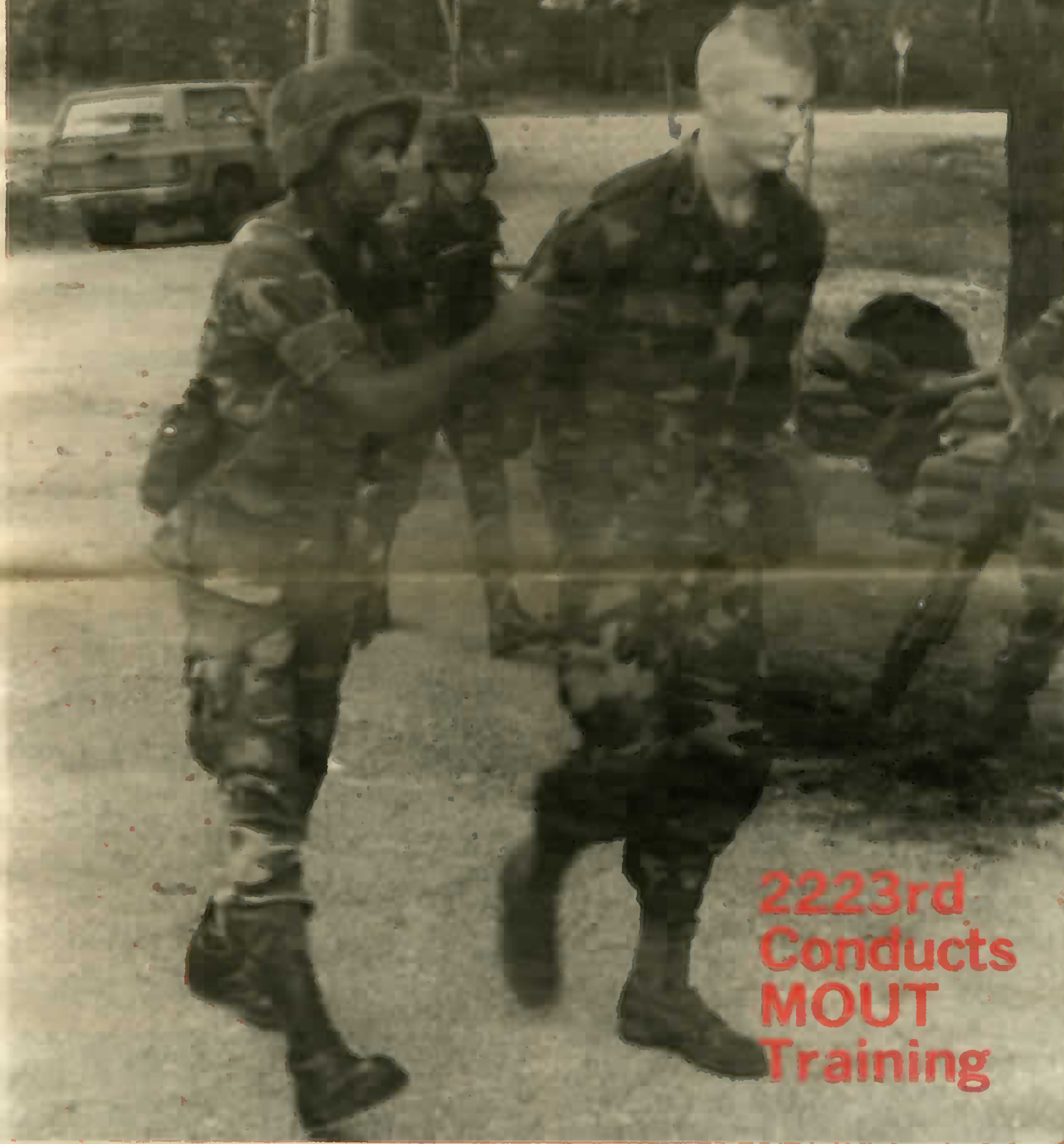


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Everything You Ever Wanted To Know About OCS (But you didn't know who to ask)

By MAJ DAVID STOLTZ

Recruiting efforts are underway for the Louisiana Military Academy, Officer Candidate School Class 31 which will begin at Camp Beauregard in June 1990. Over seventy applications have been processed, and it is expected that 120 will be in prior to June. Members of the Louisiana Army National Guard who are interested in attending Class 31 should read on to answer some questions they may have about the program.

- Q. Why should I consider OCS?
- A. This question is asked by many of the OCS prospects contacted by the Officer Procurement Section. There are many advantages to seeking a commission in the Louisiana Army National Guard, but the old familiar answer is dollars and cents. A SPC with 4 years service is paid \$138.84 for a weekend drill. A 2LT would receive \$224.60 for the same weekend. As an officer through promotions you can retire at age 60 with a fine income. Add to the pay a nice addition on your resume which indicates that you have received training in leadership, and many civilian careers can await you.
- Q. What will my rank be while attending State OCS?
- A. Once you are accepted in OCS you are promoted to the grade of E-6 for pay purposes. If you are above the grade of E-6 upon acceptance, you will be paid at that rate. If you leave OCS you will return to your previous grade.
- Q. Do I have to make drill with my unit while in OCS?
- A. No. Once you are accepted into OCS you attend drill one weekend per month at Camp Beauregard. Additionally, you are not required to attend Annual Training with your unit. You will attend two Annual Training periods with OCS. The first will be 4-18 August 1990 and the second in the summer of 1991. Commissioning will occur in August 1991.
- Q. What type of commission will I receive?
- A. Federal law requires that all commissions be federally recognized. This means that the commission you receive at LAARNG OCS is the same commission awarded through attendance at Federal OCS and ROTC. (some ROTC graduates are awarded RA commission).
- Q. Do I need a baccalaureate degree to enroll in OCS?
- A. No. Thirty college hours are required to start Class 31 and sixty hours for commissioning. Additionally, you must receive a 4 year baccalaureate degree prior to promotion to Major.

- Q. How much time is necessary for study?
- A. Officer candidates must be prepared for examinations almost every weekend training period. The academy staff will assist in preparing you for these exams by conducting study halls, but you must spend personal time preparing prior to arrival. Many candidates who have completed OCS did so while attending college full time and working full or part time. You must plan to study.
- Q. How difficult is the course?
- A. The OCS program is physically and mentally demanding. If it was easy, everyone would attend. Fifty percent of those accepted into OCS do not complete the program. You must be prepared both mentally and physically for the rigors of the program.

Title 10 Tours Available

Louisiana presently is in need of a qualified captain or major to fill a position as Assistant Professor of Military Science at Northeast Louisiana University in Monroe. Additionally two positions will open next summer at Southeastern in Hammond and McNeese in Lake Charles. Officers being accepted into the program are placed on Title 10 Active Duty Tours. The tours are for three years with the possibility of extension to four years. Follow on tours are available outside ROTC channels.

The National Guard APMS Program was developed to give the Guard involvement in officer production. A large portion of newly commissioned officers in the Louisiana Army National Guard come from the ROTC and having a Guardsman at the university allows the State to coordinate assignment and commission processing.

LTC C.L. Web, National Guard Advisor at 3rd ROTC Region recently visited Louisiana. He stated that the NG APMS tours are available at other 3rd Region schools outside Louisiana. The 3rd Region covers most of the southeast United States and Puerto Rico. Qualifications for appointment include a Baccalaureate Degree from an accredited university with a 2.5 Grade Point Average, captain or major, with advance course completed, good physical condition and appearance, four years experience in the Guard, and more than five years remaining before achieving 20 years active service.

Interested members of the Louisiana Army National Guard should contact MAJ Stoltz at (504) 278-6393 or the Director of Manpower Management at (504) 278-6344.

- Q. Once I am commissioned, can I apply for active duty?
- A. Yes, provided the Army is accepting reserve officers.
- Q. What effect will OCS attendance have on my educational benefits?
- A. The only educational benefits affected by attendance at OCS are the bonus and Student Loan Repayment Program. Once you receive your commission, you will not receive any future bonus payments or payments on your student loan. If you are attending OCS, you will receive that payment. You will continue to qualify for participation in the State Tuition Exemption Program and Montgomery GI Bill.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Age - The minimum age for applications to OCS is 18. You must be commissioned prior to age 30. In some cases a waiver can be granted to age 32 1/2.
 2. Education - You must have a high school diploma or GED and 30 semester college hours for enrollment. Additionally, you must have 60 college hours prior to graduation in August 1991.
 3. Aptitude - Applicants must score 110 or higher on the GT portion of the ASVAB and 90 or above on the Officer Selection Test.
 4. Military Education - Applicants must have successfully completed BT and AIT
 5. Citizenship - Applicants must be a citizen of the United States.
- Q. What steps should I take to apply for Class 31?
- A. First you should conduct a review of your 201 file to insure that you achieved a qualifying score on the GT portion of the ASVAB. If you have not taken the Officer Selection test, you should contact MAJ Stoltz at (504)278-6393 or 1LT Miguez at (318)233-3991 or call 1-800-442-2751. You should also set up an interview with your commander.

DON'T WAIT, DO IT TODAY!!!!

Student Loan Repayment Program

The Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) must be selected at the time the soldier enlists, reenlists, immediately reenlists, or extends in the Selected Reserve of the Army, and signs a Selected Reserve contractual agreement.

This incentive is to assist the soldier in the repayment of their student loans. The soldier must understand that it is his responsibility to acquire the student loan. The Government has no part in acquiring the student loan for the soldier.

The following loans qualify for repayment. However, these loans must have been acquired after 1 October 1975:

- **Guaranteed Student Loans (GSL)
- **Federal Insured Student Loans (FISL)
- **National Direct Student Loans (NDSL) or Perkins Loans
- **Auxiliary Loans to Assist Students (ALAS)
- **Supplemental Loans to Students (SLS)
- **Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS)

Personal loans for educational purposes will NOT be paid by the Government.

The soldier must understand that it is his responsibility to make payments on the student loans, if the lender requests the payments. The Government is only assisting the soldier in repaying the loan. The Government is NOT responsible for the soldier's payments.

If any soldier enlisted, reenlisted, immediately reenlisted or extended for the SLRP, he must make sure he furnishes a clear copy of each promissory note to the unit. If the soldier does not inform the unit that he has a student loan, payments cannot be made on the loan.

For more information about the SLRP, call your unit. They will be able to answer your questions.

FRONT COVER:

The 2223rd Engr Bn and the 935th Engr Det participated in a MOUT Training Exercise in Alexandria. See Story on pages 6 and 7 (2223rd Photo)

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| <p>I. COMMAND EMPHASIS AT EVERY LEVEL TO REDUCE ACCIDENT RATE.</p> <p>II. ACHIEVE NINETY-TWO PERCENT OF EQUIPMENT READINESS CODE (ERC) "A" ITEMS MISSION CAPABLE.</p> <p>III. CONDUCT, TO SPECIFIC STANDARDS, 100 PERCENT OF REQUIRED PROPERTY INVENTORIES.</p> <p>IV. CONDUCT, TO SPECIFIC STANDARDS, 100 PERCENT MOBEX.</p> <p>V. ATTAIN A RATING OF C-1 IN TRAINING AND PERSONNEL READINESS ON THE USR.</p> <p>VI. ALL COMPANY LEVEL UNITS MEET PREREQUISITES FOR THE SUPERIOR UNIT AWARD.</p> <p>VII. IMPROVE APPEARANCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS AND REDUCE ENERGY COSTS AT FACILITIES.</p> | <p>VIII. SUPPORT PROGRAMS TO EXPAND AND IMPROVE JACKSON BARRACKS MILITARY MUSEUM.</p> <p>IX. ALL PERSONNEL MEET EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PROMOTION.</p> <p>X. MAINTAIN A NON-ETS LOSS RATE OF LESS THAN ONE PERCENT, A 72 PERCENT EXTENSION RATE, AND AN AWOL RATE OF LESS THAN TWO PERCENT.</p> <p>XI. ATTAIN A MINIMUM OF 95 PERCENT IDT ATTENDANCE.</p> <p>XII. CONDUCT A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE LES REVIEW EACH MONTH.</p> <p>XIII. MAINTAIN A DRUG FREE LAARNG.</p> <p>XIV. EACH UNIT IDENTIFY AND COMPLETE AT LEAST ONE APPROVED VOLUNTEER CIVIC PROJECT.</p> |
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A SENSE OF DUTY

ARNG Superior Unit Award Criteria

1. MAINTAIN AVERAGE STRENGTH OF 95 PERCENT OF AUTHORIZED.
2. NINETY PERCENT OF ASSIGNED STRENGTH MUST BE MOSQ.
3. MAINTAIN 95 PERCENT ATTENDANCE DURING IDT.
4. ATTENDANCE BY 95 PERCENT STRENGTH AT AT.
5. ATTAIN RATING OF 'T' IN 90 PERCENT OF RATED AREAS DURING AT.
6. ACHIEVE "T", "P", OR "N" ON FORSCOM FORM 1R.
7. NINETY-FIVE PERCENT OF ASSIGNED PERSONNEL MUST BE QUALIFIED WITH ASSIGNED WEAPON.
8. BE RECOMMENDED BY NEXT HIGHER COMMANDER.
9. OVERALL RATING OF SATISFACTORY ON LAST CRI OR CI.
10. VERIFICATION BY STATE MAINTENANCE OFFICER OF EFFECTIVENESS OF UNIT'S MAINTENANCE PROGRAM.

New IG Doesn't Play the "I Gotcha" Game

By SPC Lucas Landreneau, Jr.
241st PAD Staff

"I don't play the 'I gotcha game' with the units," he said.

"He", is COL Mickey S. Evans the new Louisiana National Guard Inspector General.

Evans replaced COL James F. Warren in August. Warren stepped down from the Inspector General position after a three year term.

The Inspector General's job includes inspecting a unit's training records as well as combat readiness, and then taking the necessary action to correct any deficiencies found.

"We don't just tell units they aren't complying. We show them what their problem is and how to correct it," said Evans, a two tour Vietnam Veteran.

In addition, the Inspector General also assists guardsmen who feel they aren't getting the help they need from their units.

Evans says that his first year here will mostly involve familiarization with how a Guard IG operates as opposed to an active duty IG.

He has 23 years military experience which includes three years as IG at the Pentagon and a three-and-a-half-year tour of Germany. Evans is also experienced in aviation and field artillery and was the Deputy Commanding Officer for 3rd Corps Artillery at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

"My predecessors have contributed a great deal in establishing this office", Evans stated, "and I would like to build on the programs they have started".

One example of such is called Organization Inspection Program (OIP)



COL Mickey S. Evans, Louisiana National Guard's New Inspector General (241st PAD Photo)

which puts inspection requirements back in the hands of the commanders. This gives the IG office freedom to concentrate on special problems and their causes.

Evans says he deals with a certain number of soldiers who have problems that cannot be resolved on the unit level. "We do our best to keep their names confidential," he said.

"It's not my business to make policy", he said. "The Adjutant General does that. I just make sure those policies and procedures are followed".

Sears Receives ESGR Awards

By TSGT Holly F. Lanoux

Illinois

A member of the 236th Combat Communications Squadron in Hammond presented a local merchant with an Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve Award. Miss Cindy Lovingood, of Sears Roebuck & Co., located in Hammond Square Mall received this award. She was nominated by one of her employees, Miss Denise Wade.

SMSGT Paul Lambert made the presentation on behalf of Denise Wade, a former member of the 236th CCSQ. Miss Wade was assigned to this unit while employed by Sears, and has since transferred to another unit in O'Hara,

President of the National Guard Association of the United States, MG Charles M. Kieffer is quoted as saying, "Without employer support, it would be impossible to man the Guard with the half a million men and women who fill its ranks. Employer understanding of the Guard's mission remains vital to readiness and to the provisions of sufficient training to produce combat-ready units."

This Employer Support Award is Miss Wade's way of thanking Sears and Cindy Lovingood for their valued support and understanding.

NGAUS Honors Louisianians

MG Ansel M. Stroud and Col. W. Arthur Abercrombie were presented the National Guard Association of the United States' Distinguished Service Medal at the Association's 111th General Conference recently held in Detroit Michigan.

The Distinguished Service Medal provides recognition to individuals who, as members of the Armed Forces (Active, Guard, or Reserve) performed exceptionally outstanding service to the United States Government, to the Armed Forces of the United States or to the National Guard

Association of the United States

Mr. Edwards L. Dieffenhal, State Chairman, La. Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve was presented the National Guard Association of the United States' The Patrick Henry Citation during the conference. The Citation (the civilian counterpart to the NGAUS Distinguished Service Medal) provides recognition to an individual who, in a position of great responsibility distinguishes himself with outstanding service to the National Guard and to the National Guard Association

Caddo Parish Sheriff Receives Employer Support Guard/Reserve Award

Recently the state and National Employer Support of the Guard/Reserve committee presented the Caddo Parish's Department in Shreveport an award for Sheriff Don Hathaway's Support of his Guard and Reserve employees. Over 10% of his officers are

members of a Guard or Reserve Unit. Presenting the award to Sheriff Hathaway was U.S. Congressman and member of the Armed Service committee Jim McCrery of the 4th Congressional District.

Expansion Planned in 1991 For Jackson Barracks Military Museum

By 1LT Maria L. Jonkers
State PAO

The Louisiana Military History and State Weapons Museum located at Jackson Barracks was established in 1974 to preserve the rich heritage of the Louisiana National Guard. An expansion to the museum is being planned for completion in 1991 to house artifacts from World War II and later.

The theme of the new museum annex will tie in with the 50th anniversary of the United States' entrance into World War II.

The additional 6,000 square feet of the new annex, and the 4,000 square feet of the pentagon shaped theatre will cost approximately \$350,000 to build. This money is being raised by the Friends of the Jackson Barracks Museum, a non-profit organization.

The present museum was built in 1837 as the powder magazine for Jackson Barracks and the river forts. It appears in the National Register of Historical Buildings. The new museum annex will simulate the original red brick building. The theatre will be built to accommodate 80 individuals.

The work will be accomplished by engineer units in an IDT status. It is slated for completion in October 1991, with a dedication ceremony scheduled for December 1991.



Artist's conception of New Museum Annex and Theatre.

Thus far the organization has raised \$54,000. There are different levels of membership available to include individual, family and life-time memberships. Information on membership and the Friends of the Jackson Barracks Museum organiza-

tion can be obtained from COL Francis E. Thomas, Museum Curator, Autovon 485-8242, Commercial (504) 278-6242.

The Louisiana National Guard Museum is considered to be among the best military museum in the na-

tion. It contains approximately 4,125 artifacts valued at 5 million dollars. An additional 200 artifacts are stored in warehouses at Jackson Barracks and Camp Beauregard awaiting the completion of the new facility.

Cp. Beauregard's Role in WWII to be commemorated

By 1LT Maria L. Jonkers
State PAO

A World War II observance will be held at Camp Beauregard next October to commemorate the activation of the 3rd Armored Division and 5th Corps.

The celebration will also observe the first flight in Army aviation history which took place at Camp Beauregard in August of 1940.

The activation of Camp Livingston and Camp Claiborne will be memorialized by the U.S. Forestry Ser-

vice with the placement of historical markers on site.

Among the planned activities for the weekend will be a flyover by the Air National Guard's F-15 jets, and an aerial dogfight by the Confederate Air Force. Antique cars, aircrafts and World

War II tanks and equipment will be on display. A ceremony will be held to recognize the units which were activated or trained at Camp Beauregard. World War II Medal of Honor winners will be invited to speak about their war experiences.

M-1 Rollover Ceremony Held at Fort Polk

By SPC Bernard Chaillot
256th Inf Bde PIO

The 1st Bn, 156th Armor officially received the M-1 Abrams tank from General Dynamics in a roll-out ceremony held at the Fort Polk MATES in September.

Congressmen James McCrery of the 4th Congressional District spoke at the ceremony.

"We are facing the opportunity to reach parity with the Soviet Union," he said. "I just returned from Russia touring a military installation. I talked with Victor Karpon, their primary arms negotiator. We have won the arms race. They can't afford it with their economy, and we don't want to continue it. But the USSR knows that we are more capable than they to do so if necessary. We are going to be counting more and more on Army National Guard and REservists as Armed Forces are cut worldwide," he said.

An M-1 Tank demonstration concluded the ceremonies. The media and

public present witnessed the high speed and maneuverability of the battle tank as it roared down the road and out of sight. The tank also demonstrated the ability of the main gun to remain on target as the tank maneuvers around on the demonstration road.

Remarked LTC Ralph E. Stapleton, 1st Battalion, 156th Infantry Commander, "For a long-time the M-1 tanks were a dream on the horizon. Now they are a reality. The M-60 was a good tank, a reliable tank-but it doesn't compare with the M-1."

The ceremony was followed by an open house at the MATES facility.

MG Ansel M. Stroud, Jr. recalled the nation's entry into World War II. "Back then, for tank training, our soliders rode around in the back of trucks using broom sticks and such for guns and cannons. May that sort of thing never happen again. As long as we have state-of-the-art equipment such as the Abrams, hopefully, it never will."



An M-1 Abrams Tank thrills the crowd with its high speed and turret maneuverability during the M-1

Rollout ceremony held at the National Guard MATES at Fort Polk in September. (256th Bde PIO photo)

Reflections on OCS Class No. 29

By Jan G. Washispack

"The requirements we have placed on you in OCS will go with you when you return to your unit. . . ."

MG A.M. Stroud, Jr., TAG

OCS Class 29 focused intently on this graduation address and the impact its message would have on their future as officers in the Louisiana National Guard. Collectively and individually, they relived experiences leading to this long-awaited moment. Graduation from OCS, the goal of 101 applicants to the Louisiana Military Academy OCS program in June of 1988, was no longer an impossible dream for these "survivors". They were the 56 who completed the arduous course and would become victorious in their quest for the gold bar. They were proud to be OCS Class 29, the largest graduating class in LAMA history.

Phase I, First Two week Period: The Texas Military Academy transported 46 students to Camp Beauregard for joint AT with their Louisiana counterparts. This initial training phase is representative of difficulties they will encounter in the long year ahead.

Exacting standards of personal appearance, maintaining appearance of quarters, development of command voice, punctuality, drill and physical training will take a toll. OCS Class 29 will see its numbers dwindle and only 76 will complete this AT period. The thought of "quitting" has crossed every mind, but each personal commitment

is renewed with a stronger resolve to "stand tall, prepare to lead, meet the challenge to succeed".

Phase II, IDT MUTA's: Primary emphasis during this period is placed on individual academic achievement, with continuing leadership development. High standards of conduct and personal appearance require more than some candidates are willing to give. Others, who would continue, simply cannot meet the academic requirements.

The numbers continue to spiral downward and each remaining candidate will again question his/her dedication to the success of the mission.

Phase III, Last Two Week Period: Reunited with their counterparts at Camp Mabry in Austin, the final phase begins. They will engage in offense/defense operations to include air-mobile assault, encounter new levels of field leadership exercises and sharper critical survival skills. Together they will battle man and the elements to "Survive and Conquer" in the remote wilderness training areas of Camp Swift near Bastrop (affectionately renamed "Camp Bull Nettle Jacket"). Day and night blur into one and still the battle rages. Sniper fire interrupts much-needed rest breaks, MRE's are hastily consumed, the heat index continues to soar and endurance is severely tested. Medical support provided by the 159 MASH (LAARNG) New Orleans is a comforting presence.

The giant C130 (198 TAG Arkansas



OCS Candidates from LAARNG OCS Class 29 and TXARNG OCS Class 33 wait for the word to "FOLLOW ME" during an offensive FTX in the

OCS Program Phase III. The utilization of the MILES made for a realistic exercise.

National Guard) glides into a textbook landing at England AFB and the 56 return triumphant. A job well done, their career as officers in the Louisiana National Guard now looms large on the horizon and they are ready to meet the challenge. Some will return to the Louisiana Military Academy -perhaps to Teach, Advise and Counsel (TAC). An opportunity to pass along to OCS Class 30 some of the knowledge and

respective acquired during the past year. Others will move forward in their respective units, but all will exit the auditorium proudly with a shiny new silver dollar ready for that first salute. "Any man's finest hour, his greatest fulfillment to all he holds dear, is the moment when he has worked his heart out in a good cause and lies exhausted on the field of battle victorious." Vince Lombardi

"I am sorry to say that there is too much point to the wisecrack that life is extinct on other planets because their scientists were more advanced than ours."

— John F. Kennedy

One Sentence Tells The Whole Story

BY OC Jon O. Shannon
OCS Class #30

Effective writing is one of the most important communication tools we have. If we are unable to clearly and concisely write what we mean, then confusion often arises. Questions can easily be avoided by thinking through exactly what we want to write before putting the pen to paper. Everytime effective writing is mentioned, I am reminded of an incident my step-father experienced during a religion class.

A priest went into great detail on the first miracle Jesus performed, turning water into wine. Afterward he instructed the students to write in their own words what had happened. All the students except one were busy writing pages and pages on the miracle, analyzing it from every angle they could think of. The exception sat quietly in deep concentration. The general consensus was that he had writer's block. The only sound that could be heard were pencils scratching the

details on paper, ensuring to dot the I's and cross the T's.

Finally, it was time for turn-in and the 'lone star' put his pencil to his paper and clearly and concisely inscribed a single sentence. Everyone including my step-father laughed at the man, and ugly comments were whispered loud enough for him to hear. He seemed unaffected.

A week went by the the priest posted the scores. There was only one "A" in the class.

The priest stood at the podium with an expression of accomplishment and said, "Men, you may have noticed we have only one "A" in the class. Your papers were very well detailed and technical about the party and the Kings, but we had one outstanding paper, and may I add, the best analysis of this story that I have ever read. Eyes were darting, palms were beginning to sweat and whispers came until the priest said, "The sentence was, 'God looked upon the waters, and they blushed.'"

Murphy's Law of Combat Operations

You are not Superman
Keep it simple stupid
Automatic weapons -aren't
Recoilless weapons - aren't
Suppressive fire - won't
Incoming fire has right of way
If the enemy is in range, so are you
Don't look conspicuous, it draws fire
If it's stupid and it works, it ain't stupid

When in doubt, empty your magazine

The easy way is always mined
Try to look unimportant, they may be low on ammo

Professionals are predictable, it's the amateurs that are dangerous

Teamwork is essential, it gives them somebody else to shoot at

Never draw fire, it irritates everyone around you

Anything you do can get you shot, including doing nothing

No combat ready unit ever passed inspection

No inspection ready unit ever passed combat

Never share a foxhole with anyone braver than you

If your attack is going really well, it's an ambush

No battle plan survives contact with the enemy

Your weapon was made by the lowest bidder.

The enemy diversion you are ignoring will turn out to be the main attack

The only thing more accurate than enemy incoming fire is friendly incoming fire

When you have secured an area, don't forget to tell the enemy

Make it tough enough for the enemy to get in, and you won't be able to get out

A sucking chest wound is nature's way of telling you it is time to slow down

If you're short on everything but the enemy, you're in a combat zone

The enemy invariably attacks on only two occasions - when you're ready and when you're not

Not All Wars Are Fought In Jungles

By SPC Rhonda S. Williams
2223rd Engineer Battalion

One guardsman was killed and three injured Monday when a terrorist in an unidentified truck broke through the perimeter of the 2223d Engineer Battalion of Baton Rouge and the 935th Engineer Detachment of Pineville while on maneuvers in Alexandria...

Eight hostile rioters busted through the first gate of the "Sally Port" Nuclear Armed Facility to protest the plant's existence. The 39th Military Police Company of New Orleans forcefully arrested the protestors...

An unidentified jeep crashed through the entrance of the 2223d Engr. Bn. perimeter killing one guardsman. The two terrorist driving the vehicle were taken hostage by the headquarters detachments...

Such stories would have flooded the papers if the training events of the 2223d Engineer Battalion and subordinate units had been real life situations during their two weeks of annual training last summer.

The five units of the battalion were dispersed within a 100-mile radius around the Alexandria, La., area for this year's annual training. Each was mobilized to at least two separate urban locations during the two weeks. The troops lived in abandoned schools, churches and other buildings. Sand bags reinforced the walls, and windows were boarded with only port holes left to view the area.

"When most people think of war, they think of jungles and woods," explained SSG Stephanie A. Marchiafava, the battalion Nuclear-Biological-Chemical Operations Non-commissioned Officer. "But not all wars are fought in jungles; Many are fought in cities." According to Marchiafava, one of the battalion's wartime missions is to conduct operations in an urban environment.

While at the MOUT (Military Operations in Urbanized Terrain) sites, the units selected soldiers for their ADC (Area Damage Control) and RAP (Rear Area Protection) teams.

Acting as the aggressor force, the 239th MP Co. of Baton Rouge attacked its sister units unexpectedly and spontaneously throughout the training exercise. They crashed through their "enemies" perimeters with roaring HMMWV's mounted with M-60 machine guns. Simulated fires were ignited and pyrotechnics were exploded. Quick to react, the RAP teams rushed to the scene, each soldier to his assigned fighting position. With M-16s loaded and ammo pouches packed, the teams responded to enemy fire, captured prisoners, and secured the unit's area once again.

At the same time, fires had to be quenched. The injured had to be evacuated from burning buildings and assisted for medical aid. Then damaged areas had to be hastily reconstructed so that operations could continue. These activities and duties were accomplished by soldiers training on the ADC teams.



Rear Area Protection Teams (RAP) rush to assigned fighting positions to secure the area after an enemy attack during the MOUT Training Exercise conducted by the 2223rd Engineer Battalion and the 935th Engineer Detachment in Alexandria.

According to SSG Ardie R. Roberts, the ADC leader of the 935th Engineer Detachment, this is the first time the engineer detachment trained with special reaction teams. "Now we'd know how to react to a fire, explosion or any hazard that would arise," he said.

Working together, the two teams repelled the attacks and prevented attackers from entering the command post. Operations continued inside the TOC (Tactical Operations Center) in the midst of artillery and NBC attack. Each morning the soldiers woke to NBC threats, requiring troops to perform daily operations in MOPP (Mission Oriented Protected Posture) suits and protective masks. Some days, the soldiers worked under threats levels that required them to wear the entire MOPP uniform (including the blouse, trousers, gloves, boots, and hood) for several hours.

"They're starting to use a little more hands-on task now rather than keeping us out in the field," said SPC Eddie J. Laine, a military policeman of the 39th MP Co. Laine believes this hands-on training is more effective and practical than reading instructions out of a book. "I think this kind of training will better prepare us for the kind of situations we may have to face in war."

In spite of the surprise attacks and wargames fought between the units, the real battle was against the weather and the living conditions. After several days of constant rainfall, the troops found themselves wading through water and mud reaching the tops of their boots. For the 935th and the headquarters detachment, walking out to the food service tent became a

dreaded chore rather than a refreshed break in the day's activities. Boards were laid to path a drier trail for the troops to walk on to the drenched tent housing their hot meals. Yet as the rain kept pouring, the boards became floating objects in a pond of misery.

At first appearing as an obstacle in the training schedule, the harsh weather conditions proved to be a training tool. Three of the battalion's units were activated to help control the flooding around the Alexandria, Winnfield and Oakdale areas.

The 2228th Engineer Company (DT) assisted the Winnfield Police Jury in opening flooded roads of the town by dumping white rock on washed out rural roads, said SFC Fortunato P. Fanara, the unit's acting first sergeant.

Rather than dump rock on the streets, the 935th Engr. Det. was tasked to pump water out of a flooded street in Alexandria. According to Roberts, the unit had never done anything like this before.

"The mission ran like clockwork for approximately 36 hours after I rebuilt the pumps and got them working," said Roberts of the 935th Engr. (Det). During the entire project, rain continued to fall. Standing all of five feet six inches, Roberts claimed the water was up to his knees.

It seemed as the rain and pressure came down, the floods and morale went up. "The hard work boosted morale," said Roberts, "and everyone wanted to help each other."

Helping others is exactly what SPC David J. Breaux and PFC Charles Henry, both MPs with the 239th MP Co., did when activated on a flood control mission in Oakdale. The military policemen were tasked to prevent van-

dalism in flooded vacated homes. But while on duty, Breaux spotted two men, one about 23 years old and the other in his 60s, holding onto small trees in the flooded waters of the river. The guardsmen and a local sheriff attempted to rescue the stranded men, but the waters were too deep and swift. Having no rope to reach, Breaux and Henry called for help. Local authorities were able to rescue the two men a few hours later.

"This has been the most informative and realistic camp out of the 16 I've attended," said SSG Addie R. Roberts, of the 935th Engineer Detachment. "I hope we continue this kind of training throughout the year."

According to 1LT Wayne Edelen, the battalion Intelligence Officer, the battalion's ability to communicate was almost picture perfect. "We had a significant increase in our ability to provide command and control for our subordinate units in technical expertise and guidance."

"This is the first year we've trained ADC and RAP teams," explained Edelen. "and we've learned how to react to several realistic events. During 1990, special reaction teams will be a major area of training."

The battalion operations NCO, SFC James R. Davis, said that NBC is another training focus for the 1990 training year. "Another area that needs improvement is our readiness so we can be mobilized in 72 hours," added Davis.

To improve in these areas, the unit plans to continue MOUT training throughout the year emphasizing rear battle operations, NBC and area damage control, said Davis. "That is our battle focus."

Soldiers Train With Civilian Firefighters

By Kevin D. Cowan
2223d Engr Bn

The bright red fire-truck came to an abrupt halt at the intersection of the streets that we were occupying. Two firemen leaped from their places on the truck and began to connect their hoses from the truck to the hydrant. Another was unrolling the hoses that were being pulled by the two other firefighters. The hose from the hydrant to the truck swelled as the water rushed towards the fire engine. A nod from the fireman manning the hose signaled for the water to be turned on. As the valve was turned, the water was expelled from the truck through the hose snakeing its way through the curves. The water paused momentarily at a kink until the pressure forced the hose to jump, allowing the water to continue its trek towards its destination, blazing thirsty flames licking a demolished car as if it were a melting ice cream cone on a hot summer day.

But the wrecked car wasn't a wrecked car, and the fire wasn't a fire. It was all a part of a joint civilian/military liaison team training to combat terrorist or enemy actions.

The scenario called for a terrorist to drive his vehicle through the barricaded perimeter and set off the car bomb into the side of one of our occupied buildings.

The initial exercise was done without preparation to see how our teams would react. Following the exercise, an evaluator pointed out mistakes and explained better ways to approach the situation. After some instruction and planning, we were released to our regular duties and told we would have another exercise to use what was learned from the mistakes that were made previously.

A red smoke grenade was used to simulate the fire. Once again shouts and screams of "FIRE!" were heard throughout the training site. A wailing scream from the fire engine signaled that they were ready. The reaction team raced for their positions in the overall plan of attack. Some were to extinguish the fire, some to act as a security/defense team, some to aid the



Guardsmen and members of the Alexandria Fire Department battle a mock blaze during a MOUT exercise held in

Alexandria. Nearly 1200 troops and 450 vehicles were mobilized from home station and marshalled through

an area near Pineville. (204th ASG photo)

injured, and some to estimate damage.

The teamwork between the guardsmen and firefighters helped to control fatigue. When the firman on the nozzle of the hose got tired, he decreased the flow of water from the hose to maintain control of it. He would then signal for the line to move up and the next person take the nozzle. He would then coach the guardsman on how to adjust pressure to control the hose. He also coached the second person in line on how to move the hose back and forth to help the sprayer maintain control and aim of the water.

That coaching and training was very important. SGT Amy L. Elrod with the 2223d ENGR BN was at the nozzle of

one of the hoses. "I was scared to death when I was holding that hose. I wasn't sure what to do."

Meanwhile, there were "casualties" inside the building. The medical team had to be quick and calm to handle the situation. Pulse and breathing were checked on all victims. Those still alive were attended to first. Injuries had to be identified and treated. Bleeding had to be stopped. Pressure dressings were applied. Once under control, the victims had to be moved from the immediate vicinity and transported to a medical unit.

After the injured had been taken care of, the "killed in action" were attended to. The casualty was placed

in a body bag and removed from the area. Then the casualty had to be identified and a casualty feeder report had to be filled out with name, rank, social security number, military occupational specialty, etc. It was then turned in to the administration section for record purposes and notification of next of kin.

This type of training had gotten the soliders more interested and involved with training, boosted morale, and caused a better sense of working together for the unit. SSG Joycelyn R. Ward of the 2223d, said "We should train like this more often. This is more like what we'd be doing. It's more realistic."

769th Engineers Undergo Challenging AT

By CPT Ronald M. Edwards
Info Officer, HQ, 769th Engr Bn

Soliders of the 769th Engineer Battalion, Combat Heavy, completed one of their most challenging, as well as rewarding Annual Training periods. This year's Annual Training was scheduled with the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Companies A, C and D, during their first week, located at Camp Beauregard. Company B, was split between four separate CAP (Community Action Project) sites in southeast Louisiana.

Prior to deployment to the training

site, the entire battalion underwent evaluation and certification on Phases III and IV of the RCUC mobilization task and standards. This was a requirement that tied in with the unit's earlier evaluation and certification in January on the Phase I and II mobilization task. The second week of annual training, the HHC and A Company conducted a tactical convoy from Camp Beauregard to Hot Wells, Louisiana. There they occupied and fortified the buildings and grounds of the old state health resort and continued with their MOUT (Military Operations on Urban Terrain) operations and training.

LTC William R. Hilborn, Commander of the 769th Engineer Battalion, said, "this annual training period was quite a bit different from those of past years. For one thing, the entire annual training period was conducted in a MOUT configuration as opposed to half the period in a tactical field environment and half in a MOUT garrison environment. In addition, 24 hour continuous operations throughout the annual training period was the standard." The battalion also planned and executed a very detailed and aggressive Opposing Forces (OPFOR) program that lent much realism to the training.

MAJ Dave Ranney, battalion operations officer, commented that the period afforded the engineers with the opportunity to execute all of the planning and training accomplished during the training year. It provided a very realistic scenario that closely approximated the "CAPSTONE" wartime environment and missions. The train up period leading up to annual training was an extremely ambitious and demanding one. The battalion's soliders and equipment were taxed to the maximum by the number and type of engineer missions undertaken. This

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CHANGES IN THE LG

Broussard Takes Over Cajun Battalion

By SPC Bernard Chaillot
256th INF Bde PIO

The largest battalion in the 256th Infantry Brigade (M), saw its proud traditional torch pass when Lt Col. Sans C. Broussard assumed command of 2nd Battalion during September.

He replaced Lt. Col. Carrol J. Frederick, who became Deputy Brigade Commander, and has been promoted to colonel.

State Adjutant General, Maj. Gen Ansel M. Stroud joined, Brig. Gen Gary J Whipple, state CSM Harold Cook, many local dignitaries, and contingents from each of the companies in the battalion during the ceremony.

The gathering was welcomed by 1st Sgt Carl Hebert, of 2nd Bn HHC, who cited the unit's proud history after forming in 1861 as volunteers in the Army of the Confederacy.

"This unit's colors have flown under Robert E. Lee in Virginia, went up Cemetery Ridge at the Battle of Gettysburg, and was there at Manassas and Appomattox," said Hebert.

Hebert recounted numerous campaigns in WWI and WWII before the invocation was given by Maj. Francis Dixon.

Whipple addressed the crowd, and said it's "always a proud moment when a change of command takes place"

I want to wish Lt. Col. Broussard and his wife, Linda, an excellent tour as Commander and First Lady of 2nd battalion," said Whipple.

Frederick at the podium, noted "this is the same platform I stood on two years ago to take command of the battalion."

The 2nd (battalion) is more than a thousand strong, the largest in the

brigade and the best. I am filled with pride to be handing over command of this battalion, so rich in heritage, to Lt. Col. Broussard," he said.

When Broussard mounted the platform, he said, "Just a minute, sir," as Frederick prepared to step down. "We have a bit of unfinished business with you."

Frederick was presented with a full sized battalion flag mounted behind glass, its' sky blue field emblazoned with the battalion crest.

Frederick cleared his throat, glanced down for a moment to compose his thoughts. He adjusted his glasses while peering out at the citizensoldiers of the 2nd battalion and said, "God bless you, Cajun warriors"

Broussard then took the microphone "It is with pride that I stand here today to take over as your commander. The battalion has benefitted greatly from Lt. Col. Frederick's leadership. Now we face major new challenges, such as fielding the new Bradley fighting vehicle," he said.

"We must refine our skills in many other areas as well. I do not take this responsibility lightly. I wish to thank Maj. Gen. Stroud and Brig. Gen. Whipple for showing their faith in me as a commander. I shall never do less than my best," he concluded.

Stroud then pinned Frederick with the Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak leaf Clusters.

Under a bright sun and a sky the color of the battalion flag, the guidon then passed from Frederick to Whipple to Broussard.

The torch of the 2nd was passed, and continues its bright illumination of leadership in the Louisiana Army National Guard.



Then, LTC Carrol J. Frederick, performs an open ranks inspection, his final act as 2nd Battalion commander. During the change of command ceremony held in Abbeville Frederick was replaced by LTC Sans C.

Broussard. Frederick has since been promoted to a colonel and is the new Deputy Brigade commander for the 256th Infantry Brigade. (Photo by SFC Kirk Barrilleaux)

CO A, 2nd Battalion Gets New Commander

By SPC Bernard Chaillot
256th Bde PIO

The Cajun Warrior battalion got a new company commander at the Co. A 2nd Battalion, 156th Inf. (M) Armory in Breaux Bridge.

1LT Elton E. Doucet Jr., of Kaplan, took the reins of command from 1LT Richard Gaudet of Baton Rouge.

Doucet is awaiting his federal recognition and will soon be pinned with captains' bars.

LTC Carrol J. Frederick, in his last day as battalion commander, and his successor, LTC Sans C. Broussard, were on hand to review the troops and participate in the change of command

ceremony.

"Company A has a distinguished history of service," said Frederick in opening remarks. "It is one of the oldest units in the state, with a fine record each of you can be proud of. I'm proud to be here to pass the company guidon from someone who came from your ranks," he said. Doucet returned to Company A., where he was once executive officer, from his most recent post as battalion S-4.

A senior at USL majoring in business, Doucet said he was "glad to be coming home to command my old unit."

"The personality of the commander is reflected in the company," said

Frederick.

"And the guidon today is passing from one good man to another," he added.

Gaudet then addressed the formation, noting he watched Alpha Company grow from 72 to more than 200 strong.

"We've got the highest percentage of MOS-qualified people in the state and the lowest number of AWOLs," noted Gaudet. "For four straight years, we've given more blood than any other unit in the state," he added.

"Our commitment to the community and the state is total." Gaudet is now battalion S-3.

"I want each of you to support LT

Doucet as you have supported me. You've made me look mighty good, men. Do the same for him," said Gaudet.

After glancing around the spotless armory, and at the rows of Alpha Co. citizen-soldiers, with a look of pride and touch of sentiment evident on his face, Gaudet cleared his throat and addressed the men for the last time in his tour as their commander.

"Goodbye, men. I have been proud to lead you and to serve alongside you"

The formal passing of the colors then took place, with the company guidon passing from Gaudet to Frederick to Doucet in the proudest tradition of the Louisiana National Guard.

LOUISIANA BRIGADE

Washington Artillery Holds 151st Review

By 1LT Maria L. Jonkers
State PAO

The 1st Battalion, 141st Field Artillery held its 151st Annual Review at Jackson Barracks during the month of October.

The Washington Artillery, which has served in every war since its official organization in 1838, was accepted into the Federal Service on June 19, 1916 for the Mexican War, and had virtually a continued record of service from this time until it entered World War I. The battalion, designated as the First Louisiana Field Artillery, was under the direct command of General E. M. Louis, Commandant at Llano Grande.

The present day leadership also changed hands during the parade and review. The baton of command passed from LTC Ronald A. Waller to MAJ Glenn M. Appe. Appe comes to the Field Artillery after serving in Headquarters of the 256th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized). Waller has gone into inactive status. CW4 George O'Donnel received the meritorious service medal after 35 years of service with the 141st FA.

Charlie Battery received the Continuous Fire Streamer for Best Firing Battery.

Service Battery received the Try Us Streamer for outstanding overall Battery.

Mr. Joseph Passafume received the Prisoner of War medal from MG Ansel M. Stroud, Adjutant General, during the ceremony.

SPC Monte Newman was awarded the Outstanding Soldier of the year trophy and SSG Arthur Panday won the Senior Soldier of the year trophy.



The 1st Battalion, 141st Field Artillery parades past the reviewing stand during its 151st Annual Artillery Review at Jackson Barracks. (Photo by 1LT

Maria L. Jonkers, State PAO)

Gavel Replaces Salley in 3rd Bn

By SPC Bernard Chaillot
256th Inf Bde PIO

Command of the 3rd Battalion, 156th Infantry changed hands in November in a ceremony that saw LTC (LA) John A. Gavel, Jr. replace LTC James O. Salley.

The new commander, Gavel, entered the Army in 1966. Following OCS Gavel served in a variety of positions, including two years in Vietnam. After leaving active duty in 1973 he joined the Florida Army National Guard Special Forces Company.

In 1980 he joined the Louisiana National Guard. His last assignment was Executive Officer of the 2nd Battalion, 166th Infantry.

"I am honored and proud to stand here today," he said during the ceremony. "Under LTC Salley, the 3rd Bn established a reputation of leadership that led the way for the rest of the brigade. As the new commander, I ask but three things: loyalty, honesty and a sincere desire to do your very best. We have before us the challenge of fielding the new Bradley fighting vehicle and being the first Louisiana battalion to train with the Bradley for NTC."

The outgoing commander LTC Salley began his military career as an enlisted man in the 20th Special Forces Detachment in 1964. Since his commission in 1976 he has served in the 245th Engineer Battalion, and as Asst.

Brigade prior to becoming Executive Officer and then commander of the 3rd Battalion, 156th Infantry.

"Very few words, if any, can describe the emotions I feel today," he said during the ceremony. "As I look out over the troops here today, I am reminded of honor, duty and country of the men and women who have served and continue to serve, stand tall, First Louisiana I shall miss you."

After the ceremony MG Ansel M. Stroud pinned the Meritorious Service Medal on LTC Salley and MAJ Tommy Hancock, 3rd Battalion Executive Officer. He presented Salley with a commemorative sword mounted on a plaque in appreciation of his dedicated leadership.

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205th Engineers Belong to Community

By CW2 Louis L. Joseph
205th Engr Bn PAO

The phrase, the National Guard Belongs—to the community, was never more exemplified than during the City of Bogalusa's Diamond Jubilee celebrations. From January to July of this year, Bogalusa, Louisiana is the site of Headquarters, 205th Engineer Battalion. The National Guard has and will always be an integral part of this community as attested by the fact that city planners included the 205th Engineer Battalion officials in on the steering of the 75th birthday party.

Asked what role National Guard could play MAJ Clyde P. Drewett, Administrative Officer, responded with a ready answer. He knew that the retrain wall at the armory needed repairing and would also be an excellent site for a mural depicting the city's history. This in effect is how the fine work of art came into being.

"It all began one day in early March, when I walked into a fledgling, and somewhat still unorganized, Diamond Jubilee Headquarters with a 22 foot roll of drawing paper under my arm

and an assortment of drawing pens," said Bogalusa artist, Rodney McGhee, who produced the Diamond Jubilee mural on Willis Avenue. A total of 68 days were spent on the wall, beginning on April 19, with somebody working everyday until it was finished on June 26.

There was more to the project than seemed at first. Rodney McGhee researched the city's history and sought out early scenes of the city to include the 205th Engineer Battalion's two previous unit crests as well as the

current one.

Several problems arose while working on the retainer wall. According to McGhee, the scaffolding was so hot one couldn't sit on it without a cushion. At times while leaning forward to paint on the wall, the enormous amount of sweat pouring from his brow, would drip onto the surfacing of the painting. The surface of the wall looked smooth, but actually it was very rough and very uneven with dips, sways, cracks and crevices. An enormous amount of grit and dust would accumulate on a daily

basis, making the maintenance of a clean surface difficult. Fumes from exhaust emissions on Willis Avenue and the 205th's heavy equipment became almost unbearable at times. There were also problems with splinters from the scaffolding, centipedes, and other small creatures crawling on the wall.

As a result of the hard work of many civic minded people, part of the National Guard has been captured in a mural and put on display for all the world to see. In Bogalusa, the guard really does belong to the community.



The 205th Engineer Battalion's involvement with the community of

Bogalusa was memorialized with a mural on the armory retainer wall dur-

ing the city's Diamond Jubilee Celebration. (205th Engr Bn Photo)

527th Hauls Water for Communities

By MSG Ronald J. Grant

The month of August should be designated as Water Haul Month for the 527th Engr Bn Cbt Hv. The 527th was tasked with supporting three communities with water haul missions. The missions consisted of transporting drinkable water for the City of Bienville, Village of Clarence, and the newly completed Winn Parish Correctional Facility at Winnfield Louisiana.

The mission at Bienville, LA began in August when the water system was condemned by the State. While a new well is being dug, the 527th has been providing the needed water. Members of the battalion have hauled in excess of 220,000 gallons of water. The project is still ongoing. Personnel involved are SGT Fred Parsons, Co C 527th Engr Bn, Minden, LA; and SGT Willie R. Holmes, HHC 527th Engr Bn Cbt Hv, Bossier City, LA.

Also in August, 216,000 gallons of water was delivered to the newly completed Winn Parish Correctional Facility

at Winnfield, LA. The Winnfield operation was necessary to fill the newly constructed water storage tower at the facility.

Personnel involved in this mission were SPC Jesse Paulk, Co B 527th Engr Bn Cbt Hv; SPC Michael McKay, Co B 527th Engr Bn Cbt Hv; SGT Westt Coleman, Co C 527th Engr Bn Cbt Hv; SSG Samuel Thorton, Co C 527th Engr Bn Cbt Hv; SGT Fred Parsons, Co C 527th Engr Bn Cbt Hv; and SFC James M. Allen, Co C 527th Engr Bn Cbt Hv.

The last mission conducted by the 527th was a water haul mission to the Village of Clarence. This mission was made necessary by the failure of the village's water pumps. It was conducted in September by SGT Roy Copeland of Co C 527th Engr Bn Cbt Hv, and SGT Fred Parsons, CO C 527th Engr Bn Cbt Hv. 84,000 gallons of water was hauled for Clarence.

The three communities have received in excess of 520,000 gallons of portable water to date.

Patterson New Commander for Special Reaction Team Echo

MAJ Claude W. Patterson, Executive Officer, Headquarters Company 527th Engr Bn was appointed as the Commanding Officer for the Special Reaction Team Echo in September. With the appointment Patterson and the SRT Executive Officer CPT Joe L. Price were tasked to begin an extensive recruiting effort for SRT.

Their efforts resulted in recruiting 42 additional team members bringing the teams total to 69 officers and soldiers.

Patterson, a 20 year veteran of the Arkansas and Louisiana Army National Guard graduated from the ARK. OCS Program, the Airborne School, Ranger School, Engineer Officer Advanced Course, and the Command and General Staff College. He has served the Louisiana Army National Guard as the Company Commander, Co B, 528th Engr Bn; Utilities Engineer, Operations Officer and S-3 for the 225th Engr GP. By CPT Joe L. Price

Heard New Commander HSC, 527th

CPT Dennis G. Heard assumed command of HSC 527th Engr Bn Cbt Hv. in September. Heard was formerly the commander of Co A, 527th Engr Bn Cbt Hv, which was redesignated under the battalions new MTOE. Heard had also served the 527th as Platoon Leader and Communications Electronics Officer. He is a graduate of the Louisiana Military Academy's OCS Program and has completed the

Engineer Officer's Basic Course, the Engineer Officer's Advanced Course, the Armor Motor Officer Course, and is currently enrolled in the Command and General Staff College. He replaces CPT Clifford A. Oliver, who has been reassigned to the duties of Civil Engineer for the 527th Engr Bn Cbt Hv.

—By SGT Patrick Vogler, UPAR, HSC, 527th ENG BN

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held especially true of the geographically dispersed CAP projects in southeast Louisiana. Command and Control as well as logistical and administrative support difficulties were increased by the geographical dispersion. However, it afforded everyone involved with first hand experience in how "it would really be in a wartime theater of operations".

In addition to the engineering mis-

sions and annual training evaluation, the battalion was also administered an external Army Training and Evaluation Program (ARTEP).

Finally, before the end of the annual training period, elements of the battalion were recalled from various training sites and deployed to Grosse Tete, Louisiana. This was in response to a call for assistance from Iberville Parish Officials, following the passage of a devastating tornado through the small town, which caused deaths, numerous injuries and wide spread property damage and destruction. Soliders of the battalion assisted local authorities and residents with public safety, cleanup

and recovery operations.

As was stated, it was a rewarding as well as challenging annual training and the final reward came when the results were in. The battalion was rated as trained in all thirteen core areas evaluated, and received a 100% GO on all ARTEP task evaluated. In addition, the battalion and all five subordinate units were nominated for the "The Adjutant General's Annual Training Trophy for attaining 98% annual training attendance. But most importantly, it was a safe annual training with no serious injuries, accidents or deaths.

LTC Hilborn, battalion commander

of the 769th, stated, "a lot of hard work and innovative planning and execution by the soldiers, commanders, and staff went into this annual training period, and the final results proved this. However, there is always room for improvement. With the knowledge and experience we gained during this annual training period, we now have a road map to even greater successes in the future. We are looking forward with great anticipation to an even better annual training period next year. Our soliders, NCOs and Officers will be ready, willing and able to meet next year's challenge with pride, professionalism and the "Spirit to Win."

Baker Receives Bronze Star 16 Years Later

By PFC Michael A. Ritter
241st PAD Staff

His peers were probably not surprised. Recently SMSGT Jimmy Baker collected two more prestigious honors, making him perhaps the most decorated enlisted soldier in the Louisiana Air Guard.

On Dec 3 Baker received the Legion of Merit, the fourth highest award that can be bestowed on a Guardsman.

Baker also recently received another award, the Air Force Bronze Star, in the mail—16 years past due.

Baker was supposed to receive the award in 1973, when he was part of the 307th Strategic Wing Command in U-Tapao, Thailand. There, Baker had been cited for a special assignment in which he retrieved serial numbers off nine engines of a crashed and flaming B-52 bomber.

In August, while reflecting on an illustrious career, Baker discovered an old yellow piece of paper that had described the reasons why he had been selected for the medal.

"My first reaction was—hey I never received the medal," said Baker.

Baker recalled the day when he was called out to duty.

"I saw that there were flames, and I hesitated for a second but I guess it was a sense of duty that got me out there," Baker said.

The fuel cells on a B-52 are located adjacent to the engine on the wings. While checking the engines Baker

placed himself at risk of being in the crux of an explosion.

"There were firemen there dowsing the flames. They offered to let me wear an anti-flame suit. But it was too cumbersome, and I couldn't read the numbers with it on."

"It got me real nervous. I kept on looking out to see if the plane would explode. The screwdriver kept on slipping" Baker said.

While the plane's black box and classified documents were removed, Baker worked through the obstacles of heat and time to remove the engine's panels where the numbers were hidden.

"It's a routine job but under those conditions it took a lot longer—every second was magnified," Baker said.

Recalling that he had risked his life, Baker decided to take action.

"At first I thought that they just forgot about me and that was all," Baker said.

But the same diligence that had previously made Baker the Top Recruiter in the nation in 1983 paid off.

Baker wrote to the Strategic Air Command historian at Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. The inquiry was then forwarded to and approved by the Secretary of the Air Force.

On November 7 Baker received the Certificate of the Bronze Star but still no medal.

The Air Force Bronze Star is a war-



SMSGT Jimmie B. Baker, receives the Bronze Star from COL Kenneth L. Ross (Photo by PFC Rebecca Lloyd, 241st PAD Staff)

time medal of heroism and valour, and there were simply no stars available.

Finally, a crack airman in the Air Force's decoration corps located a Bronze Star at Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota, and on November 20 Baker received a long-overdue token of appreciation.

"There's something about it," Baker said after receiving the Star, "it gives you a sense of accomplishment, a feel-

ing that you did something for your country."

The Star is one of many accolades that has been garnished on the Air Guard's Recruiting and Retention Manager. Along with the Legion of Merit, Baker has received the Air Force Commendation Medal, and the Louisiana Air Guard Airman of the Year, along with a list of others.

Simmons New Commander of 214th Engrg Inst Squad

By SSG Dean M. Arnett

MG A. M. Stroud passed the 214th Engineering Installation Squadron guidon from LTC Maxwell J. Desselle to MAJ Leon J. Simmons at the Change of Command ceremony held in November.

"I accept the challenge...These are trying times due to budget cuts, and we are going to have to do more with less," said the new commander.

Though born in Charleston, South Carolina, MAJ Simmons was raised in New York City. After graduating from high school, he returned to the south and attended Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, North Carolina, where he received his degree in Economics in 1968.

Later the same year, MAJ Simmons joined the active duty Air Force. He began Officer Training School and received his commission at the end of the year. He then attended Communications Officer training at Keesler AFB, Mississippi, and graduated in April of 1970. He served as Wire Of-

ficer for the 1828th Engineering Installation Squadron, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio, and Officer in Charge of Quality Assurance for the 1st Mobile Communications Group, Clark AB, Philippines.

In 1975, Simmons joined the Air National Guard at the 251st Combat Communications Group in Springfield, Ohio. In July, 1980, he came to the 214th as OIC of Quality Assurance, where he served for two years. He spent the next six years as the 214th's Wire Officer and took over as Installation Officer in January, 1989. He served in this capacity until being selected as Commander.

MAJ Simmons works as a Supervisor of Status, Planning and Control with Martin Marietta. He and his wife Linda reside in New Orleans and have two daughters, Courtney, 20 and Leana, 17.

Said Simmons, "We have a job ahead of us - to obtain excellence." He added, "I feel fortunate, the 214th has a lot of good people in place."



The new commander, MAJ Leon J. Simmons (center) and the former commander, LTC Maxwell J. Desselle (right) stand together during the

214th Engineering Installation Squadron's change of command ceremony in November. (214th EIS photo)

"For great aims we must dare great things."

—Karl von Clausewitz,
Prussian general

527th Engrs Graduate From Airborne School

By Cadet Willard Conley

Cadets Willard Conley and Scott Parks, members of HSC 527th Eng Bn completed U.S. Army Airborne school at Fort Benning, GA. in August. They were students of D company, more commonly called The Rock. They received their Airborne Slots for the three weeks school through the ROTC program at LSU.

"Ground week, the first week, we get our first taste of the Airborne life at 0400 when we are awakened to clean the barracks. This is followed by another Airborne ritual, P.T., which is highlighted by the morning run, (usually 3 miles) and followed by chin ups, push ups, sit ups, and all the other favorites that the instructors decide we need to do. With the hard part of the day now behind us the training begins.

Ground week training is pretty basic, the major focus on good door position, good tight body position upon exit, both done with the use of the 34 foot tower, learning about the parachute harness, and the infamous but ever important "PLF" (parachute landing fall).

The main highlight of the second week, Tower week, was when we finally got to face the awesome 250 foot tower named "UNGOWA", a sight which had been staring at us for a week. The tower is used to give us realistic an experience of falling with a parachute as can be had without actually jumping. Before we got a chance at the tower though, we had to be "slam dunked" by the Swing Landing Trainer, a 12 foot high platform used to acquaint the students with the riser positioning before landing, how to prepare to land, and the feeling of oscillation and landing.

Other instructions given during this week include how to mass exit a plane, the procedure to go through when get-

ting ready to jump, how to recover your parachute, how to hookup your combat gear, emergency procedures, and of course, more PLF's.

The final week is the week we've all been waiting for - JUMP week. P.T. is not conducted formally, but there is a two mile jog to the hanger in boots, and then the fun begins. After a quick review of all we have learned in the previous weeks we are now ready to go thru our new routine of putting on the harness and waiting on the plane. Though many feel that jumping may be the most difficult part of the week, it is the sitting around, in the uncomfortable harness, contemplating all the terrible things that could happen, and fighting the dreaded Z monster which is the worse part of it all. Once in the plane, we know that we are going down, unaided by the plane that is. We sit packed like sardines on the C-130 and C-141 planes while circling the drop zone waiting for our turn to "Stand in the Door".

With panic rising in the pit of our stomachs, we each got our turn to jump.

When the parachute opens and the shock of being 1200 foot in the air wears off, there is a rush like no other experience known to man, followed by the realization that you are about to land. Depending upon where you land, landing can be an interesting experience. From landing in the creek, to the trees, or just on the dirt road away from the soft dirt of the field, you are generally at the mercy of the Air Force pilots. Once landed there stands before us the dreaded task of recovering the gear and jogging anywhere from 1 to a half mile to the transportation back to the hanger. At the end of the five qualifying jumps, we are no longer "legs" we are now Airborne."

236th CCSQ Receives The Outstanding Mission Support Award in Detroit

BY TSGT HOLLY F. LANOUX

The 236th Combat Communications Squadron received the Outstanding Mission Support Unit Award from the National Guard Association of the United States at the 111th General Conference held in Detroit, Michigan in September.

This award is designed to recognize outstanding units and personnel who have shown excellence in achievement, dedication and service to the mission of the National Guard, the National Guard Association of the United States, and improved national defense.

The 236th was recognized for consistently displaying superior ability to meet its wartime tasking. This unit has supported various flying units,

enabling them to build realistic scenarios.

During the award period, the unit provided communications support to another Guard unit; participated in a three-month deployment in Saudi Arabia; rotated Air Traffic Control and Radar personnel to Alpena, MI; sent personnel to the country of Turkey in support of a Joint Chiefs of Staff exercise; competed in Combat Challenge-89; and provided Air Traffic Control services to the Hammond Municipal Airport.

This prestigious award was given to the five top Air National Guard units throughout the country this year. The 236th CCSQ was the only Combat Communications unit to receive this award.



Members of the 214th Engineering Installation Squadron dismantle a long

range height finding radar in Slidell. (214th EIS photo)

214th EIS Remove Radar Site in Slidell

By SSG Dean M. Arnett

Members of the 214th Engineering Installation Squadron's Construction section removed a long range, height finding radar in Slidell.

"The radar was one of two that the Federal Aviation Administration and U.S. Air Force share at the Slidell Sector Field Office.

"The radar is no longer needed and is being dismantled," said team chief for the job, TSG Clarence Wilson. He added, that the radar will be stored in California, and that the tower will be used as an observation tower at Hurlburt Field, Florida.

Wilson, along with ten other

members of the Construction section and two all-purpose vehicles, had been on the job since October 3rd and completed the job in early November.

"We only have the whole team on drill weekends, so we worked overtime to get ahead," said Wilson.

Members of the team are: Wilson (Team Chief), CMS Charles Nastasia, MSG John Matthews, SSG Curtis Anderson, SGT Michael Sanders, SGT George Porter, SGT Stephen Showalter, AMN Kevin Stamp, AMN Tracey Tardo, AMN Michael Moosa, AMN Gerald DeBrow, and AB Lawrence Reames.

Wilson added, "the weather had given us a break, so we did fine."



"OK Buddy, you've had enough."

1st Bn Sweeps Rifle And Pistol Competition

By SGT Richard J. Blanchard

The 256th Inf Brigade (Mechanized) held their second annual Brigade Combat Rifle and Pistol Match the weekend of 4-5 November at the U.S. Marshal's Range at Camp Beauregard. The matches were held to consider the best qualified battalion and individuals to represent the brigade at the 1990 Adjutant General's Combat Rifle and Pistol Matches being held in February 1990.

Match directors and Chief Range NCOIC (Rifles) was SFC Gary Sonnier; Safety Range Officer, 2 Lt Harold Molbert; Chief Range NCOIC (Pistol), SFC John Errington; and Range NCOIC (Rifle and Pistol), SGT Richard J. Blanchard. Medical support was provided by Company C, 199th Support Battalion.

Team composition for the rifle match consisted of a maximum of 10 members and a minimum of 8. The team composition for the pistol match consisted of a maximum of 8 members with a minimum of 6.

Individuals were allowed to compete in each event. Trophies were awarded

for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place team winners for both competitions.

First place Combat Rifle was awarded to 1-156th Armor Battalion with a average team score of 32. Second place went to 3-156th Infantry Battalion (M), average score of 24.1. Third place was awarded to 199th Support Battalion, average score of 23.6. Fifteen individuals qualified to participate in the Adjutant General's Match with an average score of 30.7.

First place Combat Pistol was awarded again to the 1-156th Armor Battalion with a average team score of 233.8. Second place again also went to the 3-156th Infantry Battalion (M), average score of 175. Third place was awarded to HHC (-) 256th Inf Bde (M), average score of 164.5. Twelve individuals qualified to participate in the Adjutant General's Match with an average score of 205.8.

According to several members throughout the Brigade the annual Brigade Match is a great experience for everyone to participate in. It shows team spirit and true Esprit de Corps from within the Brigade.

d'Aquin Traces Service Back To 1815

Information compiled by
Jude d'Aquin

For the family of 2LT Charles P d'Aquin the Louisiana National Guard has become a tradition. D'Aquin accepted a direct commission in the Army Nurse Corps in October after eighteen years of service. D'Aquin enlisted in the 159th Evacuation Hospital (now the 159th MASH) as a high school senior in 1969. He served as a medical corpsman, and as an operating room Specialist, and is currently assigned to the intensive care ward of the 159th MASH.

LT d'Aquin's father, L.E. "DOC" d'Aquin served in the Division Surgeon's office, 31st Division from 1932 to 1940. After serving a six year enlistment, the elder d'Aquin was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1938. Also a federal civilian employee, Doc d'Aquin worked as a marine cargo specialist for the Army and was based at the Port of Embarkation. Retiring in 1973 after 30 years service, d'Aquin was involved in logistics planning for war material destined for Vietnam via the Mississippi River.

Doc d'Aquin's father, Charles P. d'Aquin, grandfather of LT Charles d'Aquin also served in the Louisiana National Guard. He served honorably in Company H, 2nd Louisiana Infantry separating as a corporal in 1892.

The family tradition goes back yet farther. The first d'Aquin known to have served in the Louisiana National Guard was MAJ Louis D'Aquin who led the 4th Battery under the command of General Andrew Jackson at Chalmette on January 8, 1815.

The scene is beautifully depicted on



The d'Aquin stand before the mural commemorating the sesquicentennial of the battle fought at the Chalmette Battlefield. Back Row, left to right: J.E. d'Aquin, 2LT Charles P. d'Aquin; front row, left to right: Joel M. d'Aquin, Karl J. d'Aquin.

a mural painted by artist Army SGT Charles Hutchinson in 1964 at the Officer's Club at the Port of Embarkation in New Orleans to commemorate the Sesquicentennial of the battle.

This January 8th will mark the 175th Anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans. For the d'Aquin family it signifies a 175 year Louisiana National Guard tradition. The family tradition looks destined to be carried on by Karl J. d'Aquin, 8 and Joel M. d'Aquin, 7, sons of 2LT Charles d'Aquin. Karl and Joel both give their endorsement to the Louisiana National Guard.



Blood donor technicians, Jenna Malcolm (left) and Mickey Campbell (right) man the Acadiana Blood Services van during a weekend drill with

the 256th Inf Bde armory in Lafayette (Photo by SPC Bernard Chaillot 256th Inf Bde PIO)

HHC, 256th Inf Bde Donates 50 Pints of Blood

By SPC Bernard Chaillot
256th Inf Bde PIO

LAFAYETTE

The public expects to see the National Guard during times of emergency such as hurricanes and severe floods.

But the Guard is also there serving the various needs of the community every day all year round.

At a recent drill, members of Headquarters, Headquarters Company of the 256th Infantry Brigade donated 50 pints of blood during the annual Acadiana Blood Services Drive.

Donor technicians, Jenna Malcolm and Mickey Campbell of Lafayette, manned the van at the unit armory in Lafayette.

"Soliders are good donors, They don't even flinch when the needle goes in. Their blood is green rather than red, but otherwise they're great," joked Malcolm, as she drew a pint from PFC Mark Corner of Lafayette.

SPC Timothy Dore, of Erath, waited his turn as Campbell explained their

duties as technicians.

"We go out every day to various towns in a 100-mile radius of Lafayette. It's a regular job. Our average is around 100 pints a day (they spent one half day at the guard armory) but we have done as many as 700 in two days at USL," said Campbell.

Acadiana Blood Services supplies "The Gift of Life" to more than 30 areas hospitals. According to Campbell and Malcolm, AB negative is the rarest type of blood, with O positive the most common.

"But the rarest blood is always whatever type that's most in demand. So often, the most common blood types are the ones that are hard to keep in stock because so many people use those types," explained Campbell.

Just as blood is the "juice" that keeps a body performing at peak level. The Louisiana National Guard is part of the community body, standing ready to assist in a myriad of ways, not just emergencies.

Veteran Upward Bound Program

By SPC Bernard Chaillot
256th Inf Bde PIO

A recently established federal program administered through the State Department of Education and USL is designed to help Acadiana's veterans continue their education.

The Veteran Upward Bound Program began offering college preparatory classes Sept 1 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

The non-credit courses in English, including composition, reading, expressive skills, Science, mathematics, and computer literacy are designed to develop and enhance post-secondary educational ability.

The academic and support services offered are limited to 120 eligible veterans with at least 180 days of active duty service in any branch of the armed forces. There is no age limit.

Those eligible for school benefits under the G.I. Bill or vocational rehabilitation may receive financial aid assistance of 150-500 per month.

National Guardsmen currently receiving tuition exemption are not eligible.

The program offers a travel stipend of \$10 per week, as well as weekend tutoring, vocational and educational guidance and counseling, field trips, and other cultural activities.

The primary goal of the program is to provide opportunities to economically and educationally disadvantaged and physically disabled veterans, with follow-up services available.

For further information, contact program coordinator Dr. Alex C. Marshall or Sam Brannen at P.O. Box 43452 Lafayette, LA. 70504-3452. Call (318)231-5819.

SFC Fred M. Lindsay Retires

By MAJ Philip L. Arthur
528th Eng Bn Executive Officer

Many people look forward to retirement and to the time that they can relax and do whatever they enjoy. But 24 July was a sad day for SFC Fred M. Lindsay and for the many soldiers in the 528th Engineer Battalion who had come to love and respect him.

Lindsay did not want to retire, but he turned 60 in July, and retirement became mandatory.

He spent four months as the duration NCO in the United Kingdom at RAF Chessington in 1988. He was recognized by many commands for the truly outstanding leadership he provided for the complex engineer project. In

1989, he was the duration NCO for four months in the Republic of Panama. Again, he was recognized for the exceptional job he performed.

He sacrificed many things for the National Guard. Mission was first and nothing could prevent him from completing his assignments. Formerly the battalion sergeant major, he represented all of the enlisted soldiers within the battalion, as well as the interest of the battalion commander.

Since his retirement, Lindsay has taken on yet another challenge in the employment field. He does not want to retire, and will continue to work and strive to help others as long as he is physically and mentally able.



From left to right: LTC Hilliard F. Kelly, Jr., 2LT Hilliard F. Kelly III, COL (Ret.) Hilliard F. Kelly, Sr. (Guard Photo)

Three Generations of Kellys Serve in the Guard

2nd Lieutenant Hilliard F. Kelly III recently completed Officer's Candidate School for the Louisiana National Guard. Upon receiving his commission, he received his gold bars from his father, LTC Hilliard F. Kelly Jr. and his grandfather, COL (Ret.) Hilliard F. Kelly Sr. The ceremony was held at Camp Beauregard, Louisiana.

Kelly was the Commander of the 296th Tactical Airlift Group at the Naval Air Station for 12 years before his retirement in 1973. LTC Kelly is the Battalion Commander for the 244th Aviation Battalion. 2LT Kelly will be assigned to the Headquarters and Headquarters Battery 1/141 Field Artillery Battalion.

Winningkoff Would Do It Again

By PFC Deana E. Gilardi
HHC, 204th ASG

As a young twenty-year-old ready to get into the world Ronald C. Winningkoff was offered a job in the Louisiana National Guard. Thirty-nine years after he accepted, he said he would do it all over again.

On November 7, 1950 MSG Winningkoff, then PVT Winningkoff, became one of the first fourteen members of the new unit, the 3628 ORD CO. in his hometown of New Orleans. Through the years MSG Winningkoff served as a motor sergeant, supply sergeant, wheel vehicle repairman, senior logistical supervisor, and in several other logistical positions in about nine units. He has traveled with the military from Washington to Virginia, and Holland to West Germany. In his many years with the Louisiana National Guard he has received over 16 awards and decorations.

MSG Winningkoff has seen much change in the National Guard over the past 39 years. "I can remember making thirty dollars for fifteen days of work during Annual Training" he said

with a soft chuckle. "Back then, the National Guard met every Monday night from 7pm to 11pm, instead of one weekend a month like today. Also, he said the guard has changed from an all male Army to one that allows females. MSG Winningkoff has seen discipline change as well as the uniforms. "KP was an all day job. You would work from 3 am until about 8 or 10 o'clock at night. And we had inspections after Annual Training. We didn't just put our equipment away and worry about it later. We had inspectors go around and make sure that everyone had his things just right. We were not allowed to go home until everything was perfect." Still, he said that most young people should serve at least two years in the active army or the National Guard, to learn self-assurance, independence, discipline and respect.

During his years in the Louisiana National Guard Winningkoff says he has traveled, learned a lot, and done many interesting things. What does he think he'll miss the most? "...the people. I'm going to miss the good friends I've made and the good people I've met. I wouldn't change a thing."

PFC Karl N. Smith, III Named Honor Graduate

By 1LT Maria L. Jonkers
State PAO

As a member of the 812th Medical Detachment, Louisiana Army National Guard, PVT. 1st Class Karl N. Smith III was selected to attend the 67 N (UH-1 Helicopter Repair) course held at Fort Rucker, Alabama.

Having completed Army basic training last year and graduating as the Honor Company Commander, it was his goal to add to his accomplishment by completing the helicopter repair course with honors.

In ceremonies held in the Non-commissioned Officer's Club at Fort Rucker, Smith realized his goal. He not only was named Honor Graduate, but

he was also awarded the Army Achievement Medal for completion of the "Solider Above the Best Program". The program was developed as an additional training requirement in conjunction with the helicopter course curriculum. The program subjects added an additional thirty hours of training to the course. This was a self study course that required the solider to complete study work and tests after normal duty hours.

Additionally, Smith received letters of commendation from his company commander and battalion commander for Outstanding Performance.

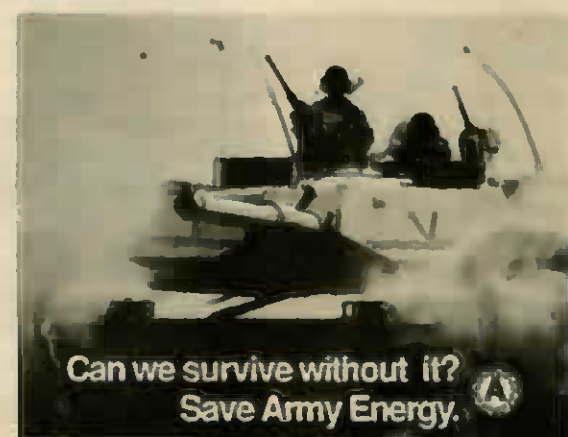
Smith's future goals are to graduate from LSU, receive his commission as an officer, and attend flight school.



Darlene Trahan First Female Sergeant Major

Darlene L. Trahan was recently promoted to sergeant major and is the first female in the Louisiana Army National Guard promoted to that rank. She has served for sixteen years and presently works as the Personnel Sergeant for the 209th Personnel Service Company at Jackson Barracks. She began her Guard career in 1973 as a unit clerk with Company C of the 199th Support Battalion in Houma. Her husband Carroll Trahan is also a sergeant major in the Louisiana Army Guard and works as the Chief Operations Sergeant with HQ STARC.

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Airmen In The News

Ervin Celebrates 20 Years

By SGT Lance C. Osborne
236th CCSQ PAO

MSG Bob Ervin, an Air Force advisor for the 236th Combat Communications Squadron, Louisiana Air National Guard, celebrated his 20th anniversary with the United States Air Force on August 22, 1989. Most men when they reach their 20th year in the Air Force retire, but not MSG Ervin. On the very day of his 20th anniversary, he re-enlisted for an additional six years.

MSG Ervin has had a colorful career in the Air Force. He enlisted in August 1969 in Shreveport, Louisiana. He has

been stationed in such countries as Greenland, Thailand and Germany. In the U.S. he was stationed in Hawaii, California, Georgia and numerous other states.

MSG Ervin's technical job description is Communications Computer System Supervisor, but for the last four years he has been a Technical Advisor for the 236th CCSQ, LAARNG, Hammond, and assigned to the 1816 Reserve Advisor Squadron/Detachment 6.

MSG Ervin presently lives in Ponchatoula, La., with his wife Dale, and their two children, Tracey and Robert.

TSG Lanoux Serving In Maryland

By LTC Michael A. Cushman
Commander, 236th CCSQ

Recently a member of the Louisiana Air National Guard assigned to the 236th Combat Communications Squadron in Hammond was selected for an extended active duty tour at Andrews AFB, Md. TSgt Holly F. Lanoux will serve as the Command Radio Frequency Manager at the National Guard Bureau. This is a three-year tour of duty assignment.

As the Command Radio Frequency Manager, Lanoux will be the single point of contact for all electromagnetic spectrum matters.

She will coordinate radio, radar, and other electromagnetic radiating and receiving equipment with the Air Force Frequency Management Center and will oversee other spectrum activities.

Lanoux was the 17th Air National Guardsman from the Interservice Radio Frequency Management Course offered at Keesler AFB, Ms. Other military training includes: the Ground Radio Operators Course, Ground Airborne International Morse Code Training, the Electronic Combat Trainers Course, and the Command NCO Academy. Lanoux earned her associates degree in Information Systems Technology from the Community College of the Air Force. She has been attending the College of Business at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, La., and plans to transfer to a university near Andrews to continue her education upon her reassignment.

159 TFG Softball Team Competed In South Dakota

By Debra A. Hebert

The Coonass Militia, the 159th TFG softball team, competed in the ANG's National Softball Championships in August at Sioux Falls, S.D. After winning two of the three games in the first day of play, they were eliminated on the second day.

The first two victories were over the Washington, D.C. ANG and the New York ANG, by scores of 11-5 and 17-7. The Mississippi ANG outlasted our home boys in a tough battle of endurance, 5-4, to end the day. The next day, the South Carolina ANG eliminated the coonass militia by 18-3.

"We all had a good time and everyone knew that the coonass team was there," beamed team captain, CPT Scott A. Jones. "Next year the tournament will be held in York, Pennsylvania and we hope to be there and come out on top."

To get to this year's tournament, the 159th team had won the NAS Captains Cup Tournament at Belle Chasse.

"This trip to the Nationals has renewed our spirit in softball and has taught us a lot. We are going to try to field teams in most of the other divisions, and try to bring extra players as needed for substitution due to injuries", said team member, MSGT. Mike Muth.



The Coonass Militia Softball Team: Kneeling, left to right, Jim Gates, Mark Blanco, Mike Muth, Bobby Fried, Jr, Scott Jones; standing, left to right,

Ted Parker, Jim Grove, Mike Barthel, Paul Shulz, Chuck Donner, Donnie Moore. (159TFG Photo)

TSG Willie Gibbons Airman of the Year

By SGT Lance C. Osborne
236th CCSQ PAO

The Louisiana Air National Guard is proud to announce that TSGT Willie Gibbons of the 236th Combat Communications Squadron, was recently honored with an award of Airman of the Year in the category of Sergeant thru Technical Sergeant. TSG Gibbons will now advance further to the State level competition, where he will compete with award winners from other air guard units within the state. The winner for the state will advance to national competition.

Gibbons is a full time technician at 236th CCSQ in Hammond. He has

been a guardsman for 15 years.

Besides being actively involved in the Air National Guard, Gibbons is a member of the Boys Scouts, where he has been honored as an outstanding den leader. He has been an assistant coach in the Dixie Youth Baseball League, a member of the Greenfield Baptist Church and a past Sunday School teacher.

He is also currently pursuing an Associates' Degree at Southeastern Louisiana University in Criminal Justice. TSG Gibbons resides in Springfield with his wife Barbara and three children Angela, Christopher, and Courtney.



TSGT Willie Gibbons, Airman of the Year (236th CCSQ Photo)



SRA Debbie A. Hebert, 159th Tactical Fighter Group, placed 9th in the Guard Female category at the Fourteenth Annual Marine Corps Marathon held in Washington D.C. in November. Thirty three of the National Guard's top men and women marathon runners from across the United States and Puerto Rico participated this year.

9th Annual NG 5k Road Race

By SPC Kristil Moon
241st PAD Staff

Freezing winds, barricaded streets, and awaiting police escorts set the scenario as hundreds of bundled runners anticipated the cannon blast that would set them off.

The Louisiana National Guard's 9th Annual 5K Road Race to benefit Children's Hospital was held in December at Jackson Barracks.

The 1/2 mile fun run starting line was packed with children, young and old. Overall winners in the children's category were Timmy Ursin with a time of 2:15 and Wendy Duplessis, 3:32.

Many runners used the 1/2 mile to release tensions prior to the 5K run.

The top winner of the 5K in the female category, Debbie Hebert, is a returning champ. Hebert, of the 159th Tactical Fighters Group in Belle Chasse, took the overall spot in last year's race with a time of 21:39. She beat that with a time of 20:40. This is her third year.

Niall Dugan, the overall male winner with a time of 15:41 is a student at the University of New Orleans. At the finish line Niall felt, "unbelievable," after fighting the tough winds.

Other categories in the 5K included the platoon division. Patients of the Chalmette Medical Center Cardiac Rehabilitation, a major co-sponsor for the event, participated in the 1/2 mile fun run. The 214th Engineering Installation Squadron took honors over the second place About Face Boot Camp platoon (a local parish prison program). The returning 222nd Medical Company came in third, and the OCS platoon came in fourth.



The runners await the start of the race like musicians awaiting the start of a concert from the maestro. (Photo by PFC Michael Ritter, 241st PAD)

RESULTS

Male 6 and Under

1. Johnathan Scott N/T
2. Trey Blair 4:25
3. None

Female 6 and Under

1. Alica Ursin 4:38
2. Priscilla Hutchinson 4:45
3. Julie Frazier 5:35

Male 7-8

1. Eric Giovengo 4:23
2. Andren Rich 4:34
3. Benjamin Gerard 5:01

Female 7-8

1. Tracy Robinson 3:47
2. Shawn Blair 4:08
3. Jayne Hutchinson 4:40

Male 9-10

1. Talton Ballard 3:26
2. Matthew Hebert 3:31
3. Wayne Gagliano 3:38

Female 9-10

1. Sonja Hric 4:58
2. Melissa Hebert 5:10
3. Alica Lacoste 5:19

Male 11-12

1. Clint Miller 3:10
2. John Krin 3:15
3. Ken Frazier 3:44

5K Open Male

Overall Winner Niall Duggan 15:41
13 and under

1. Steven Albert 33:34
2. Matthew Hebert 36:18

14-18

1. Gene Cavalier 16:21
2. Doug Fisher 20:05
3. James Cavalier 20:42

19-29

1. Troy Lucia 16:06
2. Ian Wilkinson 16:12
3. Thomas Kopfier 18:23

30-39

1. Darrell Baldwin 15:48
2. Junis Nixon 16:21
3. Walter Ballard 17:16

40-49

1. Shady Schadwell 19:20
2. Ben Franklin 20:00
3. Bret Grayson 20:55

50 and over

1. Eddie LaRouge 20:15
2. Paul Hebert 21:40
3. Gerald Larousse 21:42

5K Open Female

Overall winner Debbie Hebert 20:40
13 and under

1. Valerie Minerva 27:03
2. Wendy Duplessis 31:31
3. Nykicta Carr 31:32

14-18

1. Jennifer Gioia Not Listed
2. Shelia Frey 35:00
3. Sheridan Burns 41:33

19-29

1. Janel Mumme 23:21
2. Debbie LeGros 24:10
3. Mary Pal 24:27

30-39

1. Sue Bourgeois 22:00
2. Shannon Elder 25:58
3. Marietta Johnson 26:44

40-49

1. Linda Mason 24:00
2. Kay Murphy 27:52
3. Gloria Ribar 29:35

50 and over

1. Dorothy Trosclair 33:58
2. Marion Montz 41:07
3. Loretta Simon 41:48

5K NG Male

17-29

1. Marc Sartele 18:48
2. Michael Deville 19:40
3. Pat Simon 20:46

30-39

1. Lou Stevens 19:93
2. Robert Jeanfreau 21:49
3. Arthur Dupre 22:11

40-49

1. Gene Lipscomb 21:49
2. Charles Kucera 22:10
3. MAJOR Leblanc 22:46

50 and over

1. Lee Simpson 23:14
2. Albert Silva 24:38
3. Frank Appel 25:03

5K NG Female

17-29

1. Ranier Woods 24:30
2. Romie Galloway 30:20
3. Lucy Schiro 31:51

30-39

1. Robin Girard 33:10
2. Sharlene Alexis 33:15
3. Joyce Smith 33:16

40-49

1. Kathie Hric 48:40
2. Susan Hatch 49:33

1/2 Mile Fun Run Overall Winner

Male - Timmy Ursin 2:15

Female - Wendy Duplessis 3:32