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GEORGIA GUARDS THE ENVIRONMENT

*Story and photos by Sgt. 1st Class Roy Henry
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MACON, Ga., Oct. 16, 2010 — The Army returned to Fort (Benjamin) Hawkins today as 25 recruits and five recruiters from the Georgia Army Guard Recruit Sustainment Program's (RSP) Detachment 2 helped clear away brush, plant trees and dig a drainage ditch at the 1.4-acre site that is considered this city's birthplace.

Detachment 2's effort, and the cleanup efforts by a second RSP detachment along a stretch of highway near Winder, is part of the first ever "Guard the Environment" program. Launched in all 54 states and territories this month by the Army Guard Recruiting Division in Arlington, Va., it is a way for the Guard to give back to the communities where they are home stationed.

While the program does focus on RSP involvement, any Guard unit can participate.

"As Citizen-Soldiers, as members of our nation's military, we are responsible for the places in which we live and work," said Master Sgt. Jovell Vappie, the Macon detachment's senior enlisted leader. "We already reinforce in our Soldiers, especially these young recruits, the importance of recycling, picking up trash and the better use of energy resources, but through this event — and many more like it — we are showing Georgia and the rest of the nation that the Guard leads the way in environmental stewardship."

Choosing Fort Hawkins for this first event, Vappie said, provides her charges with an understanding of the importance of preserving history.

President Thomas Jefferson and Indian agent Col. Benjamin Hawkins established the fort in 1806 as an Army post and Indian factory for trading and meeting with Native Americans. It overlooked the ancient Indian Mounds of the "Old Fields" held sacred by the Muskogee Creek Nation, as well as the Ocmulgee River and the Lower Creek Pathway.

The road built for the fort became the federal road connecting Washington to Mobile and New Orleans, and the future site of the city of Macon was founded across the river 17 years later. Fort Hawkins also played a strategic role as the "Pentagon of the South" during the War of 1812, and the Creek and Seminole wars of the mid-1800s.

"Having these young men and women here to help us continue the preservation of this archaeological national treasure is a great honor," said Marty Willett, who chairs the Fort Hawkins Commission.

"It's also our pleasure to help them as they challenge city residents to do their part in making Macon an environmental showcase for the rest of the state," said Ward 1 city councilman Rick Hutto.

Specialist Marc Williams of Stockbridge, who planted one of the two trees, said being involved in Guard the Environment, and helping the commission preserve the site is something he deems important.

"It gives me a sense of pride not only in myself as a citizen, but also as a Soldier," said Williams, a trumpet player who is about to join the Guard's 116th Army Band. "It also gives me great satisfaction to know the Georgia National Guard doesn't just 'talk the talk' when it comes to the environment, but that it practices what it preaches."



From the left: Spc. Marc Williams of Stockbridge, Staff Sgt. Michelle Kendrick of Warner Robins and Pvt. Michael Johnson of Marietta plant one of two cherry trees along the fence surrounding Macon's historic Fort Hawkins.

GEORGIA GUARD'S MOST SENIOR WARRANT OFFICER RETIRES, LEAVES INCREDIBLE LEGACY



Georgia Army National Guard Chief Warrant Officer 5 Rickie Barron is presented the Legion of Merit by Georgia Army National Guard Commander Brig. Gen. Maria L. Britt during his retirement ceremony honoring his more than 40 years of military service.

Chief Warrant Officer 5 Rickie Barron speaks in front of a blackhawk helicopter during his retirement ceremony at the Army Aviation Support Facility #2, Clay National Guard Center.



*Story by Pfc. Ashley Fontenot
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CLAY NATIONAL GUARD CENTER, Marietta, Ga., Oct. 08, 2010 – A Georgia Guard Aviation Warrant Officer, whose 40-plus years of military service took root in the jungles of Vietnam, is hanging up his uniform and passing the torch to the next generation of Army National Guard pilots.

Chief Warrant Officer 5 Rickie L. Barron has retired from the Georgia Army National Guard after 41 years and 8 months with the Army.

“I enlisted in the middle of Vietnam, February 1969, after finishing my education at a Junior College,” Barron said. “I volunteered for the job I wanted before they could draft me into something else. At the time the Army was the only branch that let you fly without a degree.”

And fly he did. After graduating basic training, Chief Barron was sent to the warrant officer flight training program at Fort Walters Rotary Wing Flight School in Texas.

“We thought we were going to have it easy at Fort Walters coming out of basic training. We were wrong,”

Barron said. “But the first time I got into a helicopter, I knew that was me. My first flight was so exhilarating, I would have done anything just to continue flying.”

Barron graduated flight school in the top of his class, and was selected to go through the six-week CH-47 (Chinook) helicopter qualification course. Directly after that, he was sent to Vietnam. He started as a Chinook pilot and advanced quickly to pilot in command where, at the age of 21, he was the oldest Soldier in his five-man combat crew.

“Developing your pilot skills in combat is quite a challenge,” Barron explained. “But it really paved the way for my career. We got a lot of flying in very challenging conditions in a short amount of time.”

Barron spent one year in Vietnam and left in April 1970. During his last three months in country, Barron trained Vietnamese pilots to fly Chinooks and take over once he left. But coming home did not put an end to his days as an instructor.

Barron then reported to Fort Rucker, Ala., for flight instructor duty. His time as an instructor there yielded over 8,000 hours of instructor pilot time with approximately 250 “formal students” including several pilots who would go on to become general officers or CW5s themselves.

“I think some people are born to teach, and I just really love doing it. I don’t think my flying skills came easy to me, and once I developed them I wanted to share them with others.”

It was during his time as a flight instructor, sharing his love for flight, that he met his favorite student of all: his wife. Major Terry (Tee) Barron, S2, 1-171st Aviation Regiment, currently serves as a pilot in the Georgia Army National Guard.

Though Barron did not start off his military career in the Guard, originally serving nine years on active duty and 19 years as a reservist, he made the switch in the 1990s, choosing to serve in his home state of Georgia. Barron is a native of New Holland, Ga., and currently lives in Gainesville, just four miles from his childhood home.

After many years of developing his technical proficiencies as a Soldier, an aviator, and an instructor, Rickie Barron became the Georgia Army Guard’s first CW5, achieving the highest rank in the Warrant Officer Corps. With this promotion came new opportunity to serve the Georgia Guard in an exciting way. Barron was selected as the state’s first Aviation Standardization Officer, where he took on the task of rewriting and implementing technical aviation doctrine.

“It was an honor and a humbling experience to know that I got selected over so many outstanding warrant officers,” Barron commented.

After years of great service at the state level, he was mobilized in 2004 to become the Forces Command Standardization Officer for two years. Barron said this position directly prepared him for his next role doing essentially the same task for the National Guard Bureau, serving all 50 states and the U.S. territories. During this time, Barron trained more than 230 aviation units around the country, preparing them for mobilization.

With 12,000 accident-free flight hours under his belt, Chief Barron’s military retirement this year means the end of many things, but his involvement with aviation and the National Guard is not one of them. He has been hired on as a civilian to continue his work in aviation standards.

“Luckily for me, I get to continue doing what I love – That is to go out and assist National Guard aviation units in preparation for their mobilizations. I feel privileged to have had the career that I have, but I’m at the point where there’s other great [warrant officers] behind me and they’ll pick up the ball and run with it. I’m going to continue service to my country in another way now.”



CLAY'S TOP COP

WHY HE WEARS THE BADGE

Story and photo by Sgt. 1st Class Roy Henry
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CLAY NATIONAL GUARD CENTER, Marietta, Ga., Oct. 19, 2010 – When he was seven, he knew he wanted to be two things when he grew up: a Soldier and a cop. Georgia Army Guard Maj. Kenneth Miller has accomplished both in his lifetime, as a Citizen-Soldier with the Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) of 31A – Military Police Officer (MP).

What is that you say? You thought that only enlisted Soldiers had an MOS, and that officers served under the specific branches of armor, infantry, transportation, ordnance and the like?

“A lot of people think that,” says Miller who has been this post’s provost marshal and law enforcement branch chief for 13 months now, “but that’s what I am, and I wouldn’t trade being an MP for anything in the world.”

He started his military career in the late 1980s as an enlisted Soldier with a combat engineer unit in the Maryland Army Guard. As a sergeant, Miller made up his mind to “pursue the life of a lawman,” and in 1993 he earned his commission as a 2nd Lt. in the Army Reserve. He spent the next eight years gaining experience as a leader and as a military policeman, and found a job as a patrolman with the Cumberland, Md., Police Department.

Not long after that, he earned his bachelor’s degree in criminal justice, an added advantage for anyone seeking a law enforcement career, Miller says.

“And I have been living my two lives – as a Soldier and as a law enforcement officer – ever since and loving

every minute of it,” Miller said from behind his desk here at the Clay National Guard Center Security Office.

In the Army, whether they are active duty, Guard or Reserve, military police officers has five basic missions, says Miller: supporting operations on the battlefield, area security, law and order, detainee or enemy prisoner-of-war operations, and police intelligence operations.

“Like anyone who enforces the law – on post or off [civilian law enforcement] – we’re either seen as saviors or as a nuisance, depending on the interaction we have with the populations we serve,” said Miller. “I can tell you, though, there is no more rewarding work than being a military policeman.”

That is especially true, he says, for the Soldier – enlisted or officer – who becomes an MP.

As for being a Guardsman, a National Guard MP is unique in that he not only has a wartime mission, he also has a domestic mission to carry out.

In Afghanistan and Iraq, Georgia Army Guard MPs trained security forces in the ways of modern law enforcement techniques. Here at home, they assist local police agencies during times of man-made and natural disasters. Those Citizen-Soldiers who also serve their communities as civilian police officers, Miller says, have an advantage over those who do not because they deal with the public on a daily basis, giving them experience that serves an MP well both at home and abroad.

“To anyone out there who’s already in the Guard, or might be thinking of enlisting, I would say that ‘the personal and professional rewards of being a military police officer are many. As a Soldier and as an individual, you’ll be happy with the career choice,’” said Miller.

OPERATION SANDBOX

RIDE FOR THE TROOPS RAISES \$15,000

Story and photos by Spc. Joyelle Torn
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CONYERS, Ga., Oct. 9, 2010 – Active and retired Guardsmen from across the state joined more than 800 other Georgia motorcycle riders and fellow citizens at the third annual Operation Sandbox Ride for Troops to show their support of service members serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

“Riding in support of deployed troops hits close to the heart because I, too, was at one time deployed, wanting a piece of home to grasp onto,” said Maj. Bob Hunter, director of design and project management for the Georgia Army Guard’s Construction Facilities Management Office.

Hunter is also public relations officer for Atlanta’s Military Street Soldierz Motorcycle Club.

“Our organization, like the National Guard, works to foster relationships between our service members and the citizens we serve,” Hunter added. “By participating in events such as the Ride for Troops we tighten that bond between Soldier and citizen, and strengthen support for those who wear the uniform.”

“Working as a human resources non-commissioned officer allows me to support service members in a

professional way,” said Master Sgt. Roger Greene, of Decatur’s 78th Troop Command. “Riding in this event allows me the opportunity to support the troops in a personal manner.”

Operation Sandbox was founded in November 2004 by mother and daughter team Virginia and Julie Pearson of Oxford. The non-profit organization, which sends care packages to troops fighting The Global War on Terror, has already reached more than 80,000 Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines supporting operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

In an address to the motorcyclists prior to the start of the ride, the Georgia Army National Guard’s commander, Brig. Gen. Maria L. Britt, said the event shows how much communities support our troops.

“This event sends the clear message that America still cares,” said Brig. Gen. Britt. “It is patriotism in action.”

This year’s event brought in more than \$15,000 in donations from sponsors and riders. Last year, operations raised an estimated \$11,000 with which the Pearson’s and others sent troops overseas everything from candy to popcorn to tooth brushes to coffee pots.

“We will be able to continue to show our support and dedication to the men and women serving in our military with the funds raised today,” Pearson said.

BRIG. GEN. MARIA BRITT RECEIVES SECOND STAR



GEORGIA ARMY GUARD COMMANDER BECOMES MAJOR GENERAL

Story and photos by Sgt. 1st Class Roy Henry
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STATE CAPITAL, Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 15, 2010 – Brigadier Gen. Maria L. Britt, Georgia Army Guard Commander, received her second star from Gov. Sonny Perdue and Maj. Gen. William T. Nesbitt, Georgia’s Adjutant General, today at a ceremony marking Britt’s progression to the rank of major general. The pinning took place in Perdue’s office with more than 20 fellow officers, family members and friends in observance.

Nesbitt said Britt’s promotion comes as a reflection of an officer who “seeks out the hard jobs, and does them extremely well.”

“In these times of high operational tempo for our organization,” he said, “she is the right leader, at the right time to command the largest component of the Georgia Department of Defense.”

“Maria has led our National Guard Citizen-Soldiers during one of the most active periods in our state’s

history,” Perdue said in a press release. “She embodies that spirit of service and sacrifice that all our Soldiers exhibit every single day.”

As commanding general, Britt is responsible for manning, training and equipping the estimated 11,200 Soldiers of the Georgia Army Guard.

This pinning is another “first” among the many that mark Britt’s distinguished military career since her graduation from West Point 27 years ago. She is the first female in the Georgia National Guard to become a two-star general. Earlier in her career, she was also the organization’s first female battalion commander and the first woman to hold the position of Georgia Army Guard Commander.

The formal military ceremony recognizing her promotion is Sunday, Nov. 7, 2010, at the Commons at Fort McPherson in east Point, Ga.

GUARD LEADERS PROVIDE COUNSEL, EXPERTISE TO INTERNATIONAL EXERCISE



With the help of Georgian interpreter Alex Japardize, Lt. Col. Mark London checks the location of simulated aid during an exercise

Story by Maj. John H. Alderman
Public Affairs Office
Georgia Department of Defense

TBILISI, Georgia, Oct. 1, 2010— Leaders from the Georgia National Guard including the Adjutant General, Joint and Strategic Plans Officer, International Affairs Officer, and State Public Affairs Officer provided instruction and subject matter expertise at a Civil Military Emergency Preparedness Exercise here this week with their country of Georgia counterparts.

Hosted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the week-long workshop included briefings, discussion, and a scenario-driven tabletop exercise. Participants included Georgia’s Ministers of Energy, Health, Foreign Affairs, Refugees & Resettlement, and Agriculture, among other ministries key in an emergency.

“Our goal is to help you test your ideas and theories so should you have a real event you will be able to serve the people of your country with a timely, organized, and effective response,” said Maj. Gen. Terry Nesbitt,

Georgia’s Adjutant General, in an address to the exercise participants.

The Georgia Guard was part of a team that included experts from USACE, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, NATO, and the Georgia Emergency Management Agency.

The Georgia Guard has been a State Partner with the country of Georgia since 1995. Over the years, the two Georgias have built a strong relationship based on trust, shared knowledge, and shared experience.

“This exercise was a great opportunity to see how a partner nation responds to large scale natural disaster,” said Lt. Col. Mark London, the Georgia Guard’s Joint and Strategic Plans Officer. “We were glad to be able to provide some strategic insight, as well as some group instruction, to our friends here in Tbilisi.”

This CMEP exercise is a major training milestone on the country’s major SHARED HORIZONS exercise to be held in early 2011.

THE POWER OF TURKEY

THANKSGIVING FOR GEORGIA GUARDSMEN

Story and photos by Spc. Joyelle Torn
Public Affairs Office
Georgia Department of Defense

CLAY NATIONAL GUARD CENTER, Marietta, Ga., Oct. 26, 2010 – In 1944, while the Georgia National Guard's 121st Infantry Regiment was advancing on German troops north of Luxemburg, their commander, Col. John R. Jeter, temporarily removed his troops from their positions so that they could have a traditional but cold Thanksgiving turkey dinner.

Despite austere weather, the 121st soon after participated honorably in the crucial attack on the town of Hurtgen days later, losing 50 men and suffering 600 wounded. It was later commented by one Georgia officer in historical records that, the Soldiers of the 121st “just wanted to do their job and make it home – back to mamma’s house for the next Thanksgiving.”

And so the tradition of eating warm (or cold) turkey on Thanksgiving has carried on, no matter where Georgia Guardsmen are stationed.

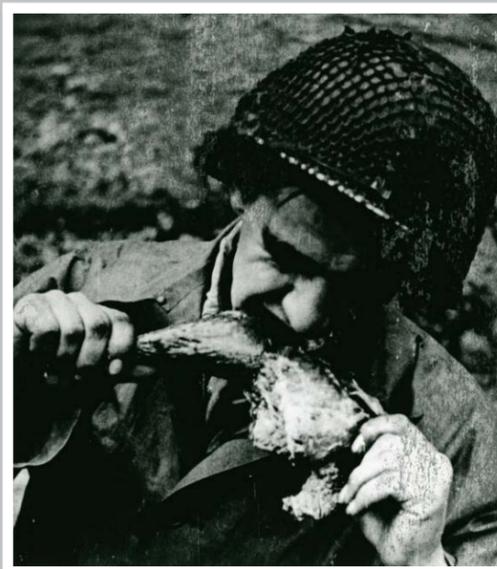
The Adjutant General of Georgia, Maj. Gen. William T. Nesbitt, recognizes the importance of keeping these types of American traditions and values alive, especially during times of war.

“During the Vietnam War, the enemy would sometimes try to take advantage of the pride and traditions of American troops by attacking during known holidays,” said General Nesbitt. “But being able to sit down, despite the enemy, and give thanks for all you have been blessed with, just means so much to the Soldiers in the field.”

General Nesbitt so believes in the importance of holiday traditions that, during this past year’s 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team deployment, he made a Thanksgiving Day visit to Afghanistan to share the holiday with his troops there.

“I missed my family, but I was honored to share the holiday with the Soldiers. I was able to show my appreciation for the jobs they do in defense of our Nation,” said Nesbitt.

As part of that 48th IBCT deployment in 2009, the 121st Infantry deployed in defense of its country yet again – this time in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Sixty-six years after the Battle of Hurtgen Forest, Spc. Marcel



Nalls (one of the Soldiers who deployed with Company B, 1-121st) says that the value of holiday traditions is just as vital to the morale of Soldiers today as it was in 1944. Nalls recalls his Thanksgiving at war well.

“We were out on patrol that day and knew we were going to miss Thanksgiving dinner at the chow hall,” he said. “Our commander boxed up Thanksgiving meals for all of us who were outside the wire, and we got to sit down and eat our Thanksgiving meal together as a squad.”

Nalls added that, even though they were deployed and on mission, there was a lot for which to be thankful – especially the blessing of having all members of his squad return alive.

In 2005, Gov. Sonny Perdue brought a touch of home to Georgia Air Guardsmen assigned to the 116th Air Control Wing based at Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar, and to members of the 48th IBCT deployed to Iraq, during a Thanksgiving visit to the region. He even went so far as to help serve the Soldiers their Thanksgiving meals.

The chance for a deployed Soldier to sit down and enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner is certainly a luxury. The mission and safety of troops, of course, is always the most important goal of each day. But sometimes – whether it be in the forests of Germany, the mountains of Afghanistan, or the deserts of Iraq – giving Soldiers a piece of normalcy during the holidays is just the morale boost they need to complete their mission with success. The Georgia Guard, turkey in hand, has been proving that for nearly seven decades.

HISTORIC 179TH FIELD ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION HOSTS ANNUAL REUNION

Story by Col. (Ret.) Dennis Brown
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TUCKER, Ga., Sept. 25, 2010 – They came from as far as upstate New York to be with their old comrades. Soldiers of America’s “Greatest Generation” and other interested personnel met at the Double Tree Hotel in Tucker to share their personal experiences from the Battle of the Bulge, and other exploits from the storied and colorful history of the 179th Field Artillery Battalion.

After landing at Utah Beach on Aug. 13, 1944, they spent 266 days in continuous combat and managed to capture more than 1,000 prisoners. The Battalion fired the first artillery round over the Rhine River during the march to Berlin, and ultimately fired nearly 50,000 rounds in support of the operation. Eleven comrades who left the United States with the unit were killed in action.

Originating in 1854 as the Atlanta City Guards, the 179th is one of the oldest units in the Georgia National Guard. Their combat history includes Confederate service as Company F, 1st Georgia Infantry Regiment, service in the Spanish-American War, the Mexican Border Dispute of 1917 in Laredo, Texas, and World War I in France, serving with the 31st “Dixie” Division.

During World War II, the 179th served as the direct support field artillery for Patton’s vanguard for the 3rd Army, the famed 4th Armored Division. They fought at Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes—Alsace (The Bulge), and central Europe. In France, the unit was awarded the French Croix de Guerre with Palm for its heroic actions against the Germans. Assigned Soldiers earned six Silver Stars (with one Oak Leaf Cluster), 118 Bronze Stars, one Soldier’s Medal, four Air Medals (with



23 Oak Leaf Clusters), and three Croix de Guerre for their efforts during the war.

Following the war, the 179th reorganized as part of the 48th Armored Division, Georgia Army National Guard, achieving and routinely surpassing regular Army tests and standards. Later, in December 1967, the battalion reorganized again, as the 170th Combat Military Police Battalion, and was eventually deactivated in 1990. Five years ago the unit was reactivated, and continues to serve proudly today. The old armory still stands at 935 East Confederate Avenue in Atlanta and serves to occupy several state agencies.

With every passing year, the original numbers dwindle. Sergeant Charles W. Burke, who so eloquently penned a “Salute to the 179th Field Artillery Battalion,” passed away last May and was remembered during this year’s reunion.

A passage from Burke’s Salute reads, “So here’s to you of 179th fame. You deserve a salute for upholding the name; for you can all hold your heads up high. The 179th memories will never die.”

First Lt. Robert Sanders, the reunion’s organizer and longtime member of the 179th, spoke about his memories in the battalion. “As a member of this battalion for 56 years, I always stood in awe of its colors and the battle streamers that adorn it,” he reminisced. “My association goes back to 1951 when my brother-in-law, Tom Crouch, commanded Charlie Battery. I attended some drills with him and was amazed to find many of the same Soldiers when I joined on 4 June 1956,” Sanders added.

One thing is for sure: proud members of the 179th will continue to meet and honor their unit for all posterity, for they are proud brothers in arms, brothers forever!



AIR OFFICER BECOMES GEORGIA'S FIRST FEMALE STATE CHAPLAIN

*Story and photos by Sgt. 1st Class Roy Henry
Public Affairs Office
Georgia Department of Defense*

CLAY NATIONAL GUARD CENTER, Marietta, Ga., Oct. 22, 2010 – Being “joint” in today’s military isn’t just about service members, from the unit level on up, working together toward the common goal of defeating an enemy on the battlefield. It is also about the spiritual wellbeing and quality of life of those warriors – on and off that battlefield; before, during and after deployment; and it includes seeing to the wellbeing of their families.

In keeping with the joint concept, the Georgia Department of Defense has appointed Air Guard Lt. Col. Elizabeth Harris-Lamkin of Mableton the new Joint Forces Headquarters and State Chaplain.

Harris-Lamkin, the former wing chaplain for Warner Robins’ 116th Air Control Wing, replaces Army Guard Col. John Owings who retired from the position earlier this year. This is the first time Georgia has had an Air Guard officer or a woman as its senior spiritual leader.

“This like any other position I have held as a leader has its challenges, but with the help of my Army, Air and State Defense Force chaplains, and with God to guide me, those challenges will come and go, and we will improve on the already great things our spiritual care givers are doing,” she said.

As far as being the first female senior chaplain is concerned, Harris-Lamkin seemed to brush that fact aside. For her, she said, it is not about gender, it is about

dedication, professionalism and faith, just as it was when Owings had the job.

“And his are some pretty big shoes to have to fill,” Harris-Lamkin said.

Major Gen. William T. Nesbitt, Georgia’s Adjutant General, who praised Owings often for his love of his fellow service members, and work to build a chaplaincy that any organization could be proud of, said he has no doubts about her ability to do the job and do it well.

“Lieutenant Col. Harris-Lamkin has an outstanding record of service, both as a military chaplain and as an institutional chaplain in her civilian occupation as a chaplain for Spiritual Care Services and Palliative Care working with patients and the families of patients with chronic or terminal diseases at Atlanta’s Piedmont Hospital,” Nesbitt said. “She was chosen the Georgia National Guard’s senior chaplain from a field of highly qualified candidates because of this record of service.”

Harris-Lamkin has impeccable credentials and is highly qualified for the position, he said. “I look forward to working with her in the months and years ahead to improve the spiritual wellbeing and quality of life for our Army and Air Guardsmen.”

As senior chaplain, who – unlike Owings was – is a traditional Guardsman, Harris-Lamkin oversees the programs conducted through Marietta’s 139th Chaplain Detachment, the Air Guard’s 116th ACW and 165th Airlift Wing in Savannah, and the Georgia State Defense Force..

Helping her full-time on the Army side is Maj. Blair Davis. At the wing level are Lt. Col. Keith Doby at the

116th and Capt. Brannon Bowman at the 165th. Captain Roger Lanter, soon to be named the SDF’s senior chaplain, will act as her liaison with that organization.

Among the tasks on her to-do list is to continue bringing Army and Air together, an undertaking initiated under Owings. She and her staff will look for ways of strengthening that relationship for the good of the Guardsmen and families who look to those chaplains for guidance.

“On the operations side, we’ll start looking at the prospect of creating ministry teams that respond in a matter of hours during call-ups with the Guard’s soon-to-be formed Homeland Response Force,” Harris-Lamkin said. “We’ll also begin looking at ways in which we build an even more competent, more skilled chaplaincy than we already have, create greater mentorship for our chaplain candidates, and address how our chaplains might improve attendance to the diverse faiths of our Soldiers and Airmen.”

It will no doubt be a tough job, she said, and the examples she gave are just a small part of what will go on now that she is the Guard’s top religious leader.

“Much like my job at Piedmont, there’s much to do and the challenges may seem, at times, a bit daunting,” Harris-Lamkin said, “but God never gives us more than we can bear. With his help, and that of our wonderful chaplains and chaplain assistants, we will meet those challenges with great reflection and excitement.”



ENGLISH ARMS

FOR GEORGIA AND THE CONFEDERACY

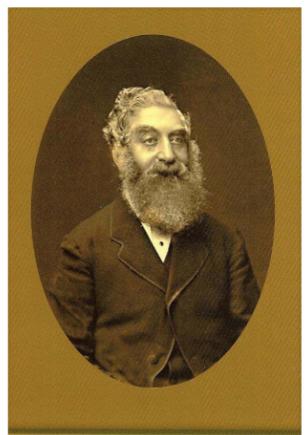
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On January 19, 1861, Georgia followed her sister states in the Deep South by passing an ordinance of secession and together with South Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana and Texas on February 4, 1861, formed the Confederate States of America. The Confederate Congress wasted little time in preparing for war. From the Capital at Montgomery, Ala., the new government and military command created the ordnance bureau under the arm of the artillery on February 20th and President Jefferson Davis named Maj. Josiah Gorgas to head the war effort in supplying the army with arms and munitions. In May 1861, Davis sent Major Caleb Huse to England to purchase arms and ammunition for a Confederate Army that would number 100,000 or more men. According to Gorgas, the South at that time contained approximately 159,000 arms of all types and fully three-quarters of these were of inferior or outdated design. Both Gorgas and Huse were graduates of West Point and had traveled widely in England and Europe before the war. Davis could not have selected better men for the task ahead.

Huse arrived in London on May 10, 1861, and met Confederate naval officer James Bulloch who was sent by Confederate Secretary of the Navy Stephen Mallory. Huse rented a room across the street from S. Isaac Campbell & Company. He was armed only with a bank draft of £10,000 and immediately went to the London Armory Company where after a few days he

was able to secure the entire output from the company after they filled their small orders from United States purchasing agents. At this time, he met Maj. Edward C. Anderson — sent by Davis to witness and record Huse's dealing since Huse was a northerner just like Gorgas, and some in the government did not trust him. Huse found that Anderson also had funds given him from Governor Joseph E. Brown of Georgia, and that Huse should use those funds to purchase arms for Georgia troops. Huse made contact with the British military arms and equipment supplier Samuel Isaac Campbell & Co., and this business relationship would last throughout the Civil War. From this initial meeting onward until January 1865, S. Isaac Campbell & Company would be the main supplier of arms for the Confederacy and grant credit in extent of £15,000,000.

Huse's goal in acquiring weapons would be to purchase the most up-to-date and finest arms of the period, and these happened to be the British Enfield Model 1853 Rifle Musket with 39" rifled barrel of caliber .577 with triangular bayonet. Also on Huse's list were the British Model Enfield 1856 & 1858 Short Enfield Rifle with 33" rifled barrel of the same .577 caliber but with sword bayonet, and the British Enfield Model 1856 & 1860 Cavalry & Artillery Models with 24" barrel in the same caliber. Many of the arms purchased for the State of Georgia were stamped in their stocks with the letter "P." Huse also purchased thousands of British Model 1853 Cavalry Swords with all of these being stamped upon the top of the blade "S. Isaac & Co." Huse also purchased number of percussion revolvers made by Adams in .44 caliber, Webley Wedge Frame Revolvers in a variety of calibers and the .44



SAMUEL ISAAC 1812-1886
 Courtesy of Bastien Gomperts

Webley Wedge Frame Revolvers in a variety of calibers and the .44 caliber Kerr Revolvers. The Enfield rifles came with calibrated long range sites and had been extensively tested by not only the British government but also by the United States Army and were deemed very accurate at 600 yards, and still deadly at 1000+ yards.

The first of what was to be many shipments of arms by fast ships known as "blockade runners" arrived in Savannah on October 8, 1861, and carried 15,000 rifles (mostly Enfields), 500 revolvers, 3,000 cavalry sabers, and more than 2,000,000 cartridges and large amounts of artillery shells, gunpowder and implements of war. In the beginning, only a few of the blockade runners were seized before unloading their cargo but as the war drew on it had gone from one in six being captured to only one in six getting through.

By war's end, vast amounts of arms and equipment were run through the blockade including an estimated 400,000 of the desirable Enfields. S. Isaac Campbell & Company and their founder Samuel went broke due to holding worthless "cotton bonds" and extension of credit to the Confederacy. Today, he and Major Huse are but footnotes in history.



British Enfield Model 1853 Rifle with bayonet, cal. 577, "marked Tower 1861" British Enfield Model 1856 Rifle w/sword bayonet, cal. 577 "marked Potts & Hunt" inside lock dated 1861. British Enfield Model 1856 Carbine, cal. 577 "marked Parker, Field & Son" stock stamped with "JS over Anchor" and "CHI" and "G" for State of Georgia on right side butt. British Model 1853 Cavalry Sword marked "Isaac & Co" and "G" for Georgia. Top revolver English made Wedge Frame Webley percussion revolver, cal. 36, and English made Adams percussion revolver, cal. 44.



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NCOERS

TOP FIVE AVOIDABLE MISTAKES

Every year about this time, NCOs all over the state begin finalizing their Non Commissioned Officer Evaluation Reports (NCOERs). And, every year, NCOs struggle to get their NCOERs done correctly and on time. To an outsider, the back and forth banter between administrative specialists and NCOs might be comparable to a good political debate without the negative campaign adds.

In an effort to educate and hopefully quell the banter, the Georgia Guardsman staff has asked subject matter experts for the top five mistakes they see on NCOERS. We also asked for the top five mistakes seen by promotion board members. To find these answers, we spoke with Master Sgt. Liz Kelker, Non Commissioned Officer in Charge, Enlisted Personnel Branch, Georgia Army National Guard, and Command Sgt. Maj. Claude Ray, Senior consultant to the Promotions board.

Guardsman: Master Sgt. Kelker, what is the biggest problem your office encounters with NCOERs?

Kelker: The biggest issue we encounter is when NCOERs are submitted with missing periods of evaluation. The first line supervisors must complete the NCOER properly – to include showing the counseling dates of the quarterly reviews. If the Soldier knows periods of time are missing, they should speak up. They are supposed to be counseled quarterly by their first line supervisor so that they can see how they are performing and then be given opportunities to maintain or increase their performance based on that counseling.

Guardsman: What is the second biggest error you usually encounter with NCOERs?

Kelker: We see a lot of instances where the front side of one Soldier's NCOER is attached to the back side of another Soldier's NCOER. This is funny most times, but it gets frustrating over time. If the unit administrative specialist would slow down and verify they have properly scanned or copied both sides of the same Soldier's NCOER, it would save both of us valuable time.

Guardsman: We can see how that could become frustrating and could affect all to include the rated Soldier. What is another big issue you have seen that we can help rectify?

Kelker: Actually the next two are also administrative issues, but relatively simple fixes. The first of these is to make sure units are clicking the option to 'send a copy' of the NCOER to Headquarters, Department of the Army. This will populate the social security number rather than the "X's" on the form.

The second issue is to make sure the NCOER, when correctly completed, is input into the Standard Installation Division Personnel System (Sidpers) and scanned into the Interactive Personnel Electronic Records Management System (Iperms). This is vital for all

NCOs, as they need to have their last five NCOERs available in Iperms for selection, promotion and retention boards to view.

Guardsman: Command Sgt. Maj. Ray, relative to your role with the promotion boards, we'd like to know what major problems you encounter on your end of the NCOER process.

Command Sgt. Maj. Ray: Our biggest issue is the lack of substantial context for the rating that is given. The promotion board looks at the bulleted comments. They see a lot of bullet comments that do not justify the rating. For example, many



ratings of "excellent" are not justified based on the reasoning submitted. Raters must take the time to justify with proper bullets because weak ones will only hurt the Soldier at the boards.

Guardsman: Do you have an example for our readers to illustrate your point?

Command Sgt. Maj. Ray: Actually, I do. If a Soldier is being rated as excellent, the rater is stating that this Soldier is among the best. So, bullet comments justifying that need to be in the comment section. Usually, I recommend using facts and figures to help justify. An example might be: "Planned and executed warrior task training for her platoon that resulted in first time 'GOS' for all 45 Soldiers during pre-mobilization training."

Guardsman: What are some of the other major issues you have come across?

Command Sgt. Maj. Ray: The second issue pertains to the first. We are seeing a lot of raters using "canned comments." Sometimes we even see the same rater using the same canned comments on several NCOERs. All they seem to be doing is changing the name and social security number on the NCOER's. This is not only unacceptable, but it's just plain lazy. If you are charged with rating Soldiers, you need to do it right. Unit senior

enlisted leaders should be catching this on the front end so that these types of bullets never show up at promotion boards.

Another issue we encounter is the use of arcane terminology. If the board cannot clearly understand what the rater is trying to say about the Soldier, it can negatively affect the rating by the board. Again, the bottom line is that laziness by raters does not help a Soldier, especially if they are up for promotion in a high-density Military Occupational Specialty like 42 Alpha, 11 Bravo or 88 Mike.

Guardsman: You make some good points here Command Sgt. Maj. Is there anything else that you need to share?

Command Sgt. Maj. Ray: Two things. First, I think we should share that the 'Needs Improvement' block is rarely used. As professionals, we must rate our Soldiers fairly. This will actually help the Soldier and the Georgia Guard in the long run. If we pamper the Soldier and give them a higher rating than they deserve, we are failing to properly evaluate that Soldier or give them a chance to improve. This negatively affects everyone.

At the same time, however, the Soldier needs to be more involved with reviewing not only their NCOERs but their Iperms. If you see something wrong, use your chain of command to get it rectified. The bottom line is that it's your career and your promotion. Soldiers need to make sure they are aware of the paperwork needed by the board, and that their paperwork is completed properly.

THE SUPPLY ROOM

Column by Staff Sgt. Olivia Singleton
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CLAY NATIONAL GUARD CENTER, Marietta, Ga., October 25, 2010 – Certain models of the Advanced Combat Helmet are being recalled. Rabintex and Armorsource models have been found to be defective. All unit supply sergeants need to turn in all defective helmets immediately. This is by order of the Pentagon and is an Army-wide mandate.

“It is imperative we collect these defective helmets and get them turned in,” Said Command Sgt. Maj. James Nelson, Georgia Army National Guard Command Sergeant Major. “Place the highest priority on this today.”

Once you have all the helmets collected at the unit level, contact CIF and set an appointment to turn in the defective helmets and pick up new helmets. All defective helmets will be turned over to National Guard Bureau.

Our goal is to have all defective helmets in our warehouse by November 10, 2010. If any unit supply sergeant is having any issues with collecting the helmets from unit members, use your chain of command to help. I cannot stress enough the importance of this inspection, collection, and return of the defective helmets.

For CIF appointments please e-mail CIFGA.

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT BOOKSHELF: REVIEWS OF BOOKS THAT TEACH US ABOUT OUR CRAFT

Column by Maj. John H. Alderman
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This slim little volume on logistics is so brilliant that it would be tempting to read the first short essay or two, declare yourself Enlightened, promise never to load your Troops down with extra gear again, and move on.

Famed historian Col. S.L.A. Marshall’s basic premise is: “No logistical system is sound unless its first principle is enlightened conservation of the power of the individual fighter.”

In other words, don’t weigh down your folks with unnecessary stuff.

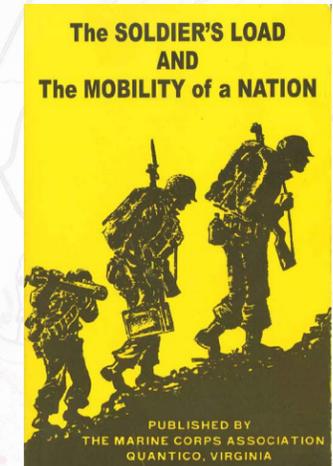
Marshall’s famous studies of the great mass of gear we ask our troops to carry into combat have affected generations of leaders. Staff gets much of the blame: To

“ECONOMY OF FORCES OPERATES IN THE SPHERE OF SUPPLY JUST AS RELENTLESSLY AS IT DOES IN ITS APPLICATION TO THE STRIKING FORCES.”

mitigate their fears of every possible contingency, all sorts of extra equipment is added to the basic combat load.

Because Marshall also believes that “In war, all effort, all policy, should be directed toward speedier delivery of a greater volume of a more efficient fire at the decisive point,” this study of logistics is all about the intersection of logistics and leadership. For him, strategic leadership marshals resources effectively; tactical leadership motivates and inspires subordinates by doing the same.

Some of Marshall’s ideas are challenging and practically unthinkable. Send troops into combat with little food or ammunition? Are you kidding? Yet, as Marshall writes, “the Soldier with only five clips in his pocket but spring in his gait is tenfold stronger than the



man who is foundered under the weight of ammunition he will never use.”

And if you accept his basic premise, then you should give careful consideration to this new equation of risk assessment. What might we gain in mobility in exchange for accepting the risk of having fewer reloads?

At its core, *The Soldier's Load and the Mobility of a Nation* is about the creation and preservation of combat power so that it can be used at the decisive point. And that proves a pretty good model for leadership in general.

Soldiers manage their fuel and ammunition to maintain pressure on an enemy; pilots manage energy to maintain superior position in a dogfight; managers balance the need for information against the cost of distracting their people from their daily tasks by holding too many meetings.

Marshall illustrates his points with vignettes from various wars to keep things interesting. Along the way he makes some pithy observations on decision making, the

psychology of combat, staff work, maneuver, and morale.

Another valuable inclusion in the book is straightforward leadership philosophy that ties everything together: “The ability to command the loyalties of your men, to learn to think rapidly and resolutely in their behalf while teaching them to do likewise, and to strive always to avoid wasting their force and energy so that it may be applied in strength at the vital time and place - that is leadership of the highest possible caliber.”

Whatever their position or duty, leaders are responsible for managing resources to accomplish missions. So, Marshall’s approach will prove useful in its relentless focus on necessary things, of unencumbering subordinates, and maximizing operational effects.

AROUND THE GEORGIA GUARD



OPERATION SANDBOX RIDE FOR THE TROOPS RAISES \$15,000

CONYERS, Ga., Oct. 9, 2010 – Georgia Army and Air National Guard recruiting vehicles lead the convoy of over 400 bikers in support of Operation Sandbox’s Ride for Troops. The Ride for Troops started at the Harley-Davidson of Conyers, proceeded through the Veterans Memorial Park, and looped back to the starting point. The event helped organizers continue the mission of “sending a little piece of home to troops until they all return.”

GEORGIA AIR GUARD VISITS STATE CAPITAL

STATE CAPITAL, Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 28, 2010 – Members from the 116th Air Control Wing, 165th Airlift Wing, and Dobbins Air Reserve base pose for a group photo after the 2010 Veterans Day Proclamation at the State Capital with Brig. Gen. Thomas Moore, Commander of the Georgia Air National Guard, and Col. Joe Ferrero, Georgia Air National Guard Director of Staff.



560TH BFSB CHANGES COMMAND FOR FIRST TIME

FORT GILLEM, Ellenwood, Ga., Oct. 2, 2010 – Brig. Gen. Maria L. Britt, Georgia Army Guard Commander, bestows the Legion of Merit upon Col. Peter VanAmburg for his tenure and “exceptional meritorious service” as the 560th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade’s first commander. With its previous commander moving on to the challenges of a new mission, the Georgia Army Guard’s 560th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade closed the first chapter in its history as one of the Georgia Guard’s two newest brigades.

AIR GUARD TAPS WALKER AS COMMANDER OF MACON’S 202ND

CLAY NATIONAL GUARD CENTER, Marietta, Ga., Oct. 5, 2010 – Lieutenant Col. Doug Walker is the new Commander of the 202nd Engineering Installation Squadron of the Georgia Air National Guard, a unit of U.S. Space Command. Walker assumed command of the 111-man unit at a change of command ceremony Saturday, Sept. 30, 2010 held at the Macon Regional Airport.



878TH ENGINEER BATTALION CHANGE OF COMMAND

AUGUSTA, Ga., Oct. 3, 2010 – Soldiers of the Georgia Army Guard’s 878th Engineer Battalion welcome Lt. Col. Dane Snowden as he assumes command of the unit from Lt. Col. David Silver in a change-of-command ceremony at the battalion armory.





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