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LOGISTICS SURVIVAL COURSE



Story and photos by Capt. William Cox
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Staff Sgt. David Roberson of the 148th Forward Support Company was hired last week.

“While the weeklong training was informative, I most appreciate the two binders and disc they gave me to take back to the unit. These resources give us ready-made templates to do our jobs,” said Roberson.

Brigadier Gen. Joe Jarrard and Command Sgt. Maj. James Nelson stopped in and reinforced the importance of the role of the supply sergeant to the unit.

“There are two people who can come in my office any time: my First Sergeant and my Supply Sergeant. Know that what you do matters,” said Jarrard.

The Logistics Survival Course will be offered at the JFHQ building here at Clay in May, and again in August. For more information, contact Sgt. Maj. Gladys Portwine, at (678) 569-6376 or Gladys.portwine@us.army.mil.

CLAY NATIONAL GUARD CENTER, Marietta, Ga., Feb. 9, 2012 – In an effort to ensure that the best training is available for new hires, and to promote continual improvement for seasoned employees, Sgt. Maj. Gladys Portwine and the Joint Force Headquarters Directorate of Logistics G4/J4 Supply and Services Section are preparing supply sergeants to meet the responsibilities of operating a unit supply room.

This Logistics Survival Course is the second of four classes offered, with the remaining classes meant to train company-level supply sergeants.

“This class is a great opportunity for end-users to be taught how to prepare hand receipts, work property book transactions, and prepare for Command Supply Discipline Program inspections by the subject matter experts,” said Sgt. Maj. Portwine.

165TH AIRLIFT WING PROVES ITS COMBAT READINESS

Story by Tech. Sgt. Chuck Delano
Photo by Staff Sgt. Noel Velez Crespo
Public Affairs Office
165th Airlift Wing

COMBAT READINESS TRAINING CENTER, Gulfport, Miss., Feb. 8, 2012 – Savannah’s 165th Airlift Wing successfully completed its Air Mobility Command Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI) held here Jan. 30 to Feb. 5.

Operation Crisis Reach, as this inspection was called, tested the wing’s ability to support contingency operations in hostile environments around the globe at a moment’s notice. The 165th was the lead unit for the 122nd Air Expeditionary Wing (AEW), comprised of the 403rd Wing, representing Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi; the 433rd Airlift Wing, representing Lackland Air Force Base, Texas; and – of course – Savannah’s own 165th.

“Preparation for something like this starts at a slow pace, and then begins to build over several years,” said Maj. Sheldon Wilson, the 165th’s plans officer.

Ultimate planning for the actual inspection, Wilson explains, began more than 18 months ago.

“The lead unit – the 165th – is the arbiter between all the participating units,” he said. “It determines facilities, work schedules and all factors affecting the exercise operation. Our coordination is vital to a smooth deployment, execution and redeployment during the ORI.”

Colonel Mike Oberbroeckling, Air Mobility Command Inspector General, announced that the 165th Airlift Wing had satisfactorily passed its ORI during a Feb. 9 out-brief at Savannah’s Combat Readiness Training Center.

The ORI was challenging for the combined unit because of continual thunderstorms, the 30-knot winds that prevailed during the ORI, and because of the 90 percent humidity. Regardless of the Air Force specialty, the inspector general and his staff tested everyone participating in the exercise on their ability to survive

and operate in a contaminated environment, and on their response to conventional air and ground attacks.

Earlier training had already prepared the 165th’s Airmen to perform a number of tasks, such as post-attack actions like reporting unexploded ordnance, responding to chemical agents, treating injured personnel using self aid and buddy care, and even clearing a jammed weapon. Throughout the rigorous training and inspection cycle, every member of the deployed team was also taught to be conscious of safety and to look out for their fellow Airmen.

“Any perception by anyone that ORI training isn’t realistic is unacceptable, by any standard,” said Col. Jesse T. Simmons Jr., the 165th’s commander. “It’s likely we’ll never face such dire circumstances as we did during the ORI; however, our unit will be stronger because of what we went through.”

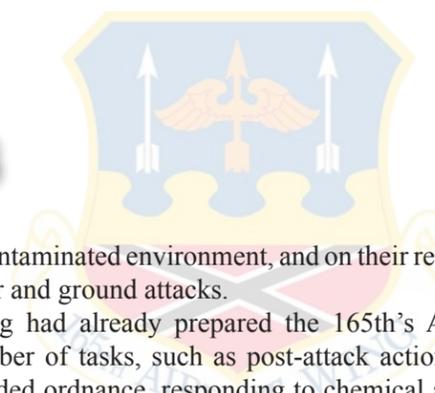
Urgency and dedication to correct mission accomplishment is imperative, Simmons adds. Even though the mission is simulated, the stress and fatigue it causes are real, and every Airman, from the top down, must learn to deal with it to meet mission success.

With about 800 Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Airmen in place, members of the 122nd AEW were able to demonstrate to their evaluators the ability to successfully complete the mission as key leaders when buildings were attacked and taken out of the operation. As each scenario played out, Airmen of the next rank stood up and stepped in to fulfill the responsibilities and functions of their “fallen” comrades.

In one situation, for example, a building was destroyed. When that happened, Airmen performing alternate functions seamlessly took control as an alternate site was set up to keep the mission going. When the ORI ended, many among the Airmen of Savannah’s 165th agreed they felt a great sense of accomplishment, especially when the IG report confirmed that the wing’s

ability to provide global support to contingency operations is without question.

“Our organization and the citizens of this state can be proud of the way the Airmen of the 165th Airlift Wing performed and represented them during this ORI,” Simmons said. “I know I am quite proud of each and every one of them.”



GEORGIA SOLDIER PRESENTED AWARD

BY JOINT CHIEFS CHAIRMAN

Story and photo by Sgt. Christopher J. Hall
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201st Agricultural Development Team I

LOGAR PROVINCE, Afghanistan, Feb. 12, 2012 – A Citizen-Soldier serving with the Georgia Army Guard's 201st Agricultural Development Team I is among a group of service members honored this month by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, for their actions during an attack at Combat Outpost (COP) Sayed Abad.

Specialist Robert Schrader of Dallas, Ga., received the Army Commendation Medal Feb. 10 by Gen. Martin E. Dempsey during a ceremony at Forward Operating Base Shank. Schrader, 26, serves as an agricultural specialist. He and Master Sgt. James Horne make up ADT 1's Wardak-South Provincial Agricultural Team at Sayed Abad.

"I have to say, it's an extreme honor to be presented the medal by General Dempsey," said Schrader with a humble smile. "It isn't every day someone like me gets to meet the highest ranking officer in the U.S. military, much less be presented an award by him."

According to the award citation, Schrader received the medal for his actions following a major enemy attack on Sept. 10 of last year, when a Vehicle-Borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED) detonated outside the COP's main gate. It was later learned that the VBIED was packed with approximately 1,500 pounds of homemade explosives. The resulting blast caused extensive damage to the post, and caused dozens of buildings to collapse.

Schrader, the citation explains, was in his living quarters preparing to go to the post dining facility when the explosion occurred.

"I was getting ready to go eat when I heard the boom," he said. "Initially, I thought one of the [Howitzers] had malfunctioned, but when I stepped out and saw the mushroom cloud of dust I knew that was not the case."

Schrader, who maintained his composure despite the chaos and confusion around him, immediately reported to Horne, the Wardack-South Team's senior noncommissioned officer, and began to search for the members of Sayed Abad's Civil Affairs and Military Information Support Operations (MISO) elements.

"After having accounted for my fellow team members, my main focus was to just continue do the right thing and provide assistance, however and wherever it was needed," Schrader recalled. "As soon as I stepped out of my office, the training kicked in and took over."

Schrader, the award citation states, rushed down to the impact area and began the arduous task of extracting wounded personnel from damaged buildings, and moving them to the casualty collection point for evaluation. Schrader assisted medical personnel by providing buddy-aid and ensuring that casualties with head injuries stayed awake.

"When Schrader ran off to help, I didn't have to worry about him," said Horne. "I knew he would do the right thing, and that he'd be back to report on what he was doing, or had done. That's just the kind of Soldier that he is."

For the remainder of the day and long into the night, Schrader assisted post medical staff and helped load casualties onto aircrafts waiting to take them to nearby medical facilities for more extensive care. In the midst of all the uncertainty and immediate danger, Schrader consistently put the welfare of others above his own, his citation states.

"What I did that day is nothing more than any Soldier should or would do, when faced with the situation we had," Schrader said. "I definitely didn't expect to get an award for my actions. Our command sergeant major is always telling us, 'Do the right thing. You live the Army Values through your words and through your deeds, so always do the right thing, regardless of the situation in which you find yourself. That's all I was trying to do that day, and all I try to do any day.'"



NCO NOTEPAD



By Command Sgt. Maj. James Nelson, Jr.
State Command Sergeant Major
Georgia Department of Defense

Recently, Maj. Gen. Jim Butterworth, our Adjutant General, formally announced his leadership priorities for the Georgia Department of Defense. His Mission, Vision and Values document is, in essence, the barometer for all members of the organization. In this column, I will discuss the role and responsibilities of the noncommissioned officer in support of the adjutant general's guidance. Although those priorities cannot be addressed holistically in just one column, let us define them using a broad approach.

As I read General Butterworth's memorandum of Jan. 25, 2012, which addresses our core responsibilities as Soldiers and Airmen, I as a service member immediately recognized the values he outlined for our organization as the very same values we committed to uphold when we raised our right hands on day one and swore to obey the orders of those appointed over us, and to uphold and defend the Constitutions of the State of Georgia and the United States. That made it easy to say, "Roger Sir. Can do."

In any strategic vision, the hard part is always understanding a given leader's personal priorities and leadership philosophies.

In this case, I feel we are on target. We as NCOs can, and must, support those priorities and philosophies, and we

do that by maintaining our professionalism, regardless of the situation in which we find ourselves. This focus area directly supports General Butterworth's responsibility to provide a competent, ready force for our state and the nation. Also, mentorship from within the NCO Corps is critical to maintaining the high level of competence and commitment required of our Soldiers and Airmen today. We must capitalize on the experience of our senior NCOs and ensure that discipline, standards, and training goals are achieved as the force prepares for the next challenge, whatever or wherever it may be. Communication, participation, and continuous improvement will secure our success in that endeavor as the "backbone of the Army."

Taking care of our Soldiers and Airmen is another factor which helps General Butterworth to provide a competent, ready force with which to take on defense support in civil authority missions here at home and to support the war fight overseas. Resilience is another key factor in maintaining readiness within our force, as well as strong Citizen-Soldiers and Airmen, strong families, and strong communities. An essential role of the NCO is to promote and strengthen this capacity within our force. Employment, as well, of our Soldiers and Airmen is a critical part of contributing to the well-being of our force and our organization. It requires a combined effort between civilian business, labor and education communities, and the Georgia DoD to address issues of unemployment and under-employment among our Soldiers and Airmen.

Be a voice to your leaders as well as a voice for our organization. Take pride in being a member of this great institution, and never pass up an opportunity to tell people who you are and that you are a member of the Georgia DoD team. Take stock in the community in which you live, and involve yourself in worthwhile activities. We must not sink back into the woodwork as deployments decrease, the war effort downsizes, and the news media turn their attention to other things. The time is now to put all the lessons learned since Sept. 11, 2001, into action to ensure that we, as an organization, remain relevant.

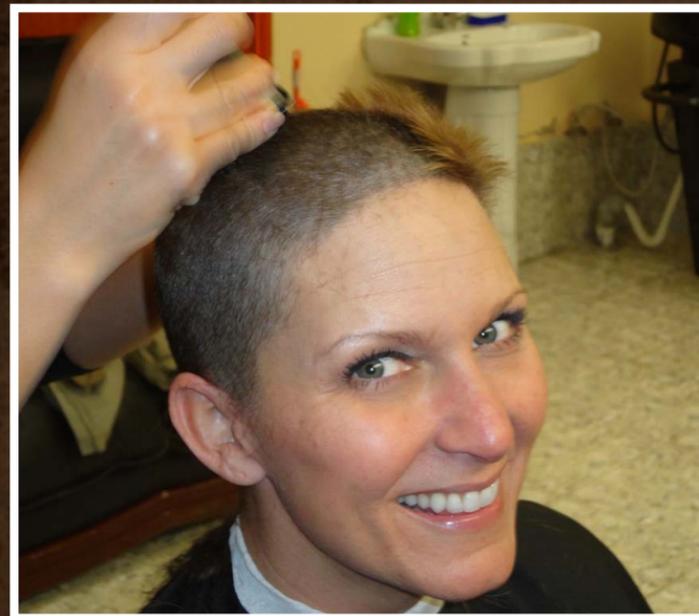
I hope I have emphasized these points effectively enough to get us, as a corps, focused on the job ahead, and to convey the importance of our role in sharing responsibilities with our senior leaders for the success of the Ga. DoD. Once you have read Maj. Gen. Butterworth's memorandum, stop and consider how you as a member of the NCO Corps can best help our organization adapt to today's operating environment and encourage the kind of innovation, resourcefulness, and out-of-the-box thinking that will move us toward achieving our stated goals.

"Nemo alio est magis maximus quam team." (No one person is more important than the Team).

Hydra Soldiers

Give Their Hair

Task force shows support for one of their own



*Story and photos by Capt. Jacqueline Wren
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KABUL, Afghanistan – Task Force Hydra Soldiers here showed support for Command Sgt. Maj. John E. Smiley’s wife Carolyn R. Smiley, who began her second chemotherapy treatment session this week in Georgia.

Members of the Columbus-based unit shaved their heads in support of Carolyn who had to do so because of the treatment.

A resident of Ludowici, Carolyn was diagnosed with breast cancer over Veteran’s Day weekend this past year and has been undergoing cancer treatment since then. While she is fighting her battle with cancer back at home, her husband has deployed here in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

“This is great and unreal,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Smiley of the support shown by the 648th Soldiers. “I never expected this much support, it’s overwhelming.”

Members of Task Force Hydra are spread throughout all of Kabul due to their mission of Command and Control of the seven camps within the Kabul Base Cluster. Soldiers from all across the area of operation participated in the act of

solidarity.

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Angela A. Belding, the billeting officer for Camp Eggers, is one of the Soldiers who headed to the barber’s chair to cut it all off.

“You know all of us at Eggers always rally together as a team,” said Belding on why she made the decision to cut her hair. “I’ve known Carolyn and the sergeant major for a long time now and I gave her a call today.”

Belding was also motivated to participate because of the cancer she’s witnessed through members of her own family, including her mother who she lost to lung cancer.

“There’s been a lot of cancer in my family,” Belding said. “It’s hard when the biggest cheerleader in your life is gone.”

Not all members of the unit were able to support through cutting their hair but were able to show their love in other ways.

A three-foot wooden breast cancer ribbon was created and signed by members of the unit with kind words to send back to Carolyn.

In response to Facebook photos of the Soldiers who had participated and the comments of support for her, Carolyn wrote, “I have to say this brought tears to my eyes. We are so blessed to have this much support. You guys are the best. And it’s so cold over there! I know how cold my head gets now. Keep your hats on! Much love to all of you.”



GEORGIA'S ADJUTANT GENERAL

COMMENTS ON GUARD SENIOR LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

*Column by Maj. Gen. Jim Butterworth
Adjutant General
Georgia National Guard*

I have truly enjoyed my first six months serving as your Adjutant General. Our organization is filled with consummate professionals, and I'm impressed a little more every day with your commitment to "Staying on Target." I urge you to continue raising the bar and focusing on mission success. Rest assured that I will do my part to ensure that the Georgia National Guard continues to be a relevant force in both the military and civilian sectors.

A few weeks ago, I had the honor of attending the Guard Senior Leadership Conference (GSLC) as well as an Adjutants General meeting in Washington, D.C. During our time in D.C., we discussed, at great length, how all 54 National Guard organizations will be impacted by impending Department of Defense budget cuts. While we'll be working through specifics over the coming days and weeks, I wanted to tell all of you about the effort which was put into getting the Guard story to the decision makers in Washington.

In the weeks leading up to the GSLC in Washington, there were many conversations, in many forms, about how to best approach a seemingly increasing adverse budgetary impact. While there may be further explanation, on the surface it certainly seemed like budgetary cuts and "iron" shifts in the Air Guard specifically were less than "balanced" when compared to the Active Duty and Air Force Reserve components. The Adjutants General from all 54 states and territories decided that a unified effort, and a letter signed by all Adjutants General, would be the best approach to a positive resolution for our organizations.

This "Letter of 54" was delivered across Capitol Hill while we concurrently requested for our Governors and Congressional Delegations to correspond on their own. Our message was very simple: The Guard has delivered over the past two decades. We have lived up to our motto, "Always Ready, Always There." We have delivered on time, with professionalism and in a

cost-effective manner. Going forward, we can and must remain responsive to our Governors, to our states and to our communities. To maintain these roles with some of the proposed cuts would have been difficult at best.

Of utmost importance in delivering this message: we could not have been able to carry this message in Washington without the professionalism of our organizations.

Quite honestly, the plan to tell the Guard story was executed with precision. Our message delivery, as well as our method, resulted in a historic meeting between Secretary of the Air Force (SECAF) Donley, Air Force Chief of Staff General Norton Schwartz, Chief of the National Guard Bureau General Mckinley, Director of the Air National Guard General Wyatt and all 54 Adjutants General.

In this meeting, we discussed the timeline, access to information, and the perception of a "less than balanced" level of cuts for the National Guard. It was in this meeting that the SECAF and AF Chief of Staff indicated they would be open to listening to alternative plans which could lessen the adverse impact to the Air National Guard. These deliberations are now ongoing and our proposal will be offered over the coming days and weeks.

Throughout this effort, the core message has been to "tell the story" of the National Guard. Our story is solid and our effectiveness speaks for itself. To date, there has been little discussion about the Army side of the budget. Some have speculated that the Army is watching closely to how the Air side is handled. I don't doubt that at all. In the end, however, I believe our message will be delivered in a positive manner, with a high level of professionalism. That's what will win and keep us on target.

In closing, thank you for what you do. Remember to stay focused on the task at hand. Always do the right thing, and rest assured that when you do I'll have your back. That's a promise.

With the greatest respect and admiration for the job you all do for Georgia and our Country, please know that I continue to be honored to work tirelessly as your Adjutant General.



Georgia's Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Jim Butterworth, addresses his Joint Staff during a no-notice emergency exercise conducted by the Ga. Department of Defense Feb. 17, 2012. Realistic scenarios – in this case, of a powerful tornado touching down in metro Atlanta – allow the staff to rehearse immediate action drills and staff coordination on a short timeline. The Ga. DoD conducts these exercises regularly throughout the year, both internally and in conjunction with interagency partners such as Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA).

WEAPONRY OF THE CIVIL WAR

By Lt. William Carraway
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Note: 2012 marks the 150th anniversary of the 1862 battles of the American Civil War. Part three of this historic battle review highlights the weaponry used by the Soldiers throughout the war.

When considering the tactical lessons of Civil War battles, through staff rides or just when reading after action reports, it is helpful to keep in mind the relative capacities and limitations of the time's weaponry. Even just knowing the range of these weapons can offer incredible insight as to why some commanders made the tactical decisions they did.

Infantry Weapon Effects:

The majority of Civil War Soldiers went to war with a single-shot muzzle-loading musket or rifle musket. A well trained Soldier could fire 3-4 rounds per minute, and with a standard load of 40 rounds, the average Infantryman had ten minutes of battlefield effectiveness unless resupplied. Soldiers marched into battle shoulder to shoulder to mass firepower. A volley of musket fire could be devastating out to 300 meters against massed formations.

The following is a summary of the most common Infantry weapons on the battlefield:

1842 Springfield: The last smoothbore musket produced by Federal armories and the last to fire the .69 musket ball. The musket could fire buck-and-ball, which was a .69 ball with 3 buckshot attached; this round was devastating at close range. Approximately 250,000 were produced.

Springfield Rifle Musket: The model 1861 was the standard rifle-musket of the Federal army. Approximately 1,000,000 of the .58 rifle muskets were produced. The weapon had an effective range of 600 meters.

Enfield Rifle Musket: The governments of the Union and the Confederacy imported large quantities of European firearms. The most widely used was the British Pattern 1853 Enfield Rifle Musket. Reliable,

easy to maintain, and deadly to 750 yards, the Enfield fired a .577 minié ball.

Artillery weapon effects:

Civil War field pieces were rifled or smooth-bore. Artillery of the Civil War was largely direct fire. Artillery pieces had to have their targets in sight in order to engage.

Artillery pieces were the most casualty-producing weapons, and were positioned in the same way the modern Infantry positions crew-served weapons. A trained artillery crew of 6 could fire 3 rounds per minute. If firing air-burst shells against entrenched troops, an artillery piece could fire its allotted 16 rounds in less than 6 minutes. In the defense, artillery could also fire canister – cans filled with marble-sized iron projectiles. Deadly at 400 yards, smoothbore canister fire could sweep the field like an enormous shotgun.

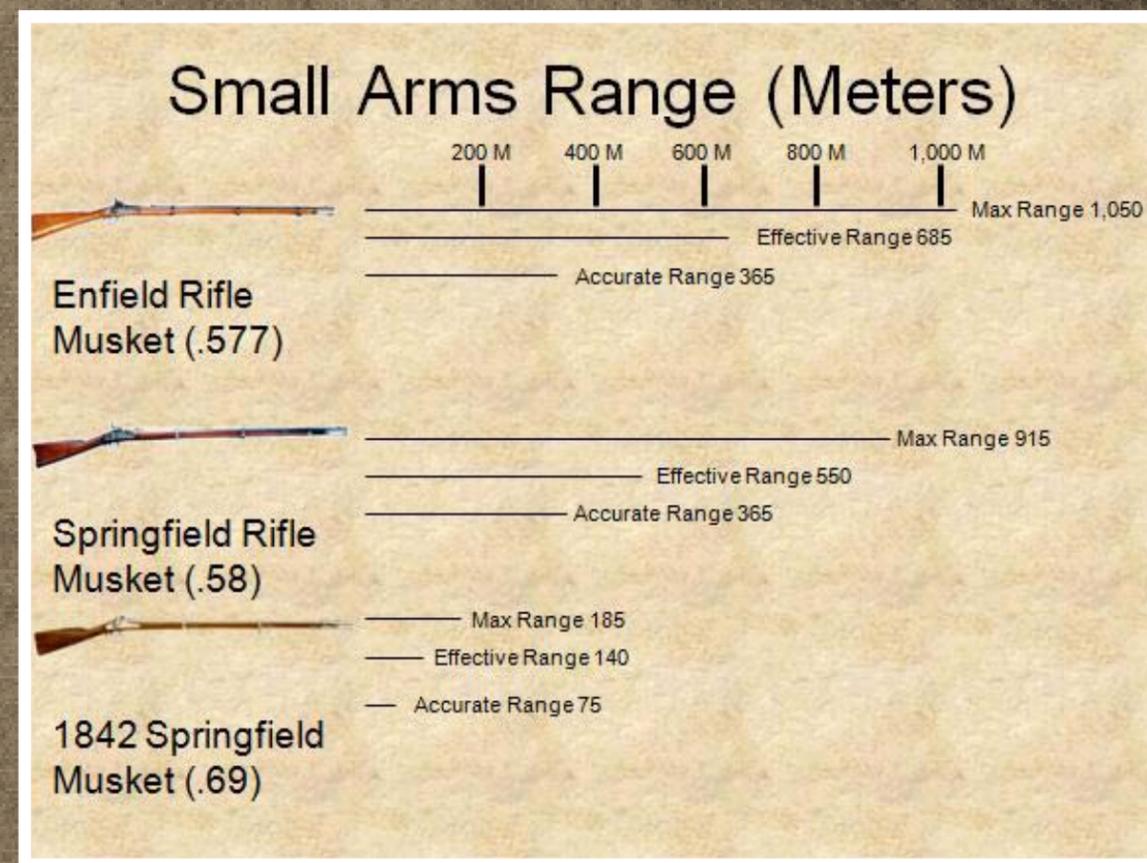
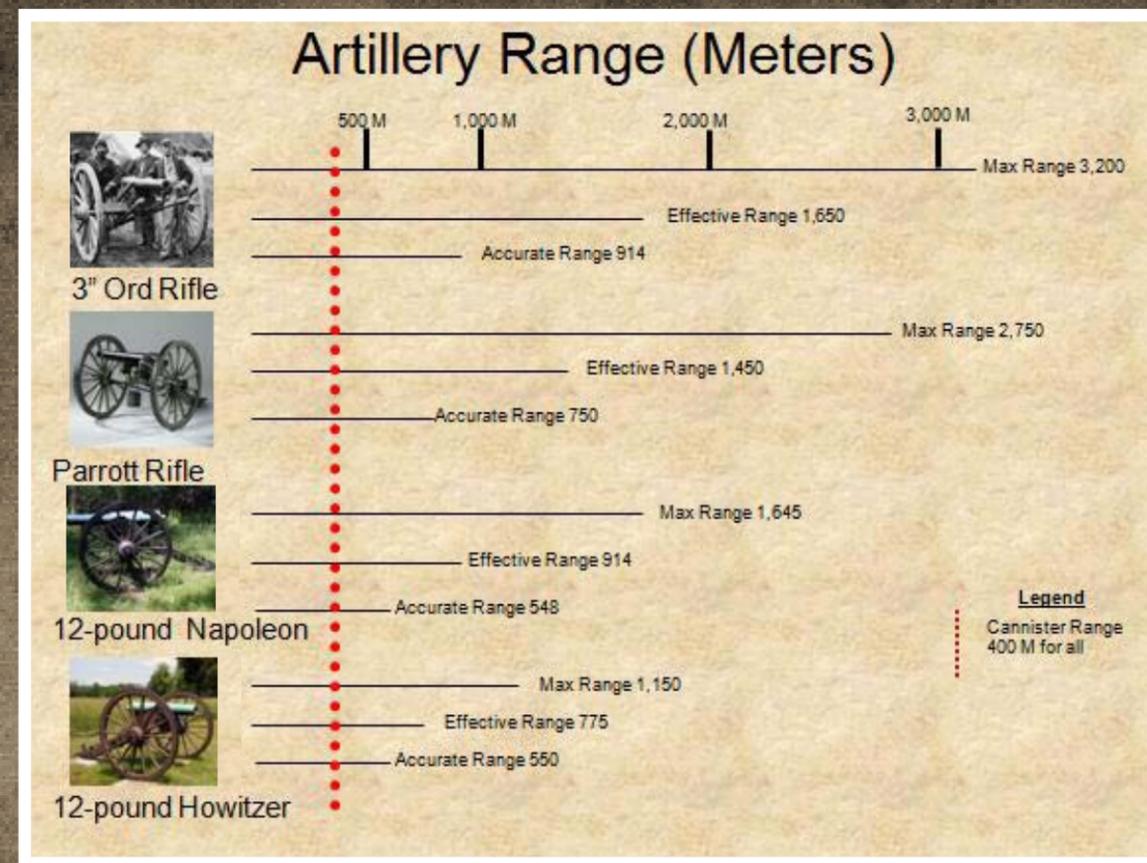
The most common cannons of the Civil War era are described below:

3-inch Ordnance Rifle: The second most common rifled field artillery in both armies, the 3-inch ordnance rifle was accurate and reliable. With a maximum range of 1,835 yards the ordnance rifle had the longest effective range of Civil War artillery field pieces.

3-inch Parrott Rifle: Named for its inventor, Robert Parrott, the Parrott Rifle had a maximum range of 1,600 yards. It is easily recognized by the distinctive iron brand around the breach.

12-pound Howitzer: A bronze smoothbore, the howitzer was designed to fire at higher trajectories to hit targets obscured to guns. By the time of the Civil War, these weapons were considered obsolete, and most were replaced with the more effective Napoleons. When loaded with double-canister ammunition, it was an extremely effective infantry killer at close range.

12-pound Napoleon: The quintessential cannon of the Civil War, there were more of these pieces in the Western Theater of the Civil War than any other type. This cannon was extremely well built and highly reliable.



GEORGIA AIR GUARD FACILITY HOSTS MULTINATIONAL TRAINING EVENT

Story and photo by Master Sgt. Roger Parsons
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116th Air Control Wing

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Warner Robins, Ga., March 7, 2012 – Savannah’s Combat Readiness Training Center (CRTC) successfully met the challenge of hosting the first-ever Global Guardian exercise, Feb. 13 to 23. Global Guardian 2012 or “GG12” is a total force, multinational training exercise, hosted by the Air National Guard and involving three nations.

Major Gen. Thomas Moore, Georgia Air Guard Commander, and Brig. Gen. Joe Jarrard, Georgia Army Guard Commander, who toured the CRTC toward the end of the exercise, expressed their thanks to the units and personnel that participated and extended an open invitation to all the participants to return to Savannah for next year’s exercise.

The Total Force Integration training conducted at CRTC included flying, medical and support units, and ground forces representing 20 U.S. states including Army and Air National Guard, Army and Air Force active duty and Reservists, and the Royal Canadian and Royal Netherland air forces. In all, more than 1,300 participants ensured maximum utilization of the Savannah CRTC in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

The goal of the exercise was to prepare Air Guard units for deployment to an Air Expeditionary Wing within a deployed wing concept. Exercise planners chose Savannah CRTC from among four similar facilities because of its unique location and central access to air space and field training conditions, said Lt. Col. John L. Traettino, Global Guardian’s executive director.

“The Guard owns four such combat readiness



training centers around U.S., and each is very unique and an excellent venue,” Traettino explained. “I have to say Savannah CRTC is particularly well suited for air-to-air and air-to-ground combat needs. To simulate a deployed wing is difficult, and it is hard to get that training anywhere else.”

Georgia Air and Army Guard units from across the state worked with the CRTC, and with the Air Guard’s Townsend Bombing Range outside Brunswick, to provide the kind of environment needed to simulate a real-world deployment in response to a terrorist attack or natural disaster. Among them were Georgia’s 165th Airlift Wing, 117th Air Control Squadron, 116th Air Control Wing, 165th Quartermaster Company and the 560th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade. The 351st Aviation Support Battalion – with elements in South Carolina, Kentucky, Washington, Michigan, and Oregon – also took part.

All played a crucial role in the exercise’s overall success, according to Maj. Gen. James B. Butterworth, Georgia’s Adjutant General.

“I am proud that the Georgia Air National Guard hosted Global Guardian 2012,” Butterworth said. “I want also to express my congratulations to all the Army and Air Force active duty, Guard and Reserve forces who participated, and to members of the Royal Canadian and Royal Netherlands Air Forces who added that multinational piece to the training.”

As the more than 1,300 personnel and their equipment descended on the CRTC, they were welcomed with open arms and excited to see the accommodations waiting for them. Providing more than 800 bed spaces; a 900-seat conference center; and flight line and maintenance facilities, the CRTC proved more than capable of handling the F-15E Strike Eagles, C-17 Globemasters, KC-135 Stratotankers, and the CH-47 Chinook and UH-72 Lakota helicopters flown during Global Guardian. The Savannah facility also provided the exercise a large supersonic overwater range, multiple drop zones, and plentiful room from which field medical units involved could work.

“The lodging facilities were very nice, clean and welcoming,” said Senior Master Sgt. Nicole Gardner of the 120th Medical Group from Great Falls, Mont. “I don’t know that anyone could have asked for better accommodations, especially after a long day at the EMEDS [Expeditionary Medical Support] facility.”

AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT TEAM II DEPARTS FOR AFGHANISTAN

Story and photos by 1st Lt. Michael Thompson
78th Homeland Response Force
Georgia Army National Guard

METTER, Ga., Feb. 22, 2012 – The Georgia Army National Guard's 265th Regional Support Group said farewell to friends and family here today at the Metter High School gymnasium during the deployment of the Georgia Guard's second Agribusiness Development Team (ADT) to Afghanistan.

The 59-strong team of Georgia Guardsmen is deploying to Afghanistan on a yearlong tour to help the Afghans – more than 70 percent of whom are farmers – revitalize their agricultural industry by using sustainable and culturally appropriate projects. This mission calls for military members with expertise in farming, raising livestock and cultivating natural resources. These Guardsmen bring with them more specialized skills than those of the usual advisory panels that typically helm projects such as these.

“They are in for the challenge of their lives,” said Wes Harris, a special projects coordinator for the University of Georgia who helped train the Guardsmen for their deployment to Afghanistan. “There is very little electrical power anywhere in the country, and roads are basically non-

existent. But it is a good bridge with the Afghan farmer, knowing that people in uniform can be their friends and help them obtain a better standard of living.”

The different types of projects the team could manage include building grain mills, introducing new wheat seed, building cool storage facilities to store harvested crops operated by solar panels, launching vet clinics focused on de-worming the livestock, advising with reforestation projects, and increasing the crop yield for commercial use.

“We have ten to twelve ag-specialists that go out every day to help them grow crops better,” said Col. Craig McGalliard, the ADT II commander. “My particular team is going to be doing a lot of things with watershed management. They get very little rainfall there; most of their water comes from snow melt.”

ADTs ensure that improvements are sustainable with local assets and within the context of the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation, and Livestock abilities. To be immediately effective, ADT personnel must be in place to impact the next growing season. If the ADT and supporting USDA administrators are not in place, opium production will increase in the upcoming growing season. The ADT concept has two major missions: provide immediate agricultural expertise and provide security forces to enable daily community engagement.



FORT STEWART YCA

VOLUNTEERS AT GARD

Story and photo by 1st Lt. Samuel Oh
90th Human Resources Company
Special Troops Battalion

FORT STEWART, Ga., Mar. 2, 2012 – As spring slowly approaches, Fort Stewart Families aren't the only ones rolling up their sleeves to do some spring cleaning.

The Georgia Animal Rescue and Defense, or GARD for short, also started on their spring cleaning on Feb. 18. This was due to the efforts of Spc. Branden Gums, 90th Human Resources Company, Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Sustainment Brigade, Third Infantry Division, coordinating some much needed assistance from the Fort Stewart Youth Challenge Academy, which is funded and operated by the Georgia Army National Guard. The idea for coordinating with the Youth Challenge Academy initially came when Spc. Gums was searching for a way to increase the volunteer base at the GARD shelter.

“We have so many projects going on at the shelter right now, it's hard to come up with the help to get them all finished,” said Spc. Gums, who also serves as GARD's public information officer. “Not a lot of folks are interested in driving out to Pembroke to help out for some reason, so I decided to start looking into places some might not otherwise think of for our volunteers.”

The coordination process was initiated when he visited the Youth Challenge Academy and spoke with them regarding their community service program. After the proposed time and date was submitted and approved by

the cadre over the span of about a week, the rest of the plan simply fell into place.

“To have these cadets available to us was a fantastic opportunity to make some much needed headway on our projects. It couldn't have come at a better time for us,” said Joy Bohannon, CEO of GARD.

On the day of spring cleaning, 25 volunteers from the Fort Stewart Youth Challenge Academy assisted GARD with cleaning up the shelter. As they began to clear and trim bushes, reorganize the shelter storage areas, and clean around the shelter, sounds of enthusiastic cadences could be heard from some of them.



The GARD is a non-profit, no-kill animal shelter whose mission is to save and protect homeless and neglected dogs and cats in the area. Just last year, the organization was responsible for saving more than 1,000 animals. With Georgia being the state with highest kill state for such animals, GARD also transports animals to adoption events in other states to help find them their permanent home.

The Fort Stewart Challenge Academy is a program aimed to assist teenagers ages 16 to 18 in developing academic excellence, life-coping skills, community service, health and hygiene, skills training, leadership, and physical training. One of the highlights of the program is that the teenagers are afforded the opportunity to earn their GED.

As the day drew to an end, faces of satisfaction could clearly be observed from the staff members of GARD, as well as the volunteers themselves. For more information on GARD, check Web site, www.gardonline.org.

THE NATIONAL GUARD

IN YOUR COMMUNITY MAKES CENTS!

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CLAY NATIONAL GUARD CENTER, Marietta, Ga., Mar. 21, 2012 – Long before the Georgia National Guard established its present footprint in Cobb County and the surrounding communities, the military – active duty, Reserve and a handful of Army and Air Guard units – was making a positive impact on the local economy buying or renting homes, eating in local restaurants, shopping in local stores, banking at local financial institutions, and seeking medical care at local health facilities.

Now, with a presence of some 80 facilities around the state of Georgia in 2012, Georgia National Guardsmen contribute more than one billion dollars annually to the economy of Defense Communities around the state.

From military and civilian wages to military construction, goods and services, dollars are flowing into the local economies from the Guard. Not only are the 15,000 men and women of the Guard enhancing the everyday lives of people by protecting the homeland and supporting war efforts around the world, but they are also helping protect the economic livelihoods of millions of Georgians.

One of the largest local economic contributions of the Georgia National Guard came at the end of 2011 when the new Joint Force Headquarters building opened here on Clay. The Georgia National Guard moved another 731 personnel onto Clay, boosting the organization's presence here to nearly 2,000 full-time personnel and traditional Guardsmen (those who attend drill once each month).

That added to the 2,547 military and civilian personnel who already work at Dobbins Air Force Reserve Base just

across the flight line. Clearly, local economic impact from the National Guard is felt.

Smyrna Mayor Max Bacon knows this all too well. “We're very appreciative of the Guard's presence,” said Bacon. “Every Soldier and Airman, every civilian employee who is here, has a big impact on our daytime population, which in turn has a positive effect on our business community. Those who live here now, or choose to move here because this is where their unit is now, also impact our realty community and bring added value to this city.”

Surrounding communities agree. The Georgia National Guard here makes sense, when it comes to “dollars and cents,” according to Marietta mayor R. Steve Tumlin.

“These men and women in uniform, their families, and the Clay and Dobbins civilian workforce visit our local shops, purchase vehicles, dine in restaurants, attend sporting events and purchase homes in our great city. They – like those who came before them and those who are still with us – serve as excellent representatives of Marietta and its rich military history.”

“Much is made – and rightly so – of the support our communities give to their local Guard units,”

said Maj. Gen. Jim Butterworth, Georgia's Adjutant General. “Indeed, from homecoming parades to local initiatives by community leaders to find our Guardsmen gainful employment, community support is outstanding.

“It is important for these communities to know what kind of support they receive in return. Not just a ready and relevant force for responding to natural or manmade disasters, but also a profound economic influencer,” he said. “What's more, the Guard doesn't just impact the bottom line of these communities, but they are also an important part of the local social fabric in keeping with the tradition of our nation's minutemen.”



CHAPLAIN ASSISTANT: SOLDIER, SERVANT, MAN OF GOD

Story by Sgt. 1st Class Roy Henry
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CLAY NATIONAL GUARD CENTER, Marietta, Ga., 8 March, 2012 – When Staff Sgt. Matthew Couch joined the Georgia Army Guard eight years ago, the only job he wanted to do was that of a 56Mike (56M) - Chaplain Assistant.

He later earned the infantry Military Occupational Skill (MOS) of 11Bravo as a secondary MOS, through which to hone his skills as a Soldier, but for that reason only.

“God and the desire to help others have been great motivators for me for as long as I can remember,” said Couch, who is a full-time chaplain assistant and the noncommissioned officer-in-charge of readiness for Marietta’s 139th Chaplain Detachment. “Both drive me to be more than I am as a person, and for me there is no better way to serve one and accomplish the other, than as a Citizen-Soldier.”

Schooling to become a chaplain assistant is approximately six weeks long, and is conducted at the Army Chaplain Center and School, co-located on the Armed Forces Chaplaincy Center campus with the Navy Chaplaincy School and center, and the Air Force Chaplain Corps College, at Fort Jackson, S.C. There, the prospective chaplain assistant learns the basics of how to support chaplains and unit ministry teams in the non-tactical and tactical environments.

“It’s quite a bit to learn, and it’s a lot of balancing Soldier care with equal amounts of Soldier skills,” Couch said.

“As chaplain assistants move through their careers, they need to build good relationships with their peers and seniors to effectively care for their fellow Soldiers,” he said. “This means they have to be able to prove their worth and relevance to the unit as a whole.”

According to Couch, chaplain assistants report directly to the chaplain for whom they work and if assigned to a unit, they are accountable to the organization’s command sergeant major. Like a chaplain, they are a part of the commander’s personal staff, and serve as the enlisted eyes and ears regarding the welfare and morale of the unit. They also directly assist and protect the chaplain when it comes

to battlefield movement and coordination, counseling, and religious support.

“While the chaplain may be a non-combatant, I’m not. So, yes, that means I’m out there wearing body armor and combat gear, and carrying a rifle that I have to be qualified to use just like any other Soldier,” Couch said. “A good 56Mike is marked by how proficient he – or she – is in their Warrior Training Tasks and basic Soldier skills. I’m also a noncommissioned officer, over and above being a chaplain assistant.”

Couch explains that in that respect, he tries to live by the same rules he gives to new chaplain candidates: “Be a Soldier. Be your rank. Then worry about acting like a chaplain [assistant].”

“Whether someone is thinking about joining the Guard, or is already in and considering a change in job skills, becoming a 56Mike is certainly going to be a personal choice,” Couch said.

“Among the Army Values by which we live every day as Soldiers, is selfless service. If selflessness and servant-hood are terms that you value, then this MOS is, I believe, for you,” he said. “Never forsake that because, in a sense, you aren’t stepping up into leadership, rather you are stepping down into a role of influence and, indeed, putting others’ needs and interests before your own.”



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT BOOKSHELF:

REVIEWS OF BOOKS THAT TEACH US ABOUT OUR CRAFT

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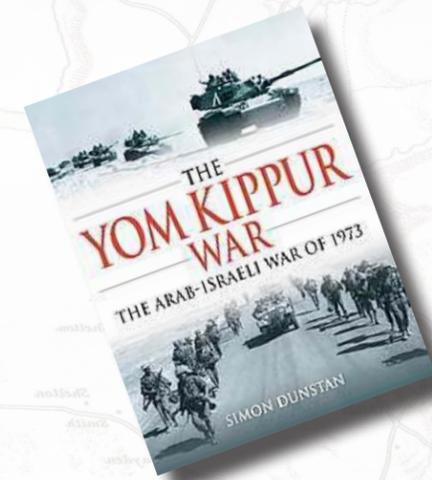
As a tanker by trade I’ve always been fascinated by an old romantic notion of (to borrow a phrase) “fighting a desperate battle against incredible odds.” In modern military history, few events match this description so well as Israel’s desperate defense against a combined Egyptian and Syrian attack in October 1973.

Nowhere is this story better told than in Abraham Rabinovich’s *The Yom Kippur War: The Epic Encounter That Transformed the Middle East*. A former writer for the Jerusalem Post, Rabinovich’s work is both engaging and vivid, and a must for any student of warfare in the Middle East. He masterfully blends multiple aspects of modern warfare - air and land battles, political considerations, and civilian perspectives - into a comprehensive picture of war.

“THE PLATOON COMMANDER HAD NO IDEA WHAT
THEY MIGHT BE. THE ANSWER CAME OVER THE
RADIO NET. ‘MISSILES.’”

The Israelis faced truly incredible odds. On the Golan Heights, a scant 177 Israeli tanks with 11 artillery batteries were assaulted by 1,460 Syrian tanks with 115 artillery batteries. Incredibly, they held the line until the reserve could arrive and organize into a counterattack.

On the other side of the country, Egypt’s assault crossing of the Suez Canal proved to be a masterpiece of



planning and an engineering marvel. Following low-level air strikes against command posts, SAM batteries, and airfields, more than 10,000 artillery shells fell on Israeli positions in the first minute alone. This was followed by a perfectly executed crossing operation that put 32,000 Egyptians across the canal in just three and a half hours.

An hour later, the first bridge was complete; two hours later, the number of bridges had risen to 12. Meanwhile, Israeli tanks defending the canal got their first taste of a new weapon: Sagger anti-tank missiles, in their first major encounter with armored forces. The crews had no idea what the odd lights were “floating” toward them until tanks started to explode around them.

Only six years earlier, the Israeli Air Force had reigned supreme following a pre-emptive strike that virtually destroyed the Egyptian Air Force. Now, however, two Israeli Phantoms scrambled to meet the attack, only to find themselves up against 26 MiGs. Other IAF planes attacking the crossing sites ran into a sophisticated SAM umbrella that rivalled what the Americans had faced in Vietnam; early losses were appalling.

The story of how Israel recovered from these blows not just to hold the line, but to mount counterattacks that threatened both Cairo and Damascus, makes up the rest of this great book. Rabinovich explores the inner workings of both sides, as well as Israel’s initial, nearly fatal failure: They expected to be fighting the same Arabs they had faced in 1967. Yet, “Israel had not calculated the vital psychological boost the Arabs would derive from having seized the initiative.”

Maps and photographs throughout this book are excellent. Rabinovich tells a complex story masterfully, blending human detail with the epic sweep of battle to give us a true sense of the war, and what it takes to overcome such incredible odds.

AROUND THE GEORGIA GUARD



PULLING SECURITY

Senior Airman Christopher Gaiters, 116th Security Forces Squadron, guards a personnel bunker during an Operational Readiness Exercise at Robins Air Force Base. The exercise was conducted by the 116th and 461st Air Control Wings in preparation for an upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection.



BILL HONORS FALLEN GEORGIA GUARDSMEN

Lieutenant Gov. Casey Cagle presents a resolution honoring the Georgia Guard on the floor of the State Senate. Present for the ceremony was the Adjutant General and commanders of the Georgia Air and Army National Guard. Representatives of the Georgia Guard, Georgia State Defense Force, and Youth Challenge Academy were present for the reading of resolutions in the Ga. House and Senate.

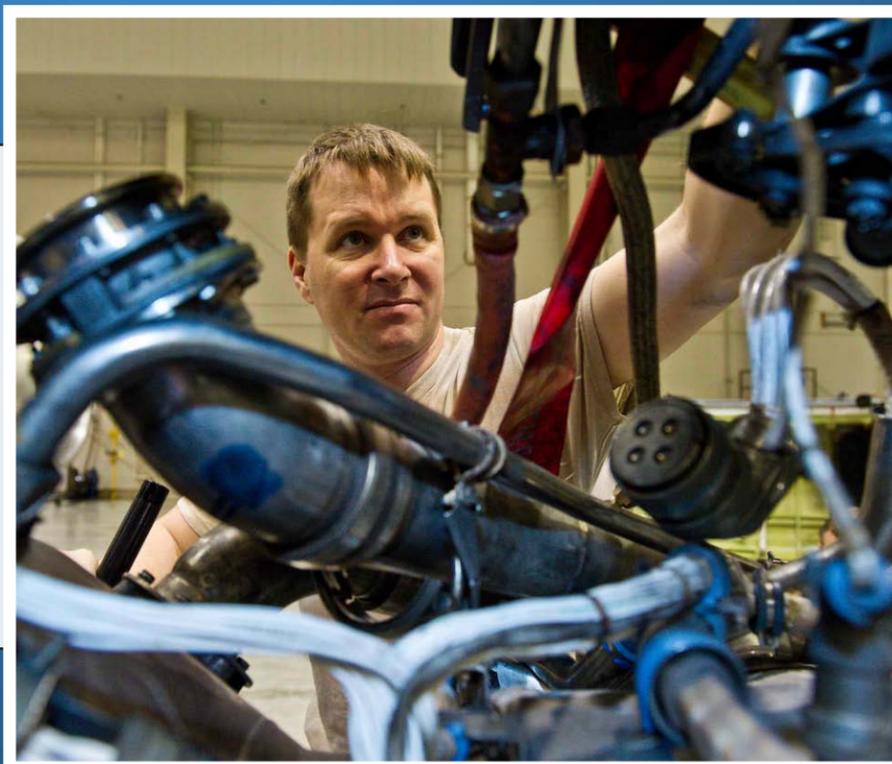
BOY SCOUTS VISIT AIRMEN, LEARN ABOUT EXPLOSIVES

Senior Master Sgt. John Bell, 116th Civil Engineering Squadron explosive ordnance technician, demonstrates the Remote Ordnance Neutralization System to visiting Boy Scouts. Troop 51 from Forsyth, Ga., visited the 116th EOD unit during a field trip to Robins Air Force Base.



AIR GUARD MAINTENANCE NIGHT-SHIFT

Air National Guard Tech. Sgt. Mark Tanner, 116th Air Control Wing, performs maintenance on an E-8 Joint STARS Pratt and Whitney TF33-102C engine. Tanner and other members working night-shift with the 116th Maintenance Squadron engine shop performed maintenance during an engine change operation.



202ND EIS MOVES TO ROBINS

Lieutenant Col. Fred Walker, 202nd Engineering Installation Squadron commander (left); Maj. Gen. Thomas Moore, Georgia Air Guard commander; Lt. Col. John Whittington, with the 116th Civil Engineering Squadron; and Command Chief Master Sgt. Donald Camp, Georgia Air Guard command chief, cut the ribbon during a ceremony at Robins Air Force Base to celebrate the new home for the unit.



Agribusiness Development Team II deploys for Afghanistan

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