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## Pride, Courage Mark Black Service for Nation's Military

American Forces Information Service

When Pvt. Peter Foster enlisted in the Connecticut Regiment during the Revolutionary War, he was still "owned" by Timothy Hale of Glastonbury, Conn. It wasn't until after the war that Foster obtained his freedom, along with that of his wife and young daughter. A bill of sale dated March 8, 1788, documents the sale.

There were about 5,000 blacks who served in the Revolution; some were freed, some were not. In either case, they were quickly forgotten after the war.

Neither they nor their contributions to the nation's defense are forgotten now because Black History Month is a reminder. The entire nation, the Department of Defense and each military service will once again celebrate Black History Month in February. This year's theme is "The Constitutional Status of Afro-Americans into the 21st Century."

Throughout the nation's history, black Americans remained proud of their country, many giving their lives to support it. The Constitution they were defending, though, was not being interpreted and enforced by Congress to allow them the same rights and privileges as other citizens.

Blacks' service to the nation is as old as the country itself. During the Colonial period, they fought and died bravely, but none received much recognition or was declared a national hero.

The War of 1812 was mainly a naval war, and blacks made up between 10 and 20 percent of most ships' crews. They performed heroic duty, and even Oliver Hazard Perry, who initially objected to black sailors, ended up praising their bravery.

Black soldiers fought in the Civil War also. They knew that emancipation would come, even though President Abraham Lincoln had said the Union, not slavery, was the issue. More than 180,000 blacks served in United States Colored Troop units—10 percent of the total Union strength. The best-known black regiments were the First South Carolina, which actually mustered into service as a Volunteer Regiment in Kansas, and the 54th Massachusetts.

By the time the call to arms was heard during World War I, black Americans had proven time and again their desire to aid in the common defense of the nation. More than 400,000 blacks served in the war. And despite segregation and discriminatory assignments, more than 1,300 were commissioned as officers.

During World War II, blacks were no longer restricted to labor details. They served as infantrymen, tankers,

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An ROTC cadet adjusts the hood on a M17A2 protective mask. (National Guard photos by Cadet Capt. Susan Kae Hale.

## Georgia Guard Aids ROTC Cadets

by Cadet Capt. Susan Kae Hale

Georgia Army National Guardsmen trained 20 Georgia State University and West Georgia College Army ROTC cadets in Nuclear, Biological and Chemical (NBC) warfare techniques during the Guard's February drill.

Staff Sergeant Dannis Key, NBC NBO for Co. A., 151st Military Intelligence (MI) Battalion, at Dobbins AFB, Ga., conducted the highly specialized class. Key instructed the cadets on the most current NBC procedures used by the U.S. Army, and provided up-to-date information on the Soviet NBC threat.

As a required course of instruction, NBC training is essential for cadets to successfully complete ROTC Advanced Camp. The camp is the final testing phase of common-task skills, leadership ability, management skills, and physical fitness readiness for cadets prior to entering their senior year.

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## Black Militia Companies in Georgia in 1878

Contributions to the readiness of the Georgia Army and Air Guard by black enlisted and officer personnel are common knowledge today. But blacks have a long history of membership in the Georgia Guard.

In the late 1870's, the roster of black units in the Georgia militia numbered close to 20 and ranged

from Atlanta to Columbus and Savannah and a number of towns in between. Maj. John H. Deveaux, commander of the black First Battalion Infantry, enthused in his annual report to the Adjutant General in September 1900 that: "Each company has had drills at least four times in every month . . . in which much interest and zeal have

been displayed by all."

As a separate and distinct part of the Georgia militia, the black units of the Guard posed a substantial problem to the mostly agrarian state when Congress enacted the Dick Bill in 1903 which gave new recognition to state militias, authorized equipment, and weapons. While Georgia's Inspector General, Col. William G. Obear, praised the black troops for their readiness and efficiency, he speculated that black troops, which under the Bill had to be put on an equal footing with the white militia, would be at a disadvantage if mobilized during a civil disturbance. "They could not be used," he wrote, "to suppress riots where white men were engaged without aggravating the affair."

Over the past 86 years the Georgia National Guard has been dynamic and has progressed so that in today's modern force, the black men and women of the Georgia Army and Air National Guard make daily contributions in all respects to the defense of the community, state and nation. And, it is well to remember that Georgia has always been defended by, as Maj. Deveaux wrote 86 years ago, "a force of such great value to those charged with the enforcement of law and preservation of peace."

### Roster of Black Militia Companies in Georgia in 1878

NAME OF COMPANY	NAME OF CAPTAIN	WHERE LOCATED	NAME OF COMPANY	NAME OF CAPTAIN	WHERE LOCATED
Athens Blues	W. A. Pledger	Athens	Colored Home Guards	Fred Reid	Madison
*Atlanta Light Infantry	Jefferson Wylly	Atlanta	Columbus Light Infantry	G. P. Lewis	Columbus
Butler Light Infantry	F. Fluker	Quitman	*Colquitt Blues	W. H. DeLyon	Savannah
Bibb County Blues	Spencer Moseley	Macon	*Capital Guards	C. C. Wimbish	Atlanta
Bainbridge Guards	W. O. Crawford	Bainbridge	*Colquitt Zouaves	J. Tyler	Augusta
*Columbus Volunteers	W. Allbright	Columbus	*Douglas Infantry	T. P. Beard	Augusta
*Chatam Light Infantry	J. H. Gardner	Savannah	*Forest City Light Infantry (A)	W. H. Woodhouse	Savannah
City Blues	E. Ansley	Americus	*Forest City Light Infantry (B)	E. J. Colvin	Savannah
*Central City Light Infantry	Geo. Wallace	Macon	*Forest City Light Infantry (C)	R. H. Burke	Savannah

# Telling the Black Military Story

by Sgt. Maj. Rudi Williams, USA  
American Forces Information Service

A group of veterans, both officers and enlisted, and civilians has decided to do something to ensure proper credit is given black men and women who have served in the armed forces throughout American history.

They have established the Black Military History Institute of America, Inc., a non-profit, non-partisan organization "to promote the achievements of black Americans in the military history of the United States."

They plan to build "archival facilities to collect, preserve, communicate and exhibit materials pertinent to black military history," said retired Army Col. William A. DeShields, the institute's president. "We want to provide a place for the permanent display of paintings, drawings, photographs and artifacts of black participating in the armed forces, including the Coast Guard, Baltimore and Annapolis, Md., and Washington, D.C., are being considered as the location for a museum."

DeShields envisions the institute as a vehicle to make the nation aware of historical wartime achievements of black men and women from the Revolutionary War through Vietnam.

A prime objective of the institute is "to provide different role models other than entertainers and athletes," he added. "We want to motivate and support blacks by using military role models as a source of inspiration. We're talking about men and women, both officers and enlisted, in all branches of the services."

DeShields said the institute will not only highlight the courage and bravery blacks have shown on the battlefield, but will also focus on the jobs they do during peacetime. "Black men and women are performing successfully in such highly technical skills as flying high-tech aircraft, and operating computers and sophisticated communications equipment," he emphasized.

"The military is not like it used to be; it's becoming highly selective in the people it accepts due to an emphasis on technology. We have blacks who are able to meet the education challenge and are doing the job as managers and leaders."

"Hopefully, this will set an example for our youth to aspire to greater educational excellence," he added.

De Shields said the institute's objectives are:

- To make black military-related historical information available through various media activities, lectures, forums and exhibits—plans call for expanding into video cassettes, films and radio shows;
- To motivate and support black youths in their attainment of academic excellence by using military "role models" as a source of inspiration; and
- To foster a spirit of camaraderie and good will among all persons sharing an interest in black history through community involvement programs.

"Membership is not restricted to just blacks, but is open to all persons, regardless of race, who support our objectives," said De Shields. "Substantial contributions are being made by members of other races."

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Black Military History Institute of America, Inc., or those who would like to donate museum items to it should write to or call:

BMHIA INC  
P.O. Box 1134  
Fort Meade, Md. 20755-0993  
(301) 757-4250

## Black Service

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labor details. They served as infantrymen, tankers, parachutists and officers leading patrols on tactical missions. They became pilots, nurses and doctors. World War II was also the first war in which black contributions were documented and accepted without debate.

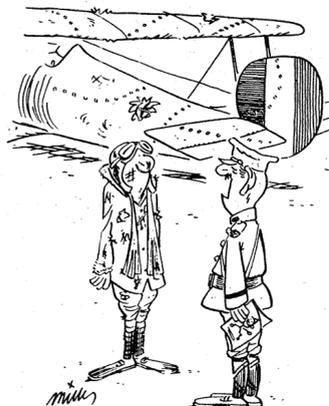
During the Vietnam War, blacks no longer had to prove their capabilities, and units in the military were truly integrated for the first time.

The war provided many black role models in leadership and courage and the ability to overcome obstacles to achieve excellence.

After Vietnam, peacetime equal opportunity programs were reinstated in earnest and preconflict issues were addressed. Affirmative action plans addressed specific equal opportunity problems. All military personnel received equal opportunity training.



"OK then, I'll give you a clue. What new field ration comes with cheese, tomato and mushrooms?"



"Yes, there is a reply. Tell the colonel my sincerest thanks for remembering my birthday."

## 108th Armor Among 10 Units to Win Superior Unit Award

For the first time in the Georgia Army Guard, every unit of a battalion has earned the "National Guard Superior Unit Award."

The winner, the 1/108th Armor Battalion, along with five other Georgia Army Guard units, was recently accorded the top honor for training year 1987, by the National Guard Bureau.

The award went to Calhoun's Headquarters and Headquarters Company, as well as to Rome's Company A, Cedartown's Company B, Dalton's Company C, and Canton's Company D.

Other units which earned the award included Headquarters Company, 151st Military Intelligence Battalion; Decatur's Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Troop

Command; Washington's, Company E, 122nd Infantry (TLAT); Hartwell's Battery A, 1st Battalion, 214th Field Artillery; and Swainsboro's Company D, 878th Engineer Battalion.

To earn the national honor, units must meet strict personnel and training requirements. Among them a monthly attendance and MOS qualification average of 95 percent at drills and annual training. Other criteria include the attainment of training readiness objectives such as an "outstanding" or "excellent" training rating, an effective maintenance program and a satisfactory annual general inspection.

The 108th also has earned the Draper Award (see related story, page 5).

## State taxes made 'E-Z'

Guardsmen who possibly fumbled with last year's state income tax forms will find this year's forms a pleasant surprise.

"The 1987 General Assembly updated the Georgia Income Tax Code to closely follow the Internal Revenue Code," said State Revenue Commissioner Marcus E. Collins. "There will be only a few adjustments necessary to the Federal Adjusted Gross Income to arrive at your Georgia income, so please follow the instructions carefully."

Taxpayers are required to use the same filing status on their Georgia returns as they use on their federal returns (single, married filing jointly or married filing separately).

A copy of a person's federal return does not have to be attached to the state return unless

the taxpayer files federal Schedule C, required of an unincorporated business or proprietorship; Schedule E, for rental income, Subchapter "S" and partnership incomes, or Schedule F, for farm income.

Every legal resident of Georgia is required to file a state income tax return if his income is above the sum of his standard deduction and personal exemption. For a single person, this level is \$3,800, or \$2,300 plus \$1,500. The levels for different categories of filers are listed in the instruction booklet.

Even if a person does not have to file a federal income tax they may still be subject to Georgia income tax. An example of this is interest on municipal and state bonds other than Georgia.

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## Guard celebrates Black History Month

by Terry Smith  
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In celebration of Black History Month, more than 70 members of the Georgia Army and Air Guard attended a special open house, program and luncheon at the National Guard armory, State Headquarters, in Atlanta Feb. 19.

Theme of the Black History Month event was "Constitutional Status of Afro-Americans into the 21st Century."

Keynote speaker was State Sen. Arthur Langford Jr. (D-35th Dist.), of Atlanta. Opening remarks and introductions were given by Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Griffin, the Adjutant General.

The program was coordinated by Capt. Iva Wilson, Equal Employment Opportunity manager for the Georgia Army and Air National Guard. "We were very pleased with the enthusiasm of those who attended and are especially grateful to all who participated on the program," Wilson said. "We plan to make this an annual event."

Open house began at 11:30 a.m. and featured displays of photographs, posters, and a variety of publications depicting black history -- both in the military and civilian sectors of the nation's economy and growth. Outstanding achievements and contributions by blacks -- as individuals and as a race -- to the country, its culture and its citizens were emphasized in displays and throughout the program.

In his remarks, General Griffin presented a report on the strength and status of blacks in the Georgia

Department of Defense and addressed the department's affirmative action program.

"In each department of the Georgia Department of Defense we have an ongoing program of equal opportunity," Griffin explained. "We are pledged that by the end of the year 1990, that this department -- for both military and civilian personnel -- will much more closely reflect the racial and ethnic make-up of the state of Georgia."

"We intend to achieve this by hiring only qualified men and women. They're out there and it's just a matter of us being affirmative in our actions of finding them," Griffin added.

"We're on target, Capt. Wilson has advised me, with the goals that we have set for ourselves (in implementing the affirmative action program), so that when that time comes, we will have achieved it (our goals). I can assure that you will continue to place emphasis on this vital program."

In his address, Sen. Langford expressed his appreciation to the "men and women who serve our country and who keep us prepared for a first-hand and quality defense. Thank all of you for your commitment, dedication and for your service," he said.

Langford said that he and General Griffin "have talked many times about the role and position of blacks in the Georgia National Guard. He (Griffin) has been very receptive . . . has committed and dedicated himself to making sure that the affirmative action program that is now on the books will not just remain on the books in the Georgia National Guard, but it will become a reality."

"Working very closely with the capable person in charge of your affirmative action programs -- Capt. Wilson -- I want to commend the Georgia National Guard (under the leadership of Gen. Griffin) for the excellent job that you all are doing in these areas. Keep in mind that, yes, we have come a long way, but yes, we have a long way to go."

Langford pointed out that "not only are we to celebrate the contributions and achievements of Blacks during February, but we have the responsibility to understand, research and appreciate the contributions of blacks and men and women of color every day of our lives."

"We must forever straighten out the false notions that Black History Month and celebrations are only for black people. It's important that all races understand the great contributions that black people have made to this world and to this country."

"Black people," Langford said, "must continue to work . . . and never give up. And we hope that one day -- in our lifetime -- that we can really be included as 'we



Senator Langford addresses an attentive audience during the Georgia Guard's first luncheon program celebrating Black History Month.

the people' and we can really make sure that the dream that Martin King talked about where we will not be judged by the color of our skin, but the content of our character will become a reality."

Those attending the Georgia Guard's first Black History Month celebration were also treated to a variety of talents during the program. Rev. William Womack, a member of "Inspirations Across America" was guest vocalist and organist.

Staff Sgt. Donna Poole of the Georgia Air Guard led the audience in singing "Lift Every Voice." Readings of selected poems were given by Sgt. LaNorris Boyd, recruiter, Georgia Army Guard and by Staff Sgt. Gene Crowder, unit administrator, 124th Public Affairs Detachment and 116th Army Band, Georgia Army Guard.



Members of both the Georgia Army and Air National Guard listen intently to the inspiring words of guest speaker Senator Langford.

## Guard plants a 'living legacy' to honor Constitution

In 69 communities throughout Georgia, including Toccoa and Lavonia, a Constitution Oak was planted on the grounds of the Georgia Army National Guard armory to commemorate the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution.

The white oak, a seedling from the historic oaks of Georgia, was presented to Capt. Scott Bailey, commander of 82nd Maintenance Company in Toccoa and to 1st Lt. Joseph F. Kucera III, commander of Detachment 1, 82nd Maintenance Company in Lavonia, by O'Neal Kellar of the Georgia Forestry Commission in ceremonies held at the armory.

Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Griffin, Georgia's Adjutant General said, "These ceremonies culminate an important year for us in paying tribute to the document that guarantees the freedoms we enjoy as Americans."

The year, indeed was a momentous one for the Georgia Guard, which traces its lineage back through the Army National Guard 351 years. In symbolically significant ways, Georgia Guardsmen have paid tribute to the

Constitution.

Among the highlights:

— Officers from throughout the state solemnly reaffirmed their Soldier's Oath of allegiance to the Constitution in ceremonies conducted during the National Guard Association convention in September.

— A Color Guard from Savannah's 118th Field Artillery Brigade, a unit that dates back to the Revolutionary War, participated in the Army's celebration of the Constitution's 200th birthday at Valley Forge, Pa. That event on July 31st launched the Army's bicentennial commemoration.

— In early August, Georgia Guardsmen from state headquarters in Atlanta, Macon's 48th Infantry Brigade (Mech.) and Augusta's 878th Engineer Battalion posted honor guards for a statewide tour of the Magna Charta, England's charter of liberties dating back to 1215.

— A delegation, led by Maj. Gen. Griffin, joined with Gov. Joe Frank Harris and other dignitaries at a state Capitol ceremony.



1st Lt. Joseph F. Kucera III, commander of Detachment 1, 82nd Maintenance Company, Georgia Army National Guard, assists O'Neal Kellar of the Georgia Forestry Commission in planting a white oak tree in honor of the U.S. Constitution. (Photo by SP4 Jerry DeAvila, 124th Public Affairs Detachment)

Uses 'BCS' for the first time

## Army Guard's 'high-tech' artillery puts 'steel on targets faster'

by Capt. Tom Phillips  
124th Public Affairs Detachment

In the otherwise stillness of a cool October morning, self-propelled howitzer cannons — manned by Georgia Army National Guardsmen — rumbled over the loamy soil at Fort Gordon and headed to the field for a live-fire exercise.

During this outing, the 1st Battalion, 214th Field Artillery became part of the "high-tech Army" as they used the "Battery Computer System" (BCS) for the first time.

### BCS an Exciting Concept

"Morale is pretty high here," said Maj. Henry Tinley, the new battalion commander. "The soldiers are excited about working with the BCS."

Tinley, who assumed command of the artillery battalion in September, is an environmentalist with the Burke County Board of Health in Waynesboro. He served as the battalion's C Battery commander from 1974-1977 and as a battalion staff officer from 1981 to 1984.

### System's Faster, More Accurate

"This new computer system connects the battery's fire direction center with the guns via terminals. We used to relay all information by radio," Tinley said. "The computer is quicker, and a lot more accurate than the old stubby pencil system. It increases our mission effectiveness because now we can put steel on target faster."

The battalion, with units in Elberton, Hartwell, Thomson and Waynesboro, received the BCS during the summer and has been training on the equipment at their armories. This drill was their first chance to use it in a live-fire exercise.

### "User-Friendly" System

"The BCS is user-friendly," said 1st Lt. William

Puff, fire direction officer for the Waynesboro-based C Battery. Puff, who lives in Marietta, just returned from the Artillery Officer Basic Course at Fort Sill, Okla., and he is the battery's resident expert on the BCS.

You could sense his satisfaction with the new system by watching him work at the computer terminal in his unit's tactical operations center.

"We used to have to work everything out on a hand-held calculator and then radio information to the guns," Puff said. "Now, I can plug the information into the computer, and the data goes to a small hand-held terminal at the guns."

As the fire direction officer, it is Puff's job to decide how to engage targets identified by forward observers. From his terminal, he inputs the type of shell, fuse, angle of trajectory and other command information necessary to initiate the fire mission. Each battery has a full complement of six guns, but from his station Puff can control up to 12 of the mighty howitzer cannons, which fire six-inch shells.

### Fire Order Computerized

Once the information is complete, it is transmitted to the guns. The order to fire also goes out over the computer.

On the receiving end of the transmission is the gun's section chief, who reads the data on his hand-held computer and then gives his crew members the necessary information to carry out the fire mission.

"The BCS is a good idea," said Sgt. Robert Abrams, a section chief in Waynesboro's C Battery. "We used to have to do a lot of talking over the radio...now the information comes to us on the computer. It's exciting to be a part of the 'high-tech Army.'"



Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Griffin, left, receives the Distinguished Service Medal from Maj. Gen. Robert F. Ensslin Jr., right, at the 109th NGAUS Conference.

## National Guard Association honors Maj. Gen. Griffin; cites Georgia Guard's Professionalism

Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Griffin, the Adjutant General, was presented the National Guard Association of the United States' Distinguished Service Medal at the Association's 109th General Conference held recently in Portland, Oregon.

Griffin was cited for "making the Georgia Army and Air National Guard among the very best in the nation, accepting nothing less than complete dedication and professionalism by all men and women who make up the Georgia Guard."

The presentation, by Major General Robert P. Ensslin, Jr., Secretary of the Association, was made during the President's Recognition Awards Luncheon. Totals of 22 units and 35 individuals were recognized during the luncheon for outstanding performance and support of the National Guard and the National Guard Association of the United States.

## Georgia Guard news briefs

**ACES TUITION ASSISTANCE MAXIMUM ESTABLISHED.** Tuition assistance under the Army Continuing Education System (ACES) now stands at 75 percent (for commissioned officers) and 90 percent (for enlisted personnel) of tuition costs per student per quarter or semester. Regardless of the total tuition costs per term, however, the maximum or "ceiling" dollar amount that will be paid for each student per quarter or semester is \$1,000. Designed for less-than-full-time students, this assistance is available only to those taking 10 quarter hours or six semester hours (or less) per school term. For more info on this change, refer to GaCIR 351-3 (Educational Services) or call Capt. Donald Vann, education services officer, Georgia Army Guard, at 1-800-282-4222 or (404) 624-6629.

**USE YOUR 1986 "LEAVE AND EARNINGS STATEMENT" (LES) FOR VISITS TO THE COMMISSARY DURING JAN., FEB. & MAR 1988.** This procedure will be necessary until your December 1987 LES is issued to your during the month of March 1988. One commissary visit per month using the 1986 LES is authorized during this interim period.

**NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER AT STATE HEADQUARTERS FOR REPORTING "PAY PROBLEMS" IS (404) 624-6020.** Adhesive labels with this new number (for the State Inspector General's Office were recently mailed to all units and should already be posted on all "Pay Problems" posters. The toll-free number of 1-800-

282-4222 is correct and remains unchanged.

**ALL UNOCCUPIED VEHICLES -- PARKED ANYWHERE ON THE FORT STEWART MILITARY RESERVATION -- MUST BE LOCKED.** Purpose of this regulation is to prevent or deter theft of vehicles or unauthorized removal of contents from vehicles. Citations have been issued for failure to comply with the regulation, Ft. Stewart officials said.

**A REMINDER: EVERY MEMBER OF THE GEORGIA GUARD HAS THE RIGHT TO PRESENT COMPLAINTS OR REQUEST ASSISTANCE OF ANY NATURE.** The Adjutant General is concerned that all members of the Georgia Guard -- both Army and Air -- have a thorough knowledge and understanding of the "Rights of Personnel to Present Complaints." "It is the right of all personnel as members of the Georgia Guard to present to military authorities, orally or in writing, their individual complaints, grievances, or requests for assistance of any nature," Griffin states. Prior to presenting a complaint to the Inspector General, Guard members should seek help from their supervisor or commanding officer and on up the chain-of-command -- up to and including the Adjutant General. Most complaints, Griffin emphasized, can be resolved more rapidly and satisfactorily by going through the chain-of-command. Guardmembers are encouraged to review the memorandum on this subject, dated Aug. 6, 1987, which should be on the "permanent section" of your unit's bulletin board.

## Waynesboro area students 'go to the field, learn how an Army Guard unit operates'

### 'Visitation Program' draws quality young people

by Sgt. Toby Moore  
124th Public Affairs Detachment

A group of Burke County youngsters stands out in bright contrast against a background of camouflage. Wide-eyed and curious, they watch members of Waynesboro's Georgia Army National Guard unit set up for a weekend of field training at Fort Gordon.

The Guardsmen of C Battery, 1st Battalion, 214th Field Artillery, go about the task of preparing the unit's 155-millimeter howitzer cannon for a round of practice firing. Each gun, after being set in place, is covered with camouflage netting, and its huge barrel pointed downrange.

The four youngsters, Murray Cates, of Sardis; and Michael McKinney, James Tobias and Bill McGlohorn, all of Waynesboro, get a chance to see how a Guard unit operates. They spend most of the day here, eat field rations and watch and hear the big guns fire.

"It's a good experience for the students," says Staff Sgt. James McElmurray, of Vidette, a full-time recruiter for the Guard. "We show them what it's like," he says. "They see the unit convoy, see the unit set up, and see the unit fire its weapons."

Now in its second year, this "visitation program" is a cooperative effort between the Waynesboro Guard unit and both public and private high schools in the county, says McElmurray.

Sgt. 1st Class Richard Jenkins, the unit administrator for C Battery, is the man who approached McElmurray with the idea for the program more than a year ago.

"We've got good schools to draw from," says McElmurray. "At Burke County Comprehensive High School, John Hamilton, the vocational advisor, helps us find students to participate in the program. At Edmund Burke Academy, Mrs. Emma Johnson, the counselor there, helps a lot."

The program helps McElmurray recruit good quality young people into the Guard. Last year, for example, he signed up 40 percent of the students who took the field trips. "I can't really brag on the numbers, but I can brag on the quality," he says. "We have really gotten some good people



Sgt. Robert Abrams, left, of Waynesboro, gives Burke County high school students a demonstration of a new computer system used on his unit's 155-millimeter howitzer guns. Participating in the field trip are, (from left), Bill McGlohorn, Murray Cates, Michael McKinney and James Tobias. (National Guard Photo by Sgt. Toby Moore, 124th Public Affairs Detachment)

into the Guard out of the program."

After seeing a demonstration of how a new computer system is used to aim and fire the big guns, the students were intrigued with the possibility of a stint with their hometown Guard unit.

Bill, the son of Gail and Donnie Oglesby and a student at Burke Comprehensive, says that he'd like to follow in his family's footsteps. "We've had three generations in the Army," he says. "My family was in World War I, World War II and Vietnam. So I know my family would like it if I got in the Guard."

The son of Robert and Esther McKinney, Michael, a junior at Edmund Burke, says the

prospect of a Guard career represents a challenge. "I don't want anything given to me," he says. "I want to work for what I get."

Murray, the son of Murray and Evelyn Cates, and James, the son of James and Martha Sue Tobias, also expressed interest in the Guard.

Whether the young men ever enlist in the Guard or not, their presence is good for the Waynesboro troops as well. As the students break for chow and munch on pouches of dehydrated peaches, turkey loaf and fruit nut cake, an old sergeant walks by and, addressing McElmurray, says "Whaddya say, Sarge? Who've we got here, our future?"

### An award Commanders 'dream about winning'

## Army Guard's 1st Battalion, 108th Armor Wins Draper Award

by PFC Kimberly Ryan  
124th Public Affairs Detachment

Members of the 1st Battalion, 108th Armor received an early "holiday gift" on December 12, 1987 when their unit was recognized for "excellence in training and performance."

The battalion was presented the distinguished Draper Award — an award which recognizes the most outstanding armor battalion in the Second Army Area.

Lt. Gen. Johnny J. Johnston, former commander of 2nd Army, presented the award to representatives from each unit of the battalion. Units include a Headquarters Company in Calhoun, Co. A in Rome, Co. B in Cedartown, Co. C in Dalton, Co. D in Canton and Detachment 1 in Douglasville.

As the soldiers gathered around, Lt. Gen. Johnston stressed the importance of "a well-trained battalion and continuing to work as a team." The event was Gen. Johnston's last award presentation before he formally retired on December 29.

Maj. William D. (David) Evans of Dalton, newly appointed commander of the 108th said, "I feel privileged to assume command of a battalion that is already number one."

"We were the first full armor battalion to go to the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, California," he said. "And we are very proud of this accomplishment."

Lt. Gen. Johnston also presented Lt. Col. Tommie R. Lewis, former battalion commander, with a plaque commending him for a job well done. "The Draper award is something every Armor battalion commander dreams about winning," Lewis said.



Lt. Gen. Johnny J. Johnston, former commanding officer of the Second Army, congratulates members of the 1st Battalion, 108th Armor, for winning the Draper Award. (124th Public Affairs Detachment photo by PFC Kimberly A. Ryan)



At Fort Gordon, 1st Lt. William Puff (background) of Marietta receives artillery coordinates from SSG Marvin Goodin of Waynesboro to enter in the new Battery Computer System (BCS). They are members of the 1st Battalion, 214th Field Artillery, C Battery. (Photo by SP4 Jerry DeAvila, 124th Public Affairs Detachment)

# 117th deploys to Norway

by Capt. Jerry Katz  
117th Tactical Control Squadron

Savannah's 117th Tactical Control Squadron (TCS) has been training for a different kind of "Cold War." This Georgia Air Guard unit, commanded by Lt. Col. Wallace Moody, of Jesup, conducted its annual field training in Norway.

The overall image of the Air National Guard has changed much in the last five years. The 117th, a tactical radar unit, has been involved in support of many major United States and NATO exercises over the last several years. The Air Guard possesses nearly 60 percent of the tactical radar assets of the Air Force. That percentage, along with the expertise level of Guard trained personnel, has led to a greater call for support from Guard units. Additionally, new equipment purchases within the Air Force go to National Guard units at the same time as their active duty counterparts.

The 117th trains in what is called a "Checked Flag" type program. The goal is to have unit members familiar with procedures and systems they might have to work with in time of war. Of prime interest to most tactical radar units, as well as the 117th, is the NATO environment.

This was the second deployment. In February 1984, the 117th became the first Air Force (not to mention Air Guard) radar unit to deploy to Norway as part of a major NATO exercise. The return trip this past September for exercise OCEAN SAFARI and BAR FROST brought new challenges for the men and women of the 117th.

Equipment went to the exercise area by ship. Men and women of the unit were flown over to meet the ship on arrival, unload it, and convoy to the operational area.

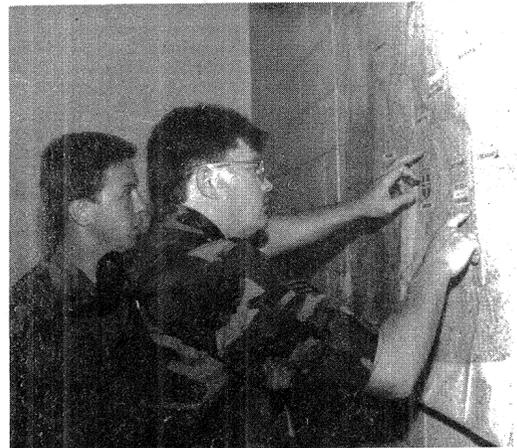
The exercise scenario was based on hostile activities in the NATO northern region. Resupply units from the United States Air Force, Navy and Marines were to counter the threat. The 117th was located in Andennes, Norway, a small community located nearly 200 miles north of the Arctic Circle. The unit had to set up and operate a control and reporting post with main operations on an airbase and the radar and radio equipment of the unit located miles away on a mountain top.

Weather cooperated and the site setup was completed on schedule. Helicopters from the Air Force in

Germany provided support to lift both men and equipment to the remote mountain, that could not be reached by truck. Once operational, the radar and data link system of the unit provided real time surveillance data to units of the Norwegian radar system. Air weapons controllers (or fighter controllers as the Norwegian's called them) controlled fighter aircraft from the Navy, Canadian and Norwegian Air Forces.

As on the previous trip, community relations became as large a part of the visit as the military mission. Unit members went ready to talk about America to the people of the area. Since members of the unit have civilian jobs outside of the military, local Norwegians got a chance to see several sides of America. The local schools were always busy with members of the units talking to classes about any subject the kids wanted to know about. This effort was noted in the local papers. Unit members also got a chance to do some sightseeing in the area.

The 117th marked "40 years" since activation as an aircraft control and warning squadron (now called tactical control squadrons) in February 1988.

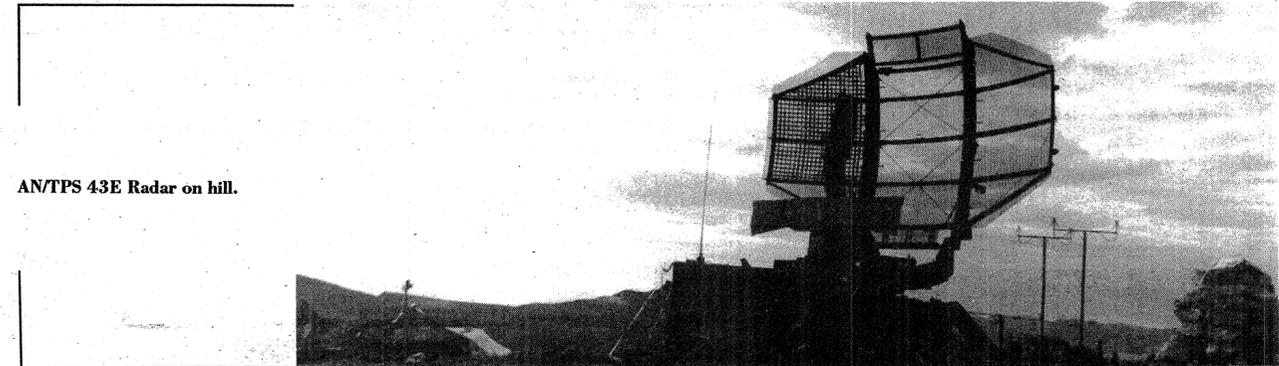


(At left) Sgt. Dale Berland (left) and AIC William Raye check out an area of the exercise.



(At right) CH53 Helicopter prepares to lift a ground-to-air radio van from a mountain during pack-up for redeployment to Savannah. (Bottom left) Andennes, Norway. (Bottom right) A shepherd and his flock.

National Guard  
Photos by  
Capt. Jerry Katz



AN/TPS 43E Radar on hill.



(Top left) Convoy from Sortland to Andona Air Station Norway. (Top right) Disaster Preparedness training -- part of exercise play. (Bottom left) TSgt. Al Jones (left), MSgt. Benny Harkins and TSgt. Hugh Osborn in maintenance control van where all equipment status is monitored -- coordinate a fuel resupply mission with Helicopter and mountain. (Bottom right) Mountain Men crew rotation.



## Essay, Coloring Book Contest Announced for Guard Children

by Kim Hill, Program Coordinator  
Family Outreach Program

April has been proclaimed "Month of the Military Child" by President Ronald Reagan. In celebration of this event in Georgia, an essay and coloring book contest will be held for children of Georgia National Guard members.

Sponsored by the Family Outreach Office at National Guard Headquarters, the contest is open for two age groups.

For ages 5 to 9 a coloring contest will take place. The Family Outreach Office has an 8-page coloring book entitled "Until Daddy Comes Home Again." Requests for the coloring book (one per child, please) should be directed to: Family Outreach Office, GaARNG, P.O. Box 17965, Atlanta, Georgia 30316. Or you may call (404) 624-6618. Requests should be made no later than March 31, 1988. The coloring books will be judged on color variety and creativity.

The essay contest is being sponsored for ages 10-18. Children are asked to write a 250 word short essay entitled "What It Means to Have Mom/Dad in the Georgia National Guard."

Contest entries for both age groups should be mailed to the above address no later than April 15, 1988. Full names, addresses, and phone numbers of contestants should also be submitted with entries. To be selected by Georgia National Guard Family Advisory Board members, winners will be contacted by mail.

Winners in both age groups will receive the following awards: 1st place - \$100 Savings Bond; 2nd Place - \$75 Savings Bond; 3rd Place - \$50 Savings Bond.

## Awards in the Georgia Army Guard . . .

S. Ernest Vandiver Trophy (for 1986)  
CW04 George R. Love, 2775 Maintenance Co., Atlanta

1987 Outstanding Military Citizen of Georgia Award,  
Army National Guard  
SFC Wayne E. Taylor, Co. B, 2/121st Inf., Cordele

The Adjutant General's Trophy for Best Supply and  
Administration (for Calendar Year 1986)  
178th Military Police Co., Monroe

The Adjutant General's Recruiting Award (for Fiscal Year 1986)  
SFC Rex W. Britton, 166th Maint. Co. (-), Hinesville

Armor Leadership Award (State) (for Calendar Year 1986)  
Co. B, 1st Battalion, 108th Armor, Cedartown

The Good Conduct Medal  
SFC David S. Recker, Hq., GaSTARC, Atlanta

The Georgia Meritorious Service Medal  
COL Robert C. Sheldon, Jr., Hq., GaSTARC, Atlanta  
CSM Robert H. Little, Hq., Troop Command, Decatur

The United States Meritorious Service Medal  
COL John L. Blandford, Hq., Ga STARC, Atlanta  
COL William V. Wigley, Hq., Troop Command, Atlanta  
MAJ James A. Bruno, Hq., Troop Command, Decatur  
SFC Charles D. Roberts, Co. A, 1/108th AR, Rome

The Georgia Commendation Medal  
CPT James W. Edmonds, Hq., 1/121st INF, Dublin  
1LT Benjamin F. Cheek IV, Co. B, 1/108th AR, Cedartown  
1LT Patrick L. Donaldson, Det. 1, Co. D, 1/121st INF, Hawkinsville  
1LT Joseph A. Geib, Co. B, 1/108th AR, Cedartown  
1LT Stacey L. Taylor, Co. B, 1/108th AR, Cedartown  
2LT Michael T. Camp, Co. B, 1/108th AR, Cedartown  
2LT Michael C. Greedy Jr., Co. B, 1/108th AR, Cedartown  
CWO3 Charlie R. Lockhart Jr., HHD, 148th FSB, Forsyth  
1SG Harvey H. Ferguson, Co. B, 1/108th AR, Cedartown  
SFC Harold C. Finkard, Co. B, 1/108th AR, Cedartown  
SFC Felicia E. Reyes, Hq., Ga STARC, Atlanta  
PSC Richard Y. Moore, Co. B, 1/108th AR, Cedartown

Second Bronze Boar's Head Appurtenance to The Georgia  
Commendation Medal  
SFC Larry W. Causby, Co. B, 1/108th AR, Cedartown

Bronze Boar's Head Appurtenance to The Georgia Commendation  
Medal  
SSG William D. Graham, Co. B, 1/108th AR, Cedartown  
PSC Jerry W. Allen, Co. B, 1/108th AR, Cedartown

The Army Achievement Medal  
2LT James B. Baxter, Hq., Ga STARC, Atlanta  
SSG Ruth A. Crowell, Hq., Ga STARC, Atlanta  
SSG Allen R. Woodie, Hq., Ga STARC, Atlanta  
SCT Ricky R. Moore, Hq., Ga STARC, Atlanta  
PFC Victor J. Harrison, Hq., Ga STARC, Atlanta

The Army Commendation Medal  
MAJ Homer G. Hobbs, Hq., Ga STARC, Atlanta  
SGM William M. Otean, Jr., Hq., Ga STARC, Atlanta  
MSG Thomas F. Garner, Hq., Ga STARC, Atlanta  
SCT Phyllis P. Neal, Hq., Ga STARC, Atlanta

## From freezing rain to 'blankets of snow'

### Severe winter storm strikes Georgia; Guardsmen mobilized to help transport essential personnel, supplies, sick & injured

by Sgt. Elliott Minor  
124th Public Affairs Detachment

About 80 members of the Georgia Army National Guard were mobilized to provide emergency services during the severe winter storm that swept across the state Jan. 7-8.

The storm dumped two inches of sleet and snow in the metro Atlanta area and significantly more in the North Georgia mountain areas.

South Georgia was plagued by freezing rain that stuck to trees and power lines, causing at least 25,000 homes to lose electricity.

Three deaths were blamed on the storm, and police reported scores of accidents as motorists tried to negotiate slippery roads. An elderly man was killed when he was hit by a car while sledding and an elderly Hogansville woman perished when a log fell out of the fireplace and set her house ablaze.

Capt. Clint Perkins III, a plans and operations specialist in the Guard's office in Atlanta, said military four-wheel drive vehicles were used extensively to ferry doctors and nurses to and from hospitals, to transport sick and injured persons and to deliver emergency medical supplies, such as blood plasma.



THESE OFFICERS, ALL MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD, are key participants in the U.S. Army's "CAS3" pilot program: (from left) Maj. Dan Gunnels, staff leader, 3283rd USARF; Capt. Smitty Bell, 1/122nd TLAT Battalion; Capt. Steve Fuchs, N.C. ARNG; Capt. Tom Taylor, Hq., 1/214th Field Artillery; Capt. Charles Cecchini, Maj. Gerald Calhoun, Hq., 148 FSB; Capt. Bill Taylor, Hq., Troop Command; 1st Lieutenant Charles Neely, 122nd RAOC; Maj. Raymond Godleski, Hq., Ga STARC; Capt. Jack Joyner, Hq., 110th Maintenance Battalion; Capt. Don Venn, Hq., Ga STARC; Capt. Frank William, Hq., 1/214th Field Artillery; Capt. Al Edwards, Hq., Ga STARC; Capt. Charles Discher, Hq., Ga STARC; and Maj. Woody Barton, staff leader, 3283rd USARF.

### 'CAS3' course developed for Reserve Components; Georgia Guard 'in forefront' of pilot program

by Capt. Donald W. Venn II

For just over a year, the U.S. Army has been conducting a pilot program to see if a course like their "Combined Arms and Services Staff School" (CAS3) can be developed and made available for reserve component officers.

The purpose of the CAS3 pilot program is to develop a course that will provide reserve component officers with the same type of curriculum and "first class training and education" that active component officers receive in the Army's "resident" CAS3 course held at Fort Leavenworth. This equality in training and education is essential to the "Total Army" concept.

Several members of the Georgia Army Guard have been in the forefront participating in the CAS3 pilot program since its inception in the summer of 1986. These programs are conducted in five Army areas including the Second Army area.

The first class, class "1-86", did an initial two weeks at Southern Mississippi University in Hattiesburg in June, 1986. This was followed by six Inactive Duty for Training (IDT) weekends at State Headquarters in Atlanta, and two more concluding

Guardmembers were mobilized on the first day of the storm to assist in Augusta, Eastman, Forsyth, Sparta and Macon. Local officials requested help throughout the state. All were volunteers who remained on duty around the clock until the afternoon of Jan. 9.

Capt. Price Reinert, operations and training officer for the 878th Engineer Battalion in Augusta, said the storm made some streets impassible to all but four-wheel drive vehicles.

"There were people who could not get out of their driveways," he noted.

Members of the 48th Infantry Brigade (Mech), headquartered in Macon, took part in missions similar to their Augusta counterparts. But they also used military vehicles to help police respond to accidents and other emergencies. Also they helped transport kidney dialysis patients to treatment centers, said CWO Robert Gill, the 48th's full-time administrator.

Macon Mayor Lee Robinson visited the Macon armory personally to thank Lt. Col. Simon J. Sheffield, the 48th's administrative officer.

"I understand there has been a lot of praise," said Gill. "We had a good response."

## Court Judge chosen for top post

# Blandford takes charge of Troop Command

by Sgt. Toby Moore  
124th Public Affairs Detachment

Col. (P) John L. (Jack) Blandford, who in civilian life is a judge in Chamblee Municipal Court, was installed recently as commanding officer of Troop Command, one of the Georgia Army National Guard's largest segments.

Blandford replaces Brig. Gen. Robert E. Davis, who retired after a 31-year career as a citizen-soldier.

Headquartered in Decatur, Troop Command is one of the Georgia Guard's three main command components. Under it are several battalions, including aviation, infantry, maintenance and military police, with local units scattered across Georgia and a troop strength of more than 2,800.

Blandford - a partner in the firm of Blandford and Werbin, has been municipal court judge in Chamblee since 1970. He has also served as a prosecuting attorney in Fulton County and is qualified to practice in all state courts in Georgia, U.S. District Court, U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court.

A native of Greenville, S.C., Blandford was commissioned a second lieutenant in Field Artillery upon his graduation from the Citadel in 1959. Blandford received his law degree from the John Marshall School of Law in 1968.

During the course of his military career, Blandford has served in several capacities in the Georgia Army National Guard. After spending four years in the 48th Armored Division's artillery component, he assumed command of Battery B, 1st Battalion, 179th Field Artillery. He was commanding officer of the 190th Military Police Co., and later served as operations officer for the 170th MP Battalion.

After a three-year term as executive officer of the 170th, Blandford was promoted to the battalion commander. For six years, he was commander of the Georgia Military Institute.

More recently, Blandford was chief of the Georgia Guard's Selective Service Division, after having served as comptroller of Headquarters, State Area Command.

Blandford's military education spans nearly 30 years, including attendance at the Command and General Staff College and the National Security Management Course.

He has been decorated numerous times which includes the Army Service Ribbon, Meritorious Service Medal, Distinctive Service Medal, and the Georgia Army National Guard Distinguished Unit Ribbon. He is a four-time recipient of the Army Reserve Components Achievement



Col. (P) John L. Blandford, left, is the new commanding officer of Troop Command. After recent change of command ceremonies, he poses with Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Griffin, center, and outgoing Brig. Gen. Robert E. Davis.

Medal.

Residents of Chamblee, Georgia, Blandford and his wife Mary have two sons, John Lloyd II and Jefferson. Jefferson is a second lieutenant in the Georgia Army National Guard.

Of his new command, Blandford said, "This is an exciting command for me because Troop Command has so many different elements - combat, combat support and combat service support.

"I plan to place special emphasis on these elements working together more in training. This will help maximize use of the excellent assets that we have," added Blandford.

## Passes colorful standard of Troop Command

### Davis retires following 31 years of service

To the tune of "Old Soldiers Never Die," Brig. Gen. Robert E. Davis Jr. ended a distinguished military career during change-of-command ceremonies held recently at Troop Command headquarters in Decatur.

Misty-eyed, yet ramrod-straight, Davis passed the colorful standard of Troop Command, one of the Georgia Army National Guard's three main commanding entities, to his successor, Col. (P) John L. (Jack) Blandford.

In the sometimes emotional change-of-command ceremony, Davis was praised for his more than 31 years of service to the Georgia Guard. Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Griffin, adjutant general of the Guard, called Davis "a soldier's soldier and a man's man."

However, it was a small, simple plaque presented on behalf of the enlisted personnel in Davis's command, that drew the most response from the retiring general. "This means more to me than anything else today," he said.

Accompanied by his wife, Mary, Davis welcomed friends and colleagues who had come to pay homage to a "country boy from Tennesse, Ga." This was the man who rose through the ranks to command nearly one third of the Georgia Army National Guard's troops.

Davis's career as a citizen-soldier began in 1956 with a commission as a second lieutenant in the infantry. He served as a platoon leader in a tank battalion and subsequently returned to the infantry.

During 16 years with the 1st Battalion, 121st Infantry, Davis was operations officer, personnel officer and was later promoted to executive officer. After two years as commander of the 2nd Battalion, 214th Field Artillery, he returned to serve as battalion commander of the 1/121st.

Davis was operations officer and deputy brigade commander of the Guard's 48th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized) for six years before assuming his last command.



Brig. Gen. Robert E. Davis Jr., left, is congratulated upon his retirement by Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Griffin. Davis's wife, Mary, looks on.

Davis, who attended Thomas A. Edison State College, in Trenton, N.J., is a graduate of several military schools and courses, including the Command and General Staff College, National Security Management Course, Nuclear and Chemical Weapons Target Analysis Course and the Senior Commander/Chemical Officer Course.

Davis is employed by Nord Kaolin Co., as mining and lands manager. Residents of Dublin, Davis and his wife, the former Mary Powell, of Warthen, have four children,

Jackie, Vickie, Traci and Bobby.

- Sgt. Toby Moore -

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THE GREAT AMERICAN INVESTMENT

## Total of 111 runners compete in 'event of growing popularity'

# Air Guard's Capt. David Hayes, Maj. Linda Yang at annual 'Herky Stride' race; 158 TAS captures

by Capt. Ken Baldowski  
Georgia Air National Guard

Air National Guardsmen of the 165th TAG in Savannah may know something of what U.S. Olympics compete for in the Calgary Winter Olympics...but that's where all similarities stop.

In fact, the annual "Herky Stride Classic" and the "Commanders Cup" competition in Georgia's coastal empire is about as far south as you can go from Calgary. So instead of wind chill factors or snow conditions, athletes of the 165th must contend with heat exhaustion or sunburn.

For more than 100 members of the Guard, the annual Herky Stride and Commanders Cup race is the year's most popular sports event where regular sprinters and the "also ran" competitors go for the trophy in the 1 1/2 mile run.

### Individual Winners

Individual competition ends up with the awarding of the coveted Herky Stride "honors." This year, two sprinters from the 158th Tactical Airlift System (TAS), Captain David Hayes and Major Brian Harris paced themselves and the clock to finish first and second.

The clock at the finish showed a mere two seconds difference in these men's times - with 7:55 and 7:57 respectively for a new Herky Stride record. Finishing a close third was Senior Airman Henry Dickerson who

paced the two almost to the end and turned in a time of 8:21.

Female Guardsmen competing in the event ran an equally challenging race. Major Linda Yang of the 165th TAC Hospital finished in first place with a record 10:24 time and TSgt. Cindy Edwards of the 158th TAS crossed the line at a quick 10:48. Civilian Nicol Brewer followed in Edwards tracks with a 10:50 finishing time.

### Team Winners

While individuals pushed the endurance level among each other, unit members, posting the lowest "combined times", go for the gold of the Commanders Cup. Crew members and personnel of the 158th TAS grabbed first-place honors with a winning combined time of 46:09 while surpassing their nearest competition, the 165th CAMS, by just under one minute at 47:06.

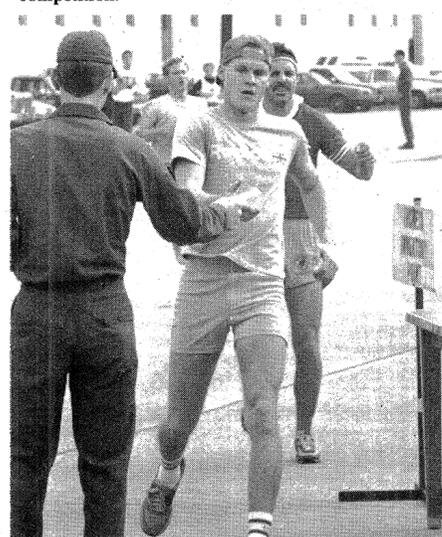
The hospital staff showed that an emergency sprint between examining rooms may pay off handsomely in the annual fall classic with a very respectable third place finish at 48:14. The fourth place finish was captured by the 165 CES with a 48:39 finish; fifth place, the 165 RMS with a 48:48 time and sixth place, the 165 WSSF with a 56:01 time. Seventh and eighth place finishes went to the 165 TAG and 165 MSS with 58:25 and 59:14 respectively.

### 'Age' No Barrier

Although the average age of the Herky Stride contenders was 30 years, MSgt. Henry Bright of the 165th CAMS showed a very respectable 11:22 finish for a 57-



(Above) Capt. David Hayes (in the lead) and Maj. Bruce Harris -- both of the 158th TAS -- fast approach the finishing line to place first and second, respectively, in the event's individual competition. (Below) Clocked at 8:21, Sr. Airman Henry Dickerson of the 165 CAMS crosses the finishing line to place third in individual competition.



age 9, son of MSgt. Don James was the youngest runner with a finishing time of 10:52.

### Family Competition

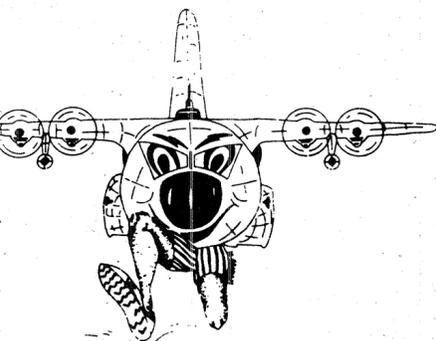
The Herky Stride and Commanders Cup has become somewhat of a good natural spirited "grudge match" between father and daughter, father and son and even a husband and wife team challenge. Ed Wexler paced daughter Susan, age 15, to a 11:47 and 11:38 finish respectively.

SMSgt. Comer Brewer edged out daughter, Nicole, age 12, by a slight one second interval in a 10:49/10:50 finish. Officials are questioning preferential treatment shown the older Brewer.

A two-second difference between father Major William Cleland and son, David, proved that dad "ain't too shabby" in a tight 12:25/12:27 crossing.

In the couples pairing, Ann Beach (54) outpaced husband Al Beach (55) by almost three seconds. However, reports said that the two were seen leaving the base in a single auto.

Other families running together were MSgt. James Jarrell and daughter, Sharron (12); MSgt. Thomas Nolan and son, Larry (15); and TSgt. Dennis Rushing



Taking top honors among the women who raced in the Herky Stride, these winners proudly display their trophies. Shown, from left, are Maj. Linda Yang of the 165th TAC Hospital, first place winner; Technical Sgt. Cindy Edwards of the 158th TAS, second place; and Nicole Brewer (daughter of SMSGT Comer Brewer of the 165th RMS), third place.

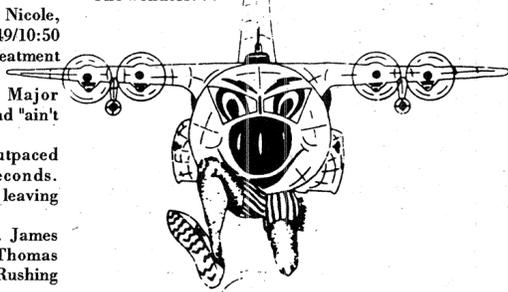
and son Steve (15).

### Recap

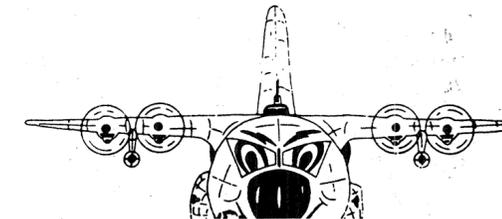
CMSgt. Dick Stumpf of the 165th CAMS, organizer of the annual unit classic, said the number of runners totaled 111 -- the "best turn-out to date."

"Finishing times were faster in all categories than the Herky Stride inaugural race in 1986," Stumpf said.

Could the time be right for a 165th/116th matchup? One wonders...



## 'run away' with top trophies 'Commander's Cup'



"Herky Stride" runners spring into action, Capt. David Hayes takes the lead.

## Terrific turnout, excellent finishing times, make 'Herky Stride' an exciting race!

by CMSgt. Richard R. Stumpf  
165 CAMS

It was a day we had long looked forward to -- the day of the 1987 "Herky Stride" and "Commander's Cup" race!

The sun was shining, the temperatures just right; our mouths were dry, our muscles tense and ready for action. Suddenly, the piercing sound of a bull horn was sounded -- by Capt. Tim Morris, our official starter.

And then in an instant, more than 100 eager runners sprang into action and raced towards the finishing line -- one and a half miles away.

After the last runner had crossed the line and the race was over, results were tabulated. The race was a big success -- more runners than ever before, and some great finishing times were accomplished.

The 158 TAS will proudly display the prestigious Commander's Cup Trophy for being overall team winner of the race with an outstanding time of 46:09. Congratulations to the winning 158 TAS team: Maj. Jeff Bailey, Capt. David Hayes, 1Lt. Hank Smart, TSgt. Cindy Edwards, and TSgt. Greg Bell for a job well done.

I extend my warmest thanks and sincere gratitude to everyone helping to make this annual event such a success. Without your help the race would not be possible.

A special "Thank You," to our own marathon medal holder, Lt. Col.

Steve Westgate, for awarding the trophies, along with hearty congratulations to all runners.

Not everyone can win, but everyone tried! I was well pleased to see so many trying so hard. To those coming away with trophies, you can be very proud to have won from a field of so many.

To those not receiving trophies, you can still be proud for having the courage and determination to try! You've heard the saying, "It's not whether you win or lose -- but how you play the game." Believe me -- everyone played well!

We had a terrific turn-out and some excellent finishing times! To mention just two, Maj. Linda Yang, 165 TAC Hospital with 10:24 was the overall female winner and Capt. David Hayes, 158 TAS, 7:55, was overall male winner.

All runners completing the race were winners. While enjoying the excitement of competition and the comradeship that comes with sharing the pain and pleasure of running a race, those runners who are in the Air Guard also fulfilled their FY88, AFR 35-11, running requirements.

To everyone who ran, "Join us again next year." And to those who didn't, "Make next year's race your race." We welcome your participation. For it's the runners that make this event the great success that it is.



SMSgt. Stumpf, Race Director.



"Father and son team," Maj. William Cleland of the 165 RMS and son David pose, for a photo following finishing times only two seconds apart.



Susan Wexler, 15, daughter of Maj. Ed Wexler and Capt. Mary Wexler, happily accepts trophy following the race. She and her dad finished only 9 seconds apart.



Staff Sgt. Dennis Key, NBC NCO, A Co., 151st MI BN, demonstrates the proper way to grasp the M17A2 protective mask to aid in the quickest way of donning the mask.



ROTC cadets assist each other in ensuring proper fit and sealing of the protective masks.



West Georgia College MS III Cadet Lakita McCoy listens carefully to instruction given by Army Master Sgt. William Anderson on the M-16 rifle while she replaces the firing pin retaining pin on the bolt of the weapon belonging to 151st MI Battalion.

## ROTC continued from page 1

Students attend the camp as Military Science third-year (MS III) and return as MS IV cadets. This year cadets will attend camp at Fort Riley, Kan., rather than at Ft. Bragg, N.C. -- where past encampments have been held -- due to a shift in national ROTC regions.

Upon their return to school, MS IV cadets use skills they have "acquired and polished" to assist these cadets preparing for their turn at Advanced Camp. The successful completion of Advanced Camp and the MS IV year results in a cadet's commissioning as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army, Army Reserve, or the Army National Guard.

Approximately 100 ROTC cadets from programs statewide have been commissioned in the Georgia Army National Guard since 1986. The Georgia Army Guard estimates between 40 and 50 cadets will be commissioned this year.

The NBC training was originally scheduled for Fort Gillem, but when the U.S. Army Reserve facility and trainers there were unavailable, the instruction was moved to Dobbins. ROTC relies on the availability of active duty and reserve forces facilities, equipment, and in some cases, personnel to assist in cadet training.

At Dobbins AFB, the class was able to conduct hands-on training at the base motor pool. At that facility cadets practiced donning their protective masks, checked for contamination, and learned how to decontaminate a military vehicle.

In addition to having a Georgia Guardsman train ROTC cadets, an ROTC cadet (who is also a Georgia Guardsman) assisted in the instruction. Cadet Capt. Paul S. Drury, an MS IV cadet at Georgia Military College, Milledgeville, is assigned to the 151st MI Battalion as part of the Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP). As a member of the 151st, Drury is in training as the NBC officer and also assists Staff Sgt. Key in conducting mission vital NBC courses each drill.

"I'm glad I was able to help other cadets get some training for Advanced Camp. When I was there, a lot of people were deficient in NBC skills," commented Cadet Drury. "The Guard keeps its people well trained by sending them to various schools. Staff Sgt. Key has been to many NBC courses and he is extremely proficient. At every drill he gives instruction on the most up-to-date NBC techniques, equipment, tactics and potential Soviet threat," added Cadet Drury.

Like Drury, many ROTC cadets are SMP participants, during which they serve in a Guard unit, train under an officer and at the same time receive ROTC instruction.

Following the NBC instruction, the cadets received hands-on training on the M-16 rifle and M-60 machine-gun assembly and disassembly. An ROTC cadre member, Master Sgt. William Anderson used weapons provided by the National Guard to conduct the class. Weapons skills and marksmanship are vital parts of Advanced Camp ratings.

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