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Roemer Declares December ESGR Month

By 1LT Maria L. Jonkers
State PAO

Governor Buddy Roemer signed a proclamation in mid-June declaring the month of December as Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve month.

The governor signed the proclamation before a bank of photographers and video cameras in the Governor's Press Conference Room at the Louisiana State Capitol.

The proclamation read in part... "the Louisiana Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve is to be commended for its efforts to make other businessmen and civic leaders aware of the invaluable leadership, teamwork and professional abilities developed in their employees who are a vital part of the Guard and Reserve."

The Louisiana ESGR committee presented plaques of appreciation to Governor Roemer, Speaker of the House Jimmy Dimos, and Speaker Pro Temp of the Senate Sammy Nunez.

Speaker Pro Temp Huntington Downer, a major in the Louisiana National Guard was also honored.

At the same press conference Roemer

also created a Governor's Advisory Commission on Military Affairs by executive order.

The commission will be comprised of at least 21 members appointed by the Governor to serve for a term of three years. Membership shall consist of the following:

The Adjutant General of Louisiana or designee, the chairman of the State ESGR committee or designee, the Secretary of the Department of Economic Development or designee, commanders from major military installations within the State of Louisiana or designee, commanders from major military commands stationed within the State of Louisiana or designee, one member from the House of Representatives, one member from the Senate, and the remaining members shall be chosen from active and retired military personnel, representatives of state and local government, and citizens interested in military affairs.

This commission will provide a forum for military interests, as well as serve as a liaison between the various military entities and various civilian interests within the State.

Louisiana Wins Energy Conservation Award

By SPC Lucas J. Landreneau Jr.
241st PAD Staff

The Louisiana Army National Guard has won the Director's award for Energy Conservation for the Fifth Army. The energy conservation efforts were evaluated with other states in the Fifth Army area and Louisiana was found to be the most efficient.

"The Louisiana Guard was able to experience a 30 percent increase in the track and wheel vehicles and a ten percent increase in facilities while maintaining troop strength of 124 percent in the 1989 fiscal year," said MAJ Willard Hymel, Secretary of the Louisiana Army National Guard Energy Action Committee. Consequently, the Guard was able to reduce consumption of facility

energy by ten percent and mobility energy by five percent, Hymel said. "But most importantly," he added, "the Guard was able to do this while still maintaining the training standards set for each unit and its mission accomplishment."

"This is the first year LAARNG participated in this national competition and our first victory," he said "It was the effort of all of the commanders and their troops that made it possible."

The Energy Action Committee was responsible for the conception of the LAARNG Energy Conservation Plan. The plan was devised to ensure that the Louisiana National Guard would establish and maintain an effective energy conservation program which will result in the saving of tax dollars as well as causing less harm to our environment.

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The ACOE trophy and \$100,000 award check were on display in Schiro Hall during an Army Communities of Excellence Workshop given by Mr. Larry Black, ACOE coordinator for Chief of Staff, Army and LTC Alfred Taylor, ACOE coordinator for National Guard Bureau. This two day workshop, attended by directorate, battalion and major command representatives was held at Jackson Barracks in July. The speakers imparted valuable information on how to conduct a successful Army Communities of Excellence Program. (State PAO Photo)

Chief of Staff Hotline

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Guard to Assume Leader Role In All Emergencies

Recent legislation spearheaded by Speaker Pro-Tempore (MAJ) Hunt Downer now places the Office of Emergency Preparedness (OEP) under the direction of the State Military Department, and the Adjutant General, Louisiana National Guard.

This action took place as a result of a lack of direction and cohesion in State OEP that necessitated a change. This change also ensures effective and smooth communication that was sorely needed between the state and local emergency groups.

The OEP, which was formerly under the Department of Public Safety, is responsible for the coordination of emergencies and training of personnel to coordinate and respond to disasters within the state, be they chemical,

natural or man-made.

The Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association (LEPA) supported the military for the role of taking over the OEP because the National Guard and other military components within Louisiana have always taken the lead to assist local governments in mitigation, response and recovery efforts. The National Guard is also in a position to access resources far beyond state and local capabilities.

Several states throughout the U.S. have already placed their Emergency Preparedness and Civil Defense departments under the military, and they met with success.

With hurricane season here, the legislature had to act fast, and the bill went into effect July 1st. —State PAO

Deadline for all articles for next month's issue will be September 21st.

Front Cover:

Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 156th Infantry undergoes driver's training on the Bradley Fighting Vehicle during AT 90 at Fort Polk in June. (Photo by MAJ Tommy Rigsby, 256th Inf Bde PAO)

Alan J. Tucker Outstanding Airman

By SPC Kristi Moon
241st PAD Staff

Alan J. Tucker has been named Outstanding Airmen of the Year for 1990.

A1C Tucker, one of the eight chosen as finalist for the Outstanding Airmen of the Year, was selected from 102,000 eligible contenders. The selections began at the unit level, continued to state level and advanced to the national level. Selections are based on talent, positive leadership, and dedication.

As a cable splicing project and maintenance specialist Tucker is assigned to the 214th Eng In Sq in New Orleans. He said "they expect a lot from me. I put forth a lot of effort and will continue to strive on."

A 1987 graduate of L. W. Higgins High School, Tucker is majoring in electrical engineering, at the University of New Orleans. He is a member of Alpha Theta Epsilon Honor Society, the National Society of Black Engineers, and the Louisiana Engineering Society.

He enlisted in the Louisiana Air National Guard in 1987. Since that time he has accomplished such feats as the Safety Management Award for Standard Installation Practices.

Tucker is employed by the Pepsi Cola/Delta Beverage Group as a dispatcher/computer operator where he has been cited for "Exceptional Performance" in developing more efficient



A1C Alan J. Tucker
Outstanding Airmen for 1990

ways of routing and documenting routes of delivery while establishing reports concerning output and profits.

"This is just a stepping stone in my military career," Tucker said.



The Louisiana Air National Guard Golf team took the USNAS Commander's Cup in golf. Team members CMSGT Vito Scorsone, MSGT James Gates, and CMSGT Charles Mehle accept presentation of the Captain's Cup, with COL Jimmy Hunt, CPT D. L. Hargis. The Air Guard team defeated sixteen teams in playoff matches before edging past the Air Force Reserve in the final match to win the Captain's Cup. (Photo by SMSGT Ken Barlowe, LAANG)



Members of the 159th Tactical Fighter Group work in below freezing temperatures during their annual training at Keflavik, Iceland in May. (159th TFG Photo)

159th Tac Ft Gp Deploys to Iceland

By SRA Debbie Hebert

A noticeable absence of F-15's in the New Orleans area from April 21 through May 4 was a result of twelve of the airplanes and more than two hundred members of the Louisiana Air National Guard participating in Exercise Coronet Mesa 90. The unit deployed to Keflavik, Iceland. The purpose of the visit was to develop expertise in operating in cold weather conditions and in unfamiliar locale.

Pilots of the 159th sat alert with one F-15A aircraft alongside their active duty counterpart with an F-15C aircraft. CPT Mark Stevens recorded his first intercept of a Russian Bear aircraft while on alert.

Support crews worked out of the newly combined maintenance area. Broken airplanes were given shelter from the wind and snow in one of the newly constructed HAS' (Hardened Aircraft Shelter). These shelters are designed to withstand the harsh weather conditions common to the North Atlantic region. Other members worked right alongside their active duty counterparts in such areas as kitchen, motor pool and supply services.

The logistics of moving a great number of men and material to this region in the Arctic circle proved just as

challenging as the mission itself. The rapidly changing climatic conditions, including sunshine, fog, rain, sleet, snow, ice pellets and sunshine all within a span of forty-five minutes, resulted in people and airplanes scattered across two continents. Although the C-5, 12 F-15's, an EC 135, a chartered DC 10 and a C-130 all listed Keflavik as their destination, weather grounded 6 F-15's in Langley, AF Base Virginia, 6 F-15's in Keflavik, a C-5 and an EC-135 in Mildenhall Air Force Base (just outside of London) and a C-130 in Goose Bay, New-foundland.

Returning to New Orleans was not appreciably easier. Only the first six of the scheduled twelve F-15's arrived on time. After several delays and several breakdowns, the 159th was able to bring everyone and all equipment back safely. Although the challenges were present and sometimes seemed insurmountable, valuable experience was gained by participating members of the 159th TFG.

"This trip afforded me the opportunity to observe my officers and NCO's at work in adverse conditions such as severe weather and a shortage of quarters that was compounded by an influx of a large number of unannounced NATO troops that we needed to share quarters with," added COL James L. Thibodeaux, 159th Tactical Fighter Group Commander.

214th EIS Assists in Telephone System Modernization

By SSG Dean M. Arnett
214th EIS UPAR

As the Air Force continues to modernize telephone central offices on all its bases, local Air National Guardsmen are packing up and going to help.

The immense removal and replacement of antiquated telephone equipment is handled, for the most part, by independent contractors local to each base.

However, Inside Plant troops from the

214th Engineering Installation Squadron recently mobilized to help out with this project at Eglin AFB, Florida.

According to Engineering Installation Team Chief MSG Tom Landa, the old "XY" equipment was removed from auxiliary fields one and two (bombing ranges) and radar site C-6.

"We successfully completed the job which included removing old switches and batteries and connecting power to

(fiber optic interfacing) equipment to be used with the new digital switch at Eglin," said MSG Landa.

He added, "the new equipment connects the satellite exchanges to the central office at Eglin via fiber optic cable, which through the net-mux (Network Multiplexer) can carry more conservations over less wire."

Another Inside Plant team mobilized to Patrick AFB, FL earlier this summer

to assist in the removal of "XY" equipment.

"For the next couple of years, this is the kind of job we'll be called on to do," said Landa. He added, "We'll pack up and go to a base, rip out some of the old equipment and put in something new."

The Engineering Installation Division has a number of projects throughout the world which members of the 214th may be called upon to help.

Cajun Warriors Work Hard, Play Hard

Bradley challenges 3rd Battalion

By SFC David B. Smith
241st PAD Staff

Members of the Louisiana National Guard's 3rd Battalion, 156th Infantry Brigade participated in NET (New Equipment Training) training at Fort Polk. The Army's NET Team from Fort Benning, Georgia, worked with guardsmen on their new Bradley M-2 Fighting Vehicle System.

The Bradley is the newest infantry vehicle to arrive at the brigade since the M-1 Abrams Tank was received in November 1989. It is serviced by a crew of three and carries 10 soldiers and their equipment. It has a range of 300 miles, can travel at rates of up to 40mph and packs a 25mm main gun, two 60mm machine guns and TOW missiles.

SSG Robert Dawson of Shreveport is a member of the Army's NET Team and he feels that the Bradley's is "the best vehicle built for the Army with the soldier in mind." He said that he and other team members will spend a total of 14 months with their National Guard counterparts teaching them everything from how to start the vehicle to how to service and maintain it. "I've worked with guardsmen before and feel that

they are as professional and proficient as Army personnel. I'll return after a month away and they can remember everything."

PFC Joseph M. Strickland of Company A, 3rd Battalion, serves as a driver for the Bradley. He said that he really enjoys his job and "it's better than marching into battle." SGT John C. Lundy, Strickland's Bradley commander, said "this is really fun. I've had a blast so far and we haven't even got it out to really try it."

Lundy had high praise for the NET Team.

"They are very professional," he said, "and the best leaders I've ever seen. They are completely knowledgeable and make the training so much fun you can't help but learn."

SSG Dawson gave credit to the guardsmen for the NET Team's enthusiasm. "National Guard troops are easy to train. They are always interested and have a willingness to learn which makes our job enjoyable." "Training on the Bradley is always different," said Lundy. "From maintenance to operation, it's a challenge. The new guard is exciting...it really is!"



These children get a view from Daddy's seat in a display of Bradley Fighting Vehicles during Family Day. (Photo by MAJ Tom Rigsby, 256th Inf Bde PAO)



LA Guard family pauses in the shade during family day. (Photo by MAJ Tommy Rigsby, 256th Inf Bde PAO)

The Cookin' Cousins

By MAJ Tommy Rigsby
256th Inf Bde PAO

First Cook SGT Farrell and Second Cook SGT Louis Louviere are the heart of the HHC, battalion mess section. Farrell, who is 38 and Louis who is 56 have been together with the battalion for the last ten years. Both have been in the Guard for 18 1/2 years and this is their next to last camp before retiring.

Louis' Guard career started in 1950 when he enlisted in the battalion. After serving his six years, he did a two year hitch with the Army then returned to the battalion to cook with his cousin. He works for Otis Engineering as a list boat operator when not cooking with the "Cajun Warriors". Cousin Farrell is in the family sugar cane farming business.

"I've seen lots of changes" Louis said, "I used to be able to go out and fire all the battalion's weapons, but now I just get to shoot for annual qualification. That's the part I miss the most about the old guard. I love to fire different weapons. I'm too old to become an infantryman, so after one more camp I guess I will call it quits."

When asked about young men joining the guard he said, "I think it's a good opportunity for a young guy. He learns self discipline and a lot about working with other people. He learns skills, like mechanics, cooking and others that he can use outside. He can also go to school free if he wants. And don't forget," he added, "If he is with us, he eats real good."

First Cook Farrell says he works well with his cousin. "I've been the mess steward for the last 12 years. The biggest and best change I've seen is the new Mobil Kitchen Trailer (MKT). These are self-contained kitchens with 4 burners, 2 ovens, a grill, ice chest, storage space and two serving lines.

"The only improvement I could suggest is that when they issue the MKT's they include a portable steam/hot water generator with it. This would not only speed up and improve cleaning, it would also assist in sterilization and general field sanitation."

When asked what they liked most about their jobs they responded in unison, "We love to cook. We love to watch our men enjoy the food and leave with a smile."

SFC Steve Cornner, Bn Food Service SGT, said, "These two are true cajuns. They speak from the heart and go out of their way to increase the quality and taste of the food to fit the palates of their men. If the menu calls for chicken gravy, they make a roux from scratch."

Cornner added, "I often detect flavors and spices that I know were not provided by the Army. This just goes to show how they do the little extra to please the men. They and some of our older cooks are ready to retire. The battalion will miss them, but these guys have taken the time to show the young cooks their secrets. This is the mark of a cajun chef. Stop by some time and sample our cajun cuisine."

Soldiers Relax With Families During A.T.

By MAJ Tom Rigsby
256th Inf Bde PAO

More than 50 percent of the Battalion's families came to Fort Polk on Sunday, June 25 to visit their husbands, fathers, sons and boyfriends. All were treated to softball, volleyball, barbeque, a close-up look at the Bradley Fighting Vehicle and just visiting with each other.

Volleyball games quickly became competitive as the medics took on several opponents.

Some families spent the day at Alligator Lake picnicking, fishing and relaxing.

SPC Michael Weksler said, "Bradley training has been very demanding and time consuming. Many of our guys have spent a lot of time away from home and this was just great. Some of us who didn't have families coming up took the duties for those who did."

CSM Willie C. Gros who set up Family Day, said, "We had a scheduled break in training and this gave us an opportunity to visit with family and friends. Companies organized their own programs. This also gave the soldiers' families a chance to meet the guardsmen's employers. The 3-156 has been, is and always will be family oriented. This was just another opportunity for us to get together. Some of the wives of the family coordinating-committee met with me to find out when the men would be released upon returning home so they could have everything set up for their welcome home parties in the five armories involved. This is just another example of the involvement families have in the Family program." Gros added, "Morale was already high with the Bradley training, but this opportunity to show their families what they learned and what they would learn refocused and increased their dedication."

Employers Get a Taste of the Soldier's Life

By MAJ Tommy A. Rigsby
256 Inf Bde (M) PAO

In an extension of the state's Employer Support of the Guard/Reserve Program, where employers of guardsmen are brought to the field to see the training required of their employees, 2-156 INF went a step further. In June, a group of eight employers of the battalion's men were picked up by helicopter at Lake Charles and Lafayette, then transported to Fort Polk.

Following an introductory briefing by the NET Team (New Equipment Training) on the Bradley Fighting Vehicle, the employers were taken to the motor pool for a hands-on experience. With the temperature hovering at 105 degrees Fahrenheit each employer listened intently to their instructors as they knew what was scheduled for the afternoon.

Following lunch, they were transported to the field where driver's training was taking place. They were introduced to the MILES Laser Training System for the Bradley. Each employer then had the opportunity to acquire and engage targets with the 25mm BUSHMASTER gun and TOW missile systems. All received "kills" on every try.

The next phase was to actually drive the Bradley. Each employer took his turn after receiving last minute refresher instructions from the NET Team coordinator. They performed most efficiently, without damage to the vehicle or themselves.

Ray Puckett, CITCO's Group 3 Manager from Sulphur, described the vehicle and his experience as "most exciting". As a Korean War Air Force veteran, Puckett made comparison to the weapon systems of his time. "I crew-

ed the F-85 in Korea and the technology of the Bradley compares to that of the F-85 and F-86 during their time—the best in the world." Puckett added that he was most impressed with the level and intensity of the training and the outstanding performance of the guard personnel. "We have a number of guardsmen working at CITCO, and now I understand the need for all the training time required. Guardsmen are some of our best employees. The technical nature of the modern Army is certainly carrying over into civilian employment."

Michael Cushman of Cushman and Associates in Mandeville, better known to many as LTC Michael Cushman of the 236th CCSQ, Air National Guard, had this to say about the Bradley, "This is a superb fighting vehicle. It's technology allows for rapid target acquisition and almost certain subsequent destruction and it handles as advertised, like a Cadillac. This has been a most enjoyable experience."

Following the Bradley training the employers were taken to the M203 Grenade Launcher/M72 Law range. Darrell J. DeRouen of Lake Charles commented "Now we really get to shoot something. The lasers were great, but these babies you can see what you hit." DeRouen went 3 for 3 with the law and after a couple of practice rounds readily hit area and point targets with the grenade launcher. Dennis J. Bratton, Operations Manager for South Central Bell said, "This was truly a remarkable experience. How many civilians can brag about seeing a Bradley, much less driving and firing one. And firing the LAW and grenade launcher was the end of a beautiful day. This program for employers is fantastic. South Central Bell employs many guardsmen and this has helped me to understand why many of our best employees are guardsmen. This intensity and motivation carries over to us."

Joe Noel, Vice President of CESCO Chemicals and Cajun Tubing Testers summed it up this way. "I am quite impressed. For a civilian to come up here makes you realize just how much effort goes into the organization and preparation of this kind of training." Noel added that the maintenance aspects of guard equipment, especially the Bradleys, is an awesome task. "It's amazing how much these men are learning about equipment upkeep. Many businesses could benefit from these men's knowledge."

LTC John Gavel, Commander of the 3-156 Bn Inf said, "This program, Operation Pride, has worked well beyond my expectations. The employers have thanked me for the opportunity to view first hand, the job their employees are doing. Their comments have been extremely positive and supportive of our training program. It has been well worth the effort to set this up. The more we involve the employers in the guards' role the more support and cooperation we will receive."

MAJ Herb Fritts, Bn XO commented, "It took some special effort to set this operation up and everyone involved was super. The cooperation and assistance we received was excellent. I think we have accomplished something very important here today. I believe every one of these employers will leave here with a different perspective on the role of the Louisiana Guard in the modern Army."

Other employer participants were: Herbert M. Carter, Deputy Director DEH at Ft Polk; Jim V. Kelley Chief EPSD at Ft Polk; Jay Pellegrini, Financial Consultant in Covington.

The comment was made that when others find out what we (the employers) did today, they (3-156 Bn) will have to develop a waiting list for this program.



Darrel DeRouen, center and Ray Puckett, right, hold on during a runthrough on the driver's course. Acting as Bradley commander is a NET team sergeant, left. (Photo by MAJ Tom Rigsby, 256th Inf Bde PAO)

Delta Dawgs Arrive to Heroes-Welcome

By SPC Bernard Chaillot
256th Inf Bde PIO

The "Delta Dawgs" are home safe and sound after two weeks of annual training at Fort Polk, and New Iberia's welcome for the National Guardsmen made the sacrifice even more worthwhile, said Delta Co. 1st Sgt Jim Kyzar.

"It was the first time we'd gotten a big welcome like that, with a police escort and the mayor showing up. It really made the troops feel good," said Kyzar.

When the convoy of citizen-soldiers rolled into town Friday afternoon, wives, children, girlfriends, mothers, fathers, and other family members were waiting at the armory in City Park to give them a "hero's welcome."

All along Lewis Street, businesses had placed messages on their outdoor signs, and many local retailers contributed refreshments and decorations for a reception at the armory.

Kyzar's wife Emily, through the Guard's Family Assistance Program, coordinated the welcome with the help of others whose loved ones had been away from home training for combat readiness and the nation's defense.

In peacetime, the importance of being ready to defend America's freedoms stays in the background, said one soldier who works in the oilfields in civilian life, but Guardsmen note that their forerunners were the Minutemen who trained prior to the Revolutionary War, and were "ready in a minute" when the time came.

1st Sgt Kyzar said Annual Training (AT) this year was hot ("so what's new," he quipped) but very educational, since troops got qualified on the new Bradley fighting vehicles that replaced the old armored personnel carriers (APCs).

The new vehicle is named after Omar Bradley, the WWII four-star general who was known as the "soldier's general" for his camaraderie with front line combatants.

A National Equipment Training Team (NETT) from Ft. Benning, Ga. supervised the training. "They said they were very impressed with the way the Dawgs took to the task. The guys were hungry this year and really made an impression," said Kyzar.

As first sergeant, Kyzar is responsible for company training plans, and tries his best to instill leadership, responsibility, and teamwork.

The "hard-charging" non-commissioned officers (NCOs) and other enlisted people he works with make his job a little easier, he noted.

"And the NETT people took special note of how the officers of Delta Company got right in there and trained alongside the men... showed they were really in touch with what the troops go through, and care about their welfare," said Kyzar.

"CPT Turney McDowell (the company commander) stays fully involved with the education of the troops and it shows

in outstanding attitudes and a willingness to put out," said Kyzar.

Kyzar, as a former regular Army "tread head," or tanker, was able to give the troops some valuable insights on working around swiveling gun turrets, which the APC's didn't have, he said.

The Bradley can deliver accurate fire on the fly at 40 miles per hour from its 25mm Bushwacker main gun and TOW missiles. It is also outfitted with 7.62mm machine guns and side and rear gunports.

"We have to know how to handle these machines just as we stay current on things, such as first aid and emergency procedures," said Kyzar.

"But the National Guard is a vital part of the community all year round in many ways, not just in times of crisis," he said. He noted that Delta Company works on many projects with the New Iberia Jaycees and other groups.

Delta Co. is an element of the 2nd Battalion headquartered in Abbeville

Lafayette to Honor Vietnam Veterans

By SFC Joseph Perez
256th Inf Bde PIO

After nearly eight years of planning, preparation, and "politicking," Kevin Miles, president of the Lafayette Exchange Club and Veterans Affairs representative for the State Dept. of Labor, watched May 20 as work began on the site of the Acadiana Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

The city-donated property on Feu Follet Road will become home to a 7-foot high, 29-foot-long monument reminiscent of the well-known memorial in Washington, D.C.

Louisiana National Guard engineers from the 256th Engineers Co. in Opelousas, Det. 2, HHC in Lafayette, and HSC 528th Engineer Battalion in Monroe used heavy equipment to begin forming the two-foot mound that will

serve as the base for the monument planned for completion later this year.

As the guardsmen moved tons of earth, Miles stood in the blistering heat and watched proudly as a long-time dream started becoming a reality.

The memorial will be inscribed with the names of at least 125 war dead and three MIAs (missing in action) from the eight "Acadiana" parishes.

The monument will be constructed of gray brick and black marble and situated near a pond with cypress trees growing nearby in the Exchange Club Park, to be renamed Veterans Park.

"I suspect that the list of names to be inscribed is incomplete," said Miles. "Although every effort was made to identify each and every Acadiana casualty, there may be some who were missed for various reasons," he said.

Provisions have been made to add names later as they become known, said

Miles. Those to be honored are from the parishes of Lafayette, Iberia, Vermilion, Acadia, St. Landry, St. Martin, Evangeline, and St. Mary.

The \$20,000 memorial will be paid for through donations to the Exchange Club, explained Miles.

In addition to the names of the fallen warriors, the memorial will depict a map of Louisiana highlighting the Acadiana parishes and the emblems of the five service branches, the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard.

Although not a Vietnam veteran himself, Miles served in the Army during the Korean Conflict and developed a special interest in a monument to Vietnam veterans through his current civilian employment.

"These were honorable young men who performed an honorable task and paid the ultimate price, said Miles. "They have gone too long without the

recognition they so richly deserve," he added.

Plans are also underway to construct memorials for veterans of the Korean conflict and the Marines who died in Beirut in 1983, said Miles, with the park becoming the focus of Acadiana's recognition of its fallen veterans.

"We are hoping to generate a great deal of community interest and involvement," he said.

"This is a great country we live in," said Miles. "This is the least we can do for those who gave their lives defending the liberties we all hold so dear," he said.

Miles is encouraging anyone with knowledge or information which could provide additional names for the memorial to call 265-5512.

Donations for the monument are being accepted as well, he said.

Chief Abshire Retires after 43 Years

By MAJ Tommy Rigsby
256th Inf Bde PAO

CW4 Edres J. Abshire will retire this year. He joined the battalion in March of 1948, one month shy of his 17th birthday. He has been with the unit ever since.

Abshire has served as Platoon SGT, 1SG and since his Warrant commission in 1963, he has been the full time Automotive Technician.

"I remember my first camp like it was yesterday. We went to Beauregard in 1948. Every evening we had to set up our tents and every morning we had to break them down. It was hot," he said.

When the Korean War came along, he was ready. "I was a Platoon SGT at the time," he said, "and I thought we might be called. The old guard was different. I had four heavy weapons squads and only two guns. We used sticks to

simulate the other two guns. That's the major difference between the old guard and the new. The old guard is best described by one word: simulation. We had to simulate everything. The new guard is a glaring change from the past. The amount and quality of equipment we have today is unbelievable. The big change started in 1976 when we went mechanized. That put the foot soldier in a vehicle and let him ride to the battle. It took a long time to train into the M113s. We had to train attitudes as well as training on the new equipment."

Abshire relates his most memorable experience as the battalion's NTC rotation in 1986. "It was completely different," he said. "Nothing like South Louisiana. No trees! Just sand and rocks and the desert heat. As far as that dry heat stuff goes, it's like sticking your head in the oven when you take out your sweet potatoes. The only difference bet-

ween this and war was we shot lasers instead of bullets. I was killed twice."

When asked if he thought NTC was the best training the battalion has had, he responded, "No question about it. Not only from a tactical standpoint, but logistically as well. It was a true test of the guard's system and we did well. You couldn't learn this lesson in a classroom or at Fort Polk. This was the best money ever spent on National Guard training.

Abshire has served in many capacities in his 43 1/2 years. He went through the ranks to 1SG and then to Warrant Officer. His schools include the Automotive Ordinance Officers School at Aberdeen, The Army Maintenance Management School (TAMMS) at Fort Chaffey, many other management and technical schools at Fort Polk and the five week Bradley Fighting Vehicle NETT at Fort Polk. "The hardest school I had was the CW4 Army correspondence school," he said.

"Every night for four years I worked on those subcourses. I didn't get to watch much TV during that time."

Abshire and his wife of 38 years, Gloria, have lived in Abbeville all their lives. "I have one son, Samuel, who is a doctor in Haynesville, LA. I couldn't get him in the guard, but that's okay," he chuckled.

"When I get out I'm going to hunt a few geese during the winter and grow a few apples to sell during the summer. What I really want to do is work in a volunteer capacity to bring tourists to South Louisiana. Florida has a lot to show, but I think we have more. We have great food and Cajun hospitality. What more could you ask for?"

"I'll miss the guard. I have been in it so long that all my friends are guardsmen. A couple of years from now if you're in Abbeville, stop by for a cup of coffee. We're in the book."

Maj Rigsby Appointed Brigade PAO

By SPC Bernard Chaillot
256th Inf Bde PIO

MAJ Tommy Rigsby is the new Public Affairs Officer for the 256th Inf Bde (Mech). Rigsby assumed his post in January after serving 13 years with the 141st Field Artillery, the historic Washington Artillery in New Orleans.

In addition, Rigsby was officially promoted to Major at the LAARNG Officers' Convention in Monroe in April after receiving notification of the promotion in March.

"At first, I was suprised at my assignment as the brigade PAO, but on second thought, I feel the experience I've had has prepared me for this post," said Rigsby.

Rigsby is Science Department chairman at Abramson High School in New Orleans and a consultant to Merrill Publishing Co., a major textbook

supplier.

"So I have developed some skills and qualifications I hadn't thought about that relate well to public affairs work. I've worked with Cox Cable on an award-winning documentary dealing with the adjustments New Orleans area Vietnamese immigrants have made to the American way of life," said the Vietnam Combat veteran.

He was drafted in March 1969, was an honor trainee at basic training and AIT, and the top graduate at the NCO Academy in Fort Benning, Ga. in late 1969-early 1970.

Rigsby went to Vietnam in April 70 as Assistant Operations Sergeant for the 101st Airborne Division, returned to the states in Jan '71, and entered the reserves until receiving his direct commission in Apr 77.

Awards include the Bronze Star, Army

Commendation Medal, 3 Army Achievement Medals, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, Vietnam Staff Award, Louisiana Cross of Merit, 3 Louisiana Commendation Medals, and numerous others.

A decorated combat veteran, teacher, coach, published author, and sometimes poet, Rigsby is busy changing the face of the Public Affairs section at brigade headquarters.

"Since MAJ Rigsby took over, our section has really taken off and assumed a number of duties that public affairs was designed for, but was never tasked to do much of," said Section Sgt SFC Kirk Barilleaux.

"Public Affairs is sometimes viewed as nothing more than photographers, but there is so much more that we are qualified for and are now being tasked with said Barilleaux, who explained that the Public Affairs office had gone

without a permanent assigned officer for nearly two years.

"Now we have an office besides the dark room for the first time, got some long-delayed promotions expedited, and are coordinating much more with the command, which is what public affairs is supposed to do," said Barilleaux.

Rigsby said his philosophy boils down to making the soldiers and the public at large more aware of the role of the modern National Guard.

"The training is the same as that received by active duty soldiers," said Rigsby. "National Guardsmen are some of the best-trained soldiers in the world, and the best-educated," he added.

"Our job in Public Affairs, as I see it, is to advise the command and tell the story of the men and women who do the most important part-time work in America," said Rigsby.

159th Practices Dual Priorities at AT '90

By 1LT Tracie Kiviaho
159 MASH

(Ft. Sam Houston, Texas) "Emergency, Emergency," — "Admission to Bed 14, Ward 43 South, Sergeant Jones. What's his vitals." 159th MASH members are familiar with these kinds of sounds, and even more so that they just completed two weeks of annual training at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.

The MASH, just returned from their annual training, was evaluated on clinical performance. Individual personnel were assessed for professional competency and the unit received evaluation for collective abilities and skills. Annual training for the MASH was an extreme challenge because unlike most AT's where all the personnel are in one location basically working toward a single endeavor, the MASH's AT was "mutidisciplined at many locations." To the credit of the MASH, command and control was maintained and an outstanding evaluation was attained.

Most soldiers were at Ft. Sam Houston and participated in training at either Beach Pavillion or the main Brooke Army Hospital. Once again, the guardsmen were diversified throughout the wards and sections of the hospitals. MASH citizen-soldiers participated in dental, nursing, operating room, respiratory, lab, pharmacy, and emergency room operations.

Besides the primary group at Ft. Sam Houston, twenty-two soldiers participated in PLDC (Primary Leadership Development Course) in lieu of Annual Training. According to 1SG Carl Fenstermacher, "PLDC was important to the unit because this AT we put the individual above the hospital. When he comes back we have a trained soldier, ready to do a good job for the hospital."

1SG Fenstermacher continued his remarks stating "the medical training was the best single block of medical training the unit has ever had... We took control of the situation and within two days we were the example regardless of rank and we got the evaluation to prove it—in our outstanding evaluation."

Annual Training brings to mind thoughts of long hours, hard work, and extended periods away from home. PV2 Gaines, just back from her basic training and promoted to PV2 at the unit party the last night of AT said, "I had a great time, and was glad to meet everyone since I was a new person. I really think this AT was a great first impression."

PFC Anthony Jensen also left Ft. Sam Houston with a favorable impression. Working at Budge Dental Clinic as a dental assistant, Jensen said "It was my first time to work in a clinic and the first time to work on a live patient—being at AT was really exciting for me because so often all we do at drills is get to be litter bearers, and that isn't what I was trained to do. I really liked being at Ft. Sam Houston and just doing what I was trained to do."

According to SPC Joseph Dore, "Tons of things happened at AT. I learned something new everyday—like Heparin locks, IV (Intravenous) protocols, and just 'everything'. It was neat too. I got to talk to the Adjutant General. That was really different."

MASH unit members went to either Ft. Sam Houston for medical skills evaluation, PLDC for alternate training, or Camp Beauregard to hone maintenance and supply skills.

SSG Don Thomas took a contingent of ten personnel to Camp Beauregard. The group participated in a TAMMS (The Army Maintenance Management System) class and had hands on experience with maintenance and coordination with the Directorate of Maintenance (DMT) and Combined Support Maintenance Shop (CSMS). According to SSG Thomas, "the training was great! We learned to set up PLL, parts, and even a map. I really wish that everyone in the section could have come. It really was a great experience."

SPC Annissa Johnson concurred with the assessment of the great training and added, "It was my first summer camp. I learned a lot about the maintenance functions, the chain of custody with electronics equipment—or really of any equipment. I really like the signal shop but it sure was hot, hot, hot."

Primary Leadership Development Course (PLDC) participants weren't without accomplishment. SGT Earl Wilson and SPC William Broadhurst were in the top 5% of the PLDC class that graduated 16 June 1990.

SGT Wilson related that he was kind of nervous about attending PLDC. "I really did have a good time. It was definitely a real learning experience and a challenge. I think the 159th MASH really made a good showing at PLDC, someone from the unit was always doing something. I personally learned a lot about the responsibility of the NCO. I also learned that I really have a lot more to learn, but now I have the basic principles and it's up to me to go back and apply them."

SPC Broadhurst cited the discipline as his primary challenge. "I hadn't expected to go to PLDC but I learned a great deal... especially about interaction with people, teaching and listening as they relate to soldiering, and about the effects of positive influences. This also gets me eligible for promotion."

The MASH, a diverse unit in itself, had training opportunities in many areas besides medical. Areas as different as the specialty areas were varied. Like 2LT Susie Granger of the Administrative Support Section. "I really thought AT was nice. I learned how to use our computer systems—all three different kinds. I also became more familiar and comfortable with my job requirements."

PFC Jerry Gillette was a mail carrier at AT. "There wasn't much mail, but it seemed like everybody was expecting some... it just never seemed to come." Gillette described the AT as "interesting." "AT was a real change of pace. I learned a lot about 201 files, but the unit party was definitely the highlight."

SPC Francisco Lopez was a "bus driver." "I was particularly proud of the fact the I got everyone to where they had to go, whether it was to the hospital or for meals on time."

The MASH's last AT was held at Camp Shelby where the 159th MASH had trained on the Deployable Medical Systems (DEPMEDS) and subsequently went into high gear on New Equipment

Training (NET) for the Minimum Essential Equipment (MEET) Set now at Camp Villere. The culmination of this initial training and equipment issue came with a test of military skills during the April Field Exercise at Camp Villere. At this exercise multi-echelon training was utilized. The Annual Training at Ft. Sam Houston served as a complete turn around in objectives. This type of medical evaluation had not occurred for over five years.

MAJ Michael Jennings, the 159th Hospital Commander noted, "the comments of the evaluators were extremely complimentary. Particularly noteworthy were the comments concerning appearance, attitude and especially the enthusiasm displayed by the soldiers of the MASH."

CPT Paula Nunez, commander of the 159th MASH reiterated the outstanding performance. She noted, "leadership at all levels, especially the sections

sergeants was superb. They took charge of their troops whatever location they were at. Really, the outstanding leadership was evidenced by the training accomplished at all the training sites. I am particularly proud of the fact that we had 22 people attending PLDC."

This Annual Training was a successful validation of medical proficiency and expertise for the 159th MASH. Unlike most units in the LAARNG where combat skills are the primary focus—the MASH has dual priorities: both medical lifesaving skills and combat survivability. This AT evaluated as outstanding, those skills in conserving the fighting strength. Next AT, in 1991 at Camp Shelby, the combat skills will again be tested.

Like after any Annual Training, it is always good to get back home said LTC Suzanne Riche "but to come back with an outstanding evaluation and a feeling of unit camaraderie and pride—that makes it all the better."



SPC Quinn and SPC Perret prepare instruments for sterilization during their AT at Fort Sam Houston. (Photo by 1LT Tracie Kiviaho)



PFC Mullins takes vital signs as part of the hospital routine. (Photo by 1LT Tracie Kiviaho)

Engineers Make History in New Orleans

By SPC Michael A. Ritter
241st PAD Staff

Elements of the 527th Engineering Brigade began annual training July 7, at Jackson Barracks in New Orleans continuing the ongoing process of building the addition to the Louisiana Military History and State Weapons Museum.

Already this year the 225th, 769th, and 528th have pitched into the effort.

An entire new addition to the museum is being built in back of the existing one, and a theatre and breezeways are planned for the future.

The 527th will attempt to complete construction of the new building which will include brickwork, masonry, doorways and an interior duplication of the old museum.

Doorways for the new museum were recently purchased from an old plantation near New Orleans. Much of the 527th's job is not only construction but preservation of historical and architectural integrity.

"This is our work. We don't just put something up, we can do everything down to the details," said CPT Joe L. Price.

The work requires specialized work and other skills that are not usually taught in the army.

"We have a lot of guys here who do this kind of work in civilian jobs, so this is not only a job, but training. We're teaching our people work that goes outside of their MOS," said 2LT Ronald B. Elmore.

One example of that transference of knowledge is SGT Roy Sanders, an expert masonry craftsman from Ruston.

"I think it gives us all a special feeling to be working on this project," said Sanders, "especially when you know that people are going to see this for years to come."

Elmore said that he appreciates the patience of guys like Sanders for not only volunteering their skill, but also for their knowledge.

"When you do something day in and

day out, you learn quicker ways to do things, short-cuts and such and these guys can't pick up that kind of information anywhere else," Elmore said.

Elmore is also making sure that his troops are using the construction exercise to gain tactical experience.

"We want to keep aware that this is a CAPSTONE mission. We still have ARTEPS standards to meet, and we're not going to let out guard down," Elmore said.

Elmore said that security and safety will be his two biggest concerns during the training period.

For instance engineering tape will be used to simulate concertina wire and crash barriers. He said that common skills training, such as NBC and first-aid, will also be stressed.

"We train for realism," he said. "Even though we're on a project in the middle of New Orleans, we're training as if we were doing this construction in a hostile environment."

One enemy that the 528th did not have to simulate was the heat.

"It's hot out here, and it's back-breaking work, but you make it," said PFC Steven Jupiter.

Some troops were forced to work through the day's searing heat with little breaks because of the attention that must be paid to the mortar. The mortar must be constantly worked and tempered, or else it will dry up or lose its texture.

"You've got to either work it, or it will work you," said one masonry worker.

Before the 528th arrived in New Orleans some troops worked on the museum through the Fourth of July holiday. The extra work meant that an important step in completing the building could be finished.

"I just worked it like it was any other day," said SSG Simon Henderson of the 527th Engineers.

Adjutant General Ansel Stroud said, "I thought it was kind of special that we were able to mount the flag on top of the building on Independence Day."



IRON MAN—PFC Donald R. Williams saws this iron rod in two. Williams is working with the 528th Engineering Battalion. The engineers are spending their annual training at Jackson Barracks in New Orleans, completing additions to the Louisiana Military History and State Weapons Museum. (Photo by SPC Mike Ritter, 241st PAD Staff)



STIRRIN' THE BREW—PFC Steven Jupiter and SPC Charles Hicks stir mortar in a wheelbarrow. The mortar is used to hold the bricks in place that will be the foundation of an addition to the Louisiana State Military History and Weapons Museum. Jupiter and Hicks are part of the 528th's team that deployed to New Orleans for annual training. (Photo by SPC Mike Ritter, 241st PAD Staff)



SGM LaClerc participates in history in the making as he bricks the new museum. (Photo by SPC Mike Ritter, 241st)

Engineers Improve Indian Creek Recreation Area in Woodworth

By 1LT Maria L. Jonkers
State PAO

Louisiana engineers spent their "summer camp" at a summer camp this year.

Companies of the 935th Engineer Detachment and the 528th, 527th, 769th Engineer Battalions expanded the Indian Creek Recreation Area in Woodworth Louisiana with 30 additional camper/hook-up picnic sites. The engineers also built a bathhouse for the newly developed area, and constructed an access road and utility systems.

"The program was funded by Congress several years ago with about \$600,000 being appropriated to six states to perform projects on state and national parks and forest service land as a benefit to the public and for training National Guard engineering troops," said LTC William J. Croft, Deputy Director of Facilities Engineering, HQ STARC.

According to Croft, Louisiana was one of only three states to receive a \$100,000 state parks and recreation funding appropriation.

The project covers some ten acres. Company B of the 528th Engineers in West Monroe, Company B of the 769th Engineers in Baton Rouge, Company C of the 527th Engineers in Minden and the 935th Engr Det in Camp Beauregard accomplished the work in four two-week increments. Elements of the 205th Engr Bn also participated.

"During popular camping periods in the past, we have had to turn away many campers when the campgrounds filled up," said State Forester Paul D. Frey. "We anticipate a considerable increase in visitors when I-49 is completed. This expansion project of the National Guard will significantly increase our capacity, and we are very fortunate and grateful to be able to work with the Guard in this program."

"The business people and suppliers in Alexandria area will benefit because the \$100,000 spent on materials will go into the Alexandria area. Food and fuel for our troops and their equipment will all be purchased in the Alexandria area as well," Croft said.



Louisiana Guard engineers build a bathhouse as part of their annual training at Woodworth, La. Guardsmen are building this bathhouse and 30 campsite hook ups with a \$100,000 appropriation for state parks and recreation construction allocated by Congress. (Photo by 1LT Maria L. Jonkers, State PAO)

Marler to Donate Reagan Scrapbook

By SPC Kristi Moon
241st PAD Staff

Kim Marler, daughter of SFC Joe Marler, Readiness NCO for Det 1, HSC 527th ENG BN, spent the past nine years assembling a Ronald Reagan scrapbook.

Her scrapbook includes 18 volumes of

press clippings and memorabilia of Reagan since 1981.

At Reagan's request, Miss Marler is deciding whether to donate or loan her valuable collection to his presidential library, now under construction in California.



The 769th Engineer Battalion presented its guidon to COL Francis E. Thomas (RET), Museum curator in a ceremony held at Jackson Barracks in June. Elements of the 769th Engineers headquartered in Baton Rouge spent their annual training building the new annex to the Louisiana National Guard Military History Museum. According to COL Thomas, the guidon will have a place of honor in the new museum along with a plaque declaring to all visitors the significance of the 769th's role in the new museum's history. (State PAO Photo)

Company C, 527th Engrs Do Road Work

By PFC Trey Trogel
Co C, 527th Engr Bn UPAR

Company C of the 527th En Bn initiated two projects this month—one at BAFB and the other at LAAP.

Eight men from the 1st Gen Con platoon headed by CPL Eric Jarrell are to be used for rapid runway repair. The job entails building the molds and pouring seventy plus pounds of concrete for each slab. "It's a slow process but we usually complete about five per day," said CPL Clifford Henry. SFC John Johnson said, "This is an excellent training opportunity

because it lets many soldiers in the vertical platoon use their MOS". The completion date for this project is unknown since it is on IDT status.

The Minden unit has also started a second project. The site of the second project is at the Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant (LAAP) which is located west of Minden.

Six men from the Horizontal platoon are upgrading a service road to make it ready to be asphalted by a private contractor. NCOIC SSG Joe Welch said that the project probably will not be completed until October. The delay in completion is due to a problem with the private contractor.

The 205th Engineer Battalion Builds "Strong Roads" in Honduras

Photos and Story
By CW2 Louis Joseph
205th Engr Bn PAO

Blasting through mountains, fording rivers, skimming off layers of clay and dust, braving 120 degrees temperatures and sharpening military skills were all in a day's work for the soldiers of the 205th Engineer Battalion while conducting annual training in Honduras.

The engineers spent two weeks in North Central Honduras with the primary mission of building and upgrading a two lane gravel road to link farmers living in the fertile Aguan Valley with markets to the north. The road would also facilitate trade and commerce between the different regions of the country. A secondary mission was the civic action projects. These projects involved the soldiers assisting the Honduran Engineers in constructing school facilities for children, and providing medical attention to the local residents and their livestock.

The effort was part of a six month training exercise called Fuertes Caminos 90 (North), which means "Strong Roads". The engineers went to Honduras in two rotations—Rotation 6 from 27 April thru 12 May and Rotation 7 from 11 May thru 26 May. The road building project began in 1986 at the request of the Honduran Government and has continued every year since. Five thousand Active Duty and Army Reserve soldiers participated in the exercise; however, no more than 610 soldiers were from Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, and New Mexico. There were only two national guard units selected from across the country to participate in this exercise. One was the Missouri Guard and the other was the 205th Engineers, headquartered in Bogalusa, Louisiana under the command of LTC James R. McCall.

The 205th Engineers trained alongside the Honduran Engineers, Active Duty soldiers from Ft. Polk and Army Reserve soldiers from the aforementioned states.

The herculean project started with a Process for Overseas Movement (POM), at the 205th Headquarters. This allowed the engineers to incorporate the "real world" POM into their required mobilization exercise. This in itself added realism and a sense of urgency to the entire project.

After arriving in Honduras, all soldiers received outstanding hands-on training in their respective fields. The horizontal and vertical platoons received outstanding commendations for their military performances. The horizontal platoon's major mission was to upgrade, slope and prep the terrain for the vertical platoon; the vertical platoon's mission was drainage and civic projects. This phase included carpentry, masonry, drainage, plumbing and electrical work.

The 205th Engineers exceeded their assigned scope of work by 50%. In fact, the two rotations of the 205th completed 50% of the scope assigned to the other rotational engineer elements.

LTC McCall pointed out that the exercise was extremely beneficial in that

it provided his soldiers with new and valuable experience in deployment techniques and heavy equipment operation. He feels that this was the finest training exercise his battalion has ever experienced because it provided unparalleled challenges.

When rotation 6 returned to New Orleans, they were greeted by COL Edmund J. Giering, III, 225th Group Commander. He expressed his gratitude in a job well done and for fostering the pride, professionalism, dedication and esprit de corps of the 225th Engineer Group in general and the 205th Engineer Battalion in particular.

Rotation 7 also arrived at Belle Chase, and was greeted by MG Ansel M. Stroud, and COL Giering. Stroud commended the engineers for an outstanding AT period and for the fine representation of the Louisiana National Guard. He presented LTC McCall with the Louisiana Meritorious Service Award.

LTC McCall summed up his battalion's performance in one word: "MAGNIFICENT".



SFC Sandy Ussery is almost camouflaged in the foliage as he marks the jungle to outline where the road will be constructed.



This soldier operates a D-7 dozer to clear rock debris off of the roadway.



Local Hondurans use the newly built roads to take their cattle to the market.



205th Engineers install culverts for the Triple -60. (Photo by CW2 Louis Joseph, 205th Engr Bn PAO)

The Triple Sixty

The 205th Comes From Behind and Ends Up Ahead

By CW2 Louis L. Joseph
205th Engr Bn PAO

When looking at the completed road project the 205th Engineer Battalion constructed in Honduras, one can easily forget the hard work and many phases involved in attaining the finished product.

One example was the Triple 60 project. This project entailed placing culverts in a trench that was 140 feet long, 45 feet wide and 35 feet deep.

57 culverts were to have been in place upon the arrival of 2Lt Jefferson Powell, Project OIC; however, when he arrived,

there were only six culverts in place. The day before the 205th Engineer Battalion arrived, there had been a heavy rain. This caused severe damage to ramps and the trench, as well as the flooring. Moreover, before anything could be done, the damage caused by the heavy rain had to be repaired. This called for a change in plan which required rapid planning and closely controlled execution.

Within a span of eight days, the engineers placed and grouted 67 sixty inch culverts, no small feat by any stretch of the imagination. They also placed the foundation to hold up the



Engineers prepare for the head and wingwalls. (Photo by CW2 Louis Joseph, 205th Engr Bn PAO)

head and wing walls. The foundation itself was 35 feet wide, extended out 12 feet, and to add to that, the forms and footings held 16 yards of concrete. The headwall was 35 feet long, one inch thick and 6 1/2 feet high. The two wingwalls were 20 feet long, one foot thick and 6 1/2 feet high. In building the head and wingwalls over 300 two by fours were used as well as over 35 yards of concrete. Bear in mind that all forms had to be wrecked after completion of the project.

The 205th also completed a sister project called the double 60 with LT Euclid Talley, and SFC John Dorsa.

According to 2LT Jefferson Powell, it

was hard work, but a wonderful experience. He credits the following soldiers for a job well done: SFC William Ladner, SSG William Brignac, SSG Larry Clark, SSG Milton Gordon, SGT Darrell Corkern, SGT Oliver Magee, SGT Raymond Whaley, SPC Gilbert Ball, SPC Charles Brown, SPC John Burkhalter, SPC Ricky Comley, SPC Charles Creel, SPC James Davis, SPC Charles Gerald, SPC Slade Charles, SPC Ronald Taylor, SPC Joseph Warren, PV2 Keiffer Brown, all of B/205th; and SSG James Gordon, SSG Simon Henderson, PFC Johnson, all from the 528th ENG BN.



SPC Rawlin Carter, Det 1, Co B, 205 Engr Bn, and an unidentified Texas Guardsman prepare the salad for the evening meal. (By CW2 Louis L. Joseph, 205th Engr Bn PAO)

Feeding a crew of Seven Hundred Strong

Imagine waking up in the morning in Honduras, and marching to the mess hall to find no food. That never happened to the 205th Engineers because of food services supervisor, SFC Michael Thomas of Company B.

SFC Thomas brought ten cooks, eleven including himself. His cooks were: SSG Dennis Morgan, SGT Clovis Hagan, SSG Jacob Tagert, SPC Gary Dillion, SPC Rawlin Carter, SSG Bill McConnell, SPC Erskin Burris, SGT Isaac New, SGT Cyrus Bergeron and PFC Angela Yeager.

According to Thomas, his mission was to "feed the troops". The 23 year veteran did just that as he and his crew fed over 600 U.S. and 100 Honduran soldiers on a daily basis.

The cooks started their work day at 2:30 a.m. to prepare for breakfast by 4:45 a.m. The cooks heated water and

prepared each line for breakfast, tore it back down, cleaned up and took a break from 9:00 to 1:30 p.m. It was pretty tough to sleep during the day because of the searing heat. According to SGT Rawlin Carter of DET 1, Company B, in Amite, the cooks put in approximately 15 hours per day. In order for Thomas and his crew to feed breakfast, 100 pounds of bacon, 1,500 eggs, and 20 gallons of coffee were prepared daily.

All meals were pre-planned and followed a fourteen day menu plan that Thomas received as part of the dining facility's meal preparation package. Food consumed by soldiers at the camp came from an army post in the United States and was delivered every seven days. But Thomas said that one goal stood above everything else at the dining facility. "We try to prepare the best meal we can regardless of what we cook," he said. (By CW2 Louis L. Joseph)

"It Was A Magnificent Annual Training"



Grenada Pays Tribute to USA Airborne with Stamp

The East Caribbean Island nation of Grenada, a former British colony will release a single stamp and two souvenir sheets designed by the noted military artist, Walter Wright that pays tribute to the Fiftieth Anniversary of the U.S.A. Airborne. These historic philatelic souvenirs will be released as part of the Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration to be held in Washington, D.C., July 2nd through July 9th, 1990.

Members of various U.S.A. Airborne units participated in the 1983 rescue operations in the Island of Grenada. The Airborne and other U.S. Armed Forces groups won the respect and gratitude of the Grenada populace. Hence, the decision of the Director General of the

Grenada Post Office to honor the Fiftieth Anniversary of the U.S.A. Airborne with the issuance of a single commemorative stamp and two souvenir sheets.

Depicted on the single stamp value (75 cent) are two Lockheed C-130 Aircraft employed to drop U.S. Airborne troops over Grenada during the rescue mission of 1983. Shown on the (\$2.50) Grenada Souvenir sheet is a symbolic historical representation of a half century of dedicated service to their country by members of the U.S.A. Airborne.

Featured on the second Grenada souvenir sheet (\$6.00) is the historical representation of the major U.S.A. Air-

borne units. Depicted on the stamp portion is the fifty year span of the U.S. Airborne soldier, highlighting a member in the uniform of the 1940's (left) and of today 1990 (right). On the left side of the souvenir sheet are depicted the three emblems of the different Airborne groups—Glider, Paratrooper and Air Assault; as well as the official logo of the Fiftieth Airborne Anniversary.

Commissioned to print these historic tributes to the U.S.A. Airborne in multicolor offset lithography is the noted Irish Security Printers of BDT International.

These historic portraits will be available for purchase at various sites during the Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration in Washington, D.C. July

2nd through July 9th, 1990, by representatives of various Airborne units and by mail order.

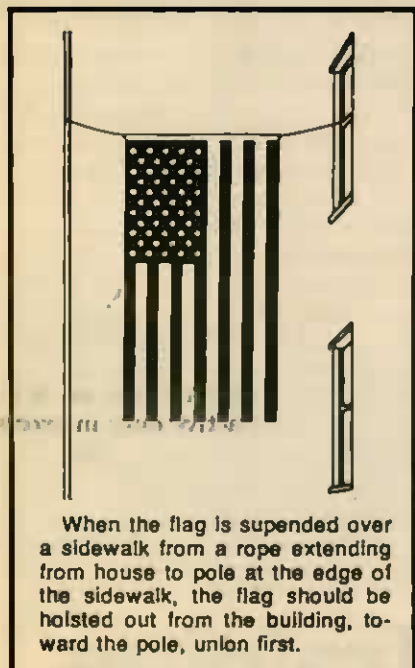
Proceeds of the sales of these items will be donated to the Fiftieth Anniversary Foundation to help fund this event.

The cost for the collection of the single mint stamp and the two mint souvenir sheets by mail is \$10.00. You may also purchase the same stamp and two souvenir sheets cancelled with the first day of issue postmark on special cacheted envelopes for just \$15.00. You may acquire both the mint collection of the stamps on first day of issue envelopes with postmark for just \$20.00. All prices include postage and handling.

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Navas Jr. Appointed New Vice Chief of National Guard Bureau

Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney has announced the appointment of BG William A. Navas, Jr., as the new vice chief of the National Guard Bureau.

Navas began his four-year tour July 1, 1990. He filled the position previously held by LTG John B Conaway, who was elevated to be the Chief of the National Guard Bureau. As vice chief, General Navas will assist the chief in the formulation, development and coordination of programs, plans and policies affecting the Army and Air National Guard of the United States. More than 573,000 men and women serve in 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

Since July, 1987, Navas has served as the Deputy Director of the Army National Guard. Prior to that he was the Director of Plans, Operations, Training and Military Support (G-3) of the Puerto Rico Army National Guard State Area Command.

Born in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, in 1942, Navas graduated from the University of Puerto Rico in 1965 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. At graduation he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers through the Reserve Officer Training Corps. On active duty, he served as a Post Engineer in Germany and as commander of Company A, 168th Engineer Battalion (com-

bat) at Lai Khe, Republic of Vietnam.

In June 1970, he resigned his regular Army commission and accepted an appointment as a captain in the Puerto Rico Army National Guard where he served with Engineer, Military Police, and Infantry units. His military education includes the Command and General Staff College and Inter-American Defense College.

His awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal and Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters. He is married to the former Wilda Cordova of Mayaguez. They have two children, William III, and Gretchen.

Former Adjutant General LTG David Wade Dies at Age 79

By PFC Rebeka D. Lloyd
241st PAD Staff

The former Louisiana National Guard Adjutant General LTG David Wade died May 11, 1990, at age 79. His vast military knowledge was capsuled when he was appointed adjutant general by Governor John J. McKeithen, effective August 1, 1968. However, this achievement was only the summit for his adventure-filled career. His presence dominated the U.S. Army and Air Force for nearly four decades.

His extensive military career began in the Louisiana National Guard, serving from 1928 until 1930. Wade quickly moved into other brief endeavors beginning in 1935 as an Army Air Corps cadet, serving as an Air Corps pilot until the latter part of 1941.

From Nov. 1941 until Oct. 1943, Wade began in Texas as an assistant, and later a director of training. He was then transported to California to assume com-

mand of a Combat Crew Training School which eventually transformed into the commanding officer of the 9th Bombardment Group. In March, 1945, he began a 26 month tour of duty in command of the 9th in the Marianas and the Philippines ending in April, 1947, when he was assigned the command of the 19th Bombardment Group on Guam.

Returning to the U.S. in November, 1947, David Wade entered the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Va., from which he graduated. From 1948 through the 1950's he met other challenges as vice-commander of the U.S. Air Force Security Service and later deputy commander of the 93rd Bombardment Wing at Castle Air Force Base.

With the outbreak of the Korean War, Wade was made commander of the 98th Bombardment Wing which bombed strategic targets in North Korea. His service in Korea lasted from April, 1951, until October of the same year when he

was transferred to Arizona.

His training and skills in aerial warfare repeatedly demanded his transfer to different unit commands where his expertise was needed. During the period of 1952-54, Wade commanded units in various areas throughout the U.S., including Washington and Kansas. In April, 1955, he was assigned to headquarters of the Strategic Air Command (SAC) as Inspector General and in July, 1956, became SAC's Chief of Staff.

The first operational missile unit in U.S. Air Force history hired Wade as its commander on Jan. 1, 1958. The first Missile Division at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. assigned him with dual responsibilities. He was in charge of maintaining an operational capability with Inter-Continental Ballistic Missile Systems (ICBMS) while providing operational readiness training for missile crews manning the (SAC) missile sites and support for the orbiting satellite programs.

From Vandenberg, he was sent to Spain and Morocco to assume command of the (SAC's) 16th Air Force.

On Aug. 1, 1963, he was promoted to lieutenant general in command of the (SAC) 2nd Air Force, headquartered at Barksdale Air Force Base, La. He took command on Aug. 1, 1966, and remained at that post until his retirement on Mar. 1, 1967.

General Wade was the first adjutant general with a military service devoted exclusively to the Air Force prior to his appointment as commander of the Louisiana National Guard. He brought much distinction to his office with his extraordinary organizational ability and knowledge of military affairs.

Many honors were bestowed upon General Wade for his outstanding performance in the service; among them the Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Legion of Honor.



MG A.M. Stroud (right) presents MG Charles Honoree with the Louisiana Distinguished Service Corp at a retirement dinner held in his honor in New Orleans on June 29. (State PAO Photo)

MG Honoree Retires

By 1LT Maria L. Jonkers
State PAO

MG Charles Honoree, Commanding General, 5th US Army, was recently honored at a retirement dinner in New Orleans by members of the Louisiana National Guard. MG Ansel M. Stroud presented Honoree with the Louisiana Distinguished Service Cross.

"I've always been proud to say Louisiana is the best," said Honoree when he addressed the group. "As a kid so many years ago in college I was not one of those voted most likely to stick with the Army. But I've always felt special to wear the uniform, and I always will, no matter what status I'm in."

Although Honoree is a Louisiana native he will retire in San Antonio

because of the high retired military population. The general had many dealings with the Louisiana 256th Infantry Brigade Mechanized in his capacity as 5th Army Commanding General. He praised the Louisiana Brigade and its present and past commanders for their many accomplishments.

"I am confident that the Louisiana National Guard is the best Guard in the United States. And the 256th Brigade can stand up with any organization," he said.

Honoree praised the U.S. Army and the United States.

"It's a country where a little boy can be born in a three room house in Baton Rouge, and can become a general," he said.

Provide for Your Dears By Enrolling Them in "DEERS"

By MAJ Thomas T. O'Leary
Administrative Support Officer

It's difficult to think and plan about something that may or may not happen in the future - mobilization. Every day we hear about lessening tensions throughout the world, but as citizen/soldiers we cannot ignore our pre-mobilization responsibilities.

One is to be sure we provide for the welfare of our dependents. To avoid stress and save time and money upon mobilization the Department of Defense has established a DEERS Pre-Enrollment Program.

DEERS is the Defense Enrollment

Reporting System; a computerized data bank with information on the service member and his/her eligible dependent(s). The pre-enrollment program is designed to automatically take effect upon mobilization. It provides medical and dental care for your dependents, as well as commissary and PX privileges. All eligible family members should be enrolled in DEERS.

An eligible family member is defined as: The lawful spouse of a service member, unmarried legitimate children, stepchildren, adopted children, legal wards and illegitimate children whose paternity has been judiciary determin-

ed. Normally, this pertains to children who are under 21 years of age. However, a child over 21 but incapable of self-support because of mental or physical incapacity that existed before age 21, may be included as an eligible family member. In addition, a child over 21 but under 23 years old who is pursuing a full-time, approved course of education may be considered an eligible family member in some cases.

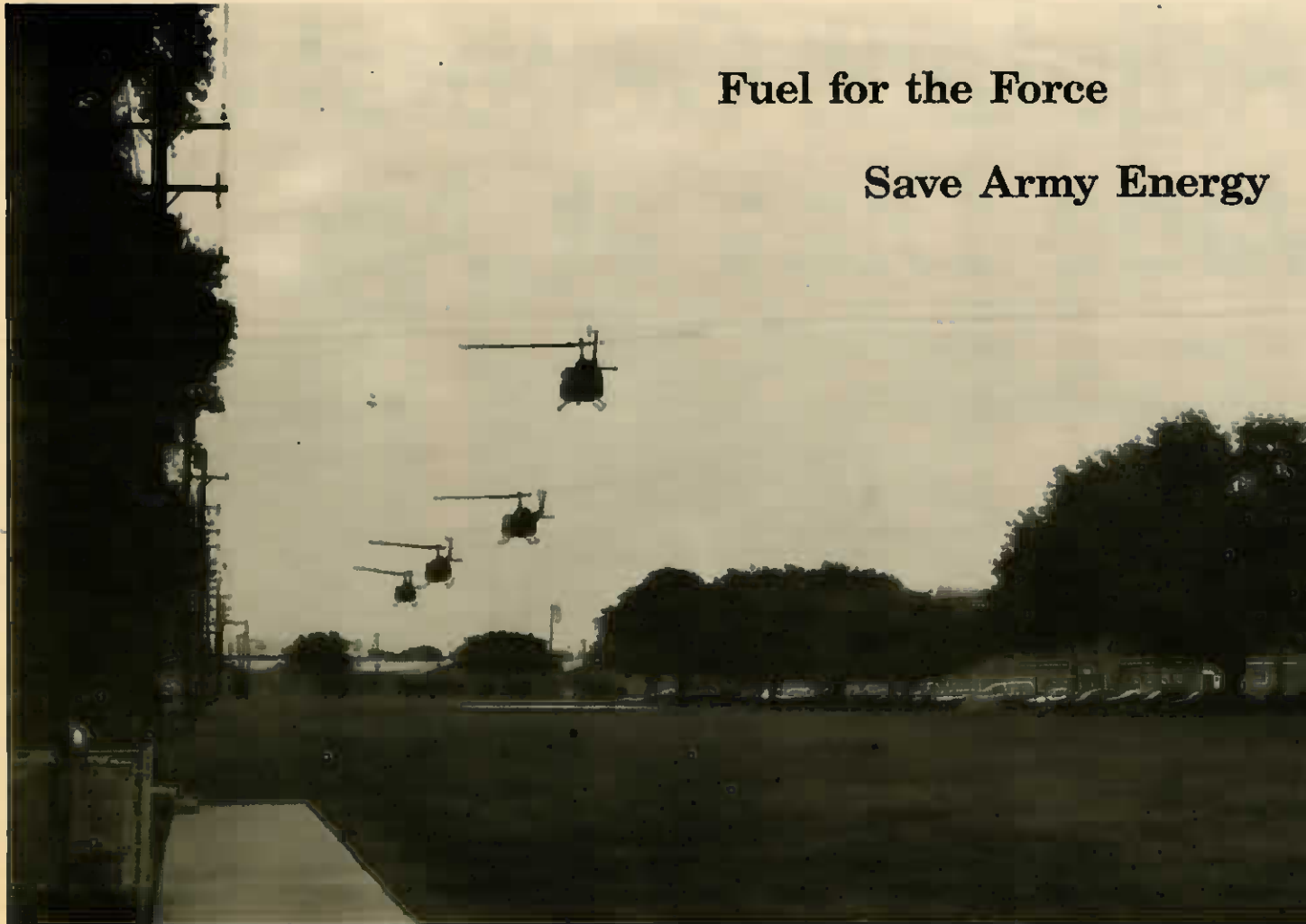
Dependents enroll in DEERS by completing a DD Form 1172, August 1987 Edition. The following categories should already appear in the current DEERS data base and only need verification:

a. Prior service personnel who have been separated from active duty since 1 January 1984.

b. Personnel who have completed basic training since 1 January 1984.

c. Personnel who have had an AGR tour or served on active duty in excess of 30 days since 1 January 1984. This includes Active Duty for Training for over 30 days.

All soldiers should verify their records twice a year; during birth month records review and at the annual POR. Remember, it is each soldier's responsibility to provide for the welfare of his "DEARS" by pre-enrolling them in "DEERS".



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The Supreme Court "Rode the Circuit" Until Gaining Co-Equal Status As Branch

By Chief Justice Warren E. Burger
(1969-1986)
Chairman, Commission on the
Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution

When the founding fathers wrote the Constitution during the summer of 1787, creating the structure of a "national judiciary" was easy—they left it up to The First Congress. In a summer of dispute and compromise, this compromise by procrastination did nothing more than turn over to The First Congress the potentially volatile problem of establishing a federal judiciary.

Article III of the Constitution merely provided for a "supreme Court, and . . . such inferior Courts as the Congress may from time to time ordain and establish," as well as establishing tenure

(during good behavior and pay (cannot be diminished while in office) for Supreme Court Justices. It also lists the types of disputes that may be taken to a federal court, including the Supreme Court, and guarantees trial by jury. Article III concludes with a description of the crime of treason, the only crime spelled out in the Constitution.

The First Congress completed action on the nation's first judicial legislation on September 21, and on September 24, 1789, President George Washington signed the Judiciary Act of 1789, creating the office of Attorney General, 13 federal districts and 13 district judgeships and a means to review their decisions. The Judiciary Act put the District Courts at the base of a pyramid.

The next level was the Federal Circuit Courts and the apex was the Supreme Court. Originally three judgeships for circuit courts were provided; a circuit court was made of up two Supreme Court Justices and one District Court Judge.

To sit on the first Supreme Court, President George Washington sought men he had worked with in the past and who shared his philosophy of a strong central government. Three of his nominees, John Rutledge of South Carolina, James Wilson of Pennsylvania, and John Blair of Virginia, served in the Constitutional Convention and had signed the document. William Cushing of Massachusetts and James Iredell of North Carolina had carried the Federalist banner in their state ratifying conventions.

For the First Chief Justice of the United States, Washington again turned to a staunch Federalist, John Jay of New York. Jay was one of the leaders in New York's ratification battle, joining with James Madison and Alexander Hamilton to author *The Federalist Papers* in support of ratifying the Constitution. The first session of the Supreme Court was scheduled to meet in New York City on February 1, 1790, but only Chief Justice Jay and Associate Justice James Wilson had taken the Judicial Oath. The next day, John Rutledge and John Blair took their oaths, and the Court had an official quorum and convened for the first time.

For the first decade, the Supreme Court decided few cases. The Justices spent the majority of their time "riding the circuit," serving the three circuits created by the Judiciary Act of 1789. The Eastern Circuit included New Hampshire, Massachusetts (including Maine), Connecticut, and New York. Rhode

Island was added after it ratified the Constitution on May 29, 1790. The Middle Circuit consisted of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia. The Southern Circuit was made up of South Carolina and Georgia, with North Carolina added when it joined the Union on November 21, 1789.

When one considers that the most common means of travel was horseback or carriage, and the condition of most of the roads during this period of time, the burden and danger of "riding the circuit" comes into perspective. The days spent on the road, traveling from court to court, were extremely taxing. Justice Iredell was especially vocal in his antipathy for the circuit rider system. He complained of "leading the life of a Postboy," and asked Congress for some relief. As new states were added—Vermont joined the Union on March 7, 1791, followed by Kentucky in 1792 and Tennessee in 1796—the burden of "riding the circuit" increased also.

In the beginning, the Court was not held in high esteem. John Harrison of Maryland refused President Washington's nomination to be an

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Measuring Unit Performance Fosters Competition

By CPT William Ratcliffe
Education Services Officer

For almost two years, the Directorate of Personnel and Administration has used a management tool called the Composite Performance Profile (CPP) to measure the performance of units in key personnel areas. The overall rating of units in the 21 separate critical areas of personnel administration provides the top leadership and commanders at every level the information they need to determine what areas require additional emphasis.

The CPP is a quarterly report that ranks units according to their relative proficiency in these areas. Beginning with the third quarter of this year, this report was provided to the field. The short term results of publishing this report to the field is to foster competi-

Listed below are the results of the third quarter CPP:

- 1st - 1/244th - 93%
- 2nd - 199th - 92%
- 3rd - 773d - 92%
- 4th - 165th - 86%
- 5th - 1/141st - 83%
- 6th - 769th - 83%
- 7th - 415th - 82%
- 8th - 527th - 82%
- 9th - 2/156th - 81%
- 10th - 1/156th - 80%
- 11th - 2223rd - 79%
- 12th - 205th - 78%
- 13th - 528th - 77%
- 14th - HHC 256th & SEP Units - 76%
- 15th - 3/156th - 72%
- 16th - 159th - 71%

tion between units and improve the personnel readiness in each of the areas examined by the CPP. The long range benefit of publishing this report is to improve the quality of personnel services provided to members of the LAARNG. An ancillary benefit in doing this improves the lives of the families of these members.

Through good leadership and using the tools available we can strive for excellence in our organization and our community.

Congratulations to the 1/244th Aviation Battalion on their extremely high level of performance of 93% on the third quarter CPP. This achievement is well above the Adjutant General's goal of 85%. The Adjutant General will award a CPP personnel performance plaque to the 244th at an appropriate ceremony.

La. Nat'l Guard Museum Receives M5 "Stuart VI"

By: COL Bill Thomas
Superintendent of CSMS

Through the efforts of the officers and men of the 225th Eng Group and the generosity of the people of Homer, Louisiana and American Legion Post 73, the Louisiana National Guard Museum at Jackson Barracks is the proud owner of a M-5 Light Tank "Stuart VI". While visiting a project at the Homer Airport, MAJ Gary Jones of the 225th Engr Gp noticed an old tank in front of American

Legion Post. He made inquiries as to the tank's status and asked if the post might be interested in donating the tank to the Louisiana National Guard Museum. He determined that there were and this information was reported up the chain of command. The donation was made after a meeting of MG Stroud, Homer Mayor Joe Michael, and the members of the American Legion Post 73.

Research to date has determined that the tank was built on September 20, 1942 by the Cadillac Motor Car Division of General Motors at Detroit, Michigan. When compared with other series of American tanks produced during World War II, the M5 Light Tank "Stuart VI" is semi-rare in as much as only 2,047 were produced. The "Stuart VI" mounted a 37 mm main gun and 3-30 cal machine guns M1919. It had a fuel capacity of 86 gallons with a range of 180 miles at 25 miles per hour. However, this Light Tank had a top speed of 40 miles per hour. The "Stuart VI" was powered by Twin Cadillac V8 110 horsepower engines and had a fully automatic six speed transmission. For it's day it was truly a "Cadillac of a tank".



The American Legion Post 73 of Homer, Louisiana donated an M-5 Light Tank "Stuart VI" to the new museum annex at Jackson Barracks. (State PAO Photo)

The "Stuart VI" was recovered by troops of the 527th ENG BN and moved to CSMS at Camp Beauregard where it is being prepared for display. An interesting sidenote here is that two employees of CSMS, COL Bill Thomas and WOC Jimmy Terry, both grew up in Homer and played on the old tank as kids some 30 years ago.

The "Stuart VI" is receiving a fresh coat of paint and new markings and will make it's first appearance at the 50th Anniversary celebration of the World

War II mobilization at Camp Beauregard from 19-21 October 1990. It is anticipated that between 50 and 100 military vehicles, both old and new, will be on display during the three day event.

By December 7th 1991, the "Stuart VI" will be moved to Jackson Barracks in order to take part in the 50th Anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor Celebration. Following that celebration the "Stuart VI" will go on permanent

display at the new annex to the Louisiana National Guard Museum at Jackson Barracks. A plaque in recognition of the generosity of the people of Homer and the members of American Post 73 is being prepared for display along side the M5 "Stuart VI."

Members of the Louisiana National Guard are reminded that the Louisiana National Guard Museum is the official state weapons museum and as such, is

authorized to receive donation of military weapons from veterans groups and individuals alike. If any member of the guard is aware of possible items that could be donated to the museum, please contact:

COL Bill Thomas at CSMS Camp Beauregard (800) 346-0493 or COL Francis Thomas at Louisiana National Guard Museum at Jackson Barracks (504) 278-6242.

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Get The Credit You Deserve

By CPT William Ratcliffe
Education Services Officer

LANG members have the opportunity to take advantage of an exceptional educational benefit currently being offered by Vincennes University of Vincennes, IN. Vincennes has established a program for traveling to locations where 35 or more students are willing to take a two-day class that will result in a completed portfolio ready for evaluation for college credit.

Vincennes has long been used by LAARNG members but in a more limited sense. Until now, members were required to wait until they attended a Professional Education Center (PEC) course at North Little Rock, AR, to complete the required Vincennes two-day course or make the journey to PEC unassisted.

Vincennes recently conducted the class for the LAARNG Area Retention NCOs at Alexandria. The results were outstanding for those who participated and the demand for similar classes around the state has been high.

The program calls for students to successfully complete two six-hour classes in either Military Effective Writing or Military Portfolio Development. Vincennes is a regionally accredited university and one credit hour is awarded for successful completion of either of these courses. The cost to the participant is \$64.

While both of the courses focus on

developing two very important skills needed in today's service, the students will have prepared their portfolio for evaluation by the end of the course on the second day. Participants will be required to bring an updated copy of the DA Form 2-1 listing all of the military courses that have been completed, or copies of completion certificates of any other military courses completed that are not listed on the DA Form 2-1. DD Form 295, Applications for the Evaluation of Learning Experiences During Military Service must also be provided at the course.

The Vincennes evaluation has become popular with National Guard members since the university is the only one that has evaluated PEC courses for college and usually awards as much or more credit than the American Counsel on Education recommends for military experience. This is in addition to the fact that this program is the most cost effective method available today for receiving college credit for military experience.

Vincennes cannot perform this service for less than 35 participants per course. They prefer to conduct the class on a weekend. If you can meet these requirements and desire the course be conducted at your location, contact the Education Services Office at 1-800-545-3736 or (504) 278-6355. Courses cannot be scheduled less than three weeks in advance.

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La. Taking STEPS Toward Continuing Education

The Louisiana State Tuition Exemption Program (STEP) continues to be the best educational assistance program of any National Guard in the nation. In addition, the Louisiana Army National Guard has moved from the twenty-eighth to the largest Army National Guard user of the Montgomery GI Bill, Chapter 106, in the nation within the past three years. Together, these two programs help make it possible for the Louisiana National Guard to attract and retain the highest caliber members of any National Guard in the nation. So how do you top being Number one? By improving and expanding the existing programs.

In STEP, every member of the Louisiana National Guard is being provided a copy of the Civilian Education Regulation and the State Tuition Exemption Regulation in the Louisiana Air National Guard. This regulation provides the specific information that each member needs in order to participate in these programs.

Additionally, the STEP Eligibility Report is now being provided to participating institutions two months before registration rather than two weeks. The reports are updated monthly until the end of the academic period. Likewise, the Unit STEP Eligibility Report is being provided to each unit at the end of each month so that it will be available for members to inspect during the upcoming drill. The purpose for adjusting the reporting schedule to the schools and the units is to better support the early registration efforts that most schools have moved to in recent years. The monthly Unit STEP Eligibility Reports provided before each drill will give members a much more accurate reflection of their current status in the program and more time to resolve discrepancies.

In the Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) Program, Chapter 106, Congress has authorized expanding the areas that benefits can cover. These include authorization for a second baccalaureate degree, a four-year flight training program, apprenticeship and on-the-job training, cooperative training, independent study, correspondence courses, non-college degrees and refresher training.

These changes are scheduled for implementation on 1 October 1990. The Veterans Administration has not yet released the details for participating in these additional areas. Those details will be published to the units as soon as they become available.

In the meantime, the Education Services Office is preparing for the increase in MGIB participation caused by the expansion of the program. The Veterans Administration recently authorized the Education Services Office as a Workstudy location for three-quarter time enrolled students who are participating in the MGIB program. The workstudy students are being used to prepare for the anticipated increase in the MGIB program by issuing Notices of Basic Eligibility, DD Form 2384, to all members who are completing their Advanced Individual Training (AIT) this summer and are otherwise eligible. This form will be waiting for the AIT graduates at their unit when they return.

Qualifying members who are interested in participating in the Veterans Administration Workstudy program can call the Education Services Office at (504) 278-6355 for further details.

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La. Officers Meet Civilian Education Requirements

By CPT William Ratcliffe
Education Services Officer

In 1983, the National Guard Bureau established policies that would require Army National Guard officers to achieve a higher level in their civilian education. This action was designed to bring the civilian education requirements of National Guard Officers more in line with their Active Component counterparts, and would be achieved in two parts. The first goal was to have each officer earn at least 60 credit hours by 1 October 1989. The second objective required that all officers commissioned after 30 September 1983 have a baccalaureate degree in order to be promoted to the grade of Major.

We take pride in the fact that the Louisiana Army National Guard did not lose any officers for not attaining the 60

credit hour goal. Now we have to assist these officers with their follow-on requirement of getting their baccalaureate degree if they were commissioned after 30 September 1983. The "Officer Civilian Education" column of the Composite Performance Profile (CPP) will reflect these officers beginning with the Fourth Quarter FY90 report. This column was previously used to reflect officers who had not attained 60 credit hours.

Units that want to get a jump on managing this area will want to ensure that the officers who have already met this requirement simply have their official college transcript mailed directly from the school to LANG-DPA-MD (Military Development Section at Jackson Barracks). The degree must be conferred by an regionally accredited institution.



COL (ret) Russell A. Mayeur of the St. Bernard Kiwanis Club presents COL Lester Schmidt with a check for \$200. This money is toward a \$500 pledge to the Friends of the Jackson Barracks Museum. (State PAO Photo)



Mr. John Carbone, right, presents COL Lester Schmidt, Director of Facilities Engineering with a check for \$2000 from the Washington Artillery Veterans Association. This money is toward a pledge of \$10,000 for the Friends of the Jackson Barracks Museum. (State PAO Photo)

American Legion Honored

By 1LT Michael Mallory
256th Inf Bde PIO

An address by MG Ansel M. Stroud, highlighted the general assembly of the 72nd Annual Convention of the Louisiana American Legion in June.

Stroud reviewed the history and vital importance of the American Legion in recalling the Louisiana Maneuvers of 1940-41, the 50th anniversary of which was acknowledged at the convention.

Prior to America's entry into WW II, many soldiers who are now Legionnaires fanned out across Louisiana in a massive train-up which boasted such luminary participants as Dwight Eisenhower and George Patton.

"We today are able to enjoy many privileges that affect our lives, such as the freedom to choose, to work, to travel, and many other freedoms, because of the soldiers who shaped our proud history," said Stroud. He also added that some of those history — makers will be seen no more, because they made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our freedom.

"It is fitting to say that no greater love does a soldier have than to give his life

for his country," said Stroud.

He recounted the involvement of current and former Legionnaires in the Louisiana Maneuvers, the headquarters of which was located at Camp Beauregard.

Activated units included the 5th U.S. Corps, the 3rd Armored Division, the 107th, 109th, and 122nd Air Corp Observation Squadrons, and the 106th Horse-Mechanized Cavalry.

The Louisiana National Guard will host the 50th Anniversary celebration of the major military activity in Central Louisiana at Camp Beauregard Oct 19-21. During that historic period in 1940-41, Camp Livingston, north of Beauregard, was the home of the 32nd Infantry Division. Camp Claiborne, south of Alexandria, was the home of the famous 34th Infantry Division and the 151st Engineer Regiment. Claiborne also served as the designation site for the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions.

Stroud thanked the Legionnaires for their support of the National Guard museum at Jackson Barracks in New Orleans, and noted American Legion contribution to the artifacts on display there.

Are We Heading Toward Another "Hollow Army"?

When the Secretary of Defense publicly states that there isn't much that can be done about the wide disparity between military and civilian compensation, it doesn't do much for the morale and well-being of the many bright young men and women who have volunteered to serve in uniform.

There is no logical reason why the people who choose to make a career of military service to the nation should be paid less than their civilian counterparts who, for the most part, don't have to put up with the same dangers and inconveniences. When military and civilian pay match, this coincidence is called "comparability." It was achieved briefly in 1972 when it became apparent that a volunteer armed force had to be at least as attractive as employment in the civilian sector. But it slid backwards as politicians who gave lip service to volunteerism decided it was too expensive. The result was the "hollow Army" of the late 1970s.

Comparability was regained in 1981, but only after several years of campaigning by groups representing all the members of the armed forces and by a

relative handful of Senators and Congressmen who recognized the inequity.

Now in the midst of severe budget deficits and six years of declining defense budgets, it is a fact that the principle of comparability has been submerged once again.

Hard experience has shown the armed forces that whenever military pay falls behind comparability with civilian pay they can expect to begin losing good people.

In the past when the Secretary of Defense and Congress recognized a dangerous widening of the comparability gap, they formulated and passed legislation to correct the situation. When they delayed doing so, they usually found themselves with more problems than they had bargained for. Before the present situation worsens, the Administration and Congress must give evidence of their true concern for the most valuable asset our national defense establishment possesses — its devoted career people. They also must make sure that compensation for valued military service does not again fall below comparability with pay in the civilian sector.

New Insect Repellent Tested in Louisiana

The U.S. Army has found a new way to keep things from bugging you. It's a new insect repellent that lasts three times as long as the old standard-issue repellent, doesn't wash off as easily and provides effective protection for up to 12 hours. In addition to all that, it has minimal odor.

Jointly developed by the military and by 3M, the repellent was designed to overcome all the objections that soldiers have had against the liquid repellent that has been in the system since 1957.

The most noticeable difference is that the new repellent is a lotion that looks and feels similar to a hand lotion. Because of a new polymer-based formulation the repellent needs only 35 percent of the active ingredient known as "DEET" (N, N-Diethyl-3-methylbenzamide) to offer better protection than the old formula with 75 percent DEET.

The lotion doesn't sting or collect dirt like the alcohol-based, oily counterpart.

Nor is it as damaging to plastic materials.

Available in a two-ounce, flip-top tube, the new repellent is even easy to use. It can be applied precisely to every bit of exposed skin to make sure mosquitos, biting flies, chiggers, ticks and other insects don't put the bite on a soldier. The lotion forms a vapor barrier of protection next to the skin that repels insects.

The new repellent has been under development since 1984 after surveys showed that 45 percent of soldiers in the field did not like the existing insect repellent and did not use it, and 62 percent of those surveyed felt the Army needed a more effective repellent. The new lotion has been field-tested by the U.S. Army in Honduras, Belize, Thailand, Zambia, and Korea, as well as Alaska, Louisiana and Florida.

The new lotion insect repellent is now available through the Defense General Supply Agency and is called "Insect/Arthropod Repellent Lotion", NSN: 6840-01-284-3982.

Supreme Court

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Associate Justice to take the position of Chancellor of Maryland. John Jay was elected Governor of New York while holding the position of Chief Justice. It was John Marshall, the fourth Chief Justice of the United States, who set the Court on the path that would eventually gain for it a co-equal status with the Legislative and Executive Branches.

Although Marshall had previously declined an appointment to the Court, he did accept appointment as Chief Justice in 1800, and the year 1801 began a great epoch in the history of this Court and of this country.

In his 34 years as the nation's chief

jurist John Marshall took part in over 1,000 Court decisions, writing 508 opinions himself. The leadership and the decisions of Chief Justice Marshall have been praised and discussed for almost 200 years. He is known as the "Great Chief Justice." Marshall's "building block" opinions gave the Court authority and prestige, confirming and defining the concept of judicial review, the scope of the Commerce Clause, and the Necessary and Proper Clause, which exist today. By the time Marshall had served 34 years on the Court, in 1834, the Court and the judiciary were firmly established.

I Can't Do Maintenance

By LTC Earl P. Santos

COL Walter R. Weaver, Director of Surface Maintenance, came up with a new motto: "I CAN'T DO MAINTENANCE." During the four hundred mile round trip to New Orleans and back to Camp Beauregard at least twice a month he says, "I have a lot of time to think of ways to improve our maintenance program." Some of those ideas are: Safety decals to be placed on rear of military vehicles with 1-800 number, (will be distributed to the field within next six weeks), monthly readiness reporting (DA Form 2406) monitoring by LANG-DMT staff, electronic transmission for Class IX repair parts from OMSs through DAS3/4 to USPFO, and marking of ERC "A" and "P" equipment with a blue dot. Just recently he had some feedback from a unit commander, motor sergeant, and an executive officer of a MACOM. These individuals were from different units, and

their comments were very complimentary toward our maintenance support programs. Weaver said the maintenance personnel, supervisors and commanders are really getting involved and "doing something" in maintenance to meet or exceed TAG's number two goal. Another idea of Weaver's was the wooden desk sign stating "Do Something About MAINTENANCE."

Since our last article in the Louisiana Guardsman, we conducted our regularly scheduled Maintenance Managers Course at Camp Beauregard on 21-25 May 90. 28 personnel were in attendance and successfully completed the course. SSG Kermit L. Abshire, the Supply Sergeant from Co C 1/156th AR, Vivian, Louisiana was our honor graduate. We had a generous mixture of Readiness NCO's, Motor Officers/NCO's and TAMMS Clerks attending. It was one of our best attended Maintenance Management Courses.

From 28 May - 7 June the LANG-

DMT MAIT conducted a special Maintenance Management and Hands-on Maintenance Training Course for the maintenance section of the 159th MASH. The 159th MASH was attending AT in Fort Sam Houston, except for their maintenance section; they were at Camp Beauregard attending this course. Ten personnel were enrolled. SSG Don Thomas, NCOIC and Motor Sergeant was pleased with the training his section received. Incidentally, during the hands-on training period, his personnel completed annual services on their own vehicles. Thanks to her innovation thinking and productive use of available resources; 2LT Gail Greene's maintenance section obtained some valuable MOS training during AT.

At the request of MAJ Herbert Fritts, XO, 3/156th Inf (Mech); LANG-DMT MAIT conducted a 2 day Maintenance Managers and PMCS Workshop on 2-3 June 1990 at Camp Beauregard for 3d Bn 156th Inf XO's

and Readiness NCO's. 17 personnel were in attendance, including LTC Marvin, XO, 256th Inf Bde. This training was designed to assist and prepare the 3d Bn in accomplishing their maintenance efforts during AT. MAJ Fritts was well pleased with the training and expressed appreciation for the assistance and instruction.

Due to the persistence of COL Weaver, the ingenuity of MSG King and, of utmost importance, the provision of the necessary computer hardware by MACOMS; as of 26 Jun 90 eight of thirteen Organizational Maintenance Shops in the State have the capability of electronically transmitting their parts requisitions direct to their supporting Class IX facility. Thanks for your help COL Fredrick (LANG-BDE), LTC Douglas (LANG-ENG) and LTC Arthur (LANG-ASG). We have OMS -10 scheduled to come on line in mid July and have tentative commitments from the remaining commands to make this a 100% effort.

John Q. Is Watching You

REPORT

UNSAFE OPERATIONS TO

1-800-233-6796

LOUISIANA NATIONAL GUARD

By PFC Rebeka D. Lloyd
241st PAD Staff

REPORT UNSAFE OPERATIONS TO 1-800-233-6796 LOUISIANA NATIONAL GUARD

LAARNG units traveling in government vehicles to Annual Training this year will have a renewed sense of "duty" due to the safety decals recently adopted by the LAARNG State Safety Council.

A recommendation for vehicle safety decals was submitted for consideration to the Safety Council by COL Walter R. Weaver, Director of Surface Maintenance. The decal as worded above was adopted by the council, and its use approved by Adjutant General Ansel M. Stroud. The purchasing and printing process was supervised by LTC Donald J. Bringol, Safety Officer.

The safety decals are to be affixed to the left rear of every federal sedan, GSA

vehicle, prime mover, trailer, semi-trailer, and dolly that is driven or towed on public highways.

AT drivers, designated by individual unit commanders, will be fully aware that their capabilities are being monitored on an official, as well as a general (public) level.

Maintenance supporting activities are tasked with the responsibility to affix the decals to those items of equipment for which they provide maintenance support.

The decal provides the office phone number of the LAARNG Chief of Staff which, according to Bringol, will somewhat prevent carelessness on the road. "Even if no calls come in, the driver, just knowing that the sticker is on his vehicle will be more likely to take extra precautions", says Bringol. "The new safety decal will aide in deterring unsafe acts on our highways which in turn will protect not only the soldiers but Louisiana's citizens.

SOFTBALL IN OCTOBER

The Fourth Annual "Adam Rowbath Memorial Softball Tournament" will be held on Saturday 6 October 1990, and if needed Sunday, 7 October 1990.

This year's tournament will be held at Lafreniere Park in Metairie, LA. Teams which participated in last year's tournament were the OMS 13 Shop, AASF -1, Independence (USPFO), LA Air Guard, Camp Beauregard, 1/141st FA and the 159th MASH.

The first place team this year again will receive a trophy with a \$300.00 check. Trophies are also given for the second and third place teams, MVP's, a long distance trophy for the team which travels the furthest, and the traditional beer trophy. Thirty free refreshment tickets will be issued per team. Rosters may include male and females from the LAARNG/LAANG (active and retirees)

and federal and state employees of the LAARNG/LAANG.

Applications and fees must be submitted NLT 28 September 1990 to: P.O. Box 505, Arabi, LA 70032, ATTN: SSG Kenneth Gifford. This year's entry fee is \$125.00 per team. Bracket drawings will be held on Wednesday, 3 October 1990, based on first entry - first draw system (example; first team to submit application/fees draws first). The time and location of the bracket drawing TBA. POC's for individual teams should be submitted prior to this date.

For more information contact SGM Joseph S. Centanni or SSG Kenneth Gifford at 504-278-6459 between hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Refreshments will be available. "Come out and lets make it a real nice family day activity!"

Golf Scores

The sixth annual 141st (Washington) Field Artillery Golf Tournament took place on 30 June at the City Park North Golf Course in New Orleans. With 57 participants this year's tournament boasted the largest field ever to compete in the event which benefitted the Jackson Barracks Museum Expansion.

Winners in the low gross and net scores along with the long drive and closest to the hole competition were:

LOW GROSS

1st - Mike Waguespack
2nd - Steve Bergeron

LOW NET

1st - Kerry Campagna
2nd - Pat Santos

LONG DRIVE - Andy Talbot

LADIES

1st - Terry Appe

CLOSEST TO HOLE - Shannon Mayo

The 141st Field Artillery thanks all those who actively participated and supported the tournament. Special thanks to the Washington Artillery Veterans Association (WAVA) for donating food and drinks as well as the friends of the Jackson Barracks Museum who donated prizes.

LT Paul Vorenkamp, tournament chairman, stated that "this year's tournament was a success and next year we will strive to make it even bigger and better by getting more guard units involved. One possibility would be to initiate unit team competition."

This year the STARC, Air National Guard, 159th MASH, 204th ASG, and 244th Aviation Bn were represented.

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Senior Army Advisor McCloud Transfers to 75th MAC in Texas

By SPC Michael A. Ritter
241st PAD Staff

The Louisiana National Guard's Senior Army Advisor COL Harry E. McCloud is moving to Houston, Texas. McCloud will fill the same capacity with the 75th Maneuver Area Command at Texas's Reserve Center.

McCloud came to Louisiana in October of 1986 and since then has seen many changes.

He has watched significant improvements take place in the LAANG's property accountability, maintenance, promotion, pay, and training. He says Louisiana's transition into specialized

training such as with the M-1 tanks has been smooth.

"I'll really miss the people here and the command climate," McCloud said.

He said Louisiana has received national recognition, but he expects the state's militia to receive more accolades in the future.

"We've won a lot of awards, but we're sure to get a lot more," McCloud said.

Of his tour in Louisiana he said he learned something new everyday.

The Colonel has spent 27 years in the service and says, "I served in a lot of places, and with a lot of fine people, but I've worked with none finer than the people in the Louisiana National Guard."



Outgoing Senior Army Advisor COL Harry McCloud addresses the attendees at a farewell luncheon held in his honor at Jackson Barracks. (State PAO Photo)



COL John T. Fulcher replaced COL McCloud as the new senior Army advisor to the Louisiana Army National Guard. Fulcher, an active duty soldier, came to Louisiana from the National War College as a student. Before that he commanded a light infantry battalion in the 25th Infantry Division (Light) in Hawaii. Fulcher, who has served for 23 years, was stationed as a commander at Fort Polk in the 70's when the 5th Infantry Division was formed. He is married to Nita Fulcher and has three children Christiane, 21, Elizabeth, 9 and John 8. Fulcher's residence is at Jackson Barracks. (State PAO Photo)



MAJ Huntington Downer, left, is presented the Meritorious Service Medal by BG Gary Whipple, 256th Infantry Brigade commander. Downer, Judge Advocate General Office is also the Speaker Pro Temp in the Louisiana Legislature. (Photo by SFC Kirk J. Barrilleaux, 256th Inf Bde PIO)



Walter Gay, right, receives his degree from Mr. Edgar A. Madden, Provost for Northwood Institute.

Gay Receives Baccalaureate

By CPT William Ratcliffe
Education Services Officer

LTC Walter R. Gay, Jr., Director of Information Management, for the LAARNG, received a baccalaureate degree from Northwood Institute on July 11, 1990.

Commencement ceremonies for the event were conducted in New Orleans, LA. Degrees were conferred by Mr. Edgar A. Madden, Provost for Northwood Institute whose main campus is located at Midland, MI.

LTC Gay received his degree in Business Administration Management. Special congratulations are in order as he graduated summa cum laude in his class of 28.

The LAARNG especially recognizes his commitment to excellence since he obtained his degree while executing the responsibilities of his demanding career position.

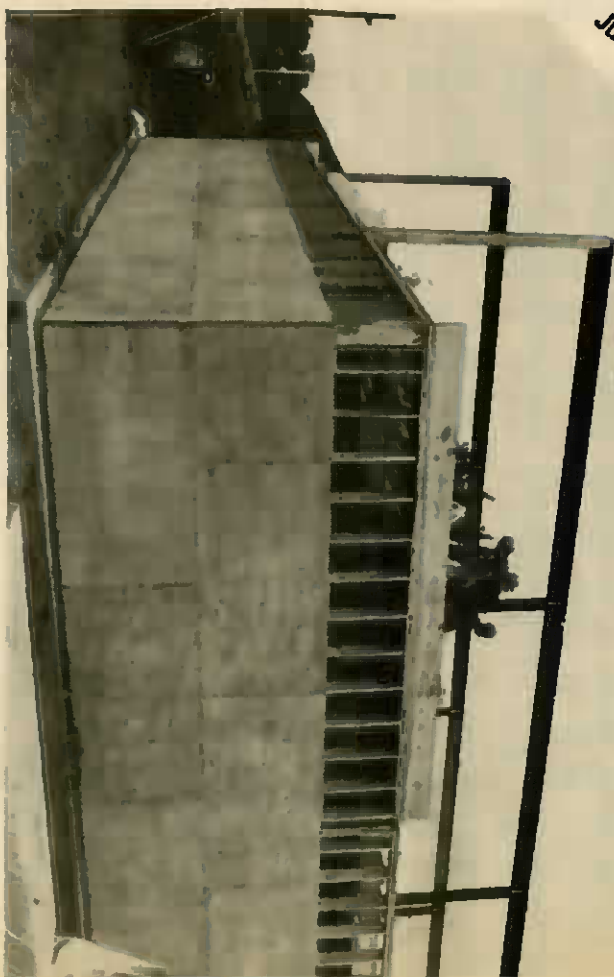


SFC James P. Scalia Jr. of Monroe retires after 35 years of service. His last assignment was with the 528th Engineer Battalion where he was assigned as a food service supervisor. (528th Engr Bn Photo)

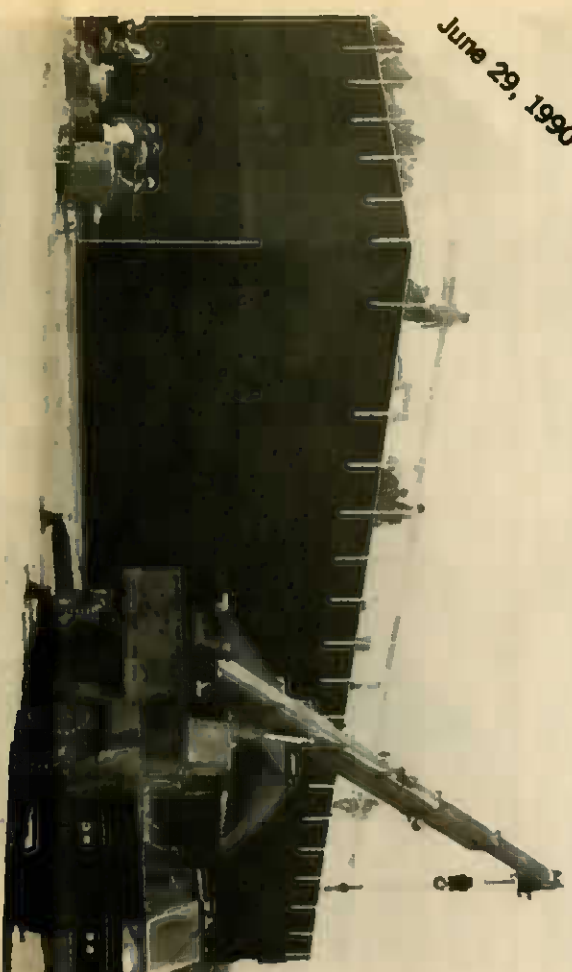
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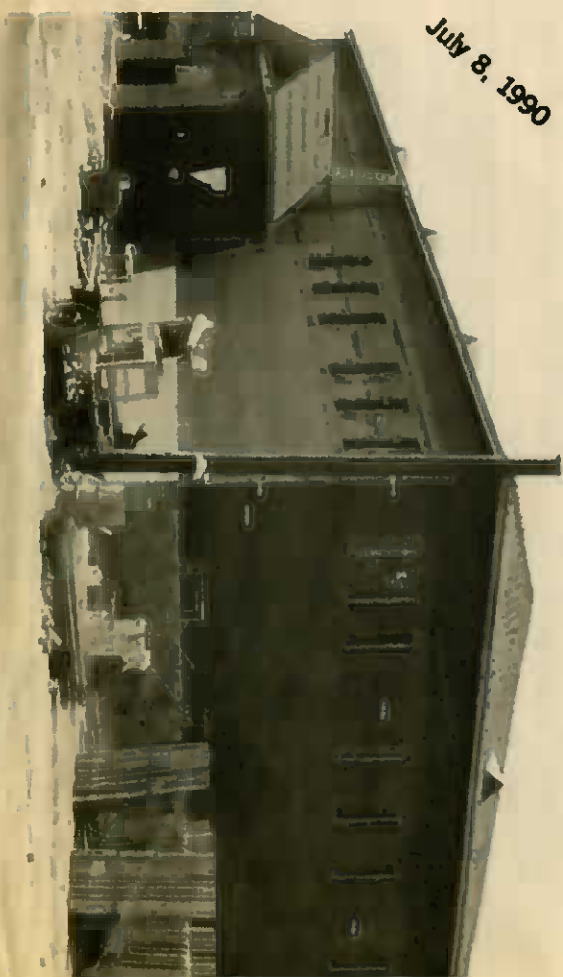
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