment <b>SLRP for PS enlistees &amp; 6 year re-enlistment</b> • Up to \$20,000, must be MOSQ at time of re-enlistment • Have a disbursed qualifying loan at enlistment or re-enlistment <b>\$2,000 MOS Conversion Bonus (MOSCB)</b> • SSG and have less than 10 years TIS • SGT or below regardless TIS • Retain in a MOS which is less than 90% filled at skill level • Paid lump sum upon completion of MOS training • Agree to serve 3 years in the new MOS

\$10,000 Officer/Warrant Officer Accession Bonus	\$10,000 Officer/Warrant Officer Affiliation Bonus	Officer/Warrant Officer Critical Skill Retention Bonus (CSRB)
• Be a newly appointed officer/warrant officer ever held a commission • Serve as an officer for a period of not less than 6 years in an active drilling status • Serve in a critical skill AOC (see below for officers) 11A, 13A, 14A, 14B, 15A, 15B, 15C, 15D, 18A, 19A, 19B, 19C, 21A, 21B, 21D, 24A, 24B, 25A, 27A, 30A, 31A, 35C, 35D, 35E, 35G, 38A, 39A, 39B, 39C, 40A, 43A, 45A, 46A, 49A, 50A, 51C, 53A, 56A, 57A, 59A, 61H, 65B, 70B, 70E, 70F, 70H, 70K, 72D, 72E, 74A, 74B, 74C, 88A, 88B, 88C, 91A, 91D, 92A, 92D, 92F • Serve in a critical skill AOC (see below for warrant officers) 131A, 140A, 151A, 152B, 152D, 152F, 153A, 153D, 154C, 180A, 210A, 215D, 250N, 251A, 254A, 270A, 311A, 350F, 350G, 350K, 351L, 351M, 352N, 352P, 352R, 353T, 420A, 814A, 880A, 882A, 890A, 913A, 915A, 919A, 920A, 920B, 921A, 922A, 948B, 948D, 948E • Must not be qualifying for Mil Tech or AGR position • Must be accepting a commission in a MTOE unit • Officer joining the ARNG under a DA Form 368 from another component may not receive this bonus • Not receiving and will not receive the following benefits during the period of service contracted: - Chapter 1606, Title 10 USC - Chapter 2107, Title 10 USC - Chapter 1609, Title 10 USC - Chapter 2107a, Title 10 USC - Chapter 1611, Title 10 USC - Title 37 USC <b>Officer/Warrant Officer Accession Bonus in Critical UIC</b> • Agree to serve 6 years in a Critical UIC (see below) PQJ, PQQ, PQR, QP1, VCA, Y2V, Y2W • Payment will be lump sum upon completion of OBC/WOBC <b>Officer/Warrant Officer Accession Bonus</b> • Serve in any MTOE unit besides the critical UIC • Agrees to serve 6 years • Payment will be 50% upon completion of OBC/WOBC and 50% on the 3rd year anniversary	• Agree to serve for a period of not less than 3 years in an active drilling status • Must not be qualifying for Mil Tech or AGR position • Not receiving and will not receive the following benefits during the period of service contracted: (see benefits in previous column) • Serve in a critical skill AOC (see previous column for officers/warrant officers) • Agree to become AOC qualified within 24 months • Honorable Discharge from all periods of previous service • Officers transferring from another Selected Reserve must have served at least 1 year in the IRR except former regular Army officers who go directly into the IRR <b>Officer/Warrant Officer Affiliation Bonus in Critical UIC</b> • Agree to serve 3 years in a Critical UIC (see below) PQJ, PQQ, PQR, QP1, VCA, Y2V, Y2W • Payment will be lump sum upon completion of OBC/WOBC <b>Officer/Warrant Officer Affiliation Bonus</b> • Serve in any MTOE unit besides the critical UIC • Agrees to serve 3 years • Payment will be 50% upon completion of OBC/WOBC and 50% on the 3rd year anniversary <b>Officer/Warrant Officer Critical Skill Retention Bonus (CSRB)</b> • Officer and warrant officers who agree to continue to serve in a MTOE unit or deployable TDA unit in a designated Critical Skill (CS) for a 3 year contract • Mil Tech and AGR Officers are only eligible for the CSRB if deployed in support of the GWOT in the theatres of Iraq, Afghanistan or Kuwait <b>Warrant Officer CSRB eligibility and payment</b> • Must not be currently serving in a warrant officer accession or affiliation bonus • Must hold the rank of (CW2)	• Cannot attain 25 years or more of service during entitlement period • Have less than 12 and not more than 18 years of service • Must be MOS qualified in one of the following: 131A, 152B, 152D, 152F, 152H, 153D, 154C, 270A, 913A, 914A, 915A, 919A, 920A, 920B • \$20,000 bonus paid in two payments of 50%. The initial on effective date of CSRB and the next on the 3rd year anniversary. <b>Officer CSRB eligibility and payment</b> • Must not be currently serving in a officer accession or affiliation bonus • Must hold the rank of CPT/03 • Cannot attain 25 years or more of service during entitlement period • Must have less than 6 and not more than 12 years of commissioned service from date of commission • Must have 22 or less years of overall service • Have a valid Baccalaureate Degree • Must be MOS qualified in one of the following: 11A, 13A, 15B, 15C, 15D, 19B, 21A, 21B, 21D, 24A, 25A, 31A, 35D, 35E, 35G, 42B, 44A, 48A, 51C, 53A, 58A, 74A, 74B, 88A, 88B, 90A, 91A, 92A, 92F • \$20,000 bonus paid in two payments of 50%. The initial on effective date of CSRB and the next on the 3rd year anniversary. <b>Chaplains(56A) and Judge Advocate General(27A) Officer eligibility and payment</b> • Same eligibility as above except can hold the rank of CPT/03 and or MAJ/04 • Be fully qualified in either 56A or 27A and serve in a MTOE or deployable TDA unit • Payment will be \$30,000 Lump Sum paid the effective date of CSRB.





# History in the making

225th Engineer Brigade eases group colors, unveils new patch



By Sgt. Rebekah Malone and Sgt. Angela Fry  
Unit Public Affairs Representative

"We are here today not only to honor the heritage of the 225th, but to start a new page in the unit's history by uncasing the brigade's colors and donning a new Soldier patch to represent the new brigade status," stated the Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Bennett C. Landreneau.

"Like your motto, 'confectio,' or to build, today we continue to build upon your heritage under the new flag."

Since 1963, the engineers headquartered on Camp Beauregard have been designated as the 225th Engineer Group. In September 2006, the group was redesignated as part of the sweeping transformation the U.S. Army underwent to become the 225th Engineer Brigade.

After almost 40 years, the group ceremoniously cased their colors and uncased the new brigade colors.

The shoulder sleeve insignia, or SSI, and the colors are the easiest methods to recognize a Soldier's unit. The colors are positioned at the front of a formation and signify the continuity of the organization, even as members of the unit come and go. The SSI is worn on every Soldier's left shoulder.

The new SSI was designed by Staff Sgt. Eric Hull and his excitement at the ceremony was hard to contain. He began formulating his design for the brigade more than a year ago after hearing rumors about the new colors and a patch design to be used by the brigade. He was working as the full-time readiness non-commissioned officer for Detachment 2 of the 1022nd Engineer Company in Bossier City.

"I knew it was a big deal, but I didn't realize the impact the patch would make

until it was incorporated into the brigade colors. That was awesome," he beamed.

Hull, who joined the National Guard in 1996, had the Soldiers of the 225th in mind as he spent weeks coming up with the design that he would eventually submit to the brigade for consideration.

"I wanted the patch to be something that the Soldiers would be proud of," he stressed. "My design was based on a representation of what I thought everything would mean."

He explained that the red with a white stripe down the center of the patch represents the engineer colors and the gold castle depicts the widely recognized engineer symbol. The gold fleur-de-lis, which appears on the bottom left portion of the patch, ties the brigade to the people of Louisiana. The black with gold border around the fleur-de-lis represents the engineer brigade's ties to the Army as a whole.

Capt. Wynn Nugent of Bossier City, La., commander for the 1022nd Engineer Company, expressed pride that the basis for the design of the patch came from a Soldier in his unit.

"Staff Sgt. Hull's patch contribution just adds another notch in the belt of the outstanding performances of the personnel from the 1022nd," he said. "I am sure we will continue to see great things from this Soldier, as well as the rest of the Soldiers in the 'ten double deuce.'"

Nugent added that Hull's motivation is something that all Soldiers should strive for.

"Staff Sgt. Hull is a very motivated and creative non-commissioned officer who thinks outside of the box," he said. "From

the first time I saw his design, I knew that it would be a contender for this true honor of selection."

Col. Owen Monconduit, commander of the 225th, outlined the monumental accomplishments of the engineers.

"Today's ceremony symbolizes the beginning of a new era, to distinguish the history of the 225th Engineer Brigade," he remarked. "Today's ceremony is also a celebration of the past accomplishments of this unit."

"Over the past 61 years, generations of Soldiers and leaders in this profound organization have completed several engineering missions around the world as far as the Agar Islands, Bahamas, Belize, Germany, Guatemala, Honduras, Italy, Jordan, Republic of Korea, Norway, Panama and the United Kingdom."

Monconduit continued, "Missions highlight nation building and humanitarian relief operations in constructing roads, schools and medical clinics in Third World countries in order to improve their way of life."

"These simple acts of casing colors and unfurling new colors and donning a new shoulder sleeve insignia symbolize the transformation of this brigade's capability," concluded Landreneau. He ended by saying what will not change is the quality of the Soldiers that belong to the 225th. "You are a highly professional, competent and committed organization."

The brigade is comprised of four multi-functional engineer battalions: the 205th headquartered in Bogalusa, La., the 769th headquartered in Baton Rouge, the 527th headquartered in Ruston and the 528th headquartered in Monroe. ■

Members of the 225th Engineer Brigade, headquartered in Pineville, La., salute the new brigade colors.  
U.S. Army photo: Sgt. Rebekah Malone, 225th Engineer Brigade Unit Public Affairs Representative



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812TH MED CO (AIR AMBL) (UH-1V)	
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DET 1 CO C 1-114 AVN BN	
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2-344TH AVN	
CARTER CLAY RANDALL	SPC
DYKES WHITNEY ROBERT	PV1
ERRINGTON BRADLEY EARL	CW2

HALE ROBERT SCOTT	SGT
LOUWERE BRADLEY JAMES	PV1
PORTER ELOISE NADIA	SPC
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DET 1 CO B, 256 BSBT (TUAV)	
HENNEY RONALD WAYNE JR.	PFC
KIMMEL IAN JACOB	PV2
SCHMIDT ALICIA RENAA	SGT
CO A, 1-244 AVN (CAB)	
REMER JASON	SPC
WHINCK HAROLD	SGT
DICKERSON DARNELL MCBURN	SGT
REAR DET, 1ST BN 244TH AVN BN	
BEDEY ROBERT ALAN	PV1
BRACKEN CANDACE MONTANA	PFC
CREPPEL WESLEY JOSEPH JR.	PV2
HALL REGINALD LYNN	PV1
HEARNE AARON MICHAEL	WO1
JENNINGS JOSEPH EDWARD	PV1
LECOMPTÉ DOUGLAS JOSEPH	PV1
MELANCON JOHN MITCHELL	2LT
PERMENTER MICHAEL DAVID	2LT
RAY JENNIFER MEGAN	PFC
SALTER CRYSTAL MARIE	PV1
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HHC, 225TH EN BDE	
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DESSELLE JENNIE ELIZABETH	PV1
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SHUTE BENJAMIN AARON	PV1
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DOYLE ERIC CAMERON	PV1
HSC 205 EN BN	
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FSC 205 EN BN	
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MCKENZIE MICHAEL SCOTT	SSG
WALKER JAY DANIEL	SPC
843 (-) HORIZONTAL EN CO	
BRISTER FERNANDO ROSHA	PV1
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DET 1, 843 HORIZONTAL EN CO	
GLYNN PATRICK MICHAEL II	PV1
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1021 (-) VERTICAL EN CO	
VEADE MELISA SUE	PV1



DET 1, 1021 VERTICAL EN CO DEMPSTER BLAKE JUDE LAMBERT ROBBIN LIND PHILLIPS ROONEY KILLION KEVIN SAMIR	PV1 PV1 PV2 PV1	SMITH DANIEL RAY SUMMERS DAVID ARMAND	PV1 SPC	SMITH JEREMY MICHAEL FARMER DYLAN ANTHONY GALLOUS NICHOLAS JOHN GULLORY RYAN MICHAEL TRAN HUY MINH	PFC PV1 PFC PV1 PV2	DET 1 HMC 3-156 INF BN (IBCT) BARLEY WILLIAM DANIEL JANES CHRISTOPHER GEORGE SEPULVEDO JOSHUA LEE YOUNG BRANDON LEE	PV1 SPC SPC PV1
HMC (-) 2225TH MRBC BROWN SHINAH ELIZABETH DOVE STEPHEN WAYNE JACKSON SKY LOURSE MARIE MORRIS DAVID MICHAEL MORRISON KYLE JACOB RANDALL ALESHA NICOLE RUIZ RODO MICHAEL	SGT SGT PV1 SGT PV1 PV2 SPC	FSC 789 EN BN BROWN LACEY JENEE	PV1	CO G, 199 SPT BN (IBCT) ECHOLS STEVEN RENE HORNE JANEE LATRELL HOUSTON CRYSTAL GAYLE LACEY RAYMOND MEADE MARQUITA JAVON MORADEL JOSE ALEX NUÑEZ DARRYL GENE ROSS CHARLES JOSEPH JR SAN JUAN NARCISO TELFAR VERDA ROSELVA THOMPSON SASHA KEN THORNTON ADAM JOSEPH	PV1 PV2 PV2 PV1 SPC PV1 PV1 PFC PV1 PV1	CO A (-) 3-156 INF BN (IBCT) VANGILDER MICHAEL SHANE	SPC
DET 1, 2225TH MRBC LALLY CHRISTOPHER LLOYD	PV1	922 (-) HORIZONTAL EN CO ARDON CODY ALLEN DAVIS ANTHONY JOHN GAUTREAU NICHOLAS PAUL HERNANDEZ JOHNNY RAY HILL JORDAN TAYLOR WILSON ROBERT DALE II	PV1 PV1 SGT PV1 PV1 PV1 PV1	DET 1, 922 HORIZONTAL EN CO BRANTLEY CHRISTOPHER JASON NORRED JESSICA MARIE SUTTON CAMMIE NICOLE	PV1 PV2 PV2	DET 1 CO A 3-156 INF BN (IBCT) BABINEAU EUGENE KURT BERNARD JOEY JOHN JR HOSTETLER JESSE DANIEL LAROSA MICHAEL JAMES JR MOTT JUSTIN KEITH	PV1 SPC PV1 SPC PV1
HSC 527 EN BN ANDREWS TERREL VONTAE JONES DEVON SHARMON MASON ZACHARY ONEAL SHELLAUGH JEROME TERRELL SNOWDEN CRISTINA LAQUON	PV1 PV1 PV1 PV1 SPC	926 MOBILITY AUG CO (MAC) DEPHILLIPS MATTHEW ALBERT A JOHNSON MIKEAL KADEEM JORDAN NATHANIEL CHADWICK KOSICK DANIEL LOUIS LATUSA BERNARD JOSEPH III TITUS JAMAL TRASHAN WEEKS KENNETH DWAYNE WILLIAMS MORRIS JEROME JR	PV2 PV1 PV1 SPC PV1 PV1 PV1 SPC	DET 1, 927 EN CO (SAPPER) DAVIDSON TERRY JOSHUA WILLIAMS STEVEN MICHAEL	PV2 PV1	CO B (-) 3-156 INF BN (IBCT) BALSAMO GEORGE MATTHEW JR CASTLE JEROME LEE JOHNSON CHRISTOPHER LEE MORRIS JOSH ROBERT PARISH WESLEY JAMES RIZZO JUSTIN KYLE SMITH ETHAN NATHANIEL WARREN JOSHUA COLE YATES GREGORY FRANKLIN II	PV2 SPC SGT SPC SPC PFC PV2 PV1 PV2
FSC 527 EN BN BRYANT RICHLAND CHANDLER CROWELL CORY MICHAEL DANIEL CLAUDE EDWARD MC CARTHY TERRANCE MONTREAL MOFFETT JOSHUA C SMITH CHARLES GABRIEL WASHINGTON MICHAEL DANIELO	PV1 PV1 PV1 PV1 SGT SGT PV1	927 EN CO (SAPPER) DAVIDSON TERRY JOSHUA WILLIAMS STEVEN MICHAEL	PV2 PV1	928 EN CO (SAPPER) BRIEN AARON CLAY GIVENS BRETT MICHAEL LANDRY CODY CULLEN MAHFOUZ THOMAS JOHN MC CONNELL BRYANT KEITH MEYER KEVIN CHASE SCALLAN CHAD RAYMOND	PV1 PV1 PV1 PV1 PFC PV1 2LT	DET 1 CO B 3-156 INF BN (IBCT) JACKSON BRANDON ANDREW	PV2
844 (-) HORIZONTAL EN CO CRIST REBECCA LYNN ODAM BERNARD HOWARD	PV2 PV1	928 EN CO (SAPPER) BRIEN AARON CLAY GIVENS BRETT MICHAEL LANDRY CODY CULLEN MAHFOUZ THOMAS JOHN MC CONNELL BRYANT KEITH MEYER KEVIN CHASE SCALLAN CHAD RAYMOND	PV1 PV1 PV1 PV1 PFC PV1 2LT	789 EN BN REAR DET CANADY BERNARD ANTONIO LOPEZ MARIA MILAGROS NELSON JEREMY RASHARD NEWBERRY SADIY LEIGH NEWELL RICHELLE NICOLE RICHARDSON WILLIAM ELLIOT SANDERS GLENDON JAMES WARD POVAL RANIEL WINSOR JOSEPH THURSTON JR	PFC SGT PV1 PFC SGT CPT PV1 PV1 SPC	CO D (-) 199 SPT BN (IBCT) CARMOUCHE ELLIOT JAMES DOUCET JUSTIN CADE LEJEUNE JOSHUA JOSEPH	PV1 PV1 PV1
DET 1, 844 HORIZONTAL EN CO CARTMILL JOHN LEE GULLORY RYAN WILLIAM STEEN CODY LEE	SGT PV1 PV1	927 EN CO (SAPPER) REAR HAILEY KEVIN BLAKE	PV1	CO D, 199 SPT BN (IBCT) CURRY MARIO MONAE OLIVER KATRINA LYNETTE SMITH BOBBY LEE SULLIVAN JAMES CHRISTOPHER	PV1 SPC SPC PV1	CO F (-) 199 SPT BN (IBCT) BABINEAU YOLANDA KIM DOUCET TYLER BO INGRAM JONATHAN JAMES LEFRANC JENNIFER DARLENE MCVEY SARA CATHERINE MORGAN ISAIAH JAMAL	SPC PFC PV1 SPC PV1 PV1
1026 (-) VERTICAL EN CO DUPUY ASHTON JON FONTENOT DUSTIN CHARLES	PV1 PV1	HMC 256TH INF BDE (IBCT) ARCENEUX CLAYTON JOSEPH JR DAISY KRISTEN MICHELLE DILDY JOHN ROBERT JOHNSON JONATHAN SCOTT ROWTON MELANIE RUTH	PV1 PV1 CPT PV2 SPC	HMC (-) 2-156 INF BN (IBCT) GALLIEN NATHANIEL JOSEPH HERNANDEZ RIK PAUL WATSON CURTIS THEODORE WINCH MARK DANIEL	PV1 PV1 SGT PV1	HMC (-) 256 SPECIAL TRP BN BOUDREAUX QUINN MICHAEL BURRELL JEREMY CRAY CARTER BYRON ANTHONY CHASE DANIELLE RENEE GREENE JESSICA RENEE HOLMES STANDISH DYSON NEUFELD DAVID LEROY RILEY DIANA WOODS ROSE LARY JAMES JR THOMAS GREYLYN LOUIS VOISAN HEATHER LYNN	PV1 PFC PV1 PFC 2LT PV1 1LT SPC SPC PV1 PV1
DET 1, 1026 VERTICAL EN CO CUPSTID MICHAEL CURTIS	PV2	HMC 199 SPT BN (IBCT) GALLANT APRIL MARIE MURPHY ERIK EUGENE SHOEMAKER BREEZY MARIE WILSON CANDI ANTONETTE	SGT 2LT PV1 PV1	DET 1 HMC 2-156 INF BN (IBCT) BACA CHRISTOPHER RANDOLPH BROUSSARD CORI JOSEPH	SPC PV1	DET 1, HMC 256 SPECIAL TRP BN BAUDON BETH MARIE BILLEAUD JOEL PATRICK BRAZIEL ANGELIQUE DEWANCIE BRUNO JASMINE SHANTEE DUGAS MICHAEL DALE MATHERNE CHRISTOPHER ERNEST ROMERO MICHELLE SHAYE MARI SMITH CHRISTOPHER KYLE WILTZ ALEXANDER JOSEPH	SPC SPC PV1 PFC PFC PV1 PV1 PV2
1022 (-) VERTICAL EN CO BROWN ROBERT ALLEN JACKSON KENDRA SHANELLE PEOPLES MIKA JENE	PV1 PV1 PV2	CO A (-) 199 SPT BN (IBCT) BROWN LESHAWN RENEE LOYD SHANAE SHANTEL PALMER JAMIE LEE	PV1 PV1 SPC	CO A (-) 2-156 INF BN (IBCT) CHRISTOPHER JAMES (POSTHUMUS) MORRIS BILLY TODD TRAHAN CHASE MICHAEL	PV1 PV1 PV1	CO A (EN), 256 BDE SP TRP B COLSON CHRISTIAN SCOTT NEWMAN WILLIAM BRANTLEY OQUIN STEPHEN DOUGLAS SOULTER KENNETH DEWAYNE II	PV1 PV1 PV2 PV1
DET 1, 1022 VERTICAL EN CO DANIELS MARCOUS DEANDRE PAGE KENDRIC TERRELL PETERS GARY LYNN	PV1 SGT SGT	DET 1, CO A, 199 SPT BN (IBCT) WILLIAMS TAJRUS PATRICK DANIEL DARRIEL KEITH HALIBURTON GWEN JOCELYN HENDERSON BRITTANY DIONE SHOWS JAMIE LARI SMITH PRECIOUS NIKOTIA	SPC WO1 SPC PV1 PV1 PV1	DET 1 CO A 2-156 INF BN (IBCT) BERGERON WILLIAM BRANDON BOUGERE BENJAMIN FRANCIS SANDERS JEFFREY DAVID THIBODEAU RANDALL SHANE	PV1 SGT SGT SGT	CO B (MI), 256 BDE SP TRP B THOMAS ALEXANDER JAMES ZACHARY KERRY SHANNON	SPC PV1
DET 2, 1022 VERTICAL EN CO BAKER MONTRELL KENTRON BOUNDS KYLE FRANKLIN SLOAN DEJOSHUA	PFC PV2 PV1	CO B 199 SPT BN (IBCT) CARTER DERMONT DEMETRIUS CORLEY SHELBY RENEE HUMPHREY KENDRICK JERMAINE LEWANDOWSKI STEVEN ZANE PANTILLON RYAN GERREL SMITH PRECIOUS FEYETTE	SPC PV2 SGT SPC SPC PV1	CO B (-) 2-156 INF BN (IBCT) LAFLEUR SHAWN DAVID MARSH HENRY BRADLEY REYES BRIAN KEITH JR	PV2 PV2 PV2	CO C (SIGCO), 256 BDE SP TRP B ARNAUD FABIAN PAUL BOWMAN TIMOTHY LAVON BURBANK GREGORY ALLEN CHARLES JASMINE NICOLE DAVID KEMP JOSEPH GULLORY JOSHUA SCOTT IRVIN JESSICA LYNNELLE POOLE KENDRE TYRON ST JULIEN VANCARA LASHA	PFC SPC 2LT PV1 SPC PV1 PV1 PV1
HSC 528 EN BN ALORDIDGE JONATHAN MONTREZ HUNT MARIA ALANA MODIQUE DLENTRELL MAURICE PEOPLES RONALD STUTES MILES ANDREW SULLIVAN ENNIS IRMAN WHITE JESSE BERNARD	PFC PV1 PV1 1LT PFC PFC PV1	CO C (MED), 199 SPT BN (IBCT) BUTEAUX KORRIE LYNN CHAISSON DANIELLE RENEE DOMOND SHELBY MARIE THERIOT DANIELLE LYNN	SPC PV1 PV1 PV1	CO C 2-156 INF BN (IBCT) ARGUELLES JORDAN LOUIS BROWN CASSANDRA LYNN CELESTINE MARCUS ANTOINE GAUTREAU JOSHUA PAUL HARRIS MICHAEL W JR HAYES RYAN MALCOLM JONES WILLIAM BRYANT NARDELLE BLAKE ALEXANDER TRAHAN NATHAN PAUL	PV1 PV1 PV1 PFC PV2 PV1 PV2 PV1	RECENT RETIREMENTS DET 1, CO A 415 MI BN SGT 1ST CLASS JOHNNY DO	
FSC 528 EN CO GRUBBS JASON WARNER HARRIS LASHON DEON HILLARD ERICK ISAAC NEWTON BRIANA JERE SMITH MICHAEL KEVIN	SPC PV2 SPC PFC PV1	HMB 1-141 FA (IBCT) MOURE JARED	PV1	HMC (-) 3-156 INF BN (IBCT) BRADY ALEXANDER JAMES JENSEN BRANDON LEE KEESE KEVIN BERNARD OLIVER MICHAEL SHAWN	PV1 PV1 2LT PV1	HSC 527 EN BN SPC JEREMIAH HOLLAND	
830 EN TM (CONCRETE) DANIELS LILYTERRY DEMARQUES DAYTON EDWARD WALKER JR	PV1 PFC	STRY A 1-141 FA (IBCT) BASS SAMUEL TRAVIS GRIFFIN DWAYNE RAYSHONE	PV1 PFC			CO C (-) 3-156 INF BN (IBCT) 1ST SGT RANDY LEE SIMON	
832 EN TM (ASPHALT) TRAN THIEN CHI	PV1						
921 (-) HORIZONTAL EN CO JANUARY KAYLON TRAZARIS OLIVER REFFORD JR	PV1 SPC						
DET 1, 921 HORIZONTAL EN CO KERRIGAN KYLE BROOKS REDDING KRISTOPHER RYAN	PV2 PV1						
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1023 (-) VERTICAL EN CO DAVIS WILLIAM TODD JR	PV1						
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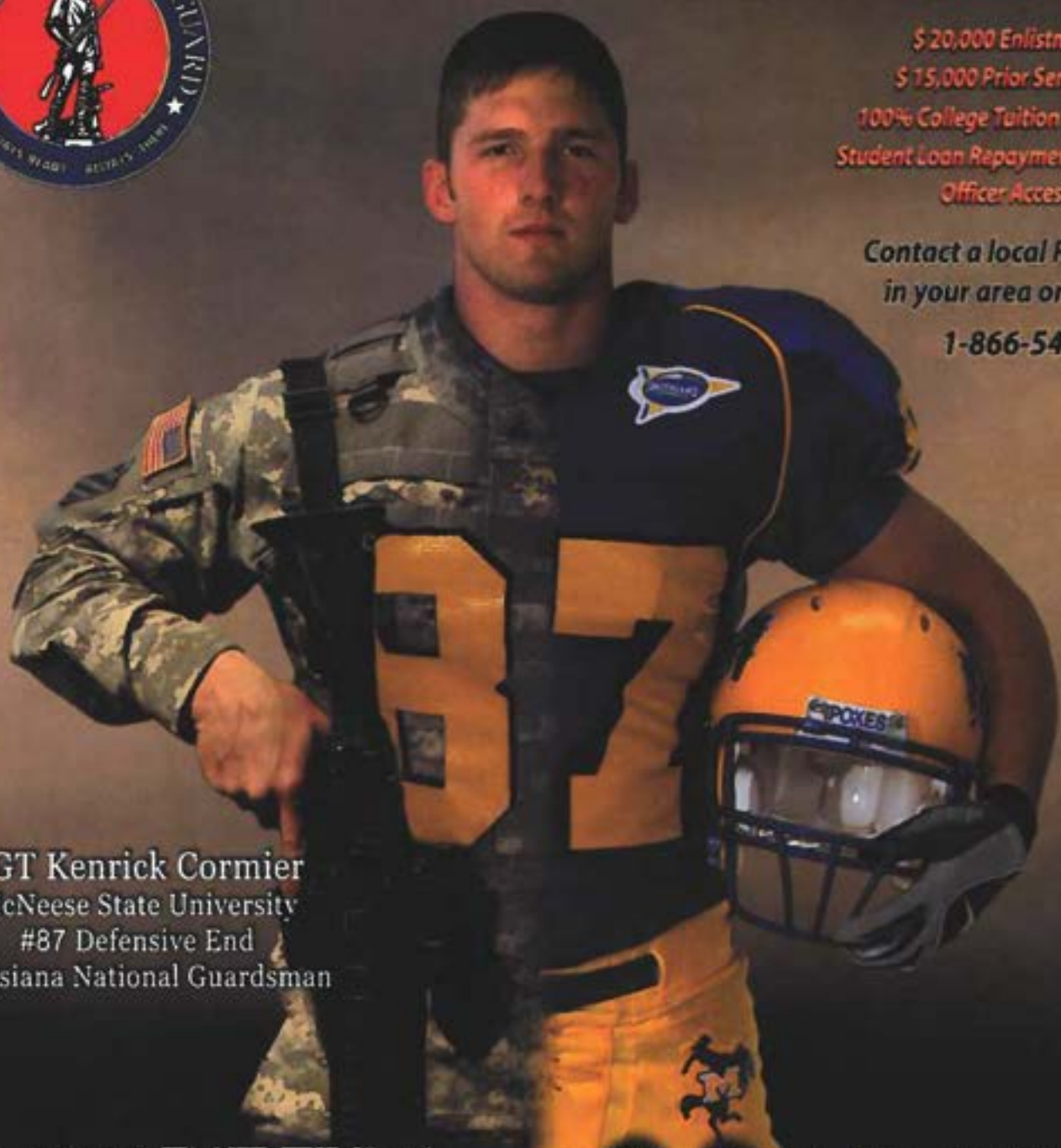
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