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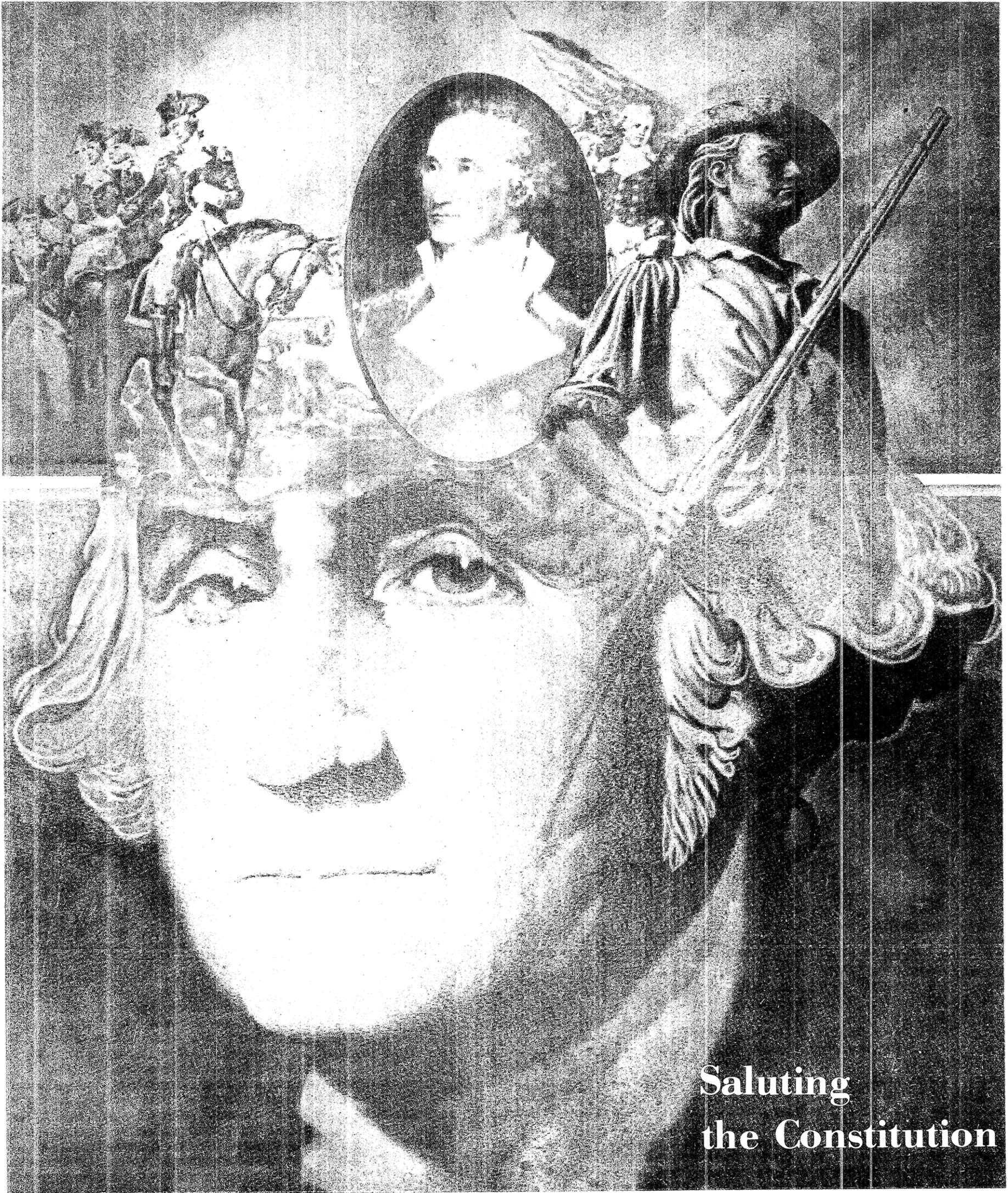
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Saluting
the Constitution

The 'Great Experiment' celebrates its 200th

Document sets form of government

By John O. Marsh, Jr.
Secretary of the Army

In September 1987, the United States commemorates the bicentennial of the signing of the Constitution. The history of the Constitution should be of interest to all those who have liberty. Most of the world today is not free, and the significance of the Constitution, a document that stands unique in the world's political literature, is especially appreciated by those who long for its guarantees. We, as members of the military forces, should be especially attuned to the values embodied in this great document, for it is our sworn duty to "support and defend" it against all enemies.

Twenty-three of the 40 signers of the Constitution were Army veterans of the Revolutionary War. Their experiences in that conflict made them deeply conscious of the need for a strong central government that would prevail against its enemies, yet one that would safeguard the individual liberties and the republican form of government for which they had fought. Their solution is enshrined in the Constitution.

The original states that entered into the great experiment were few in number and their people largely farmers and small merchants. However, the men they chose to mold our nation's future were giants on the world's stage, with an equally enormous vision.

We in this generation must not shirk our responsibilities any more than did those courageous men of 200 years ago.

Our vision must be the vision of James

Our Vision must be the vision of James Madison, Our Character that of George Washington...

Madison, our character that of George Washington. The world must know that we are dedicated to our Constitution and our way of life. And to that world we continue to declare: "this we'll defend."

It is appropriate that this nation pause, publicly, to reflect on the meaning of the Constitution. The efforts of those Founding Fathers truly did "form a more perfect Union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity."

That it has attained its bicentennial is a marvel of the enduring integrity of the Constitution as a design of self-directed order and justice by and for a free people. Each generation of Americans can find pride and reassurance in an examination of its remarkably practical draftsmanship.



The President of the United States is the Commander in Chief of the nation's military forces. But it is the Congress that has the power to raise and support those forces and to declare war. The Founding Fathers established for all time the precedent that the military, subordinate to the Congress, would remain the servant of the Republic.

That concept is the underpinning of the American military. Those 23 men were patriots and leaders in every sense of the word: they fought the war, they signed the Constitution, and they forged the new government. They all went on to careers of distinguished public service in the new Republic. Their accomplishments should not be forgotten by us who enjoy the fruits of their labors.



Celebrating the Constitution

Georgia's Abraham Baldwin

Abraham Baldwin, who represented Georgia at the Constitutional Convention, was a fervent missionary of public education. Throughout his career he combined a faith in democratic institutions with a belief that an informed citizenry was essential to the continuing well-being of those institutions.

The son of an unlettered Connecticut blacksmith, Baldwin's own distinguished public service clearly demonstrated how academic achievement could open opportunities in early American society. Educated primarily for a position in the church, he served in the Continental Army during the climactic years of the Revolution. There, close contact with men of widely varying economic and social backgrounds broadened his outlook and experience and convinced him that public leadership in America included a duty to instill in the electorate the tenets of civic responsibility.

Baldwin also displayed a strong sense of nationalism. Experiences during the war as well as his subsequent work in public education convinced him that the future well-being of an older, more prosperous state like Connecticut was closely linked to developments in newer frontier states like Georgia, where political institutions were largely unformed and provisions for education remained

primitive. His later political career was animated by the conviction that only a strong central government dedicated to the welfare of all its citizens could guarantee the fulfillment of the social and economic potential of the new nation.

Baldwin had little to do with these purely military matters, but his service as a chaplain proved vital to the Patriot cause.

Military service in turn had a profound influence on Baldwin's future. During these years he became friends with many of the Continental Army's senior officers, including Washington and General Nathanael Greene, who would take command in the south in late 1780.

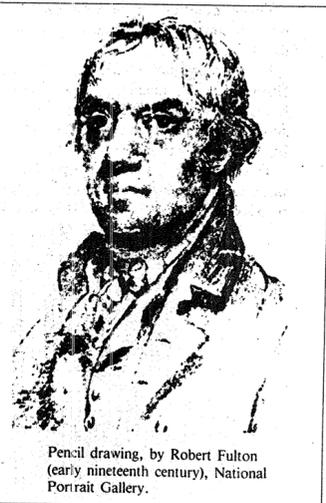
Baldwin was an active participant in the deliberations over representation that were at the heart of the constitutional process. He had originally supported the idea of representation in the national legislature based on property qualifications, which he saw as a way to bond together the traditional leadership elements and the new sources of political and economic power. When delegates from his native state convinced him that small states like Connecticut would withdraw from the Convention if the Constitution did not somehow guarantee

the equality of state representation, he changed his stand. His action tied the vote on the issue and paved the way for consideration of the question by a committee. Baldwin eventually helped draw up the Great Compromise, whereby a national legislature gave equal voice to all thirteen states in a senate composed of two representatives from each, but respected the rights of the majority in a house of representatives based on population. His role in this compromise was widely recognized, and Baldwin himself considered his work in drafting the Constitution as his most important public service.

After the adoption of the Constitution, Baldwin continued to serve in the last days of the old Continental Congress and then went on to serve five terms in the House of Representatives and two terms in the Senate, including one session as the President Pro Tem of that body. His political instincts prompted him to support the more limited nationalist policies associated with James Madison, and he was widely recognized as a leader of the moderate wing of the Democratic-Republican party.

Baldwin's political philosophy was encapsulated in his often quoted formula for representative governments: "Take care, hold the wagon back; there is more

danger of its running too fast than of its going too slow." A man of principle, Baldwin demonstrated throughout a lengthy public career the value of accommodation between competing political interests, the critical need for national unity, and the importance of education to a democratic society.



Pencil drawing, by Robert Fulton (early nineteenth century), National Portrait Gallery.

Constitution kept from view

Forged after a summer of vigorous debate, the signed copy of the U.S. Constitution, for all of its power and effectiveness in guiding our government, quickly became an almost forgotten document.

In fact, the Constitution was not shown to the public for the first 146 years after the 40 signers inked their names to this six-page classic.

After the Constitution was signed in Philadelphia it was sent to Congress in New York for ratification where it remained until Philadelphia became, for a time, our nation's capital. When Washington, D.C., was designated as our seat of government in 1800, it was moved there along with the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights.

For nearly a century and a half the Constitution was usually kept at various sites within the State Department. In only a few instances was it ever examined; John Quincy Adams looked at it during a political dispute to check its punctuation and a historian used it to prepare a book on the Constitution. Once it was found in a tin box at the bottom of a closet.

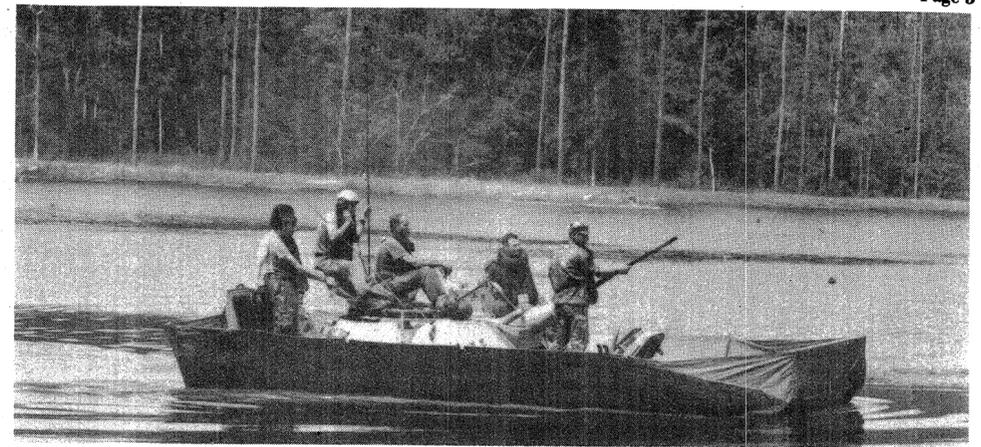
While the Constitution was ignored, the Declaration of Independence was frequently displayed in public. Because of handling and exposure to light, the Declaration began to appear worn and faded. After deterioration was noticed in 1894, the Declaration, Constitution and Bill of Rights were sealed between glass plates and stored in the basement of the State Department.

While their printers cranked out many copies, only 500 were "final" versions of the much-debated document. The rest were draft copies and pages edited in the final days of the convention.

The Constitution and other documents were moved to the National Archives, Washington, D.C., in December 1952, for permanent public display. Today only the first four pages of the Constitution are usually displayed; the remainder are in storage.

When these documents are not on display they are encased in a bombproof, shockproof, fireproof vault constructed of steel and reinforced concrete located below the floor of Exhibition Hall at the Archives.

It's easy to remember the address of the Exhibit Hall in Washington, D.C. — it's on Constitution Avenue.



Bradley takes a swim

By C.E. Cancelliere
Fort Stewart Patriot

A Georgia Guard \$1.4 million Bradley Fighting Vehicle (BFV) took to the water at Fort Stewart Aug. 5, for its first amphibious training since modifications were completed to ensure its ability to float.

Soldiers of Thomaston's Co. B, 1st Battalion, 121st Infantry, rode securely aboard the 25-ton machine as it successfully crossed Fort Stewart's Pond 28

time after time. Some 12 to 15 Bradley water crossings, out of 10,000 Army-wide, resulted in swamping or sinking, said Maj. William W. Brandenburg, chief of the BFV New Equipment Team. Members of Brandenburg's team were at Fort Stewart to instruct soldiers on the operation and maintenance of the newly modified infantry vehicle.

The key change to the flotation equipment, said Capt. Mark A. Milia, fielding officer for the Bradley, was the elimination of a spring tension device intended

to keep the "swim barrier" securely erected. It has been replaced with a "Positive locking support arm," which ensures that the barrier and the front folding gate will not collapse when surrounded by water, Milia added.

The barrier, which consists of rubberized canvas, is erected from a storage compartment at the edge of the hull. An experienced crew can properly set up the "swim skirt" in about seven minutes, Brandenburg said. It takes about 25 minutes to repack the whole

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Three Georgia Guardsmen Earn Atlanta Journal Award

Three members of the Georgia Army National Guard were recently honored as the top enlisted soldiers in the state.

1st Sgt. Thomas G. Allen of Cloy, Ga., Sgt. Joe A. Jimmerson of Leesburg, Ga., and Pfc. Douglas E. Kirkland of Springfield, Ga., received the 1986 Atlanta Journal Reserve Component Achievement Awards during a ceremony in Atlanta.

The Journal, one of the nation's largest daily afternoon newspapers, began honoring Georgia Guardsmen in 1965. The annual award is based on conduct, atten-

dance to weekend training, leadership ability, attitude, loyalty and military bearing. It is given annually to one soldier in pay grade E-1 through E-4, E-5 through E-6, and E-7 through E-9.

Atlanta Journal editorial page editor Durwood McAlister presented the awards on behalf of the newspaper.

Allen is first sergeant, or top-ranking enlisted man, in C Battery of the 2nd Battalion, 214th Field Artillery, based in Springfield. He is a 19-year veteran of the Georgia Army National Guard and is employed by the

Army Corps of Engineers as a civil engineer.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Georgia Allen, of Cloy, Allen and his wife Kathy have two children, Chriss, 12, and Kacy, 7.

Kirkland is also attached to C Battery, where he is a light vehicle mechanic. He is the son of Richard and Heanette Kirkland, of Springfield, and has been in the guard for two years.

As a civilian, Kirkland is employed by Georgia Power Co.

A native of Lee County, Jimmerson is in A Company of the 560th Engineering Battalion, of Dawson. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonzie Jimmerson, of Lee County.

Jimmerson and his wife Carmen have two children, Cedric, 3, and Lonzie III, 2.

Members of the Army Reserve in Georgia who received awards are 1st Sgt. William J. Mobley, of the 342nd AG Detachment, located in Rome; Staff Sgt. Ernest L. Smith, of the 209th Public Affairs Detachment, also at Rome; and PFC John M. Lidell, 3297th Army Hospital, in Chamblee.



Sgt. Joe A. Jimmerson



Pfc. Douglas E. Kirkland



1st Sgt. Thomas G. Allen

'AT' in Ecuador

Georgia Army, Air Guard members join other Reserve Forces to help earthquake-stricken Ecuadoreans

A remote province on the Western edge of Ecuador's Amazon basin, Napo was struck by a series of deadly earthquakes in early March. Approximately 1,000 people were killed, and thousands more were left isolated by mud slides and flash floods.

Roads and bridges that link the province to the rest of Ecuador were severely damaged or destroyed. The earthquakes also disrupted the country's economy by rupturing an oil pipeline that carried crude oil from Amazon fields to refineries along the Pacific Coast.

As a result of the costly disaster, Ecuadorean President Leon Febres Cordero requested aid and assistance from the United States Government. In response, the U.S. established and implemented a joint American and Ecuadorean military project called "Abriendo Rutas" which means "Opening Roads."

The purpose of the exercise is to provide humanitarian relief by helping to rebuild and repair damaged bridges and farm-to-market roads. "Abriendo Rutas" is a combined, joint engineering project involving United States Army and Air Force reserve components and Ecuadorean soldiers.

Between April and November of this year, some 6,000 citizen-soldiers from the U.S. Army and Air National Guard, Army Reserve and Air Force Reserve will have participated in the exercise.

Members of the Georgia Army Guard's 124th Public Affairs Detachment (PAD) and the 138th Medical Company were there to help for two weeks in July. The following photos and stories tell their story:

Guardsmen donate seeds to stricken areas

By Sgt. Elliott Minor
124th Public Affairs Detachment

Concerned about poverty and recent earthquake damage in a remote Ecuadorean province, an individual member of the Georgia Army National Guard delivered 50 pounds of donated seeds during a recent visit to the South American nation of Ecuador.

Sgt. Toby Moore, a journalist with the 124th Public Affairs Detachment in Atlanta, said he consulted with agricultural experts at the University of Georgia before deciding what varieties of seeds for butterbeans and field peas to take to Ecuador.

"Before we got the seeds, I had to check to see what would grow in Ecuador and then what they would eat," said Moore, an Emanuel County native who visited Ecuador this summer. Moore reported on the various activities of U.S. citizen soldiers participating in a road-building exercise there.

The seeds were donated by AgraTech Seeds Inc. and processed at the company's Dublin, Ga., plant. AgraTech is a subsidiary of Gold Kist, an Atlanta-based diversified farm cooperative.

Capt. Don Ricks, an Army National Guard chaplain from Hartselle, Ala., presented the

seeds to Ramiro Paez, secretary of the Christian Missionary Alliance for the Archidona area.

Paez expressed appreciation for the gift and said he would ensure the seeds are distributed where they are needed most.

"When we gave the seeds to Mr. Paez, he said he was sure they could be grown and (the crops) would be eaten," said Moore. "We knew it was a rural area. We had heard about poverty in Ecuador and we knew about the earthquake so we decided we'd try to work through the mission and bring something the people could use."

Gifts help win hearts of Ecuadorean children

By Capt. Tom Phillips
124th Public Affairs Detachment

Christmas came in July for some children in the earthquake-stricken town of Archidona.

And Santa's helpers were wearing camouflaged Army fatigues.

When members of the Atlanta-based 124th Public Affairs Detachment of the Georgia Army National Guard traveled to Panama and Ecuador for two weeks of annual training in July, their duffle bags held more than the usual equipment.



A sobbing Ecuadorean woman carries a sleeping child on her back while holding an IV bottle for her injured son at the airport in Puyo, Ecuador. The boy suffered a head injury when he was thrown from the back of a pickup truck. A U.S. Air Force plane evacuated him to a hospital in Quito, the country's capital. (Photo by Sgt. Elliott Minor)

"We thought it would be a helpful gesture to bring something for the Ecuadorean children—so we put together a packet of special goodies or gifts," said Maj. James R. Wooten, commander of the 124th.

Before they left for Ecuador, members of the 124th purchased candy and gum and called various businesses to donate items to make up the "goody packages."

Among items donated were soap from the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Atlanta, needle and thread from Coats & Clark Co. of Greer, S.C., washcloths from Fieldcrest Cannon Mills in Columbus, Ga., and peanuts from the Georgia Peanut Commission. The unit also obtained some toy watches from the Atlanta Empty Stocking Fund.

The packages were distributed in Ecuador through the chaplain's office at a base camp near Archidona.

Guess what? The watches caused the most fascination and interest!

"The Ecuadorean children had never seen anything like them," said Pvt. Kimberly Ryan of Fayetteville, Ga., a journalist in the 124th. "The timepiece detaches from the band and opens into an airplane. The kids loved them."



Ecuadorean families like this one received packages of candy, soap, washcloths and needle and thread from members of the 124th Public Affairs Detachment. Many families were victims of earthquakes which devastated the country's Napo Province in March. (U.S. Army photo by 124th PAD)



Archidona, Ecuador—Private E-2 Kimberly Ryan of the 124th PAD watches Ecuadorean boy eagerly unwrap a popular gift—bubblegum.

"Everywhere we went the children were friendly," said Sgt. Toby Moore of Duluth, Ga., a journalist and photographer in the unit. "When we drove by a group of kids they'd all wave and yell 'hola' (Spanish for hello), and as we walked by they would run up and try to talk with us. They all wanted to touch us, too."

"We did our jobs in the heat, humidity and muddy jungles, but it was a great experience," he said.

And, he said, the youngsters receiving the goodies weren't the only ones to benefit. "Seeing and talking with those children gave us all something extra to take home."

'Even small abrasions are big concerns' in foreign land

By Sgt. Toby Moore
124th Public Affairs Detachment

They say an army marches on its stomach. But when that stomach gets upset, relief is spelled M-E-D-I-C.

And here, in a remote part of South America just south of the Equator, any minor ailment is taken seriously.

Between April and November of this year, some 6,000 citizen-soldiers from the U.S. Army and Air National Guard, Army Reserve and Air Force Reserve will have passed through a makeshift tent city on the edge of this town.

The reservists are taking part in "Abriendo Rutas" (Opening Roads), a joint, combined engineering exercise of the reserve components and the Ecuadorean army.

The exercise, requested by the Ecuadorean government, is an effort to restore farm-to-market roads damaged by a series of severe earthquakes that shook Ecuador's Oriente region in March.

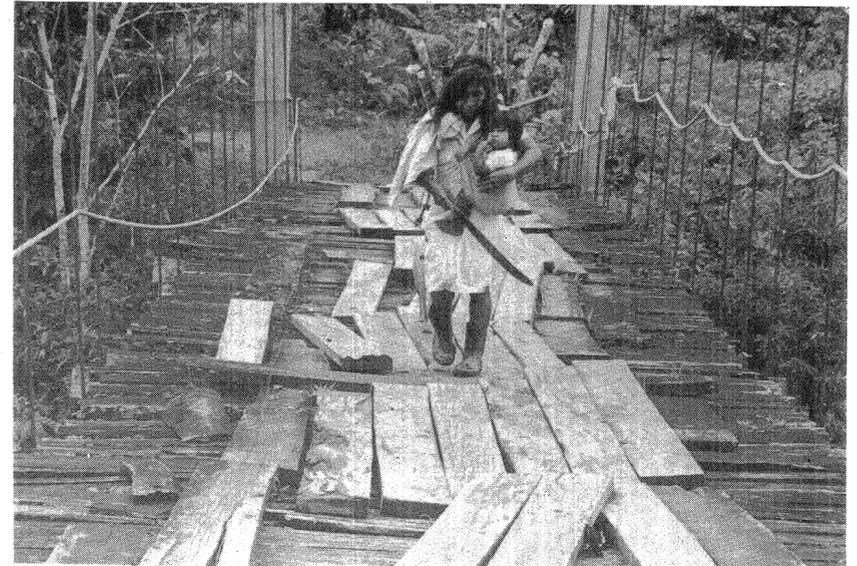
About 1,000 Ecuadoreans were killed or are missing as a result of the quakes, which also crippled this country's economy. Besides the damage to the roads that link the remote Napo Province to the rest of Ecuador, the tremors severed an oil pipeline that carries petroleum from the Amazon basin across the Andes to refineries along the Pacific coast.

As U.S. Reservists come in two-week shifts, they experience an environment quite unlike their home country. Good medical care is important, since the slightest cut or abrasion can be infected by a variety of foreign organisms.

"Most of the injuries we see are cuts and scrapes," said 1st Lt. Glenn Damon, of Stockbridge, Ga., clearing platoon leader for the Georgia Army National Guard's 138th Medical Company. "Our soldiers are also getting 'contact dermatitis' from the vegetation. That's a skin irritation caused by some of the plants down here."

"We also see fungal infections, foot infections, and some gastro-intestinal problems," he said.

Inside the camp's fully operational field hospital, which is equipped to treat anything from a blister to a broken leg to a chipped tooth, 2nd Lt. Judi Currie of Marietta, Ga., took the vital signs of a soldier complaining of stomach pains.



ARCHIDONA, Ecuador - An Indian woman crosses a suspension bridge in an earthquake-stricken Ecuadorean province where U.S. reservists are helping to build a new road. The woman holds a baby in one hand, a machete in another and carries a bundle of firewood on her back. (Photo by Sgt. Toby Moore)

"Dehydration is always a problem," said the veteran registered nurse assigned to the 138th. "People tend to use thirst as an indicator, but by then it may be too late. We've had to give some patients intravenous fluids, and then they recover quickly."

"We have reservists working jointly here from Georgia, Alabama, Florida and Tennessee, along with regular Army medical personnel," said Capt. Earl Westbrooks of Atlanta, executive officer of the 138th. "We have really joined together as an entire unit. This exercise has proved that the one-Army program really works."

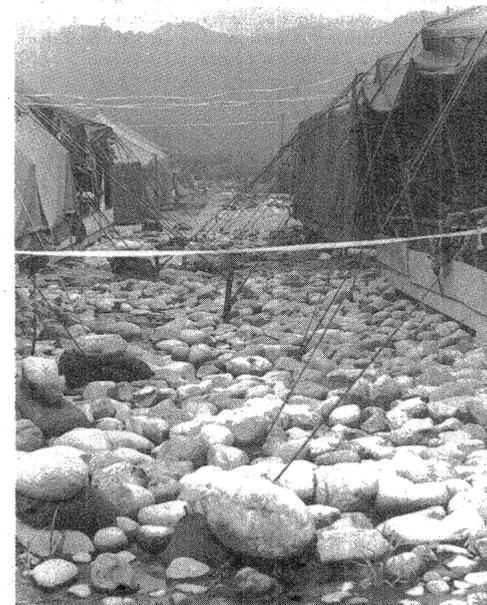
Westbrooks explained that the Atlanta-based 138th has sent six or seven people to Ecuador for each two-week period since "Abriendo Rutas" began in April.

Not to be overlooked is the training medical personnel receive working under spartan or very primitive conditions.

"The biggest thing for me is to learn as much about field training as possible," said Currie, who works in a hospital as a civilian. "While we're not busy with patients, we go through mock drills, and set up teams and so forth."

"Another big advantage is that we can help teach the units' enlisted soldiers who don't work in the medical field full-time as civilians."

Damon called the exercise "the most realistic training we could hope for. It gives our people an opportunity to function in an adverse field environment. It also gives us a chance to see how the engineers function and to learn about another country and its people."



(Above Photo) PUYO, Ecuador - An ailing U.S. soldier is carried to a C-130 at the airport in Puyo, Ecuador. Sick and injured personnel taking part in a road building exercise in the country were evacuated to a military hospital in Panama. (Left Photo) ARCHIDONA, Ecuador - U.S. Guardsmen and reservists taking part in an Ecuadorean road-building exercise lived in this rock-strewn tent city near Archidona. Troops who spent two-week rotations in the South American country often painted their unit insignia on rocks and left them behind.

'AT' in Ecuador continued...



Specialist 4 Johnny Callahan, Alabama Army National Guard, checks the alignment of timber used in road construction in Ecuador. Callahan is a member of Company A, 1343 Engineering Battalion in Scottsboro, Ala.

'The more you accomplish, the more rewarding it is' — Pilot-Farmer Brunson

By Capt. Tom Phillips
124th Public Affairs Detachment

Maj. John H. Brunson is a Georgia Air National Guardsman who's as comfortable in the pilot's seat as he is in a tractor seat.

But while much of his 5,000 hours of flying time have been enjoyable, the part of each trip he most looks forward to is "getting home."

"You always feel good to get home," he said. Brunson has a lot to return to near Sylvania, Ga., a wife, two teen-age daughters, a 20-month-old son and a 200-acre farm.

"It's not easy being a pilot and a farmer," said Brunson, a member of the 165th Tactical Airlift Group in Savannah. He plans as best he can to participate in the



C-130 Pilot Major John Brunson is interviewed by Capt. Ann Mackie while Staff Sgt. Gene Crowder videotapes the session for telecast later in the day over "South Com Television Network." Member TV stations throughout South America broadcast a variety of news stories generated by the 124th PAD during the units two-weeks stay in Ecuador. Both Mackie and Crowder are members of the 124th.

Road project 'restarted' thanks to 'bilingual' Georgia Guardsman

By Maj. James R. Wooten
124th Public Affairs Detachment

Specialist 4 Jerry DeAvila, a member of the Georgia Army Guard's 124th Public Affairs Detachment and a resident of Flowery Branch, Ga., knows absolutely nothing about road construction.

But it was his "instructions"—or his ability to interpret them—that restarted a road project through mountainous jungles of eastern Ecuador.

The road project had stopped in July, temporarily at least—because Alabama National Guard engineers didn't speak Spanish. And the Ecuadorean colonel directing construction didn't speak English.

DeAvila, however, a native of Cuba and a photographer for the 124th Public Affairs Detachment, speaks both languages fluently.

"The Ecuadorean colonel was trying to explain that Guardsmen were putting the logs too far apart and putting big rocks over them," said DeAvila. "He wanted the logs closer together and smaller rocks on them.

"With large rocks, the logs separated under the weight of vehicles and permitted too much runoff," he explained. Also, the bulldozers being operated by Ecuadorean soldiers were at a standstill and the colonel wanted an instructor from the Alabama Guard to show them how to use the dozers properly.

After the impasse, an interpreter (DeAvila) was assigned to the project full-time. Before that an interpreter had been provided as needed. "Routine com-

communications" consisted of gestures and hand signals, Guardsmen explained.

"The colonel was very appreciative," said DeAvila. "He said that without my translation, it would have been almost impossible to continue the project."

The road on which the engineers are working will eventually connect to another road near Loreto in Ecuador's earthquake-shattered Oriente region.

DeAvila, a member of the Georgia Army National Guard for five years, had been assigned to provide photographic coverage of the exercise as part of his two weeks of annual training in July.

The son of missionary parents who fled Cuba after the takeover by Fidel Castro, he came to the United States as an 18-month-old infant. He and his wife, Lynette, live in Flowery Branch, with their 14-month-old son, Joshua. DeAvila is employed by Daystar Digital in Flowery Branch.



Jerry DeAvila

An active Army officer speaks out on Guard, Reservist medics in Ecuador

By Sgt. Toby Moore
124th Public Affairs Detachment

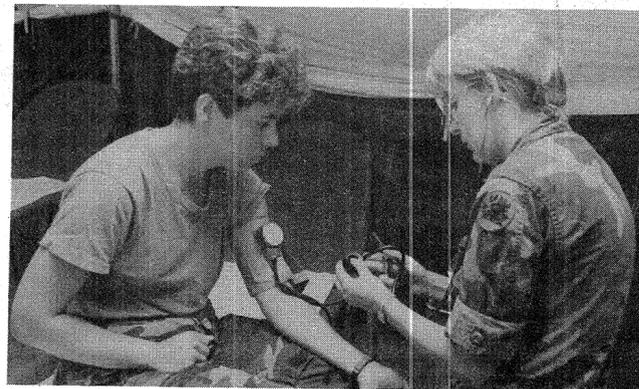
Reserve medical personnel aren't the only ones who have learned from the experience in Ecuador.

"Most people think of Guardsmen and reservists as 'weekend warriors'. But they came here ready to work," said Chief Warrant Officer Wayne Goggans, an active Army physician's assistant in Headquarters Company, 159th Aviation Battalion, 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky.

"It's hard sometimes to tell the difference between the reservists and the active duty people. They want to learn, they're eager to learn and they work independently in the field just like my medics at Fort Campbell.

"I would have no reservations whatsoever about working with the Guard and Reserve-medics under adverse conditions," Goggans said. "In fact, there are a couple that I'd like to kidnap and take back with me."

"I have learned from some of them," he said. "A couple have handled emergency situations in the field really well. They're really good. One guy did a field-expedient splint by splitting bamboo. I had never seen that done before."



Inside a fully operational field hospital in Archidona, Ecuador, Lt. Judi Currie, right, of Marietta, Ga., checks the blood pressure of Lt. Colleen Dickinson of Enterprise, Ala. Currie is a member of the Georgia Army National Guard's 138th Medical Company in Atlanta. Dickinson is commander of Detachment 1, 851st S/S Company (DS), Enterprise. (U.S. Army Photo by Sgt. Toby Moore, 124th PAD)

Ohio native takes 'giant step' in Georgia Guard

Sharon Whigham wanted a successful career in the National Guard, and in July the 25-year-old Forest Park, Ohio native took a giant step, becoming the first black female Warrant Officer in the Georgia Army Guard.

Miss Whigham is assigned to the 265th Engineer Group during the week as a Military Personnel Technician and as an assistant adjutant (administrative supervisor) on drill weekends. To earn her appointment, she completed several months of intensive training at the Warrant Officer Entry Course at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., and the Army Soldier Support Center at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

A 1983 graduate of Ohio State University, Whigham transferred from the Ohio Guard to the Georgia Guard in 1984. "At first I thought I'd be in for six years," she said, "but the Guard's been good to me, so I thought about making it a career." She said that she chose to earn a Warrant Officer's appointment because it gave her a "more specific opportunity" to work in the personnel field.

"I'd like to eventually be in upper management in the personnel field. The opportunities are out there," she said, "it's all in the person's initiative—how bad they want it." Members of her unit, she related, have been "very supportive."

Whigham added that "it was up to me to

sit down and decide" on a course of action once she resolved to earn an appointment.

The long hours of schooling, she said, taught her about Army structure, tactics, logistics and other military subjects.

Whigham is also the first Georgia Army Guard Warrant Officer to be graduated from the Warrant Officer Entry Course and receive technical certification.

When not in uniform, Whigham enjoys racquet ball, reading and lifting weights.

Warrant Officer Whigham is the daughter of Samuel and Lula Whigham of Forest Park, Ohio. Whigham is a 1979 graduate of Forest Park High School, Forest Park, Ohio.



Sharon Whigham

Briefing notes



'Eagles Soar' wins top award

The WXIA-TV news documentary entitled, "Where Eagles Soar" has been awarded first place honors in the electronic media category of the "Minute Man Mike Awards" presented by the Adjutant General Association of the United States.

The four-part television news special highlighted the arrival of the F-15 Eagle to the Georgia Air National Guard and focused upon the men and women of the 116th Tactical Fighter Wing

who fly and maintain its air superiority.

Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Griffin accepted the award on behalf of the Georgia Air National Guard.

The "Minute Man Mike Award" is one of the two major media awards presented in the National Guard.

118th TCF activated

The 118th Tactical Control Flight is the newest designated unit in the Georgia Air National Guard, having emerged from the 129th Tactical Control Squadron.

"The 118th TCF was organized to give greater identity to the Tactical Control Flight," according to Lt. Col. Herman Clark, 118th commander.

Composed of 100 Guardsmen, the 118th TCF is a Forward Air Control Post and has the capability of sustained operations in the midst of the battle zone. Equipped with TPS 43 E Radar and COM HF TRC-97x and teletype, the 118th is a self-supporting field unit complete with not only technical specialists but also its own support services and personnel.

The unit is based in Kennesaw. Lt. Col. Douglas M. Padgett has assumed command of Savannah's 165th Tactical Airlift Group.

Personnel changes

Padgett, a 20-year veteran of the 165th TAG returns to the Savannah airlift unit following a one-year assignment as Air Operations Staff Officer, Headquarters, GAANG in Atlanta.

He succeeds Col. William P. Bland, Jr. who has been assigned as deputy commander of the Air National Guard Support Center. Padgett is a pilot for Delta Airlines when not in uniform.

'Dedication' earns Love Vandiver Trophy

To remain in the Georgia Army National Guard, Chief Warrant Officer George R. Love of Charleston, S.C.:

*Accepted a reduction in rank.

*Temporarily turns the affairs of four businesses over to associates and to his wife,

*Leaves home at noon on Friday, drives for five hours to

Atlanta, performs weekend drill, and returns to Charleston, arriving as late as midnight on Sunday. He has now compiled 2000,000 commuting miles.

Peggy, while he is away on National Guard business.

"The Guard is my golf, my fishing, my poker-playing and whatever else other people do with their spare time," said Love, who is also pursuing a masters degree in business ad-

ministration at Webster University in Charleston, S.C.

Love's dedication to his work has not gone unnoticed. He has been selected to receive the S. Ernest Vandiver trophy, which is awarded annually to an outstanding Georgia Guardsman. The trophy was presented by Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Griffin, the adjutant general of Georgia, in a ceremony in Atlanta.

A Senior Automotive Repair Technician in the 277th Maintenance Co. in Atlanta, Love passed up an opportunity for possible advancement at least to the rank of lieutenant colonel to remain in the Georgia Guard.

At one time, Love served as a commissioned officer in the Georgia Guard, a commission granted, coincidentally, by former Gov. S. Ernest Vandiver. During a reorganization, Love found himself in the wrong military field and unable to transfer because of an officer surplus. At the time, he was educationally qualified through the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Rather than leave the Guard, Love chose to take an appointment as a warrant officer. "I love the Guard," he says. "I had a chance to go to the South Carolina Guard and I turned it down, although that would have been only a two-hour drive. I

also could go in the Reserves and be a lieutenant colonel. But I wanted to stay in Georgia. It's the comradeship. So many of these people, I grew up with."

Before his assignment with the 277th, Love served as a platoon leader in Savannah's then-designated Co. B, 110th Signal Battalion, as battery commander of the 165th Heavy Equipment Maintenance Co. in Atlanta. While on active military service, he served as commander of Headquarters Company, 50th Signal Battalion, 18th Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg as a first lieutenant.

A graduate of the University of Georgia, Love owns two service stations in Charleston, as well as a wholesale parts company and a tire company. He served formerly as general manager of the Parris Island and Beauford Air Station military exchanges, as vice president of a truck and trailer leasing corporation, and as chief accountant at Candler General Hospital in Savannah.

"Staying in the Guard is a sacrifice, but I feel strongly enough about defending the country that I try to stay as well trained and technically proficient as possible," said Love. "As long as my health holds out and I can pass the PT (physical training) test, I'll be here."



Chief Warrant Officer Four George R. Love, (r) receives the S. Ernest Vandiver Trophy for meritorious service while a member of the 277th Maintenance Company (DS), Georgia Army National Guard. Maj. Gen. Griffin presented the award to Love and his wife Peggy. (Photo by SP4 Jerry De Avila, 124 PAD)

Weather fails to hamper missions

1st Battalion, 214th Field Artillery excels at 'AT' - passes all 'nuclear tests' on first try

By Major William A. Thomas

For the 1st Battalion, 214th Field Artillery, AT was far from a typical "Summer Camp" this year. It was held during the first two weeks in April and featured below freezing temperatures and record amounts of rain.

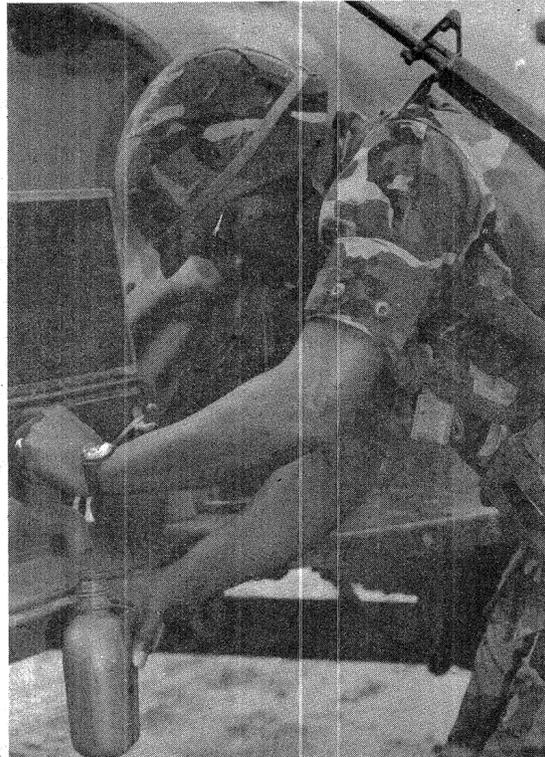
In fact, due to weather conditions, Fort Stewart really lived up to its nickname of "Camp Swampy." At times, travel on tank trails was impossible for wheel vehicles, and in some convoys more than half of the self-propelled 155mm Howitzers got stuck.

But in spite of the weather, the battalion completed 100 percent of its artillery missions and received "Go's" on all nuclear missions on the

first attempt. These feats were accomplished during the 72-hour evaluation (ARTEP). AT featured 11 straight days of 24-hour tactical field operations and an extensive evaluation by the 2nd MTC.

Col. Paul Rushing, battalion commander, said "The key to our success was the strong leadership from the officers and NCO's plus maximum effort of the entire battalion."

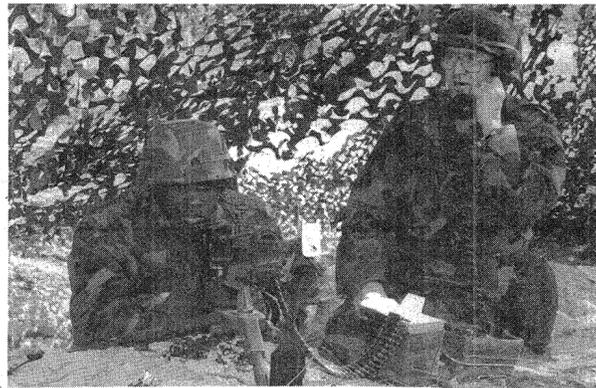
Maj. Alan L. Hinson, chief, Artillery Branch Readiness Group-Atlanta said, "In all my years of evaluating active and National Guard units, this is the first to pass all nuclear tests on the first try."



(At Right) Private 1st class George Eberhardt, HHB, 1st Battalion 214th Field Artillery, of Elberton, Ga. pauses to fill his canteen during AT. (Photo by Master Sgt. H.M. Kinney, 124th PAD GaARNG)



Sergeant Billy Webb of Elberton's HHB, 1st Battalion, 214th Field Artillery, adjusts camouflage covering in preparation for a training exercise.



Sergeant Lee Smith (left) mans M-60 machine gun as Specialist 4 William Brown talks on field telephone during a tactical exercise at AT. (Left photo by Lt. Col. Grady Miles, above photo by Master Sgt. H.M. Kinney.)



Private Rickey Solomon of Hartwell's "A" Battery, 1st Battalion, 214th Field Artillery, aligns target sight of artillery weapon prior to training exercise.

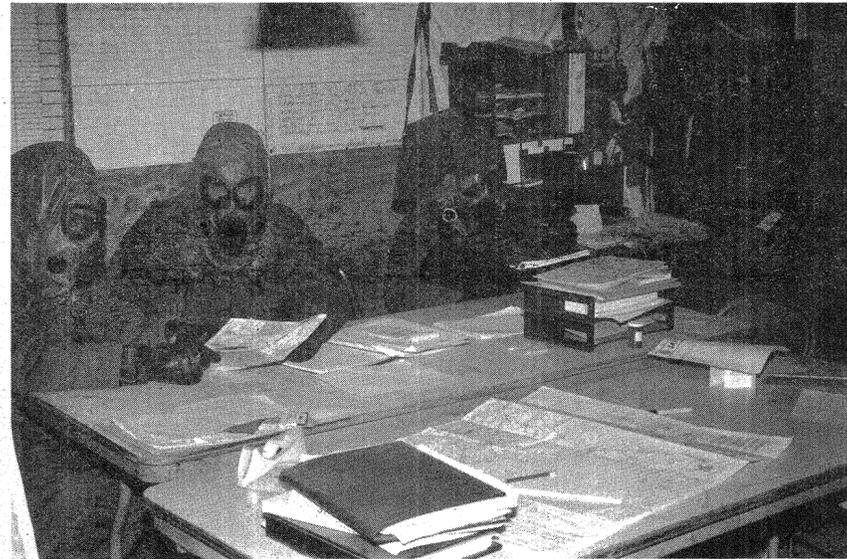


(Above Photo) Staff Sergeant Sammie Wilson of Thomson's "B" Battery, 1st Battalion, 214th Artillery, inspects tube of 155 mm Howitzer.

'It's a 24-hour thing'

Tasks at AT demand flexibility, long hours, hard work

By Sgt. Elliott Minor
124th Public Affairs Detachment



Members of the Marietta-based 265th Engineer Group carry out their administrative duties while wearing protective suits and masks during simulated "chemical attacks" at AT. The engineers were among the more than 2,000 members of the Georgia Army Guard training at Fort Stewart. (Photo by Sgt. Elliott Minor).

Maj. William Miller seemed unfazed by the suit, mask, rubber gloves and boots that soldiers slip on for protection against chemical attacks.

"It's not all that bad," said the 47-year-old Stone Mountain resident. Miller was one of the more than 2,000 Georgia Army Guard members who trained for two weeks at Fort Stewart.

Miller and other members of the Marietta-based 265th Engineer Group donned the bulky protective gear for six hours to prove they can work in "an environment contaminated by chemical weapons."

"You just have to readjust your respiration rate and your activity," he explained. "If you got claustrophobia in there you'd have a problem."

Guard members representing two engineer battalions, an artillery battalion and a maintenance battalion, lived in isolated camps miles from the main post and often trained nearly 24 hours a day.

Members of Sandersville's Co. B, 878th Engineer Battalion, worked on construction projects in the main post area during the day, then rejoined the rest of their company in the woods at night for combat training and a few hours of sleep in pup tents.

"It's a 24-hour thing," said Staff Sgt. Jerry Andrews, 38, of Sandersville, while supervising a barracks renovation. "By having this kind of training, my men are going to get physically and mentally stronger. I think they have done a real good job."

Miles away, Staff Sgt. Robert Smith, 44, sat at a green folding desk beneath a camouflage net and labored over a duty roster.

Smith, a member of Decatur's 110th Maintenance Battalion, said his battalion is responsible for the repair of all types of Army equipment, from tanks to M-16 rifles.

"Just about anything you need fixed we have the capability in our battalion to repair," said Smith, of Stone Mountain.

Members of the 110th set up camp in a sandy area, dotted with pines and oaks. They camouflaged their vans, trucks and other vehicles with green, gray and brown nets and erected several shop tents, each capable of holding a tank.

"When it breaks, we fix it," said the 110th's Command Sergeant Major, Buddy Landmon of Lithia Springs.



Staff Sgt. Robert Landry of Sandersville's Company B, 878th Engineer Battalion, operates a road grader to prepare a helicopter landing pad at Fort Stewart, during AT. Landry works for Lapp Insulators in Sandersville. (Photo By Lt. Col. Grady Miles, PAO, HQ STARC)

Pay Problems ?

Here is how you can fix them

1. Did you receive your drill check by the 5th of the month? If not, immediately report it to your Unit Administrator (UA). Have the UA explain the problem to you and tell you what corrective action is being taken.
2. If the pay problem is not corrected by your next monthly drill period, call your unit commander _____ at _____ (home phone).
3. If your pay problem is still not corrected by the following drill period, call State Headquarters toll free at 1-800-282-4222. This toll free number is answered from 0745 hours to 1615 hours on weekdays. Please tell the person who answers you are making a pay problem inquiry.
4. In the event your pay problem continues, even after taking all the above actions, call the State Inspector General at (404) 856-6098.

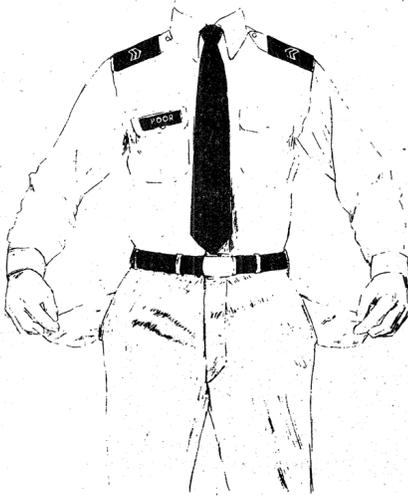
Following are some things you can do to help eliminate pay problems:

- A. Did you receive your Leave and Earnings Statement (LES)? If not, see your UA.
- B. Do you understand your LES? If not, have your UA explain it to you.
- C. Consider direct deposit or electronic funds transfer instead of having your check come to your home. See your UA for help.

For written inquiries, address to: United States Property and Fiscal Office, ATTN: Military Pay, Post Office Box 17882, Atlanta, Georgia 30316-0882.



Your pay is important to us!



Guardsmen Praise Bradley

'handles good, steers good—it's just right'

By Sgt. Elliott Minor
124th Public Affairs Detachment

Members of the Georgia National Guard raced across an old air strip at Fort Stewart in the Army's new Bradley Fighting Vehicle. They were testing the vehicle's powerful diesel engine, executing sharp turns and releasing smoke screens designed to hide it from the enemy.

Cavalrymen from Newnan and Griffin and tankers from Douglasville spent three days recently becoming acquainted with the \$1.5-million vehicle.

"It's like driving a Ferrari with a 25mm cannon," said Pfc Steven Stewart, 23, echoing the sentiments of many members of the 348th Cavalry in Griffin and Newnan and the 1st Battalion, 108th Armor in Douglasville.

Spec.4 Willie Darden, 26, a 5-foot-3 bass guitar player with a Newnan gospel group, said he is "already in tune with the Bradley. It handles good. It steers good. It's just right."

Capt. David Miller, commander of the 348th, said the Bradley orientation course served as a "kickoff" for an 18-month training program that will qualify his men to operate and maintain the new vehicle, fire its 25mm cannon, its 7.62 mm coaxial machine gun and its wire-guided missile.

Miller, a 31-year-old Douglasville bank operations manager, said the Bradley is designed to replace three vehicles previously used by the 348th on scouting missions - the M-113, the M-60 tank and a tracked missile launcher known as an ITV.

Its increased firepower and mobility make the Bradley significantly safer than the M-113, Miller commented.

Staff Sgt. Richard Holder, 35, a Vietnam veteran, said he was impressed with the Bradley.

"For speed, mobility and firepower, this is what the cavalry has been looking for," said Holder, an Atlanta police officer. "It gives everyone a better chance of survival."

Pvt-2 Forrest Thompson of Fayetteville compared the Bradley, which has thermal sights that pick out targets at night, to operating a video game.

"You can really feel it get up and go. It's got a lot of power," observed the 18-year-old private.



Spec.4 Willie Darden of the 348th Cavalry in Newnan prepares to drive the Army's new Bradley Fighting Vehicle. Guardsmen say the firepower, speed and mobility of the Bradley would improve their chances of survival in battle.



Spec.4 Mark Pitte of the 1st Battalion, 108th Armor in Douglasville prepares to drive the Army's new Bradley Fighting vehicle for the first time.



Staff Sgt. Richard Holder (r) and Sgt. Hugh Hiatt, members of the 348th Cavalry in Griffin, remove a 90-pound cannon barrel on the Army's new Bradley Fighting Vehicle. The two were among a group of Guard members who recently attended an orientation session on the Bradley.

Bradley Swims

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skirt correctly.

Previously, the swim skirt locking device had a quick disconnect feature which the Bradley driver could engage from inside the vehicle. The new equipment must be manually released from outside while the vehicle is stopped, Milia said.

The combat vehicle uses a three-man crew and carries six squad members. Spec. 4 Jeff Terry, a gunner with Co. B, sees the Bradley as a "major advancement for the Georgia Army Guard and the mechanized infantry." Despite the previous incidents, the Macon resident said he feels quite

safe "swimming" with the modified BFV. During the pond crossings, two engineer boats were on hand as a safety precaution.

Over the next year, Brandenburg's 94-soldier new equipment training team will introduce a total of 385 Bradleys to the 24th Infantry Division and the 48th Infantry Brigade (Mech) Army National Guard. As an eventual replacement to the infantry's M113 Armored Personnel Carrier (APC), the Bradley is expected to hold its own in battle alongside the M1 Abrams tank. After four years of training with the BFV, Brandenburg notes that there are "definitely some smart changes" in this fighting vehicle.

Georgia Guard establishes 'Family Outreach Program'

By Kim Hill
Program Coordinator
Family Outreach Program

In an effort to emphasize the importance of the family unit to individual Guardmembers and in the event of mobilization, a Georgia National Guard "Family Outreach Program" has been organized.

Kim Hill, Family Outreach coordinator, said the program will "emphasize family involvement as a 'partnership' with the Guard unit, foster a sense of well-being, and strengthen a sense of community with shared benefits and responsibilities."

Its major purpose, she said, is to increase the "readiness of the family unit to cope with mobilization in the event it becomes a reality."

One of the program's main objectives is to establish throughout the state "Family Outreach Groups" comprised of Guardsmen and their families. "By meeting periodically and by sharing common experiences, these groups will strengthen the Guard family," Kim added.

The new program will also provide national recognition and support of the partnership that is so vital between the National Guard and the families of its members.

For more information on how you can become a "volunteer spouse representative" in your Guardmember's unit, please contact Kim Hill, Family Program coordinator, at 1-800-282-4222.

There are wonderful benefits and recognition for those who become involved in this new program. Your participation will be appreciated and will help make the program an outstanding success.

Standard named 'Outstanding Airman of the U.S. Air Force'

Staff Sergeant Carmen Renee Standard, a member of Savannah's 283rd Combat Communications Squadron, has been named as one of the twelve "Outstanding Airmen of the United States Air Force."

This distinguished award is presented annually to airmen who are considered "among the very best in the U.S. Air Force and its reserve components."

To be selected for the award, an individual must demonstrate the highest levels of professional competence, loyalty and dedication in their military careers. They are also chosen for their outstanding contributions to their respective units and to the U.S. Air Force.

Members of the Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve and the regular U.S. Air Force are eligible to compete for the honor. Standard was selected earlier this year as one of the nation's nine "Outstanding Airmen of the Year" in the Air National Guard.

Enlisting in the U.S. Air Force in 1977, Standard completed a 36-week computer maintenance course at Keesler AFB. Her first active duty assignment was with the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) and she subsequently volunteered for an overseas assignment at Anderson AFB, Guam. Standard later moved into the Strategic Air Command (SAC) after completing the Automated Command and Control System Computer Equip-



Staff Sgt. Renee Standard

ment (SACCS) course.

Standard joined the 283rd in 1983 and quickly retrained into the area of high frequency radio maintenance. "Excelling" has become an avocation for her in her military career as a full-time technician and NCOIC of Teletype Maintenance for the 283rd. Standard has developed for the unit the first preventative maintenance inspection program which has reduced equipment failure by 40 percent.

"Staff Sgt. Standard's interest and her initiative in mastering all facets of her profession is evident in her continuing accomplishments both within and outside the unit," commented Lt. Col. Walter Corish, former commander of the 283rd CCS.

"An able administrator and trainer, Sergeant Standard's commitment to excellence is contagious."



Senior Master Sgt. Greenway is presented the "Maintenance Technician of the Year" award by H. Lake Hamrick (third from left), Air Force Assn. (AFA) southeast regional vice president and a resident of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla. Observing are David C. Noerr (left), AFA assistant executive vice president for Field Organization of Washington, D.C. and Master Sgt. Robert W. Marsh (right), state president of the AFA (for Georgia), a member of the Georgia Air Guard and resident of Springfield, Ga.

Air Guard's Greenway selected 'Maintenance Technician of the Year'

By Major Edward Wexler
165th Tactical Airlift Group

Senior Master Sgt. Virgle L. Greenway of Savannah's 165th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Georgia Air Guard, has been named "Maintenance Technician of the Year" by the Georgia Air Force Association and the Lockheed Georgia Cargo Aircraft Association.

This prestigious award is presented annually to an individual of enlisted rank who has demonstrated "superior performance directly related to maintenance support of cargo-type aircraft."

The award was presented to Greenway at the Air Force Association State Convention in Rome, Ga. in June.

To be eligible for the award, candidates must be members of the U.S. Air Force, Air National Guard or the Air Force Reserve within Georgia.

A 33-year veteran of the Air National Guard, Greenway is NCOIC of his unit's Fabrication Maintenance Section. His recommendation for improved maintenance procedures and his extensive knowledge of aircraft systems were key areas which led to his selection as "Maintenance Technician of the Year."

Throughout his military career, Greenway has performed maintenance on a wide variety of fighter and cargo aircraft. As a member of the Georgia Guard, he has participated in deployments to Europe, South America, Egypt and Korea.

Greenway's unit has been equipped with the C-130 Hercules aircraft since December 1974, and in September 1981 the unit received new C-130H aircraft from the Lockheed plant.

A resident of Springfield, Ga., Greenway and his wife, Mary Patricia, have a daughter, Michelle Renee.

Braves catcher 'soars like an Eagle'



ATLANTA BRAVES CATCHER OZZIE VIRGIL prepares to "soar like an Eagle" on his inaugural flight in an F-15 Eagle of the 116th Tactical Fighter Wing, Georgia Air National Guard at Dobbins AFB. Virgil started for the National League in the All-Star Game. He often shows off his own unique "good luck charm" - a reconditioned fighter pilot's helmet adorned with the insignias of the 128th Tactical Fighter Squadron and the Georgia Air National Guard. The helmet, presented to the "Bomb Squad" of the Atlanta Braves, has frequently been seen during telecasts of Atlanta Braves baseball games.

Rain, mud, arctic air greet Georgia Guard at 'early' AT

Guardsmen accomplish missions at Fort Stewart —in spite of the weather!

By Sgt. Elliott Minor
124th Public Affairs Detachment

More than 2,000 members of the Georgia Army Guard arrived for AT at Fort Stewart, Georgia on March 28.

The following day they boarded jeeps, trucks and other vehicles and disappeared down the muddy tank trails that crisscross the 279,000-acre military reservation near Savannah.

Above-average rainfall, combined with a three-day deluge followed their arrival and intensified the problems of moving hundreds of vehicles, including 155-mm self-propelled howitzers, over the boggy dirt roads.

They set up isolated camps beneath camouflage netting while taking part in two weeks of intensive annual training.

As the rain tapered off on the fourth day of the camp, a blast of arctic air rushed down the East Coast, driving temperatures almost to the freezing mark at Fort Stewart by the following morning.

Brig. Gen. William K. McDaniel, commander of the Army Guard, said deep mud on many of the tank trails made them virtually impassible to all but tracked vehicles.

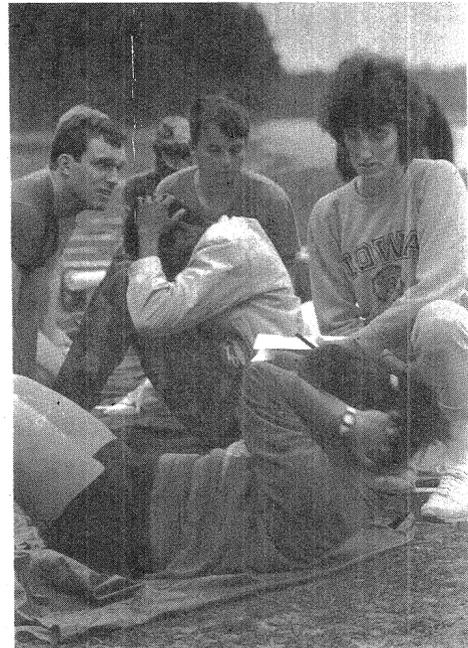
"What we've got to do is look positively at the weather and terrain conditions and train accordingly," said McDaniel. "We need to learn how to live in the field in wet weather... in cold weather... and accomplish the mission."

And that is exactly what happened throughout the cold and wet two weeks. Members of the Georgia Guard trained long and hard and missions were accomplished.

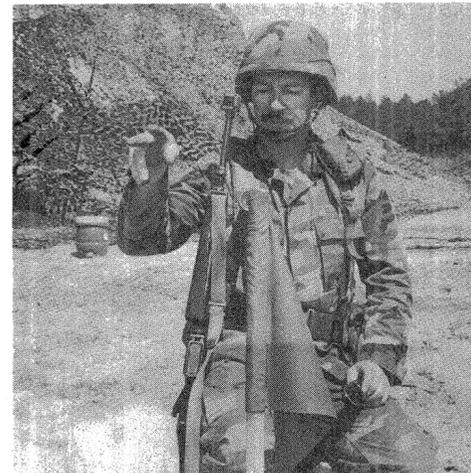
Units training at Fort Stewart included the 265th Engineer Group, based in Marietta; the 560th Engineer Battalion, headquartered in Columbus; the 878th Engineer Battalion headquartered in Augusta; the 1st Battalion, 214th Field Artillery, headquartered in Elberton; the 110th Maintenance Battalion from Atlanta, and the 1148th Transportation Co. of Augusta.



Private Michael Foster, 560th Engineer Battalion Company D, in Bainbridge, Ga. carefully lays security wire around field area. (Photo by Lt. Col. Grady Miles)



Members of Augusta's 878th Engineer Battalion perform situps during their annual physical training test at Fort Stewart. (Photo by Sgt. Elliott Minor)



(Right Photo) Major Bill Thomas, an agricultural economist with the Georgia Extension Service in Athens, plays "Shall We Gather at the River" prior to a religious service for Elberton Guard members. His selection seemed appropriate considering the heavy rains that deluged the post during AT. (Left Photo) Staff Sergeant James Wiederkehr of Thomson's "B" Battery, 1st Battalion, 214th Field Artillery, disposes of unused powder charge during the firing of a 155mm Howitzer. (Photos by Sgt. Elliott Minor)



Joining the Georgia Guard were two Army Reserve units, the 841st Engineer Battalion from Miami and the 387th Engineer Co., a group of Army Reserve pipeline specialists from Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Sgt. First Class Jeff Ayers, 34, of Elberton, said the camp was the wettest he had seen in 16 years with the Guard.

"Several pickup trucks have almost disappeared," he noted during an interview beneath a camouflage net concealing the 214th's fire direction control center. "It's uncomfortable, but hasn't gotten unbearable yet."

Chief Warrant Officer George Baillery of Elberton's Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 214th Field Artillery, "prepares for action" during a training exercise at Fort Stewart. (Photo by Lt. Col. Grady Miles)



Because of the Guard's larger role in national defense, most members spent nearly all of the two weeks in the field. In the past, they returned to a barracks area during the middle weekend for showers and much-needed rest in real beds.

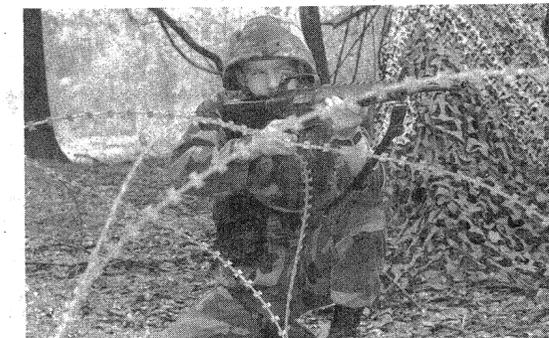
The 560th has units in Bainbridge, Thomasville, Montezuma, LaGrange, Reynolds, Dawson and Columbus.

Members of the Augusta-based 878th Engineer Battalion drill at armories in Swainsboro, Sandersville, Louisville and Lyons. The 878th was assisted by the 1148th Transportation Company, also of Augusta.

The artillery battalion has batteries in Hartwell, Thompson and Waynesboro.



S/Sgt. Robert M. Wilson, "A" Battery 1st Battalion 214th Field Artillery, GaARNG checks 155mm Howitzer shell during action at 2 week Annual Training, Fort Stewart, Ga. (Photo by Lt. Col. Grady Miles, PAO)



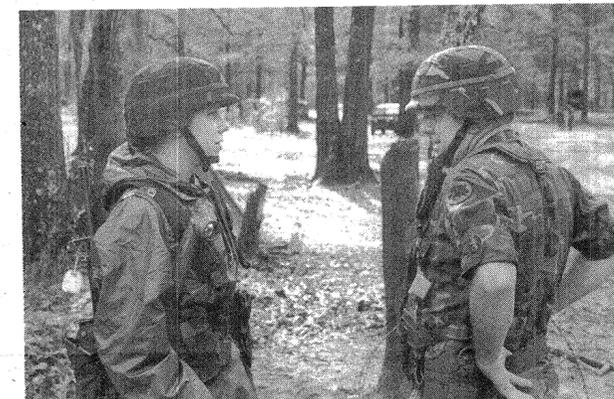
(Left Photo) Private 1st Class Jeffrey Riggs, of Marietta's HHC, 265th Engineer Group, defends his position behind concertina wire during action at AT. (Right Photo) Specialist 4 Lewis Hollar of Columbus' HHC, 560th Engineer Battalion, fires his M-60 machine gun during exercises at Fort Stewart. (Photos by Lt. Col. Grady Miles)



Sergeant Jesse Gogo, of Columbus, digs a foxhole at Fort Stewart. Gogo is a member of a detachment of Company A, 560th Engineer Battalion in Columbus.



Impressive wave of water splashes soldiers as howitzer impacts ditch following torrential rains.



Specialist 4 Jacqueline Wagner, HHC 265th Engineer Group of Marietta, Ga., tells Brig. Gen. William K. McDaniel, assistant adjutant general, Army, about wet weather conditions in the soggy marshes of Fort Stewart. (Photo by Lt. Col. Grady Miles)



Sergeant Douglas Lewis of Elberton drives Army "Gamma Goat" as Specialist 4 Johnny Ray Bridges of Comer, Ga rides "shotgun" during AT. Both soldiers are members of HHB 1st Battalion 214th Field Artillery in Elberton. (Photo By Master Sgt. H.M. Kinney 124th PAD GaARNG)

A major priority: the elimination of sexual discrimination harassment!



Brig. Gen. William K. McDaniel, assistant adjutant general—Army, has directed all commanders and leaders within the Georgia Army Guard to “act aggressively to eliminate any existing or potential sexual discrimination and/or harassment.”

“The Georgia Army National Guard has an excellent record of actively combatting discrimination according to sex, race or religion,” McDaniel said. “However, this is one effort we cannot afford to relax.”

According to recent U.S. Army surveys, statistics show that there is a “small, but significant, rise in complaints from female soldiers concerning sexual harassment.” Statistics also show that an increasing number of female soldiers perceive a “disinterest on the part of NCO’s and officers to the problems of sexual harassment.” These facts suggest that complaint levels could be considerably higher than reported.

“Sexual harassment” is defined as “(1) influencing, offering to influence, or threatening the career, pay or job of another person—woman or man—in exchange for sexual favors; or (2) deliberate or repeated ‘offensive’ or ‘unwelcomed’ comments, gestures, or physical contacts of a sexual nature in a work or work-related environment.”

A key word in the definition of sexual harassment is “unwelcomed.” Harmless teasing and flirting is not sexual harassment as long as the recipient does not find it offensive.

“Sexual discrimination” in an employment situation is defined as “showing favoritism toward or bias against any worker because of gender.” In short, it is “any practice or policy which results in differential treatment of an individual because of his or her sex.”

“An on-going and positive leadership in the prevention of sexual harassment and discrimination throughout the Guard is vital to our day-to-day operations and to our mission,” Gen. McDaniel said.

“Every man and woman within our military organization—whether a Guard member or a civilian employee—must be treated with fairness, justice and equality.”

For more information on sexual harassment and discrimination, and publications on the Georgia Army Guard’s policy, contact Human Resources—EEO Office (in Atlanta), Georgia Army Guard, at (404) 656-6637.

‘Defense Force’ speeds up statewide membership drive

“We presently have more than 600 members in Georgia’s State Defense Force (SDF), and we are looking for more dedicated men and women to join this ‘emergency’ volunteer defense force,” reports Brig. Gen. John W. Gillette, SDF commander.

The maximum authorized strength in Georgia’s SDF is 1,000 men and women. Gillette said that “hopefully we will reach that strength by the end of 1987.”

“We would like to ask members of the Georgia Army and Air National Guard to tell their families and friends about the SDF and encourage those who are interested—and qualified to join—to please contact the SDF,” Gillette said.

Information on the SDF may be obtained by telephoning (404) 656-6252 or by writing to: State Defense Force, c/o Military Support Division, Georgia Department of Defense, P.O. Box 17965, Atlanta, GA 30316-0965.

Organized in mid-1985, Georgia’s SDF is comprised of men and women who are trained to defend our state by “stepping in,” or by “replacing” the National Guard in the event Georgia Guard units are mobilized and called to federal active duty.

As an “emergency” volunteer defense force, the SDF trains its members to be prepared to assume responsibility for state missions carried out—in certain emergencies—by the National Guard in peacetime.

Kids over five now need Social Security number

Make a note of the following 1987 tax revision change for family members:

All family members older than five years are now required to have a Social Security number (SSN). You must include the SSN on your tax returns if you list the child as a dependent.

Forms to obtain a SSN for your child are available from your local Social Security office.

These missions would include response to natural or man-made disasters such as severe weather conditions, civil disorder, and other circumstances which could threaten the safety and welfare of the general population.

In summary, the SDF’s primary mission—if Guard units were Federally activated—would be to augment civil authorities in the preservation of life, protection of property, and maintenance of law and order.

Gillette explained further that the SDF concept is to provide a “back-up force” or “Home Guard” in the event of the Guard’s mobilization. Even though the SDF is a legally constituted military force in Georgia, it is not a combat unit or organization.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Men and women who have previously served in any branch of the military, retired military personnel and also individual who have had no previous military service are eligible to apply for SDF membership. Applicants must be from 17 to 65 years of age.

Persons who are presently members of the Guard or other reserve components are not eligible to join the SDF. And membership in the SDF will not exempt persons from any obligations to serve in the United States Armed Forces.

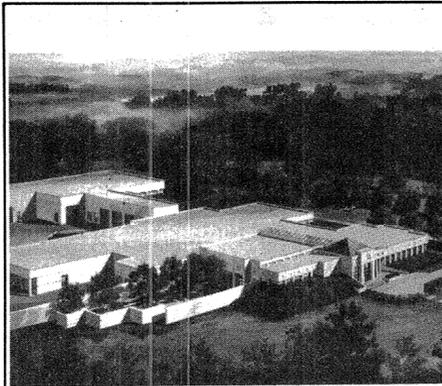
“Because of the various missions of the SDF, an applicant’s background will be evaluated for positions which need to be filled within the organization,” Gillette said.

SDF ORGANIZATION, ACTIVITIES

Organized similar to a U.S. Army Division, Georgia’s SDF is comprised of a Headquarters Command and three Brigades. Headquarters and the 1st Brigade are located in Atlanta, the 2nd Brigade in Macon and the 3rd in Savannah.

There are presently over 50 SDF units throughout Georgia, and they are assigned to existing National Guard armories. However, SDF units and their members and local Guard units and personnel ordinarily do not train or drill together at the same time.

SDF members are not permitted to operate National



224th breaks ground for new \$4.3 million facility

The 224th Joint Communications Support Squadron held a ground breaking ceremony for their new communications-electronic training complex in July.

The ceremony took place on the building site located one mile south of the Glynco Jetport Airport in Brunswick, Ga.

Keynote speaker for the ground breaking was Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Griffin, the adjutant general of Georgia. Lt. Col. Owen M. Ulmer Jr., unit commander, officiated during the ceremony.

The C-E Training Complex, costing \$4.3 million will take one year to complete. The 39,000 square foot building will consist of steel frame with concrete wall panels and a single-ply and standing seam roof. The complex will be constructed by Wise Georgia, Inc., a Brunswick firm.

The new building will replace current facilities the unit has outgrown. The 224th’s new mission of supporting the Joint Communications Support element at MacDill AFB, Fla., has increased the unit’s size in personnel and equipment.

The move to the Glynco Jetport will also provide the unit with quick access to an interstate highway (I-95) and to military airlift capability and will lessen the hurricane threat to its high tech electronic equipment.

The 15-acre building site has been leased from Glynn County which completed site preparations in May. The present unit facilities, located on St. Simons Island, will be turned over to Glynn County when the new facility is completed.

Guard vehicles, weapons, and pyrotechnics without approval from the state.

When approved by appropriate commanders, however, SDF personnel may observe and participate in National Guard training that applies to the SDF mission. These training topics would include civil disturbances, traffic control, physical security, basic soldier skills, and mobilization briefings and exercises.

“Most SDF members are trained in the skills and duties of the Military Police and the light infantry soldier,” Gillette said.

Presently, all members of the SDF serve without pay unless an emergency arises. In the event the SDF were to be “activated,” its members are expected to be prepared to commit themselves for service in the organization for at least a year.

Georgia is one of 20 states that have similar “state defense force” type of organizations, although federal statutes provide for each state to raise such a force. The organization is totally under the command of the Governor, through the Adjutant General.

Georgia Guard well represented at ‘NGB Marathon Trials’

Kearney ‘just misses’ making all-Guard marathon team

by Terry Smith

Ten members of the Georgia Guard’s “marathon team” ran in the 4th Annual National Guard Bureau (NGB) Marathon Trials held in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The event, hosted annually by the Nebraska National Guard, is designed to encourage physical fitness throughout the National Guard and to demonstrate to all military branches the high quality of physical fitness and proficiency of men and women in the Guard.



Maj. Bob Widham, of the Georgia Army Guard, glances up to check his finishing time at the NGB Marathon Trials. Widham finished fifth in his age category of men over 35.

More than 500 Guardsmen—representing all 50 states as well as teams from the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands—participated in the highly-competitive 26-mile running event.

Col. Dwight K. Robinson, former inspector general of the Georgia Army Guard and marathon coordinator for the Georgia team, said “Our team racked up the best times ever at the race this year. Five members of our team finished under 3 hours and 20 minutes—finishing times we consider to be outstanding.”

“Two individuals on the Georgia team excelled in other ways as well,” Robinson said. “Lt. Col. Steve Kearney of the Air Guard finished first on the Georgia team with a running time of 3 hours and 6 minutes, and in the overall race, Maj. Bob Widham of the Army Guard finished fifth in his age category of men over 35.”

“Kearney came very close to making the All-Guard Marathon Team,” Robinson added. “He missed it by less than a minute. We were all proud of his performance.”

Each year, top runners in the NGB marathon trials earn a place on the prestigious, 50-member All-Guard Marathon Team.

Robinson said that the Georgia team is “getting better each year...and that by training harder, we expect some of our



Members of the Georgia Guard’s “Marathon Team” include (Front Row From Left) Staff Sgt. Bob L. Johnson, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Stan W. Hammond, Staff Sgt. Lee H. Johnson and Sergeant 1st Class Tom Yarbrough; (Second Row From Left) Maj. Bob E. Widham, Lt. Col. Steve G. Kearney, First Sgt. John H. Lane, Col. Dwight K. Robinson and Maj. Thomas E. Fricks. Not pictured is team member Capt. Harvel J. Walker.

team members to make the All-Guard team in future competition—a goal we look forward to accomplishing.”

This year’s 26-mile race featured a new running course which wound through the heart of residential Lincoln—a picturesque landscape where large trees and homes helped protect runners from the effects of strong winds. Rain fell throughout most of the race and kept temperatures in the 60s.

Puerto Rico won the top team honors placing an impressive five runners in the top 15. Montana’s team placed second and the California team won third place.

Idea for the marathon trials was originated and implemented by the Nebraska Guard—an organization which has placed exceptional emphasis on physical fitness for many years.

Winners who made the All-Guard Marathon Team at the trials will represent the NGB during the next 12 months at a variety of running events. These include the Marine Marathon in November, the Navy Marathon in December and the Infantry Marathon in January.

‘Simultaneous Membership Program’ helps pay tuition for soldiers seeking degrees

Men and women who are members of the National Guard and participate in the military’s “Simultaneous Membership Program” can receive thousands of dollars towards their college education, reports Col. Otis C. Malcom Jr., chief of staff of the Georgia Army Guard.

“This program permits men and women to be members of the National Guard and the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) at the same time

(simultaneously). It offers tremendous benefits for our soldiers,” Malcom said.

“The program provides financial assistance towards an excellent college education, some of the best training available in military leadership and a commission in the Georgia Army National Guard,” Malcom explained.

By supporting the Simultaneous Membership Program, “we all win—individual soldiers and the Georgia Guard alike,” Malcom added. “Consequently, junior officers in the Georgia Guard are highly trained and well educated. And we are very proud of that fact.”

Members of the Georgia Guard who are interested in learning more about the Simultaneous Membership Program should contact their unit’s recruiting and retention officer or NCO, or the point-of-contact military officers shown on the illustrated chart.

SOURCES OF BENEFITS	POTENTIAL VALUE
• NEW G.I. BILL	\$ 5,040.00
• GEORGIA STATE DIRECT LOAN PROGRAM	\$ 4,000.00
• STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM	\$ 9,000.00
• ENLISTMENT BONUS	\$ 2,000.00
• R.O.T.C. SUBSISTENCE PAY	\$ 2,000.00
• R.O.T.C. ADVANCED CAMP	\$ 700.00
• WEEKEND DRILL PAY	\$ 120.00/MONTH MINIMUM E-5 PAY IN R.O.T.C. SMP
• 2-WEEK ANNUAL TRAINING PAY	\$ 450.00/YEAR MINIMUM E-5 PAY IN R.O.T.C. SMP



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COLUMBUS COLLEGE	Dept of Military Science Columbus College Columbus, GA 31993-2399	MAJ Al Jacobs GIST: 251-2058 AVN: 784-0010 (404) 563-2401
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Award nominations for individuals, units due soon



Unit and detachments commanders of the Georgia Army Guard have been asked to submit individual and unit award nominations for FY87, by as early as Oct. 1, reports Co. Paul H. Jossey, Jr., deputy chief of staff for personnel and administration, GAARNG.

"The presentation of awards to our men and women and to our units for outstanding achievements is one of the most appropriate ways to recognize and applaud their efforts and to say 'thanks for a job well done,'" Jossey said.

For more information on these awards refer to GANG Regulations 672-1, Individual and Unit Awards, dated 1 Jan 84.

Awards and nomination due dates are as follows:

Due by Oct. 1, 1987: the *Atlanta Journal Army Reserve Components Achievement Award*; and the *S. Ernest Vandiver Trophy*.

Due by Oct. 15, 1987: the *CNGB, ARNG Retention NCO of the Year Award*. (for information on this award see ngr 601-280, Para 7-2, Army National Guard Retention Program, 31 Jan 86)

Due by Nov. 1, 1987: *The Adjutant General's Recruiting Award*; *NGAUS Best Newspaper Competition*; and *The National Guard Assn. Trophy, The Pershing Trophy, The National Guard (State) Trophy*.

Also due by Nov. 1, 1987: *The Army National Guard Superior Unit Award*; the *Itchner Award*; and *The Milton A. Reckord Trophy*.

Due by Dec. 1, 1987: nominations for *The Eisenhower Trophy*.

Commanders are requested to consolidate all nominations for these awards and forward under one cover. Negative reports are required.

Nominations should be sent to Headquarters, Georgia Army National Guard, ATTN: DCS-PA-SRIP.

Brantley named 'Military Citizen of the Year'



Lt. Col. George G. Brantley, (c), state judge advocate, Headquarters, Georgia Air National Guard, displays the Governor's "Outstanding Military Citizen of the Year Award" presented to him during the 1987 Armed Forces Day luncheon held in Atlanta. Shown with Brantley are Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Griffin, (l), the adjutant general, and Brig. Gen. Ben L. Patterson, (r), assistant adjutant general, air. The prestigious award was presented to Brantley for his exceptional contributions to his profession and to the community in which he lives. A resident of Marietta, Brantley is the Superior Court Judge for Cobb County. The luncheon and awards presentations were sponsored by the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce.

'GED' certification expands job & promotion opportunities

By Terry Smith

Soldiers throughout the Georgia Army Guard now have the opportunity to prepare for and take—free of charge—the General Educational Development (GED) certification exam, reports Captain Donald W. Venn II, education services officer.

"Recognized nationally as a certification equivalent to a regular high school diploma, the GED helps both Guardmembers and civilians qualify for better jobs and for promotions," Venn said.

"In fact, new U.S. Army regulations require military personnel to have a high school diploma or the GED certification before they can be promoted to the rank of E-5," Venn added.

The Georgia Army Guard is helping by offering Guardmembers GED preparatory classes and giving

GED pre-tests during certain weekend drills at specific Guard units. Individuals who earn satisfactory scores on pre-tests usually pass the GED certification exam.

Mandatory as a screen for the certification exam, the GED pre-test is not a timed test but usually takes three to four hours to complete. The GED certification exam usually takes twice as long to complete.

"To date, most of the instructors for the preparatory classes at our units have been personnel from local county adult education facilities," Venn explained.

"However, many of our Guard units have personnel who are certified teachers or have appropriate teaching skills. For those unit personnel who are interested, we are now offering seminars to train them as instructors for the GED preparatory classes at our armories,"

Venn added. "We felt these professionals would do an outstanding job, and this plan would be cost effective for the Georgia Guard."

There are presently more than 140 Georgia Army Guardmembers participating in GED preparatory course programs at various units. Most pre-tests are given by Battalion Education Officers. The main test—the GED certification exam—is usually administered by Capt. Venn or on a contract basis with a local adult education program.

Georgia Army Guard units that presently have exceptional GED programs include the 560th and 878th Engineering Battalions, 82nd Maintenance Company, the 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry and the 2nd Battalion, 214th Field Artillery.

What areas are covered on the GED certification exam and what do test results indicate?

The exam is comprised of five categories—reading, writing, mathematics, science and social studies. Test results measure an individual's scholastic knowledge or aptitude compared to those levels required of an 18-year-old graduating high school senior.

An individual must be at least 17 years old to take the GED certification exam. There is no maximum age. Also, an individual does not have to complete grade school to be eligible to take the GED exam.

In addition to being offered at many Army Guard units, GED preparatory classes are conducted at adult education centers in most Georgia counties. These classes, including pre-testing, are usually on-going and are free of charge. Participants can study and progress at their own pace.

Ordinarily a fee of \$17 is charged Georgia residents to take the GED certification exam. However, the exam is free for members of the Georgia Army Guard when it is administered by Capt. Venn or his assistant, Sergeant 1st Class Phyllis Moreno. Also, there is no charge for classes or the exam at active duty installations.

"We are pleased with the progress of GED programs within the Georgia Guard," Venn concluded. "Many of our men and women who have received GED certification have expressed a feeling of personal accomplishment and pride for completing the program. It is an achievement that strengthens self esteem as well as qualifications for jobs and promotions."

For more information on the Georgia Army Guard's GED programs, Guardmembers are encouraged to contact their Battalion Sergeant Major, Battalion Education Officer or telephone Capt. Venn or Sergeant 1st Class Moreno at 1-800-282-4222.



Accurate AIDS information is everybody's concern!

Get the facts—not the fallacies—about AIDS! This knowledge can save lives, and it can save you needless worry and stress.

A deadly disease for which there is no known cure at present, AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) destroys the body's immune system or ability to fight infection.

As of August 10, 1987, a total of 40,051 diagnosed cases of AIDS have been reported in the United States. Included in that are 841 cases in Georgia.

To date, more than 50 percent of all persons with AIDS have died. Public health scientists estimate that as many as 1.5 million Americans—in addition to those known to have AIDS—have been infected by the AIDS virus.

AIDS is, however, a difficult disease to catch, and scientific evidence clearly shows that AIDS can NOT be spread by casual contact.

Being able to distinguish the facts from fiction about AIDS is therefore important for all Americans.

The following are ways in which you CAN NOT get AIDS:

1. By donating blood. All of the needles, syringes, tubing, and containers used by blood donation centers are sterile when used, are used only once, and then thrown away. So there is no chance of getting the AIDS virus by donating blood.

2. By casual contact such as hugging or hand shaking—even with AIDS patients or persons who are carrying the AIDS virus.

3. By using bathroom facilities such as toilets, sinks or bathtubs. Also, by using swimming pools or hot tubs.

4. By a person sneezing, coughing or spitting.

5. From dishes, utensils, or even food handled by a person who may have AIDS.

In summary, the AIDS virus IS NOT spread through normal daily contact or casual contact at the work place, in school or at home.

The following are ways in which the AIDS virus CAN be spread.

1. By sexual contact with a person who has AIDS or is infected with the AIDS virus.

2. By sharing needles that are infected with the AIDS virus.

3. By AIDS virus infected mothers to their babies during pregnancy, at birth, or shortly after birth (possibly through breast milk).

In a smaller number of cases, the AIDS virus has been spread through blood transfusions and through blood products (clotting factors) used to treat patients with hemophilia or other blood clotting disorders. But with today's AIDS blood screening procedures, it is very rare for anyone to get AIDS in this way.

According to the U.S. Surgeon General's report on AIDS, the most certain way to avoid getting the AIDS virus and to control the AIDS epidemic is for individuals to "avoid promiscuous sexual practices, to maintain mutually faithful monogamous sexual relationships and to avoid injecting illicit drugs."

Individuals can also help prevent the spread of the AIDS virus—especially those persons who have more than one sex partner—by regularly using condoms during sexual intercourse (from start to finish). Health authorities believe this practice is essential and is one of the most protective safeguards known today against the deadly disease.