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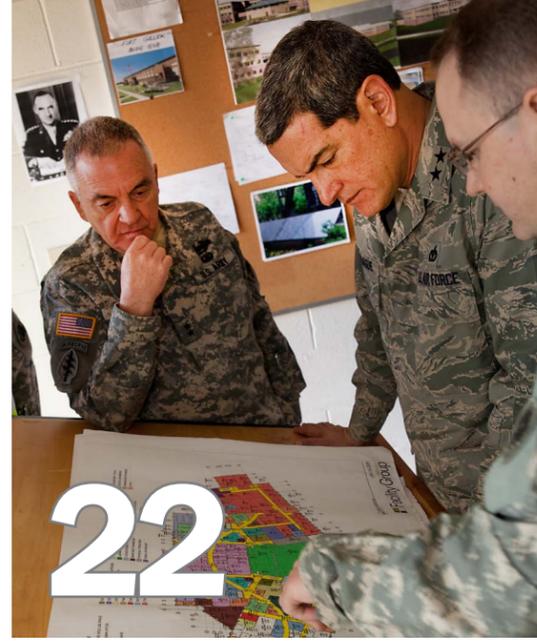
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U.S. Navy Commander Greg Sipple explains to 116th Air Control Wing JSTARS crewmember Capt. Michael Brantley how flight operations are conducted aboard the USS George HW Bush during a joint task force exercise in the Atlantic Ocean

JSTARS HELPS CARRIER STRIKE GROUP GET COMBAT READY

Story and photos by 1st Lt. Clay Gibbs
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ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Warner Robins, Ga., March 17, 2011 — Members of the Georgia Air National Guard's 116th Air Control Wing from Robins Air Force Base participated in a Naval exercise late February in the Atlantic Ocean, providing critical command and control, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance to air and surface assets.

The control wing's involvement with the USS George HW Bush and her strike group was part of a larger capstone joint task force exercise, which gave the 116th's Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System (JSTARS) aircrew a better understanding of Naval operations.

Approximately 10 other Naval and Air assets

participated in the exercise, making logistics critical to the success of the exercise.

"The real enablers behind the scenes were our maintainers," said Col. William Welsh, 116th Air Control Wing Commander. "All five scheduled missions launched on time and, some days, even in foul weather."

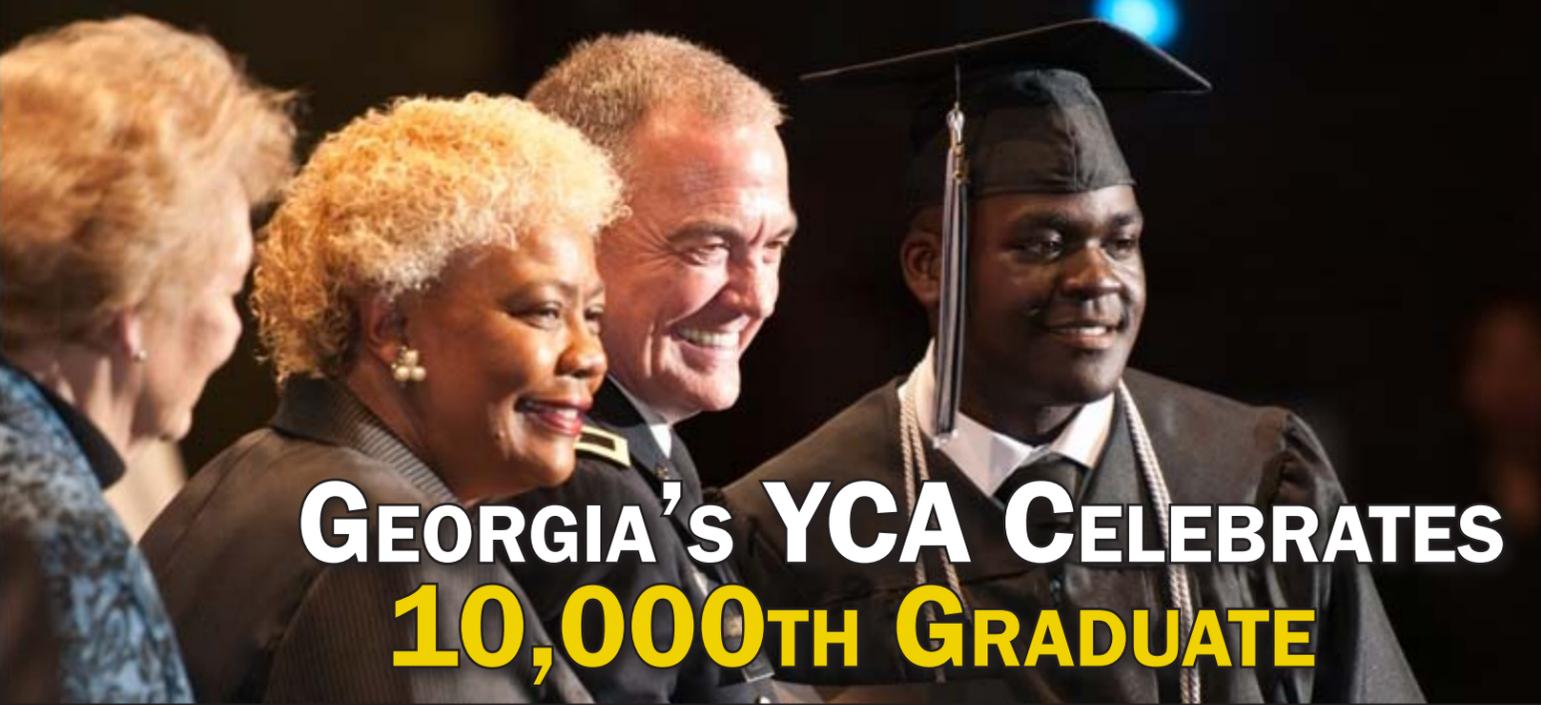
During the exercise, "enemy vessels and aircraft" from the fictitious country of "Garnet" aimed to disrupt and defeat the USS Bush's ability to operate effectively with other military and coalition forces.

"I think the Navy realizes the joint capabilities the Air Force can bring to the Naval fight and will continue to develop this relationship," said Col. Welsh.

The exercise concluded Feb. 22 with the George HW Bush Strike Group being certified as "combat ready" by U.S. 2nd Fleet. The unit is now prepared to depart on its initial overseas deployment this spring.

Airborne Operations Technicians Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Fogelman and Senior Airman Andrew Masel, from the 116th Air Control Wing, communicate and coordinate ISR information and track surface targets aboard JSTARS for the USS George HW Bush Strike Group during a joint task force exercise.





GEORGIA'S YCA CELEBRATES 10,000TH GRADUATE

From left to right: State Representative Barbara Massey Reece; Winette Bradley, Director of Alternative Education for Richmond County; and Maj. Gen. William T. Nesbitt, the Adjutant General of the Georgia National Guard, present a plaque commemorating the graduation of Youth ChalleNGe Academy Cadet Joshua Carroll, the 10,000th youth to complete Georgia's YCA program.

*Story and photo by Spc. Denise Durbin-Carlton
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FORT GORDON, Augusta, Ga., March 5, 2011 – Georgia Guardsmen, local community members, and government leaders gathered at Fort Gordon for a Youth ChalleNGe Academy milestone. Fort Gordon's YCA campus graduated Georgia's 10,000th Youth ChalleNGe cadet, an achievement previously reached by only two other states.

"We feel lucky that it was us," said Lt. Col. Janet A. Zimmerman, Fort Gordon's YCA's program director. "Fort Stewart has been here so much longer than us, but the fact that the number actually hit during our graduation was excellent, and the young man who happened to be the 10,000th graduate is an outstanding cadet with a great story," added Zimmerman.

The Academy's 10,000th graduate is Joshua Carroll, an Augusta resident. He came to the program more than five months ago to pursue his education, gain some discipline, and create a new chance and better opportunities for himself.

"It feels good to be the 10,000th graduate," said Carroll, who intends to give back to his community by moving on to college and earning a degree in music. According to Carroll, this opportunity has given him the confidence to go forward as a positive role model to his siblings and friends.

This was the largest graduation in Georgia YCA history, with 250 cadets. Carroll was one of the 19 cadets involved in the high school diploma segment of the program. Among the graduates, 97 cadets submitted essays to receive scholarships

for opportunities to attend college or join the military.

"The fact that we are able to celebrate this milestone is a good indicator of a viable and strong program," said Maj. Gen. William T. Nesbitt, the Adjutant General of Georgia and the keynote speaker during the graduation ceremony.

YCA is a part of the National Guard Youth ChalleNGe program which, itself, reached 100,000 graduates nationwide this week. Participating in the program are 29 states and U.S. territories. This is a preventative program that offers unemployed high-school dropouts an opportunity to make positive alternative choices during a critical period in their lives, while improving their educational status.

YCA graduates go on to achieve success in life as productive citizens by entering the work force, college or the military. Most of those who graduate from the program leave with a GED. Beyond that, at least 53% go on to join Georgia's work force, 23% go on to college or vocational school, and another 10% chose to serve in the U.S. military.

"It is profoundly uplifting to note that those of you in caps and gowns today had an 80% chance of standing before a judge before walking into the doors of YCA, but now nearly all of you will move on to find gainful employment, or to continue your education – and I encourage each of you to do just that," said Nesbitt.

"We work very hard at Fort Gordon to deliver a high-quality program, and we are very proud of the fact that so many of the kids who start YCA, finish the program," said Zimmerman. "We intend to continue in our pursuit for excellence as we take care of Georgia's at-risk young men and women."

HANSEN SELECTED TO SERVE AS ADVISOR

Colonel Murray A. Hansen, Commander of the 116th Mission Support Group, 116th Air Control Wing, has been selected to serve as the Air National Guard Advisor to the Commander, Air Force Reserve Command effective April 1, 2011.

In this position, Col. Hansen will advise the Reserve Commander of force structure plans that affect Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard units' long-range plans. He will ensure that total force objectives are established and met between Air Force Reserve Command, National Guard Bureau, and Headquarters U.S. Air Force. He will also be responsible for assisting in the determination and implementation of beddown of Reserve Component Forces, as well as advising on the management of available Guard and Reserve forces to optimize combat capability.

Hansen is a graduate of Valdosta State University, in Valdosta, Ga., receiving his commission through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps. He is a Master Navigator, with

over 2,700 flying hours in the B-52, B-1B and the E-8C. He served in the Air Force's only dual nuclear and conventional qualified B-52 squadron, was one of the last aircrew members to sit nuclear alert in the Strategic Air Command, and flew 156 combat hours in Desert Storm.

He earned distinguished graduate honors from B-1B Initial Qualifications Training, flying the B-1 as a Weapon Systems Officer from 1996 to 2002 for the Georgia Air National Guard. During the transition from B-1s to the E-8C JSTARS, he earned his second aeronautical rating as an Air Battle Manager, flying an additional 300+ combat hours in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

Hansen served as a Director of Operations, then as principal advisor to the Commander of the Georgia Air National Guard and the Adjutant General as Director of Staff as well as the Deputy Chief of the Joint Staff, Joint Force Headquarters-Georgia.

NCO NOTEPAD



*By Command Sgt. Maj. James Nelson, Jr.
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The Georgia Army National Guard held its annual Best Warrior Competition March 10-13 at Fort Stewart. This year proved no different than the many years of competition I have witnessed. Each Soldier was well prepared and represented their respective unit in an exemplary manner.

We had 11 of Georgia's finest Soldiers competing in eight events, including a written essay, land navigation and a grueling six-mile road march. The competition concluded with an appearance board which tested the Soldier's knowledge in several military subjects.

Completing the Best Warrior competition is not easy. Significant preparation is required if a participant wishes to excel in, and ultimately be selected as, the Best Warrior Soldier or Non-Commissioned Officer. This individual then moves on to represent the state in Region III competition and, conceivably, represent the entire Army National Guard at the Department of the Army's national competition.

Over the years, the Best Warrior Competition has evolved from Soldiers simply appearing before a board of Senior NCOs to an evaluation of the Soldiers based on Army training doctrine. The new evaluation process demonstrates that Soldiers do not have to be in the combat arms arena to be successful. Every Soldier has the inherent ability to compete based on their knowledge of the fundamental warrior skills we all should know.

Having competed in the event myself, I can tell you it is a time in a Soldier's military career that he or she will never forget. Personally, being selected as the NCO of the Year was one of the proudest moments of my career. Soldiers form bonds and establish friendships that will forever be remembered. I found it heartwarming as I watched the Soldiers over the course of the competition go from casual acquaintances to rooting for each other, all while competing for the same honor. This type of behavior carries over to the battle field and exemplifies an unselfish attitude that falls right in line with the Warrior Ethos.

We recognize each Soldier who participated in this grueling three-day event as winners in their own right, and they should be proud of what they have accomplished. Each Soldier represented themselves and their respective unit in a manner that truly embodies the Warrior's Spirit.



GEORGIA'S BEST WARRIORS RECOGNIZED

From left to right: Command Sgt. Maj. James Nelson, State Command Sergeant Major; Staff Sgt. Timothy Vogel, NCO of the year; Pfc. Blake R. Schaper, Soldier of the year; and Maj. Gen. Maria Britt, Commanding General of the Georgia Army National Guard.

Story and photo by Spc. Adam Dean
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GEORGIA GARRISON TRAINING CENTER, Hinesville, Ga., March, 12, 2011 – Following two days of intense competition, the Georgia Army National Guard recognized one non-commissioned officer and one enlisted Soldier as the Best Warriors of 2011 during the annual awards banquet held here Saturday night.

The NCO of the Year award went to Staff Sgt. Timothy Vogel, of Columbus' 648th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, and the Soldier of the year trophy went to Pfc. Blake R. Schaper of Monroe's 178th Military Police Detachment – which is also part of the 648th MEB.

"It means a lot. There's a lot of hard work that went into it, and that paid off. It feels good to be rewarded," said Schaper.

Vogel echoed the young private's sentiments, saying that he is honored to win at the state level.

"I would encourage any Soldier to go out for the competition. It's a great experience," said Vogel.

Both honorees praised the other contestants as well, alluding to the camaraderie and mutual respect that all of the Soldiers involved had for one another.

Major Gen. Maria Britt, Commanding General of the

Georgia Army National Guard, lauded the accomplishments of the final selectees while at the same time praising the dedication and commitment of everyone who stepped up to the challenge and represented their units in the competition.

"Thank you all for your leadership. Congratulations to all of our warriors. You're all winners. It is an absolute honor to serve with each of you," said Britt.

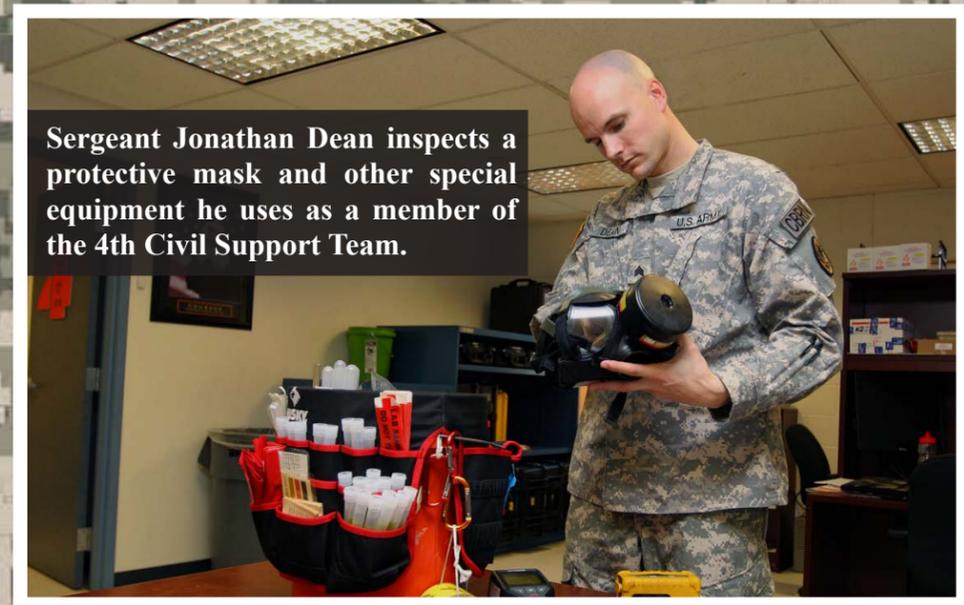
The competition consists of an Army physical fitness test, a map reading test, land navigation, a battery of warrior task tests, a six-mile road march in full battle gear, and an appearance before a board of higher-ranking NCOs who inspect the Soldiers' uniforms and quiz them on field manual content.

Prior to the state-level competition, Soldiers had to make it through similar challenges at the unit, battalion, and brigade levels.

The winners will go on to compete against Guardsmen from other states, vying for the regional Soldier and NCO of the year honors.

Britt awarded Schaper and Vogel with a commemorative "Best Warrior" statue, a Georgia Meritorious Service Medal, and a plaque. The Association of the United States Army was also on hand to award the Soldiers with a book, a check from Geico Insurance Company to show its support for the winners, and a watch.

CHEMICAL OPERATIONS A 'GOOD FIT' FOR CST SOLDIER



Sergeant Jonathan Dean inspects a protective mask and other special equipment he uses as a member of the 4th Civil Support Team.

Story and photos by Sgt. 1st Class Roy Henry
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STONE MOUNTAIN, Ga., Feb. 11, 2011 – When Sgt. Jonathan Dean joined the Georgia Army Guard in 2006, he chose 74 Delta (Chemical Operations Specialist) as the Military Occupational Skill (MOS) for his military career. He later changed his mind, and his MOS; but, when an opportunity to join the 4th Civil Support Team came along, Dean decided to "return to his roots."

Dean, who lives in a small community just outside Canton in Cherokee County, says he came full-circle with the job that brought him to the Army Guard when his recruiter – who also holds the 74D MOS – made an appeal for the young man to "make his mark as a Soldier."

"He laid out for me what it is a chemical operations specialist does, and seemed quite happy with it as his choice," Dean said. "So, I decided that it was what I wanted to do."

The first go-around with the 74D MOS left Dean underwhelmed, he says.

"It wasn't everything I expected it to be at the time I attended the 17-week Advanced Individual Training School at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.," said Dean.

For the "normal" 74D, the job consists of maintaining protective masks, chemical alarms and other special equipment that any Army Guard unit uses in the event of a chemical crisis – on a battlefield or while assisting civil authorities during a manmade or natural disaster. Though important to Soldier survival and to unit field operations, Dean says he wanted something more.

"I wasn't quite sure, at the time, what that 'something' was. So, shortly after graduating AIT and returning to my RSP

[Recruit Sustainment Program] unit, I reclassified for the 31B Military Police MOS," he explained.

Dean was then placed with Kennesaw's 190th Military Police Company, working and learning his secondary skill. Yet, his assignment at the 190th found him not only gaining MP experience, but also working – yet again – in the 74D capacity of maintaining the unit's nuclear, biological, and chemical equipment.

A year after joining the MPs, opportunity knocked at Dean's door; he answered and found himself back where he started. This time, however, as a chemical specialist working full-time as a survey team member with the 4th Civil Support Team, stationed at Dobbins Air Reserve Base. He would pick up the additional skill identifier 1R (Civil Support Specialist) to complete his new skill set in the CBRNE (chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive) field.

That meant returning to Leonard Wood a third time and then two months of training at the Civil Support Skills Course.

"My classmates and I studied chemistry and received specialized hazardous materials certification, learned how to collect samples for analysis, to conduct reconnaissance, and perform site characterization – everything a CST survey team member needs to do the job," Dean recalled.

Nearly two and a half years later, Dean says he now better understands the important role the 74D Chemical Operations Specialist plays within a unit, no matter what its mission.

"I would tell anyone, whether it's someone thinking about joining the Guard or a Soldier looking to 'reclass,' this MOS plays an essential role in unit operations," Dean said. "Like any other job skill, 74 Delta has its pros and cons, and you have to weigh the options of what you want to do and where you want to go. Opportunities are there, one just has to seek them out, and at times let opportunity push you in the right direction."

138TH CHEMICAL COMPANY CONDUCTS DAGRS TRAINING FOR WARTIME MISSION

Story and photo by Sgt. Richard Holdridge
124th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment
Georgia Army National Guard

CATOOSA REGIONAL TRAINING SITE, Tunnel Hill, Ga., March 5, 2011 – Members from Marietta’s 138th Chemical Company

took advantage of their four-day drill in Northwest Georgia to train with the Defense Advanced Global Positioning System (DAGRS) for the first time.

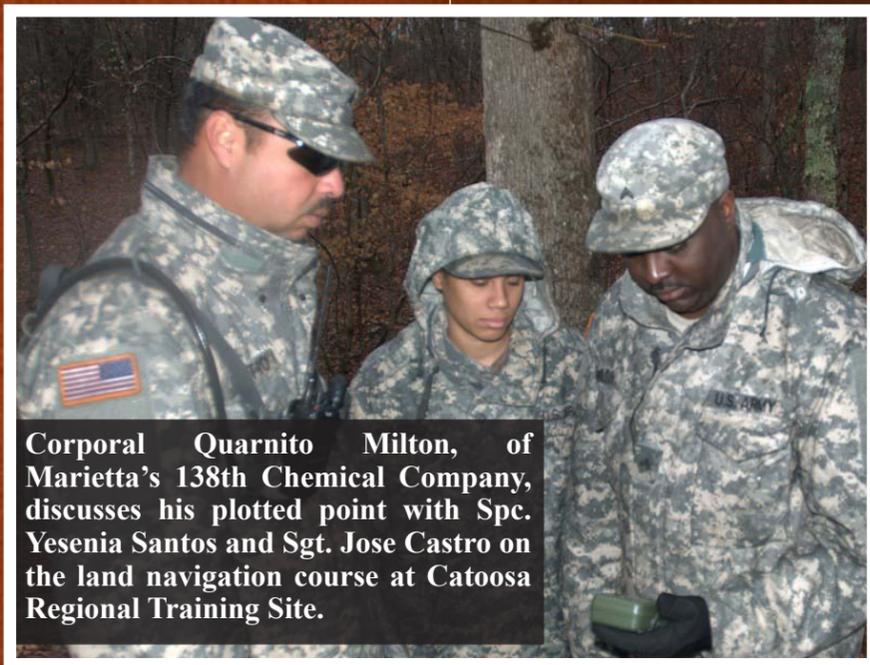
“We are doing land navigation, and it’s a yearly requirement,” Sgt. Christopher Manley from Stockbridge said. “So when we go overseas, we know how to get from point A to point B.”

Saturday morning kicked off early with dismounted patrols heading into the woods at Catoosa Regional Training Site to begin their DAGRS training. Once everyone in the patrol was familiar with the operation of the handheld device, they started “finding points.” After one team member found a point, another would take over the operation of the DAGRS and move the team to the next point. This continued until all four Soldiers had a chance to work with the DAGRS.

However, because the DAGRS system relies on satellites, the cloudy weather posed some interesting challenges to the training.

“This is why Soldiers need to know how to use a compass and read a map,” said 1st Sgt. Michael McCollough, the company 1st Sergeant.

The DAGRS provides real-time position, navigation, velocity, and timing information in a compact handheld receiver. It can be used during mounted or dismounted operations. It has been in use by the military since 2004.



Corporal Quarnito Milton, of Marietta’s 138th Chemical Company, discusses his plotted point with Spc. Yesenia Santos and Sgt. Jose Castro on the land navigation course at Catoosa Regional Training Site.

“Normally we have a ‘white mission’ which is our DECON mission. What we are trying to do this weekend is get a little more of our ‘green mission’ in, which is our Army Mission,” 138th Chemical Company Commander, 1st Lt. Eric Muse said. “We want to get our folks experience with the DAGRS and get them some confidence on the land navigation course.”

The 138th Chemical Company is one of several companies that comprise the JTF 781 CERFP. The unit’s primary mission is to provide decontamination of first responders and victims during domestic nuclear, biological, radiological, and chemical attacks. In addition, the unit provides capabilities to local, state and federal agencies in conducting consequence management by conducting other medical services and causality search and extraction.

The unit is also part of the newly formed 78th Homeland Response Force, the HRF for all of FEMA Region IV.

FELLOW SOLDIERS REMEMBER SLAIN GUARDSMAN

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

CLAY NATIONAL GUARD CENTER, Marietta, Ga., March 18, 2011 – As the manhunt continues for the suspects authorities say shot and killed a GARDA security guard Tuesday, March 15, those who served with the victim in uniform mourn the tragic loss of a fellow Citizen-Soldier, felled not on the battlefield as a warrior, but at home because of a senseless act of greed.

Georgia Army Guard Spc. Gary Castillo of Lawrenceville died at Grady Memorial Hospital after suffering gunshot wounds while working in his civilian capacity, transferring money from the Toco Hills Kroger on Lavista Road. His armored car was waiting outside the store when two men approached Castillo and at least one, according to authorities, shot him three times before taking the bag of cash he had in his hands.

Castillo, 32, leaves behind a wife and a nine-year-old son. He will be laid to rest March 21 with full military honors at Georgia National Cemetery near Canton. Castillo, who had been with the Guard since March 22, 2007, was only six days away from the fourth anniversary of his enlistment when he was gunned down.

Although he started his military career as a cavalry scout working with the operations section of Macon’s 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Castillo had recently graduated from the Army’s Military Police School at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., says Sgt. 1st Class Jody Reel, readiness NCO for

the brigade’s Headquarters Company. Castillo and Reel were among the more than 2,000 “Macon Volunteers” who served in Afghanistan from June 2009 to May 2010.

“Castillo made it known that, even though he loved his job as a scout, his goal – in the Guard and in the civilian sector – was to ‘serve and protect’ as a police officer,” Reel said. “He was going after a bachelors degree in criminal justice and turning in job applications at police departments in his area.”

Castillo, Reel says, had requested transfer from the 48th to Kennesaw’s 190th Military Police Company because it would have put him in a unit where he could put his education and civilian experience to use.

“He always wanted to be the best, for himself, for his family and for the Guard,” she said.

“It crushes my heart that some selfish, demented individual would needlessly take the life of someone like Gary Castillo. I have no doubt that if he’d lived, he would have been as good a cop as he was a Soldier, and some day made one of the finest leaders in the Georgia Army Guard,” Reel added.

Though he had only known Castillo a couple of years, Master Sgt. David Cook, who works with Reel, said the young specialist made a “huge impression” on him “with his ability to Soldier and make the best of every situation, even in a war zone.”

Castillo, Cook recalls, was a delightful person who always found a way to smile and bring cheer to the operations section, or to whomever was around him.

“As a Soldier, he cared about and respected others, and he gave 110 percent to whatever he did, leaving nothing unfinished,” Cook said. “He was so dependable, especially in



tight situations, that subordinates and superiors alike were proud to call him their comrade-in-arms.”

“The loss of such a person, such a good and honest person as this, is a great tragedy for us all,” said Cook. “Specialist Castillo was a young man with high morals and personal standards who set the example for anyone who knew him. His family’s loss is our loss, and we will all miss him.”

With authorities tracking down every lead, talking to every witness, and checking every piece of physical evidence in the hope of eventually bringing Spc. Gary Castillo’s killers to justice, it seems the outpouring of prayers for his family from friends and fellow Soldiers will continue long after he is laid to rest and the sounds of Taps has faded away.

“Castillo was, and will always remain, my friend,” said Sgt. Rafael Marquetti, Jr. Marquetti, who also serves with the 48th, is about to deploy to Kosovo where he will serve with the intelligence section of Task Force Falcon’s multinational brigade.

“We may have lost a physical Soldier,” said Marquetti, “but God has gained a spiritual one to stand beside those of the 48th who have fallen before him. May he be as respected and loved in paradise as he was when he was among us.”

GEORGIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD'S JSTARS CONTINUES TO SHOW COMBAT VALUE

By Lt. Col. (Ret.) Ken Baldowski
Public Affairs Office
Georgia Department of Defense

With a reputation gained from continuous deployed operations since 2001, the Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System (JSTARS) aircraft has often been the first military aircraft to deploy and the last to leave a given battlefield.

JSTARS consistently performs the crucial role for which it was designed: to detect, locate, classify, track and target hostile ground movement from a standoff position, communicating that information real-time through secure data links to ground and air commanders within a theater of operation.

The 116th Air Control Wing operates the only E-8C JSTARS fleet in the U.S. Air Force.

With 17 E-8C airframes, the unit – located at Robins Air Force Base – has flown more than 66,000 combat hours over Iraq and Afghanistan.

Inside the cigar-shaped radome of the E-8C, trained personnel gather a complex assortment of information from a radar which is tucked under a modified Boeing 707-300. These personnel analyze potential impact on ground missions and produce instantaneous command and control information for U.S. Air Force and U.S. Army commanders.

“JSTARS has been integral to ground combat in Iraq and Afghanistan,” said Senator Saxby Chambliss (R-Ga.), who has championed the Georgia-based unit on the floor of the Senate.

“In 2008, JSTARS directly contributed to the discovery of approximately 1,000 IEDs and supported over 240 cases of troops under fire,” Chambliss noted.

JSTARS recently demonstrated its superb ability to guide anti-ship weapons against enemy naval targets at a variety of

standoff distances.

In similar tests, it also delivered updated guidance to joint standoff weapons carried by Navy F/A-18s

using advanced long-range tracking and targeting capability.

Demonstrations have also shown how JSTARS helps to protect pilots by enabling the delivery aircraft to stay out of the engagement envelope of warship or shore-based surface to air missile batteries.

Northrop Grumman, the prime contractor for JSTARS, recently demonstrated a newly configured E-8C test aircraft with several upgrades.

Included were new engines, an electro-optical infrared camera system, enhanced battle management control, and expanded computer work stations – all intended to extend the serviceable life of the aircraft.

Yet, the budgetary future of the combat workhorse remains uncertain. While the JSTARS unit continues to call for additional resources in order to secure its place in the 21st Century Air Force, funding remains in question.

Deputy Defense Secretary William Lynn recently told the House Armed Services Committee that Secretary of Defense Robert Gates’ call for cuts of \$78 billion from the Pentagon’s budget “strikes the right balance for these difficult times.”

Budgetary ambiguities aside, ask any battlefield commander on the ground who has received critical combat surveillance and information from a loitering JSTARS aircraft overhead, and it is clear to see the enormous respect and appreciation shown for the role played by this combat workhorse.



SOME GAVE ALL 5K:

MAY 14, 2011

The Second Annual Some Gave All 5K/One Mile Freedom Run and Tot Trot will be held on Saturday, May 14 at 5:00 p.m. in Lula, Ga., in honor of Maj. Kevin Jenrette, who was killed in action June 4, 2009, while serving in Afghanistan. Please come out to show your support for his memory and the memory of all our fallen. There will be static displays, a silent auction, and many activities for children as well as a cookout following the

run. Proceeds are to benefit the Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation.

Thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Shannon Jenrette, family, friends and the Some Gave All Committee, there were over 750 participants last year and more than \$16,000.00 was raised for the Foundation in Maj. Jenrette's memory. The Foundation provides emergency relief assistance to members and families of the Georgia National Guard and has helped more than 1,600 families with over \$1.3 million dollars in aid.

For more information, please call (678) 795-0115 or email: pacesetr@bellsouth.net

TOUR DE MOOSE BIKE

RIDE: MAY 21, 2011

The Museum of Aviation Foundation and the Georgia Air National Guard are proud to present the Second Annual "Tour de Moose" Bike Ride on Robins Air Force Base. It will be held on Armed Forces Day -- Saturday, May 21, 2011, at 8:30 a.m. The event is open to all ages and types of bike riders.

Major Gen. Tom "Moose" Moore, Commander of the Georgia Air National Guard, is inviting all bike riders to "take a tour of Robins Air Force Base" for a 7-, 15-, 30- or 45-mile tour around the base with a stop on the flight line to see some aircraft static displays. Following the ride, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., there will be a 'burger burn' in the Museum Freedom Park picnic area with some military and recruiting displays.

All registrants will be entered into a drawing to win a new men's hybrid-style Trek FX-7.1 bicycle valued at \$499.00 donated by the Bike Store in Warner Robins. The drawing will be held during opening ceremonies at approximately 8:15 am in the Century of Flight Hangar.

The ride will start and end at the Museum of Aviation, with registration on line at active.com or on race day in the Century of Flight Hangar from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

Experienced riders will lead off at 8:30 a.m. with family and fun riders following at 8:40 a.m. The cost is \$25 for adults and \$10 for riders age 18 and under. Registration after May 13th will be \$30.

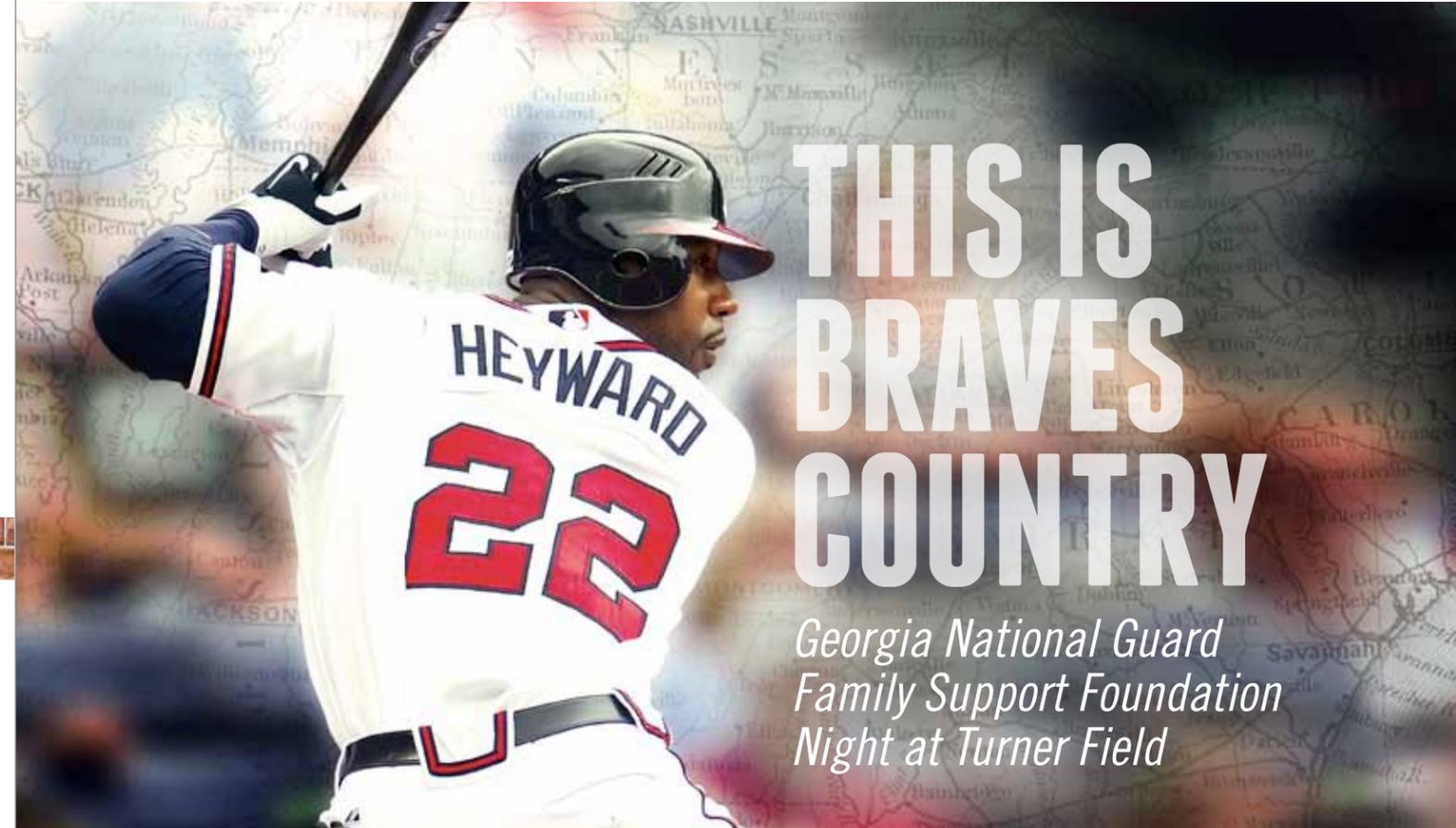
Riders age 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult. All riders will get a "Tour de Moose" t-shirt. A free bike-safety "rodeo" with a bike and helmet safety

check and safety obstacle course will also be offered for ages four to nine from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Bike rodeo participants who would like a \$10 t-shirt must register in advance by May 13.

As part of the bike ride, aircraft at the Museum of Aviation and on Robins Air Force Base will be on display during and after the race. Riders can make a rest stop at the aircraft alert "Christmas Tree" area on the base bike ride route, where crew members will be giving tours of several aircraft including the JSTARS E-8C, an F-15 and an Air National Guard C-130 from the 165th Tactical Airlift Wing at Savannah. Other comfort and rest stops will be available along the ride route.

All riders must bring a riding helmet, and a picture ID is required at registration. Due to increased security on Robins AFB, ID cards will be held until riders complete the course.

For more information on the bike ride, call the Museum of Aviation Foundation at (478) 923-6600.



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GUARDSMEN MEET CRITICAL MARKSMANSHIP GOALS AT GGTC WITHOUT FIRING A SHOT

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GEORGIA GARRISON TRAINING CENTER, Hinesville, Ga., March 8, 2011 – A squad of Georgia Guard engineers waits quietly, closely following the moonlit image of an approaching enemy sniper moving slowly into range. Each zeros in on the target, holds his breath, and then carefully squeezes the trigger of their M16s. The blast, muzzle fire, and telltale recoil of the rifle confirm the shot, but in actuality, no shots were fired.

The simulated shots were tallied for each Guardsman, and the giant screen projecting the enemy sniper moves on to the next combat-realistic scenario. Such is the high-tech training being used by the Georgia Army National Guard's Georgia Garrison Training Command (GGTC) Engagement Skills Training (EST) Center.

The EST 2000 is a simulated indoor weapons range which improves the marksman's performance without expending live rounds, thus saving valuable time and money. Staff Sgt. Anthony Brooks of the GGTC says that the EST Center is a frontline confidence builder, and it generates a 98 percent or better qualification rate when Guardsmen later qualify on an

outdoor range.

Brooks has seen the results of the new video marksmanship training tool of which countless Guardsmen have been tested prior to deployment.

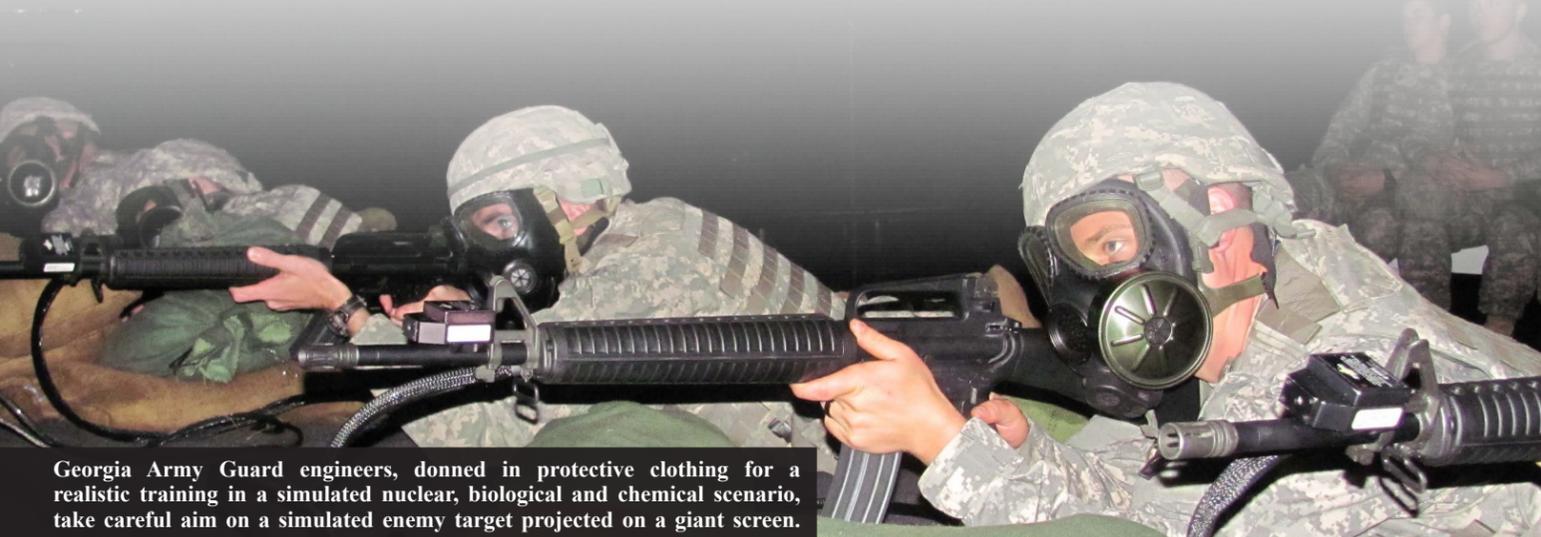
"By using the EST Center, units can increase weapons qualifying rotation exponentially and expand their self-assurance on the simulation targets. They generally have a greater success rate when performing live fire [after the simulation training]," said Brooks.

More than 46 different combat scenarios including "shoot-don't-shoot" scenarios, night fire, and target qualification ranges are available for training.

The EST Range at the GGTC has the ability to train Soldiers on the M16A2 rifle, M16A4, M4 carbine, M9 pistol, MK19 grenade machine, and it can be modified to accommodate several more automatic and anti-tank weapons.

"The EST Center is but one step in achieving our ultimate goal of preparing our Soldiers," said GGTC Commander, Colonel David S. Lee.

Over the past three years, the GGTC has been constantly adding to and improving its training resources to provide a level of training by which Soldiers better themselves and their units when they are called upon to perform their missions.



Georgia Army Guard engineers, donned in protective clothing for a realistic training in a simulated nuclear, biological and chemical scenario, take careful aim on a simulated enemy target projected on a giant screen.



GEORGIA AIR GUARD COMMANDER RECEIVES SECOND STAR

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MUSEUM OF AVIATION, Warner Robins, Ga., March 12, 2011— Brigadier Gen. Thomas R. Moore, Commander of the Georgia Air National Guard, was promoted to the rank of Major General on December 20, 2010, but had his official ceremony here today in front of approximately 500 people, including wife Paula and son Tyler, at the museum's Century of Flight hangar.

Moore commands the nearly 3,000-member Georgia Air National Guard, which includes two flying units, the Combat Readiness Training Center, and seven geographically separated communications, air control, intelligence and engineering squadrons located throughout the state.

"With the pinning of his second star, we acknowledge General Moore's proven abilities to carefully manage highly complex organizations, to set clear goals for the future of our units, and to encourage the very best of those Airmen serving with him," said Maj. Gen. William T. Nesbitt, Georgia's Adjutant General.

"It's a great day for me and my family, and it's always a

great day to be in Georgia," Moore said.

Commissioned in 1981 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University of South Carolina, Moore has commanded both the 116th Air Control Wing at Robins Air Force Base and the 165th Airlift Wing located in Savannah. General Moore is a master navigator with more than 3,500 flying hours in the T-37, KC-135A/R, B-1B, C-130H, and E-8C.

Moore earned a Master's Degree in Management from Webster University and is a graduate of the Air War College. In 2008, he attended the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

He has been awarded the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal (with one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), Distinguished Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Air Force Commendation Medal (with one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), and Air Force Achievement Medal, among others.

Nesbitt said Moore "falls into a long line of capable commanders, and has led both of the Georgia Air National Guard's wings through some very difficult times of change." "I know that in Major General Moore, I have the best wingman that this organization needs at this important time in its history," said Nesbitt.

WILDFIRES IN SOUTHEAST GEORGIA

NATIONAL GUARD CONDUCTS RECON

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“WE WERE GLAD TO BE ABLE TO ASSIST GEMA AND THE FORESTRY COMMISSION ON THIS MISSION.”

CLAY NATIONAL GUARD CENTER, Marietta, Ga., March 25, 2011 – Key leaders and planners from the Georgia Department of Defense, Georgia Emergency Management Agency, and Georgia Forestry Commission took to the skies today for an aerial survey of wildfires burning in Long and Ware counties.

“The fires around Ludowici look pretty good, with not much open flame right now,” said Robert Farris, Director

of the Georgia Forestry Commission. “But this much fire perimeter can get up and go again any minute.”

“We’re glad to see lots of homes have been saved,” Farris added.

Other leaders on the flight included Maj. Gen. William T. Nesbitt, the Adjutant General of the Georgia National Guard, as well as Charley English, Director of the Georgia Emergency Management Agency.

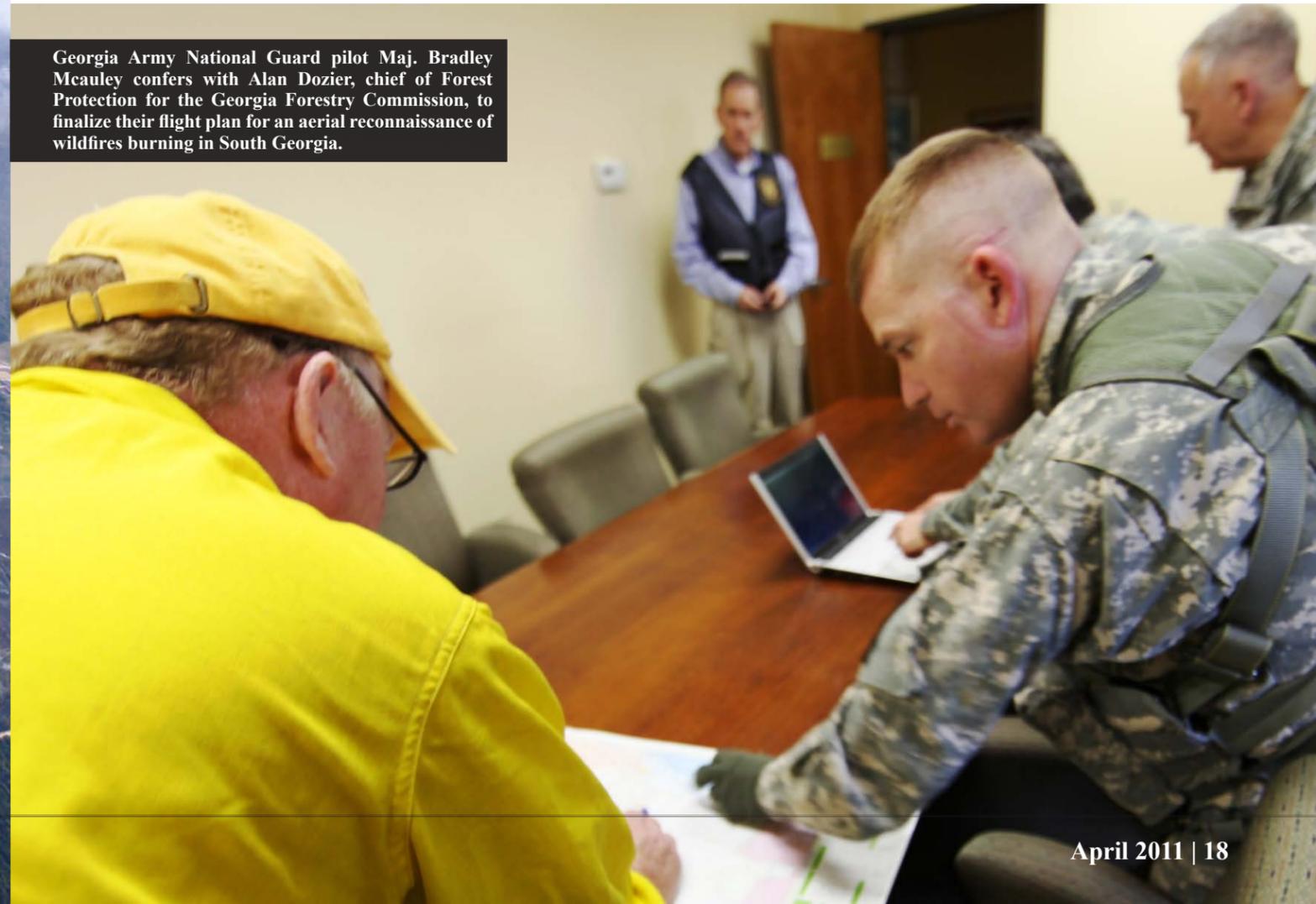
The aerial reconnaissance, conducted in an Army National Guard UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter, took them over smoldering fires near Ludowici and through skies over Ware County

thick with grey smoke. Live fires could be seen clearly from the air over Ware.

The flight also allowed the leaders a chance to plan not just for further response to these fires, but for what is expected to be a busy wildfire season. General Nesbitt notes that they are looking at ways to employ the Georgia Guard’s newest helicopter, the UH-72A Lakota, in the fire-fighting mission.

“We were glad to be able to assist GEMA and the Forestry Commission on this mission today,” said General Nesbitt. “As always, we’re ready to assist the State when we’re needed.”

Georgia Army National Guard pilot Maj. Bradley McAuley confers with Alan Dozier, chief of Forest Protection for the Georgia Forestry Commission, to finalize their flight plan for an aerial reconnaissance of wildfires burning in South Georgia.





Cartoon by Lt. Col. (Ret.) Ken Baldowski

Ask any busy professional, and they'll tell you about the struggle of "juggling responsibilities." How much time do we have to devote to a task? What task requires immediate attention - especially when all seem to take precedence?

As Guardsmen, the task of juggling responsibilities takes on a more poignant significance. Not only do Citizen-Soldiers juggle personal responsibilities, as well as those pertaining to their family's well-being, but Guardsmen also have the monumental responsibility of safeguarding this state and nation.

A personal commitment to the values of patriotism, honor, integrity and commitment are more keenly felt by men and women who have taken an oath to serve - and thus these men and women find themselves with more to juggle than most professionals.

But, for a moment, think of yourself as a juggler, and all of these responsibilities as balls you're attempting to keep aloft. At any given time, you likely have scores of balls in the air. On some days, it no doubt feels like all you're doing is struggling and scurrying from one place to another to ensure that nothing hits the ground.

Now imagine that some of these balls are made of

rubber and others are made of glass. Rubber is elastic and resilient; when it's dropped, it easily bounces back. But glass is rigid and inflexible; when it falls, it shatters.

Taking this metaphor further, your various day-to-day responsibilities can be sorted into glass and rubber balls. For the most part, anything related to relationships - with your co-workers, peers, managers, family and loved ones - are equivalent to glass balls. If you drop these, then the impact can be far-reaching and in some cases devastating. Conversely, anything related to administrative tasks are equivalent to rubber balls. While it certainly isn't a good idea to drop an excessive number of these, the impact is nevertheless not as great.

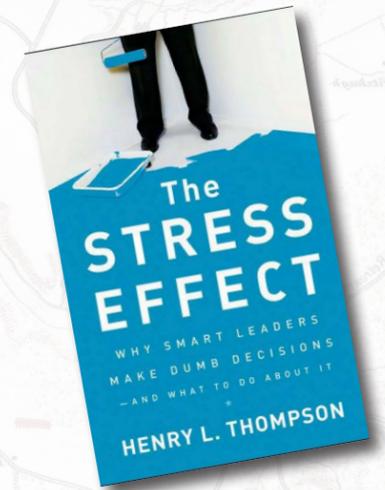
Yet, so many people, when faced with this very predicament, let their relationships falter. They work at keeping the task-related "rubber balls" in the air, but they let their people-oriented glass balls fall.

Reason suggests, however, that if you had to "drop the ball," it should be a rubber one.

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT BOOKSHELF:

REVIEWS OF BOOKS THAT TEACH US ABOUT OUR CRAFT



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No one need tell Soldiers that stress can affect decisions. But what can we do about that? Doctor Henry Thompson's book, *The Stress Effect*, sets out to help leaders make better decisions despite (and perhaps even using) stress. "The trick," he writes, "is to keep stress as an ally, not an enemy."

A veteran Ranger and paratrooper, Lt. Col. Thompson has been into the sleep-deprived, ultra-high-stress combat that pushes Soldiers to their limits even as it demands superior-quality decisions with the highest of stakes. He has subsequently applied and refined his experience and

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education as an esteemed organizational psychologist and leadership consultant in the corporate world. The result is a book uniquely useful to us Guardsmen, who must be successful in both arenas.

The Stress Effect examines the art and science of decision making, including different models people use, and the important differences between intuitive and rational decision making. It then looks at types of intelligence; the effects of emotions and stress on decision making; how to manage stress; and how to build resilience.

There's a fair amount of science here - the chemistry of emotions, the anatomy of the brain - but this is well-balanced by practical application and illustrated by real-world examples, both civil and military. Not only does Thompson clarify complex concepts, he also condenses

vast areas of research (with references for further study).

So this is a great resource for leaders trying to develop themselves or their subordinates.

The book is especially well-timed for Army Guardsmen, explaining concepts of Resilience that underlie training implemented in the Army over the last year or so.

What I find most interesting about *The Stress Effect* is that while the concepts in each chapter can stand alone, they very effectively build upon one another. Explanations of stress, plus explorations of emotion and intelligence lead to the critical concept of Building Stress-Resilient Emotional Intelligence.

Emotion is key. It seems like we spend a fair amount of time urging young leaders to take the emotion out of decisions. This can be vital; but it's also a little disingenuous.

Those emotions are markers and motivators. They can be enormously useful in motivating people, or understanding what motivates them - or in how they will respond to a decision. Understanding our own emotions can be vital in maintaining accurate situational awareness, especially in stressful situations.

The Stress Effect concludes with seven best practices to build stress resilience. Thompson's ARSENAL system of Awareness, Rest, Support, Exercise, Nutrition, Attitude, and Learning provides a great roadmap to focusing our efforts and maximizing our effect.

For the growing and professional leader, *The Stress Effect* provides immediate effect on how we do business - as well as a system of systems from which we can further develop our own way of living.

AROUND THE GEORGIA GUARD



AIRMAN HONORED

MUSEUM OF AVIATION, Warner Robins, Ga., March 12, 2011 – Technical Sgt. Octavia Spade, a member of the Mission Support Group in the 116th Air Control Wing at Robins Air Force Base, receives her Hometown Heroes Award from Command Chief Master Sgt. Lorenzo Anastasie (left), 116th ACW Command Chief; Maj. Gen. Thomas R. Moore, Georgia Air Guard Commander; and Col. William Welsh (right), 116th ACW Commander, at a special Hometown Heroes ceremony honoring those in the Air National Guard who have deployed for more than 30 consecutive days in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, and New Dawn.

SAVANNAH'S NEW CRIC OPERATIONS GROUP COMMANDER

COMBAT READINESS TRAINING CENTER, Savannah, March 2, 2011 – Air Force Maj. Christopher “Rock” Rachael, the new Operations Group Commander for Savannah’s Combat Readiness Training Center, stands with a “Straight Flush Tell.” This new electronic warfare surrogate equipment simulates enemy air defense systems and heightens the realism of aerial military training.



MIC CHECK

FORT STEWART, Hinesville, Ga., Feb. 4, 2011 – Sergeant Melvin Cleveland, Headquarters Company 1-121st Infantry, programs a combat net radio while attending a unit trainer’s course. The course was sponsored by the 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team and part of the state-wide “Operation Vigorous Commo.” The purpose of the training is to provide select individuals at the unit level with the knowledge and ability to instruct Soldiers in correct installation and operational communication procedures.

GENERALS REVIEW PLANS FOR NEW JFHQ



CLAY NATIONAL GUARD CENTER, Marietta, Ga., Feb. 22, 2011 – Major Gen. William T. Nesbitt (left), the Adjutant General of Georgia, and Maj. Gen. Kelly K. McKeague (center), the Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for National Guard Matters, confer with Maj. Flint Tyler, Military Construction Director, as they review plans in preparation for a tour of the new Joint Forces Headquarters Building in Marietta, Ga. “General McKeague was very interested in the project. He was impressed with our progress,” said Flint. The JHFQ building has a budget of \$31 million and is more than 220,000 square feet. It is scheduled to be completed this fall. General McKeague provides subject-matter expertise on force integration, operational employment and strategic engagement of Reserve components of the military. McKeague’s tour of the facility was just one stop of many that included visiting the 283rd Combat Communications Squadron, the STARBASE facility, the Homeland Response Force, and a tour of the Georgia Guard’s new Language Lab.

GEORGIA ARMY GUARD COMMANDER AMONG ‘WOMEN OF INFLUENCE’ PANEL

CLAY NATIONAL GUARD CENTER, Marietta, Ga., March 23, 2011 – Major Gen. Maria Britt, commanding general of the Georgia Army National Guard, participates as a distinguished panelist on the Pathbuilders’ Continua “Women of Influence – Navigating Organizations with Few Female Leaders” program on Friday, March 11. The panel consisted of seasoned executives who shared their experiences and insights as female leaders in male-dominated industries and organizations with a crowd of over 200 Atlanta business women. The panel included Maj. Gen. Britt; Kris Wooton, Senior Vice President, Finance at CNN Worldwide; and Sharon James Jordon, Senior Vice President, Operations & Systems at Chartis Aerospace Insurance Services, Inc. (a division of AIG). The panelists discussed their career paths, keys to success, and lessons learned as they beat the odds.



SOLDIERS SHARPEN COMBAT SKILLS

AMERICUS ARMORY, April 3, 2011 – From left: Captain Jason Rich and Sgt. 1st Class Darrin Brown observe Soldiers from Company D, 2-121, Pfc. Kevin Coley and Spc. Ryan Holley as they react to contact during team training at their armory in Americus. The focus of this drill training is to ensure that Soldiers are prepared for combat as a team leader or a member of a fire team.



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