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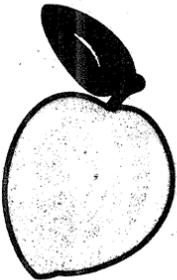
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560th Engineers victims of latest cutbacks

A National Guard unit spread among seven cities in south Georgia was slated by the Department of Defense for inactivation recently.

The loss of the 560th Engineer Battalion, headquartered in Columbus, is part of a nationwide series of cutbacks in the guard's continuing drawdown and realignment.

The timetable has not been set for the closing of the battalion, which has units in Bainbridge, Dawson, LaGrange, Montezuma, Reynolds and Thomasville in addition to Columbus. However, the inactivation is expected to take place sometime after 1995.

Maj. Gen. William P. Bland Jr., Georgia's adjutant general, said plans would be drawn up immediately to lessen the impact of the inactivation on citizen-soldiers and their families.

Though he feels optimistic about the chances for many National Guard members to find new positions in other units, he

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Georgia Adjutant General

did not rule out the possibility that the new round of cuts will result in some part-time as well as full-time soldiers being released or being forced to retire.

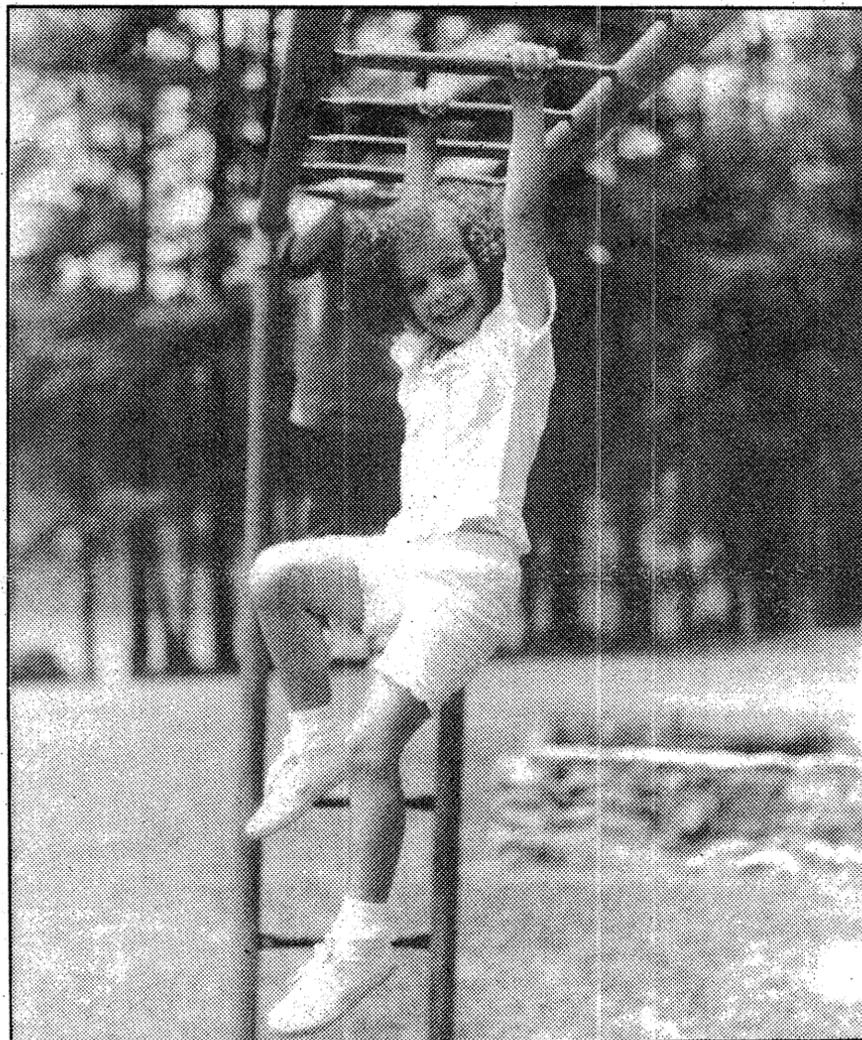
The move will affect some 726 authorized positions. However, only 26 full-time employees will be affected. The Georgia Army National Guard now has a total of 10,400 authorized spaces.

Bland added that he was also concerned for the communities where the units are located.

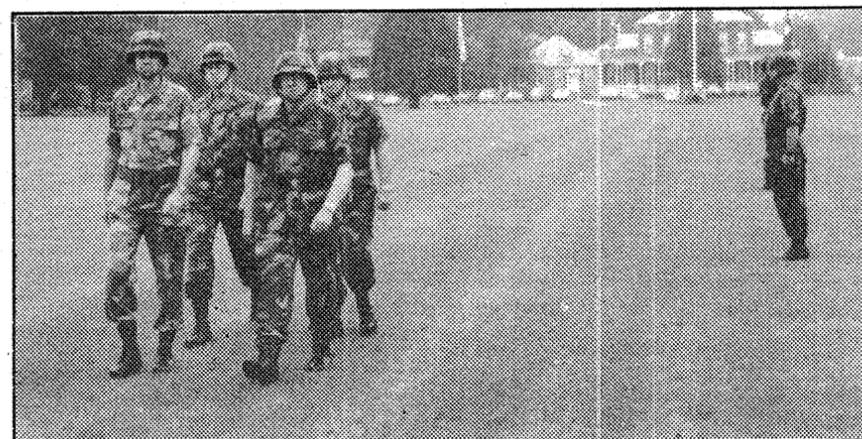
"The National Guard is a community-based defense force, and we are committed to maintaining a statewide presence," he said. "We will explore options that will let us reassign some of the other units in the state to fill the armories left vacant by the loss of the 560th Engineer Battalion."

Although every effort will be made to keep as many armories operating as possible, Bland said, some facilities may have to be closed or consolidated as a result of the cutbacks.

Swing high



An unidentified girl swings from a horizontal ladder during a family day picnic held by the soldiers of State Headquarters. The unit had the get-together in May at Stephens Lake on Fort Gillem. **More photos, page 11.**



Brig. Gen. Cecil Pearce turns over assistant adjutant general duties to Brig. Gen. Thomas McCullough. **Story and photos on page 14.**

Military Beat

Disney World Vacations

The Department of Defense has made a Disney World vacation more cost-effective for active duty, reserve and retired military and DoD civilians and their families.

Shades of Green on Walt Disney World Resort was recently renovated and reopened as a new Armed Forces Recreation Center in Orlando, Fla. The 288-room hotel is close to the Disney monorail system and shuttle buses to the Magic Kingdom, EPCOT Center and Disney-MGM Studios. Military discount tickets for these theme parks are purchased at the hotel.

Nightly room rates are on a sliding scale based on rank. Rooms feature two queen-size beds, sofa-bed and crib (if desired). Recreational amenities include two heated pools, lighted tennis courts, children's pool and play area, fitness center, two restaurants, cocktail lounge and arcade. Two golf courses are located nearby.

To make a reservation at the resort, call (407) 824-3600 or fax requests to (407) 824-3665.

Antidote Blamed

A six-month investigation by the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee has reported that the mysterious Persian Gulf Syndrome may be linked to a nerve gas antidote given to U.S. troops during Operation Desert Storm.

Medical experts announced that the antidote, known as pyridostigmine, causes known side effects that are similar to those shown by afflicted Gulf War veterans. They did not rule out other nerve toxins as a possible cause of the syndrome, however.

Lawmakers in Washington are pushing for legislation requiring the federal government to treat and compensate ailing Desert Storm veterans and their families quickly. At press time, a bill ordering the Pentagon to create an outreach and treatment program was about to be introduced in Congress.

New Call-Up Policy Proposed

Under the Pentagon's new strategy for fighting wars and keeping the peace in world trouble spots, reserve components figure strongly. So strongly, in fact that the Defense Department is seeking new call-up authority which would make it possible for the Secretary of Defense to place reservists on active duty status. Historically, only the president has had that power.

Lane discusses AT, retention, future

Annual Training is just around the corner for most of us and, as we plan for our rotations we must put the welfare of our soldiers above all else. That means that safety is a key issue, both when traveling to and from AT, and when executing our duties during AT.

We all are guilty of paying lip service to "taking care of our soldiers," but we must do more than that. We must remember that our soldiers are our customers, so we have to take care of their civilian and military needs.

Also, as we approach what has been a rite of summer for many of us for more years than we care to remember, the National Guard faces a challenge that becomes more difficult daily. There is a money crunch that will affect us all. It begins at the National Guard Bureau and flows to the states.

We face some hard decisions as we face further belt-tightening moves, leaving us to face here in Georgia still more cuts. There are fewer RMAs; AFTP days are being curtailed. For years we have become accustomed to being paid to come to training meetings prior to drill or AT. Leaders may be asked to attend these meetings out of love and dedication. Already, many aviators are flying AFTP days in non-pay status for retirement points.

There is an AGR hiring freeze, also dictated at the national level.

All these distractors are having a negative impact where we can least afford it — on our retention.

There is another key issue we face that has the rumor mill churning: our force structure. We still have no word on how this will affect the Georgia Army Guard, and whether we will face armory closings.

But we know that we will assume some roles that have traditionally been assigned to the Army Reserve, and vice versa. Never in our history has this happened. What are the long-term implications? We just don't know. We do know that, as an "enhanced brigade," the 48th must be maintained at 100 percent strength, which may mean pooling resources from other commands.

Our dual state-federal mission, however, is one rea-

Q & A: The new Air Force dress uniform regulations

Q: Can I wear the new service dress coat with my old uniform trousers or skirt?

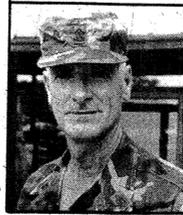
A: No. Only wear the new coat with the new trousers or skirt.

Q: Where does the officer rank insignia go on the new dress coat?

A: It is worn on the sleeve in the form of aluminum-color braids. The first braid begins two inches from the end of the sleeve. Ensure there is a 1/4-inch space between the sleeve braids.

Q: Where is the enlisted sleeve chevron worn?

A: Center it halfway between the shoulder seam and elbow when the elbow is bent at a 90-degree angle. Men



son why our survivability is as good as it is.

We are being heard, though. Command Sgt. Maj. Larry Pence, the NGB command sergeant major, recently visited state headquarters for a roundtable discussion of major issues with enlisted soldiers. Pence was accompanied by Second Army Command Sgt. Maj. Alley and Sgt. Maj. Gene Bennett, the National Guard Liaison from Forces Command.

Among the topics of discussion was Select, Train, Promote, Assign, which is a concept for enlisted soldiers are placed on an order of merit list (OML) at the major command level, so that soldiers will know where they stand in terms of promotability.

This is part of the total soldier concept, where all upward mobility is based on military and civilian education, awards and decorations and physical fitness, along with the basics, such as time in service and grade. This concept is scheduled to be in place by late next year.

We also gave the sergeants major a tour of the Georgia Military Institute, where they met with enlisted students at the academy to speak to their concerns.

One thing we must all remember. For the future our interface with the active component is crucial. The new buzzword is America's Army. The force will become more united.

Therefore, we must not forget that our priority as NCOs is training soldiers for combat, and making sure that we're physically, mentally and technically ready to do just that.



Sgt. 1st Class Randy Smith and Spec. Tabitha Couch make a presentation to Command Sgt. Maj. Larry Pence.

must wear the 4-inch sleeve chevron; women can wear either the 3 1/2 or 4-inch chevron. Wear only the new stripes on the new service dress coat.

Q: How are ribbons and badges worn on the new service dress coat?

A: Center ribbons immediately above the edge of the welt pocket in multiples of three or four. A maximum of three badges may be worn, with only one being an Air Force occupational specialty badge. It is worn centered 1/2 inch above the top row of ribbons. Duty badges are worn centered 1 1/2 inches below the top of the welt pocket.

Guard associations pay living tribute to Senator Sam Nunn

In the midst of some of the most distinguished military and civilian leadership in the country, The National Guard Association of Georgia unveiled the Sam Nunn Award in March and presented it to the first two recipients. Representatives Ronald V. Dellums and Sonny Montgomery were given the honor for their service and dedication to the readiness of the National Guard.

The award was presented at a ceremony at the National Guard Memorial, near Capitol Hill and attended by a large crowd that included more than 170 employers from across the Georgia who were visiting Washington as part of an ESGR trip. Also attending were notables such as the Honorable William Perry, Secretary of Defense; Senator Strom Thurmond of South Carolina; and Gen. (Retired) Colin Powell, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Presented by Brig. Gen. Cecil Pearce, president of the National Guard Association of Georgia, the award featured the likeness of Nunn, who is senior senator from Georgia and chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee. The bronze plaque was sculpted by world renowned Georgia artist Jim Rogers.

Senator Nunn opened the ceremony with thanks and praise to the men and women of the Georgia Guard. "I want to thank the National Guard Association of Georgia and in particular the employers who came to Washington today, because that are the people who make it possible for our Guard and Reserve members to be able to have the flexibility to serve this nation," he said.

He continued his praise of the commitment of National Guard soldiers and the first to recipients of the Nunn Award. "They are committed to strength and vitality of mission. Both men have had, at the centerpiece of their work, their commitment to the



Brig. Gen. Cecil Pearce, president of the National Guard Association of Georgia (far left), presents the Sam Nunn Award to Congressman Sonny Montgomery (second from right) at a ceremony at the National Guard Memorial in Washington. Looking on are Master Sgt. Ray Snow, president of the Georgia National Guard Enlisted Association, and Senator Nunn.

men and women who serve in uniform," said Senator Nunn.

The first recipient was Representative Dellums of California, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee. Upon receiving the award, Dellums said: "We come together in an extraordinary moment in American and world history. A moment charged with great opportunities and great challenges as we confront the realities of the post-Cold War world. I can say to you, with moral certainty, that I believe as my colleagues do, that the citizen-soldier has and will continue to play a significant role in the national security apparatus of the country."

Long-time supporter of the National Guard and namesake of the Montgomery GI Bill, Representative Montgomery of Mississippi, was the second recipient. "Sonny and I have worked on almost every piece of legislation affecting the men and women in the military service since I have been in the Senate," Nunn said. "Sonny is there when the parade is going on and when the troops are coming home. But he is also there during periods of time when there is no parade, where there is no enthusiasm for national security and where the voting for and standing for a strong national security is very difficult. Sonny is always there."

Dear Major: Advice column answers soldiers' common questions

Wickett discusses weekend drill, employment conflicts

By Maj. LAURA WICKETT
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Employee Support of Guard and Reserve

In a recent edition of the *Guardian*, I addressed the problem of scheduling conflicts with respect to weekend employment.

The cases in question involve Reservists-employees who work some, but not all weekends each month at their civilian job. The Reservists' complaints are that their employers having advance knowledge of their drill schedules, consistently alter their civilian work schedules so that they will be off

on the drill weekend. Thus, they are guaranteed having one less weekend free each month than they might if scheduled the same as other employees.

DOL obtained an opinion from the Solicitor of Labor. The opinion stated that as a rule, Reservists are not to be discriminated against because of their military affiliation. If an employer consistently alters the schedules of all employees to avoid conflicts with leave of absence (jury duty, for example), then the rescheduling of the Reservist who will otherwise miss work because of drill weekend may well be legal. However, if the rescheduling practice is aimed solely at a Reservist, then it is likely to be a violation of the law.

This is an issue that has to be addressed and resolved on a case-by-case basis. All questions can be directed to me, your unit "Mission One" representative or the National Ombudsman, Col. Dawson, at 1-800-336-4590.

The Georgia Committee for Employer Support

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of the Guard and Reserve is actively soliciting for ex-military personnel to volunteer in assisting service members with re-employment issues. All persons interested in becoming a "Mission One" volunteer should contact me at the Chief of Staff's office in Atlanta. The phone numbers are 1-800-282-422, extension 6141, or 404-624-6141. Leave your name, address and day time phone number. I will call you back.

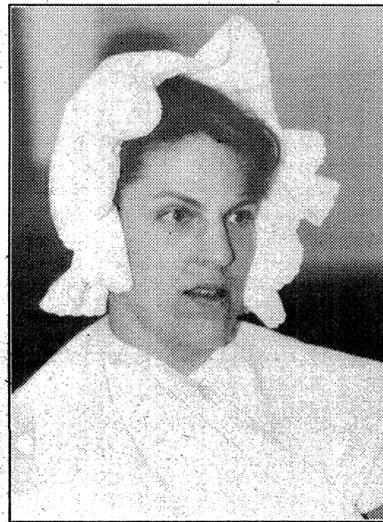
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WOMEN OF WAR



(FAR RIGHT) Chief Warrant Officer Beverly Pack portrays a woman dressed as a Confederate soldier during the Civil War. (RIGHT) Sgt. 1st Class Jaquie Haynes portrays Nancy Hart at the Women's History presentation.



Georgia women have an adventurous history in the military

Georgia Army National Guard soldiers got a chance to relive some bright moments in Georgia history when Chief Warrant Officer Beverly Pack, member of Headquarters STARC and the Board of Directors of the Georgia Militia and National Guard Society, acted out the role of Civil War heroine Lucy Matilda "Tom" Thompson as part of the Women's History Month festivities in March.

Pack, dressed in a replica Confederate uniform of amazing detail, was a very convincing Lucy Thompson, a strong woman who, disguised as a man, fought alongside her husband. Lucy served in the army undetected until her husband was killed.

The performance started with a rendition of the song "Dixie" followed by Pack, as Lucy Thompson, telling the stories of Mary Musgrove, the "Empress of Georgia"; Mary Kate, who rescued Georgia Governor Heard from the British by carrying him out of Fort Cornwallis in a laundry basket; and Nancy Hart, who defended her

home from the British in what is now Elbert County. She shot two of the redcoats and hung four from her oak tree in her backyard. Then there was Mary Gay from

soldiers. Said Pack, "Women had as much conviction as the men" in serving their country, fighting for freedom and sacrificing everything they had to their cause.

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Headquarters STARC

Decatur who opened her home to Confederates as a headquarters and ran supplies to the troops in the field; Zary Bard of Oxford who was a civil war spy; and a group of women soldiers from LaGrange called the "Nancy Harts" who defended their homes against Union soldiers.

Women throughout history fought in wars, according to Pack. Some served in traditional roles—as nurses or handling supplies while others fought in battles as

Women from more recent battles in Georgia's history also represented their contributions to history. Women from Georgia have served this country in every war in which Georgia has been involved. First Lt. Tonya Brinkley, now state family support coordinator, was mobilized in support of Operation Desert Storm as company commander of the 190th Military Police Company. Many of her artifacts and photographs were displayed at the event, includ-

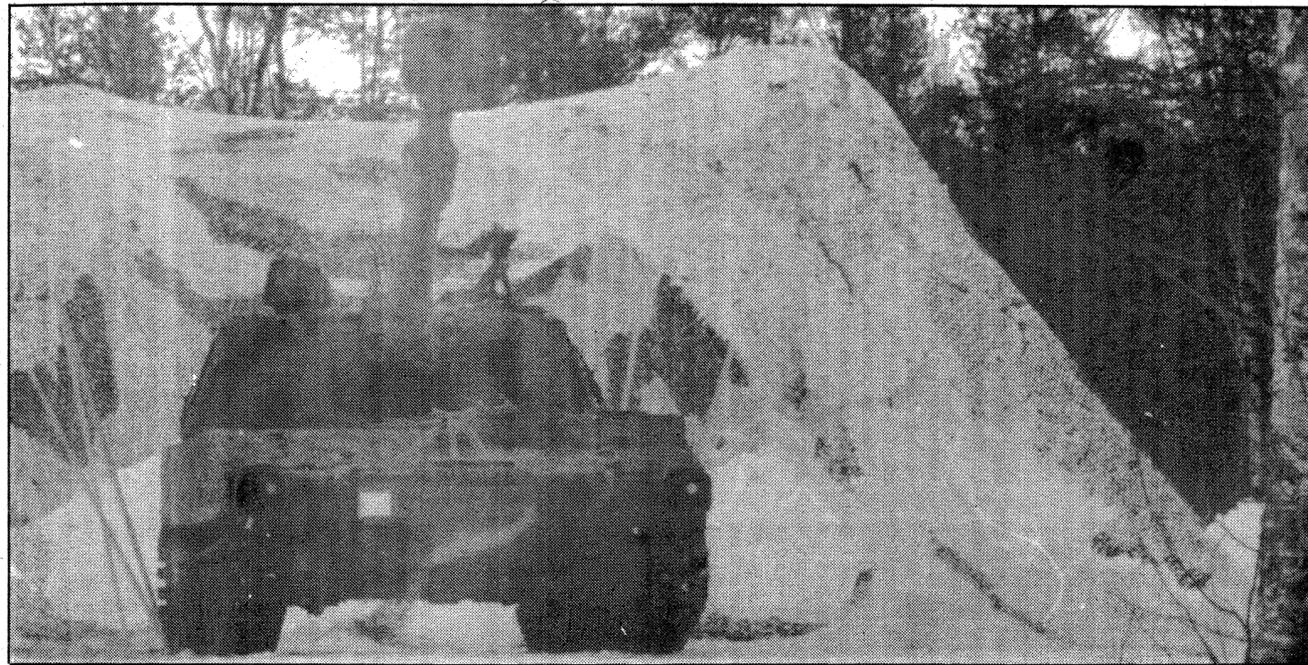
ing a long black robe called a abidi that she had to wear over her uniform whenever she entered the town near her unit's Saudi Arabian base camp.

"Our military wanted to respect the custom's of the country we were in," said Brinkley, "so we complied with their wishes in regard to our dress while in town."

Even so, as they were leaving she didn't don the heavy black robe.

"After seven months of providing them port security during the war, my uniform is what I wanted to be seen in as we left," she said.

As more women like Brinkley wear their uniforms with pride and are mobilized in support of this country, their representation in history will be remembered with the same pride as those women of long ago who stood up for our state and country during its infancy. The Georgia guard, through its history section, hopes to keep the memory of their contributions alive.



Some of the 1/214th's tracked vehicles such as the M-109 Howitzer shown above had a hard time gaining ground on the slippery Norwegian landscape.

Georgia guardsmen invade

SNOW country

1/214th Field Artillery represents U.S. in Norwegian exercise

By Cadet ERIC D. JOHNSON
124th MPAD

While the first warm days of spring greeted the state, 150 Georgia Army National Guard artillerymen were donning cold-weather gear for training in the Norwegian winter.

Members of the 1st Battalion, 214th Field Artillery, were the only U.S. Army representatives — and the only artillery unit — to participate in NATO's multinational Arctic Express exercise in March. Units from NATO countries, including Canada, Norway and Germany, deployed for the exercise.

The battalion, which has batteries in Elberton, Hartwell and Thomas, has trained in Norway on several occasions.

"This is a better job for us because

we train to deploy only to this location," said Lt. Col. William A. Thomas of Athens, commander of the battalion.

Arctic Express was developed by NATO to allow rapid deployment forces to train in Norway, because no foreign NATO troops are permanently stationed there.

The Georgia artillerymen trained near Bardufoss, Norway, which is about 700 miles north of Lillehammer and 300 miles inside the Arctic Circle.

"We train in the area where the Russians have traditionally invaded Norway," Thomas said.

In this area, officers and NCOs map out strategies on how they would defend and protect the area based on the terrain.

Besides having the opportunity to work with crack rapid-deployment NATO forces to train for the ever-present threat of invasion along the frontier, the 1st Battalion, 214th Field Artillery faced a more tangible threat — the bitter Norway winter.

"Last year it got the coldest of any time we've been there — minus 40 degrees Fahrenheit with a 40 mph wind," said Thomas.

"The biggest advantage to the cold is that it is so cold you don't get wet," added Thomas, who has been to Norway 12 times.

To deal with the cold, soldiers are issued cold weather gear — extreme cold weather boots and sleeping bags, parkas, extra-thick gloves, snow shoes, cross-country skis — the works.

Another problem facing the unit is that diesel fuel, which is used to run the tracks as well as heat the crew compartments, turns to jelly in the low temperatures.

"We sometimes have problems moving on the snow and ice," Thomas said. "Tracks don't do well on them. It's a scary experience to see a track coming down a hill sideways at you."

To help avoid problems with hypothermia and other cold-weather related dangers, the unit members must have "snow buddies" — a system where soldiers pay close attention to each other.

"The NCOs and officers have to watch their people for frost bite," said Thomas. "Because our feet sweat in the

boots, we have to change socks every two hours."

"Last year we just had two very minor injuries, even though there were five or six soldiers killed (from other countries) during the exercise," he said.

During their stay, the troops stay in extreme cold weather tents. Each tent has a heater inside, which can use either fuel or wood.

"We dig a cold hole in the middle of the tent and sleep on top of the snow," said Sgt. 1st Class Anthony "Porky" DeProspero of Monroe, the unit's wire chief.

The tents are about 45 degrees warmer inside than outside, and with the cold hole and heaters, the temperature inside the tents gets bearable — about 50 degrees.

Some of the soldiers take extra personal gear, even though they can only take two duffel bags and a carry-on bag.

"I take peanuts, bubble gum, sardines, foot powder, extra socks and lots of money," said Sgt. James Gibbs, the unit's clerk and a welder from Elberton.

The prices for food and drinks in Norway are a little more expensive than the states — \$10 for a hamburger, french fries and drink, or \$6 for 10 eggs.

"The kids speak English and they like to talk and ask questions," said Gibbs. "It's educational for the both of us."

48th escapes Pentagon hatchet, becomes 'enhanced brigade'

Escaping the hatchet of the Pentagon's "Bottom-Up Review" that sent waves of turmoil through many of the nation's guard units, Georgia's 48th Brigade will move to a elite list of 15 "enhanced" National Guard brigades nationwide.

"And of the 15 on the list, we are the most ready," said the unit's commander, Col. William T. Thielemann.

The 48th is one of only seven that is considered "enhanced, heavy." The seven units represent those former units that served as round-out brigades to active Army divi-

sions.

Under the new plan, these seven brigades will also be designed to operate independently of their assigned divisions.

"The top seven heavy (brigades) must be absolutely ready," said Thielemann, whose unit remains affiliated with Fort Stewart's 24th Infantry Division.

"That will provide us with some degree of priority with regard to the resources we need," he added.

One edge in strength enjoyed by the 48th, even over most of the other top seven, is

that the brigade will keep its 648th Engineer Battalion based in Statesboro.

While most of the other brigades will make due with only an company of engineers, the 48th, along with Mississippi's 155th Infantry Brigade, will continue to feature battalion-sized engineer elements.

"We were 'grand fathered' in before there was a change in the program last fall," Thielemann said.

The brigade is operating at about 95 percent strength, Thielemann said, with 4,440 of the unit's 4,665 positions

filled. Four brigade battalions will train at Fort Stewart this summer.

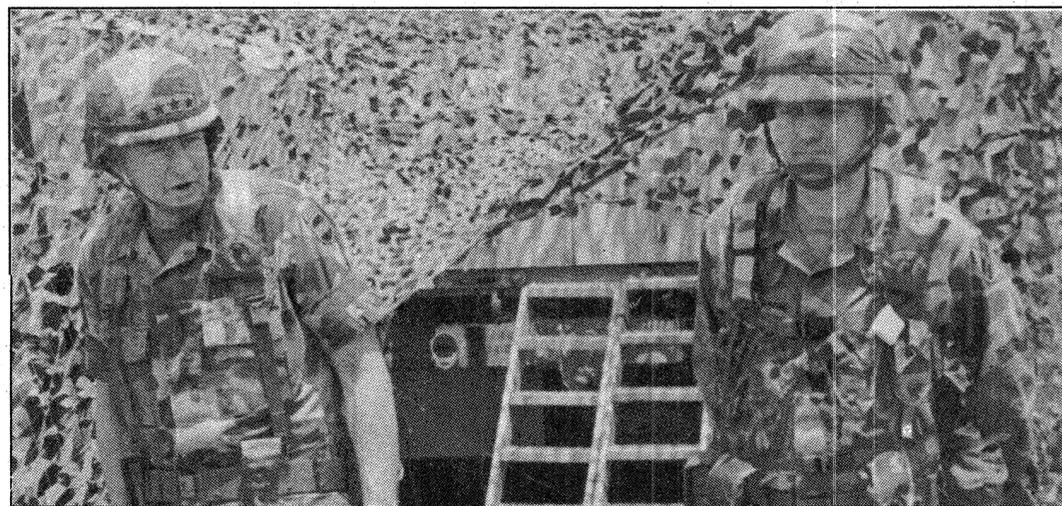
The brigade's armored cavalry troop -- Griffin's Troop E, 348th Cavalry -- will be the next unit from the brigade to deploy outside Georgia for training. The unit is set to land next summer at the Fort Polk, La., Joint Readiness Training Center.

The following summer, more of the brigade's soldiers go to Fort Irwin's National Training Center in California's Mojave Desert.

The 48th will also con-

tinue testing high-tech battle simulators for the National Guard Bureau. Testing by the guard gives NGB a better understanding of how well the equipment works when soldiers have limited training time.

"(The NGB) will provide us access to the latest training technology. Then NGB will compare our subsequent performance at the NTC with two other (Guard) brigades that will have trained there the same period without the access," Thielemann said.



Gen. Dennis J. Reimer, Forces commander, and Col. William T. Thielemann, commander of the 48th Infantry Brigade, recently toured training of soldiers in the 48th at Fort Stewart.

FORSCOM chief visits 48th during training

For two consecutive months, members of the Georgia Army National Guard's 48th Infantry Brigade (Mech) headquarters staff dug in at Fort Stewart for staff-oriented training.

Last month's division-wide Victory Spirit exercise found itself soon followed by the brigade's application of a Fort Leavenworth-directed battle-staff training

program conducted near Evan's Field.

That effort featured a day-long visit to the brigade staff by General Dennis J. Reimer, the four-star commander of Forces Command.

"You got an awful lot of great soldiers," Reimer said. "I'm terribly impressed with their dedication and motivation. There's a lot of professionalism going on out there."

Beginning last Thursday,

brigade staffers, joined by members of one of the brigade two main infantry battalions — the 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry, based in Albany — refined their ability to communicate in the field under highly stressful conditions.

Frequency hopping proved to be the order of the day, as the Army's latest communications gear met the challenge of field use.

Before visiting the brigade

Tactical Operations Center, and meeting with Col. William T. Thielemann, brigade commander, Reimer lunched with brigade troops at the Evan's Field dining hall.

"They very candid with me, as to the answers to questions that I had," Reimer said. "So, I guess the bottom line is that I was terribly impressed."

And prior to lunching with the soldiers, General Reimer visited Fort Stewart's Battle

Simulations Center, located very close to Evan's Field. "That equipment is going to help America's military across the board," Reimer said. "It's the wave of the future, no question."

Brigade members, like many Guard members around the country, have been increasingly looking forward to training with simulators as a way to enhance limited training time.

Victory Spirit computer exercise a hit for 48th Brigade

By Capt. ALAN FECTEAU
48th Bde. PAO

Anytime the Macon-based 48th Infantry Brigade (Mech) trains as part of Fort Stewart's active-duty 24th Infantry Division, it's a major league event.

And only weeks before the Atlanta Braves ripped-off seven straight wins to open 1994, closer to home brigade staff members hit a home run as part of a Fort Stewart-based, in-the-field computer exercise (CPX) dubbed "Victory Spirit."

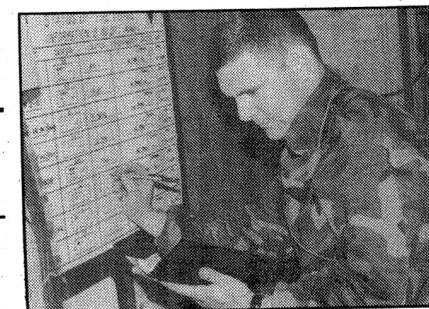
Brigade staff officers, NCOs and enlisted members occupied a controlled area near the fringes of Fort Stewart for more than a week dur-

ing the mid-March annual training period.

Staff members continuously processed battle plans and orders around the clock for the duration of the exercise as one of the 24th ID's key combat brigades.

"Our folks were a little nervous with it at first, but we've gained confidence quickly."

Highlighting the exercise, the brigade cut its collective teeth on the Army's latest tactical commo gear, a digitally-driven system known as Single Channel Ground-to-Airborne Radio Signal (SINGARS).

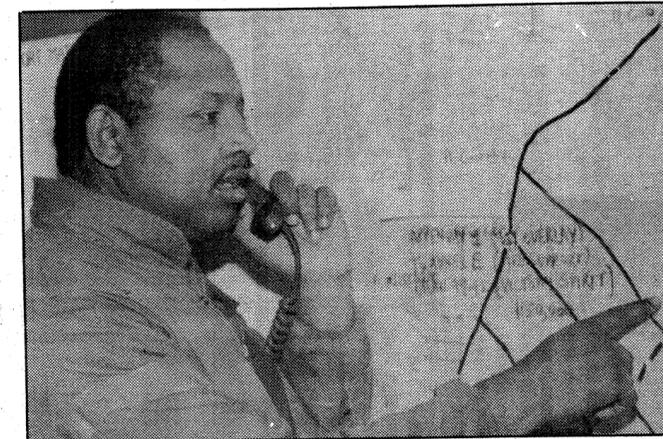


Capt. Ken Vaughn managed the battle from his Forward Command Post. Throughout the weeklong computer-driven exercise, the brigade staff once again trained alongside Fort Stewart's 24th Infantry Division. (Photo by Master Sgt. Willis Mitchell, 48th Brigade PAO).

"We turned it on, and we've been frequency-hopping with it throughout," explained Maj. Mike Cowan, brigade signal officer, in the field during the exercise. "Our folks were a little nervous with it at first, but we've gained confidence quickly."

The new system updates a pre-Vietnam era system, and provides a useful compliment to the more-recently-deployed Mobile Subscriber Equipment (MSE) cellular system.

The brigade established positions throughout the controlled area, corre-



POINTING THE WAY is Capt. Willie Reynolds, of Roberta and the 48th Infantry Brigade. Reynolds served as logistics officer inside the Tactical Operations Center during Victory Spirit, a March computer-driven exercise sponsored by Fort Stewart's 24th Infantry Division. (Photo by Master Sgt. Willis Mitchell, 48th Brigade PAO).

sponding to basic staff functions.

Included were members of the Georgia Air National Guard, who themselves established an Air Liaison Office (ALO) designed to coordinate mock close-air support missions.

The division plan called for the brigade to "move-to-contact," with two river crossings on the way to the enemy. The simulated location for the action was the Republic of Korea.

The brigade's forward tactical command post, headed by Capt. Ken Vaughn, received numerous division-generated orders, relaying them to the rest of the staff.

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Brigade staff members held off fatigue in this exercise, which featured more than 100 members trading 12-hour alternating shifts for a week.

Brigade staff members followed Victory Spirit with a drill-weekend After Actions Review (AAR), including a detailed review of the 48th's Tactical Operations Center (TOC) SOP, that Col. William T. Thielemann, brigade commander, called the "best I've seen in 20 years in this business."

Victory Spirit and the AAR also prepared the staff for a second round of AT near the end of April with another Fort Stewart CPX, this time linked to the Fort Leavenworth-based Battle Commander's Battle Staff Training (BCBST) program.

So after two "road swings," staff members opened the Macon-based brigade's summer-long annual training season the same way Atlanta's Braves opened their regular-season campaign — with a long winning streak and Victory Spirit.



ON LINE is Spec. Misti Hinson, of Danville, of the 48th Infantry Brigade. Brigade staff officers, NCOs and enlisted members withstood fatigue and the heat of battle throughout the exercise, conducted in a field environment, and hosted by Fort Stewart's 24th Infantry Division. (Photo by Master Sgt. Willis Mitchell, 48th Brigade PAO).

Down on Dope

Engineers rebuild camp

When engineers from the Georgia Army National Guard's 265th Engineer Group finish working, the compound that fed drugs into Atlanta's housing projects will have been converted into a refuge where children can go to learn to lead drug-free lives.

"As far as I am concerned, this is the best project that the Guard has ever worked on," says Didi Nelson, who coordinates anti-drug efforts among federal, state and local law enforcement officers for the U.S. Attorney's office in Atlanta.

"I can't tell you the thousands of kids you are going to help," she told members of the 878th Engineer Battalion from Sandersville, Louisville, Metter, Lyons and Augusta.

"I don't know what we would have done if it hadn't been for you all, because they sure couldn't have afforded to contract this out."

The "they" is the Georgia Sheriff's Association, which was given title to the compound, now named Camp Whitley after former U.S. Attorney Joe Whitley. The Sheriff's Association, and more than a dozen law enforcement agencies, will use the facility to provide a nature center and anti-drug programs for children throughout

Georgia.

While the buildings on the tract — two houses and a shed — were in advanced stages of deterioration, the site is breathtakingly beautiful.

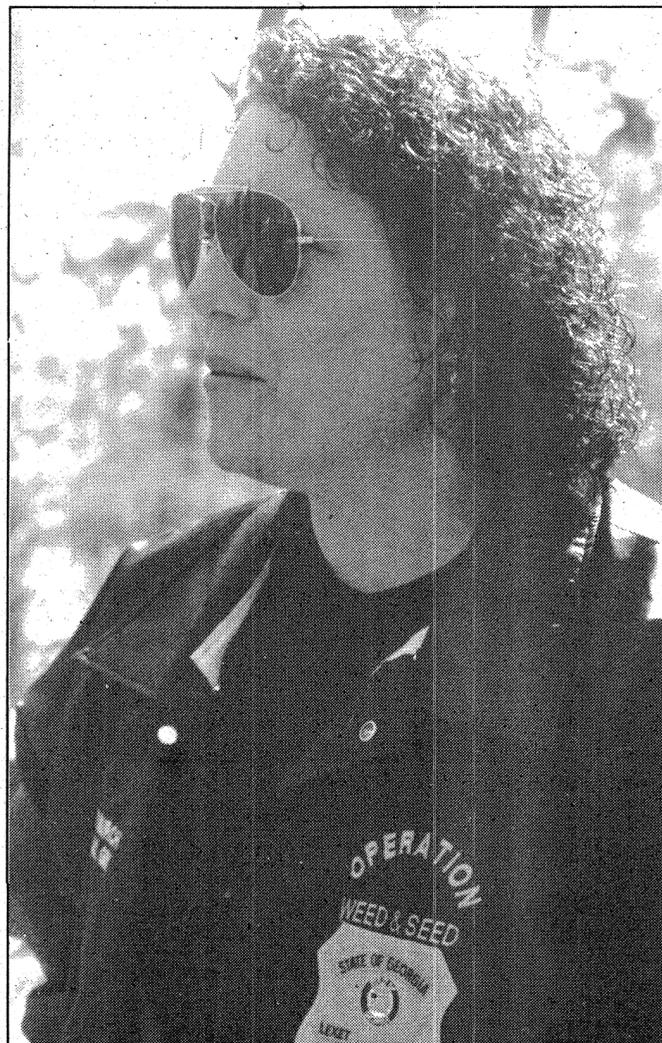
Both houses sit in a hardwood forest on hills overlooking a clear five-acre pond. Children, therefore, will be able to fish, swim, camp and roam nature trails on land a stone's throw from Six Flags.

The Guard's role was to make the facilities habitable. It was no simple task. During three years of legal proceedings following the drug-dealer's arrest, houses that already were in poor repair deteriorated further.

You name it, they did it. Grading, plumbing, sheetrock, carpentry, wiring and even new ground-up construction. They built an entirely new bath facility.

"These fellas have really done a superb job," said Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Dess D. Smith III. "The training has been outstanding. All of the tasks they are doing here are related to what we would have to do for our wartime mission, so it really gives them an opportunity to better their MOS skills."

Nelson, visiting the project to survey the progress, addressed a group of engineers dining on MREs. "I've lived with this property for two years now and I can't begin to tell you how great a job you are doing," she said. "What a difference. I don't feel scared to walk here anymore and when I first came out here, I did."



(ABOVE) Didi Nelson coordinates anti-drug efforts among federal, state and local law enforcement officers for the U.S. Attorney's office in Atlanta. (LEFT) Staff Sgt. George Dudley of Company B, 878th Engineer Battalion planes the door frame of a new building at Camp Whitley.



Ballfields 'a way to give something back' to community

This one felt different. Engineers commonly take pride in their work. But this one, the construction of three youth athletic fields in Troup County, was somehow more special.

Capt. Roger Moore, commander of LaGrange's Co. C, 560th Engineers, knew why, too.

"The morale on this project was higher than I have ever seen it," said Moore, fleet sales manager for Auburn Ford-Mercury in Auburn, Ala.

"It was because most of the guardsmen who were involved have kids or know neighborhood kids who go to one of these three schools. This was a way for them to return something to their community."

During dedication ceremonies on May 14, the community turned out to show its appreciation. The chairman of the county commission, the school superintendent, LaGrange's mayor, the chairman of the county's parks and recreation commission, a state representative and a representative of Gov. Zell Miller, all came to express their appreciation.

"It's a great job," said County Commission Chairman Ben Thompson Jr. "It was completed on time and is an example of what different levels of government can accomplish working together."

The first pitch dedicating the new Rosemont Elementary School field was thrown out by Sgt. First Class Bruce Pike of LaGrange, the full-time readiness NCO. He was selected for the honor because of his work in seeing the projects through.

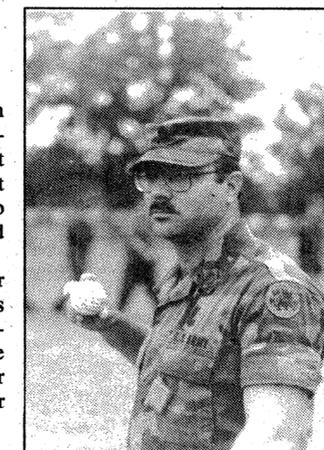
He saw the three ballfields as "a way to give something back and to let them know that we're here to support this community, not just to go to war or to go to Ft. Stewart to train."

The materials for construction of the three fields — Rosemont, Hillcrest and Long Cane — were provided by the community. Guardsmen provided equipment and labor to construct a concession stand, fencing, dugouts, lines, plumbing and elec-

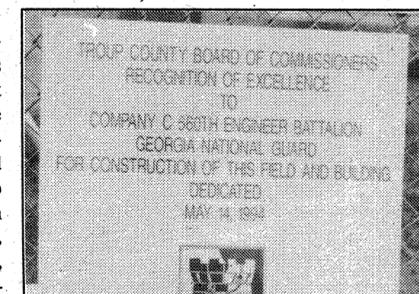
trical wiring.

Altogether, about 100 Guardsmen were involved in an annual training capacity over a five-week period. Most were from the LaGrange company, but guardsmen with needed skills were also recruited from Companies B, D and Headquarters.

In praising the guardsmen for their work, Thompson said, "We feel this project has been an excellent combination of training opportunity for the guard, providing needed facilities for our youth, and a savings of dollars for the taxpayers of Troup County."



(TOP) A 6-year-old youth prepares to receive the first pitch at a new constructed ballfield. (ABOVE) Sgt. Bruce Pike, C Company, 560th Engineers, throws the first pitch. (LEFT) Shown is the plaque to be mounted at the new ballfield.



Inside the Air Guard

116th Fighter Wing gets top marks

A Georgia Air National Guard unit received outstanding marks recently when some of its programs were inspected by the 9th Air Force inspector general and the National Guard Bureau.

According to ANG public affairs, the 116th's F-15 Eagle Standardization and Evaluation program was labeled "outstanding" by the inspector general.

In addition, evaluators from NGB gave the unit outstanding marks for its C-26 flying program. Both inspections were conducted at the same time.

"The results (of these evaluations) further confirm the level of overall commitment and performance which unit members show as Georgia's Citizen-Guardsmen," said the unit's commander, Brig. Gen. Stephen G. Kearney.

165th flies 100,000 hours without accident

The Savannah-based 165th Airlift Group in January completed 100,000 hours of flying without accident.

The unit's last accident was when a C-130 crashed in Alaska in 1970. Since then, the unit has flown over Central and South America, Saudi Arabia, Canada and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

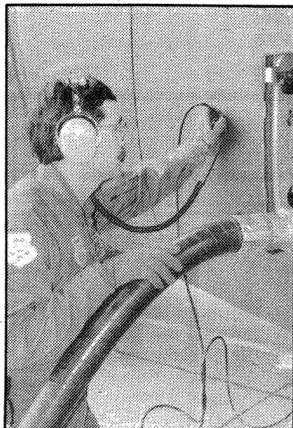
New Air Force dress uniforms available

Georgia Air National Guard members can now purchase the new Air Force dress uniforms at 41 military clothing sales stores.

Several changes have been made to the new dress uniforms. From now on, officers will display their rank insignia in the form of sleeve braids rather than the traditional shoulder boards. For enlisted airmen, sleeve chevrons will be worn midway between the shoulder seam and elbow.



Airmen with the 165th prepare Meals-Ready-to-Eat for airdrops that provided necessary relief to scores of Bosnians left without food and medical supplies.



Staff Sgt. Joel Rud refuels a C-130 during a stop at Split, Croatia, after several humanitarian flights into Sarajevo.

Boxes for Bosnia

165th TAC brings relief to war victims

For nearly a year, the people of former Yugoslavia have had little to count on except sniper bullets, lack of shelter and lack of food.

But in September 1993, some, not all, could at least count on a little comfort dropping from the skies.

That month, members of the Savannah-based 135th Air Lift Group deployed to Rhein-Main Air Base in Germany to participate in Operation Provide Promise.

From there, they launched night flights over the country, helping drop over 10,000 tons of food and nearly 200 tons of medical sup-

plies to war-stricken Balkans living on the edge of existence.

Night drops to Bosnia-Herzegovina began seven months after the July 1992 land missions to Sarajevo. On average, six C-130s flew each night in three-plane formations, as well as one French C-160 and one German C-160. One of those C-130s was usually from the 135th.

The drops, made from high altitude, were always tricky. Sometimes the supplies didn't reach the people they were intended for.

"We realized that we may be feeding 'good' guys as well as 'bad' guys," flight engineer Andrea Hedenstrom said. "But that's the chance you take."

ANG's first equal opportunity NCO named

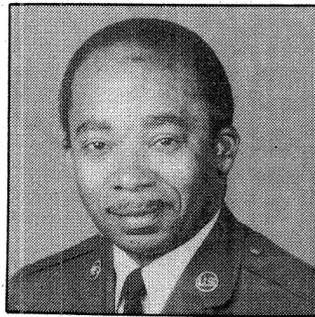
To ensure the members of Georgia's Air National Guard reflect the state's melting pot of races, Maj. Gen. William P. Bland, state adjutant general, recently appointed the first noncommissioned officer to recruit and retain minority airmen throughout the state's units.

Air Force Master Sgt. Watson Fluellen accepted his assignment as the ANG's first human resource force management noncommissioned officer earlier this year. His office is located at the Georgia ANG Headquarters in Atlanta.

"I view my assignment as an opportunity to assist in building a quality

Georgia Air National Guard for today and tomorrow," Fluellen said. "In building that quality force, we are going to be constantly faced with doing more with less. But we still have an obligation to recruit in a manner that would allow our units to mirror Georgia's demographics. Every citizen should be allowed the opportunity to feel the joy and pride in serving a great state and a great nation."

Previously, Fluellen served with the 202nd Engineering and Installation Squadron in Macon where he worked as safety manager, NCO-in-charge of retention, air traffic controller and radar



Master Sgt. Watson Fluellen

dar maintenance chief.

As a civilian, he is a personnel advisor at Robins Air Force Base in Warner Robins.



Fun, food and sun

A Christmas get-together is great for children but a springtime cookout by the lake offers fun, food and sun for the whole family, says Lori Cason, president of the family support group for State Headquarters.

(CLOCKWISE FROM TOP) Lori Cason, president of the family support group and Sgt. 1st Class Jacquie R. Haynes keep the food line moving. Here they serve Sgt. 1st Class Joel Ruthledge of Snellville. Bobbing for apples requires planning, daring and persistence. Adam Strange demonstrates the technique while enjoying family day at Ft. Gillem. It's a businessman's holiday for Sgt. 1st Class Gene Parker, Headquarters Company's food service officer. During family support day festivities, he gets to smoke up the hamburgers and hot dogs.



Georgia RAID team routs the rest in national competition

For Georgia Army National Guard Captain Jeffrey Henderson's Reconnaissance and Interdiction Detachment (RAID), winning the national RAID competition in St. Louis in April was all part of a day's work. The unit also placed a respectable fourth out of 14 teams in the National Precision Helicopter Competition in Las Vegas in May.

Henderson's seven-man RAID team operates full-time as a covert, intelligence-gathering asset for local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. In their specially outfitted OH-58 helicopters, the team utilizes the latest navigation and communications technology to combat the drug problem in Georgia.

It is a job they love, and obviously one for which they have great talent.

"I'm extremely proud of the way the team performed at the two competitions," explained Henderson. "In April, we were named the number one RAID team in the entire country by the National Guard Bureau, followed in May by a strong team showing at the Precision Helicopter Competition."

Precision flying tests teams' abilities to demonstrate difficult, timed flying techniques under stressful conditions — which pretty much is a description for the Georgia RAID team's daily job. After all, 80 percent of their flying is done at night, with strict time constraints, under dangerous conditions.

During the competition, Henderson and co-pilot CW4 Ralph Caraballo encountered navigating without electronics in a 100 square kilometer area, precision hovering and flying with a full bucket of water (which had to be set down upon circle the diameter of the bucket).

"The competition was very stiff. We were the only team that had never entered before and faced several repeat championship teams," said Henderson. "After maintaining third place for most of the event, we took fourth, but assured ourselves a spot on the U.S. team at the International Championships in Moscow."

In August, Henderson and his team will fly to Hamburg, Germany to practice with the U.S. team. Then it will be off to Moscow to compete against 13 other countries including Britain, France, Russia and Germany for the coveted international title, riding a wave of excitement from the recent competitions.

Chaplain Corps is a diverse group

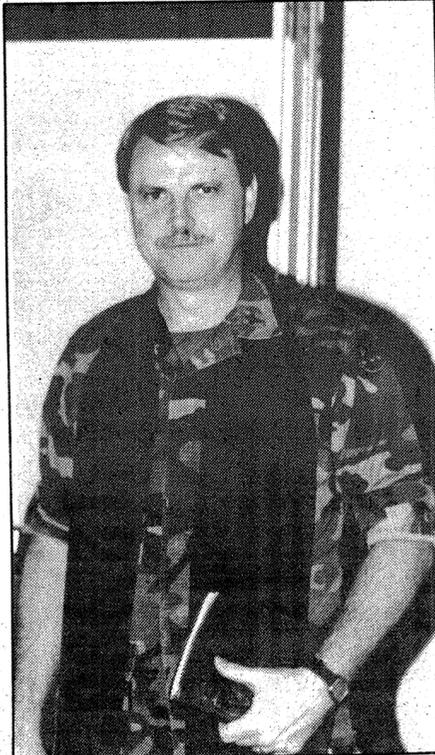
There are 17 Army chaplains in the Georgia Guard, and they are as diverse as the guard itself. Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, Southern Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian denominations care represented by the officers serving in the unique and important role of chaplain.

Lt. Col. Frank Powers, State Area Command Chaplain, strives for a representative mix as he structures the ministry team in Georgia. Since the majority of Georgia guardsmen claim to be Southern Baptist, the ministry team needs Southern Baptist pastors, said Powers, who is associate pastor of the Central Baptist Church in Douglasville.

He tries to recruit ministers from all the religions represented in the guard, although some such as Catholic priests and Jewish rabbis, are difficult to find and recruit.

In any case, the chaplains in the Georgia Guard are committed to helping soldiers have the opportunity to observe their religious traditions even if no chaplain of their faith is available. "We often arrange for lay people or pastors from nearby communities to give communion or service during annual training," said Powers.

Chaplains, in addition to their religious duties, counsel guard members with personal problems or guard-related problems, and provide commanders guidance on morale, religious and cultural matters. Because they are on call, guard chaplains often step in if needed at times other than drill to visit soldiers and their families at the hospital, or officiate military funerals and weddings.

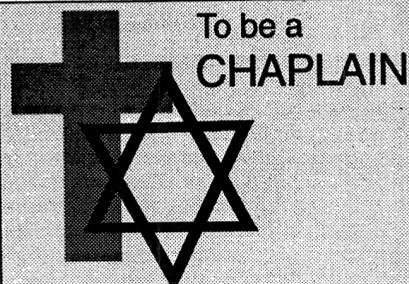


Maj. Ron Crews, a longtime guard chaplain, holds services at State Headquarters during a recent drill.

Among the most difficult jobs of a chaplain are casualty notification and acting as casualty assistance officers. Maj. Ronald A. Crews, Administrative Chaplain at State Area Command, knows firsthand the difficulty a soldier's family goes through when their loved one is a casualty. "One year a soldier had a heart attack during AT," said Crews. "Thank God that doesn't happen very often. It was unclear at first exactly what happened to the soldier. I stayed with them all day until we found out that the husband had died. Then I was there every day for days to help the family."

Crews, who is also a representative in the state of Georgia House of Representatives, is pastor of the New Covenant Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, is a typical chaplain serving in the Georgia Guard. He's educated, dedicated to the guard and to his congregation, and committed to ensuring that the soldiers of the guard get the moral and religious support they need to carry out their mission.

Check your unit's training schedule for religious service times and location.



You need:

- A four-year college degree
- A three-year seminary degree
- An endorsement from your church.
- To complete officer basic and officer advanced courses
- To be recommended by the State Area Command chaplain and approved by the commander of the unit after an interview process

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Southern Baptist, Pooler
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Army gives back nostalgic NGTC chapel

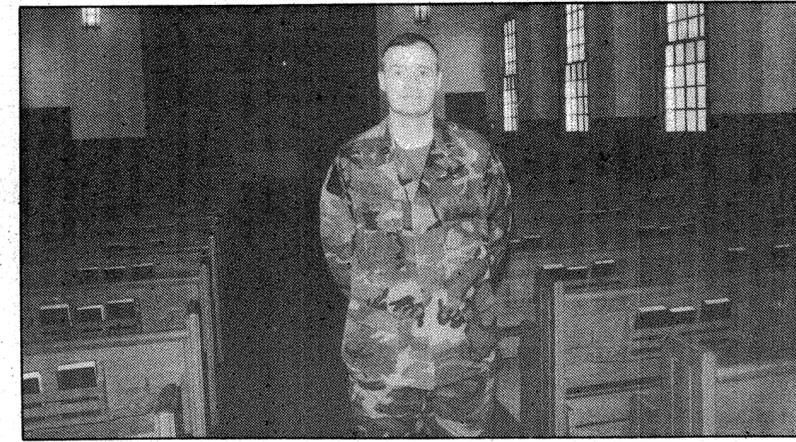
Soldiers training at Fort Stewart this summer will be able to attend worship services in the National Guard Training Center's historic chapel for the first time in 10 years.

For the last decade the chapel has been used by active-duty soldiers and their families.

It was returned to the National Guard last August year and immediately refurbished. Guardsmen attended their first service in the chapel in October. Some 150 Guardsmen and family members attended worship services in December during family day for the 75th Engineer Detachment and other Guard members who work at Fort Stewart.

"It's been great," said Capt. Steven Thornton, a Guard chaplain from Savannah who served with the 1st Armored Division during Operation Desert Storm. "The congregation is growing every month."

The chapel was built dur-



Staff Sgt. Elliott Minor/124th MPAD

ing the 1940s. It is typical of the so-called "contonment chapels" build during the World War II era, usually in training areas.

"There's no kitchen, no classroom, but just for basic simplicity and beauty, they're hard to beat," Thornton said. "The beams, the wood roof and the lighting through the windows make it a great place

to worship."

The chapel seats about 175. It has a balcony and one restroom in the rear that was added later.

Thornton, pastor of South Gardens Baptist Church in Savannah, hopes the chapel will allow the guard to have a more active chapel program during annual training. Someday,

Guard members may be able to attend evening worship services, Bible study programs and fellowship programs.

"We want to continue to make the chapel a better facility. It's for the National Guard soldiers and their families. It's not just for chaplains," Thornton said.

Already a Savannah of-

icer has booked the chapel for a military wedding, complete with dress blues and a sabre arch.

"The more you can do to bring people in with chapel programs ... the better off in the long run," Thornton said. "When you get to a deployment, those families will trust their unit leadership."

Georgia Guard's only Catholic chaplain to retire

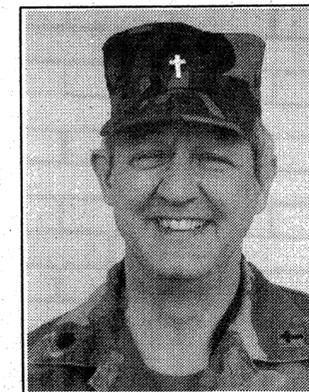
It doesn't take very long to realize that the Georgia Army National Guard is made up of soldiers who came not only from the active Army but other branches of the armed forces as well. Marine Corps bulldogs and Navy anchors tattooed on forearms can be a frequent sight in Georgia Guard chow lines.

Lt. Col. Thadd Rudd, the Catholic chaplain for Headquarters Company, 265th Engineer Group in Marietta, is also one of those "mongrel" soldiers. Rudd, who retires next month after 22 years in the Guard, started his military career in the Naval Reserve.

Nothing too out of the ordinary there; Rudd's career starts to take a sharp curve when you find out that he started as an Episcopal minister. He petitioned the Vatican in the late 80s and was ordained in 1991, making him the only Catholic chaplain in the Georgia Guard and one of about 50 Catholic priests in the nation who are married.

Rudd and his wife of 32 years, Sherri, have three children and two grandchildren. He came to Georgia after first serving in the Wisconsin Guard as a battalion chaplain in an infantry unit.

"I didn't know a general from a private," he said, laughing. "I knew nothing about the Army!"



Lt. Col. Thadd Rudd

Rudd, who likes to call himself the "worst chaplain in the Army," served in the Persian Gulf with other members of the 265th, attached to the 82nd Airborne Division.

It was there in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait that Rudd picked up the nickname "Chaplain Twinkie."

"I would load up a "cuc-vee" with fruit, food and mail and deliver to the units along the front lines," Rudd

said. Among the items he gave to the troops were "Twinkie" snack cakes that had been airlifted to Rudd after he sent a letter to the bakery.

"I told them that just seeing an empty "Twinkie" wrapper in a war zone brought me back to my childhood," he explained. The bakery responded by sending one million snack cakes, according to Rudd.

"It was an interesting sight to see," said Major John McEvoy about Rudd's trips to the front lines. "He looked like Jed Clampett coming down the road with his truck overloaded."

McEvoy, the S-3 officer for the 265th, would sometimes accompany Rudd on his morale-boosting missions. "He worked hard," McEvoy said. "He would take that truck through mud up to the door panels."

According to McEvoy, Rudd would sometimes go on the supply runs alone, in potentially dangerous places, to support the troops. "He's a good chaplain," said McEvoy. "I'm going to miss him."

The feeling is mutual with Rudd, who will continue to serve as a civilian priest at All Saints Catholic Church in Dunwoody.

Rudd said that he never missed a drill in 22 years. "The Guard pay put my kids through college."

Pearce retires; McCullough takes over as ATAG

Brig. Gen. Thomas L. McCullough has assumed the position of Georgia's Assistant Adjutant General, Army.

In this position he will command the Georgia Army National Guard and be responsible for combat readiness and training. Gov. Zell Miller announced the appointment in April.

He replaces Brig. Gen. Cecil L. Pearce who is retiring from the National Guard following a distinguished career that spanned nearly 40 years. McCullough's appointment became effective on May 1.

McCullough's 32-year military career includes a variety of assignments on active duty, in the U.S. Army Reserve and in the Georgia Army National Guard. He served in the infantry, Special Forces, and airborne units. He served three tours as a battalion commander and most recently was commander of Troop Command, headquartered in Decatur.

A native Atlantan, McCullough is a 1961 graduate of Georgia Institute of Technology and in his civilian career is a Purchasing Manager for Lockheed Aircraft Systems, Marietta.

Pearce has served as the state's Assistant Adjutant

General, Army, since his appointment by Miller in 1992. A resident of Snellville, he began his career in the Georgia Army National Guard as a private in 1955, and was commissioned after graduation from the Infantry Officer's Candidate School at Fort Benning in 1959.

His long military career included a number of com-

mand and staff positions. He was commander of the 1st Battalion, 230th Field Artillery, commander of the 118th Field Artillery Brigade and commander of Troop Command. He is president of Rogers Bridge Company, Inc., an Atlanta highway construction company.



CHANGING OF THE GUARD—Left to right, Brig. Gen. Thomas McCullough, Maj. Gen. William P. Bland and Brig. Gen. Cecil Pearce salute during change of command ceremonies.

Pearce retires after 39 years' service

Brig. Gen. Cecil L. Pearce has a new plan of attack for his weekends.

No more will he work a day job as president of Rogers Bridge Co., Inc., change into uniform for staff meetings that can run well into the night, and spend most every weekend performing duties as Assistant Adjutant General for the Georgia Army National Guard.

Now that he is retired from his military job, but not his civilian, he has a lot of catching up to do.

He will learn the computer.

He will learn to play a musical instrument.

And he will learn to speak a foreign language.

"I just need to know more about that technology," he says of computers. "Increasingly,

computers are getting to be more and more important in our everyday lives and it has become so obvious to me that I don't know enough about them."

On a musical instrument: "I sit down at the piano and I know where Middle C is and that kind of thing. I admire people who can take a musical instrument and make it do anything. I see it as a challenge I can rise to and get personal enjoyment from. My playing may never bring pleasure to others, but it will to me. I think it'll be the piano, but it could be the guitar."

Reading and language are something he will do for pleasure. Both his military and civilian jobs required heavy technical reading, leaving little time

to read for the sheer enjoyment of it.

Now that he has the time, he'll indulge his mind.

Over the 39 years he has been in military service, personal time has been a precious commodity.

After he was named assistant adjutant general in August, 1992, it became rare indeed. Unlike his predecessors, he kept his civilian job and served as a ATAG part-time.

It meant incredible hours. He scheduled weekly staff meetings in the evenings. On those days, he rose at 0530 to be at his civilian job by 0700 or 0730.

After a full day, his staff meetings would start at 6 p.m. With individual meetings held afterwards, he usually did not

MILESTONES FOR BRIG. GEN. PEARCE

- Aug. 59 — Commissioned Second Lieutenant, OCS.
- June 66 — Commander, HQ, 3rd Battalion, 118th Artillery
- Jan. 69 — Commander, Battery A, 1st Bn, 230th Artillery
- Nov. 82 — Commander, 1st Battalion, 230th Field Artillery
- June 88 — Commander, 118th Field Artillery Brigade
- Aug. 92 — Assistant Adjutant General



leave the reservation until 11 p.m. or later.

"It's been very, very demanding, but both of my bosses

have been very understanding," Pearce says. "Anytime there has been a crisis at either place, I have been able to respond."

Just before he retired, Brig. Gen. Cecil L. Pearce sat down to reflect on the Georgia Army National Guard and its future. Here are excerpts from that interview:

Q: You are the first ATAG for Army in recent memory to take this position on a part-time basis. Can it be done part-time?

A: My opinion is that it would not be. Somebody full-time needs to be available. That's what this position deserves. I can see that there would be full-time guards-

men and traditional M-Day guardsmen qualified and available to take it on a full-time basis. Fortunately for the guard, there are still people like Tom McCullough who can retire from their civilian jobs and accept this.

Q: What has been the most difficult challenge of your command?

A: The most difficult was the uncertainty of the times, the lack of definite information from National Guard Bureau as to what the final structure of the Georgia Army Na-

tional Guard would be. And that was because of the lack of definite information from the Department of Defense and Congress. Many times we would respond and find out a short time later that the situation had changed. I expect to see that for the foreseeable future.

Q: What impact does that uncertainty have on individuals in the Georgia Guard?

A: It's very much of an impact. We have very good soldiers, enlisted and officers, who are leaving

the ranks because they see downsizing as a very personal threat. The sooner we can give them the most accurate information available that is somewhat final, the sooner we can get over the exodus of fully qualified, trained soldiers.

Q: What do you think you'll miss most about the guard?

A: The people, no question. My very best friends are people in the Guard, and I most definitely will miss them the most.

Having other things to think about

Keeper of National Guard Training center retires this month

By Staff Sgt. ELLIOTT MINOR
124th MPAD

It's 6 a.m. and the sun is beginning to rise over the pine trees at Fort Stewart. The mockingbirds are singing and in the distance, there's the drone of a truck engine as troops prepare for another day of training.

Already Col. Bobby Duncan is making the rounds in his gray Chevrolet. He's checking the National Guard Training Center, the 742-acre complex he has commanded for nearly 11 years.

It's a big responsibility: 634 buildings, including 225 barracks, 61 mess halls, a dispensary and a chapel. There's the plumbing, the ice machines and the air conditioning to worry about, not to mention the strange behavior of some of the troops who stay there.

Soon he will have other things to think about. Duncan will retire on June 15, ending a 37-year National Guard career.

"It's been good. Enjoyable," says the 56-year-old officer.

Duncan started as a battery commander in Elberton. He's been a battalion and brigade staff officer. He commanded Georgia Military Institute from 1976 to 1980, when he was promoted to deputy chief of staff for training.

With downsizing and fewer training dollars, the National Guard Training Center



Maj. Gen. Billy Jones, the Adjutant General of Tennessee, (left) was one of the many Guardsmen from across the southeast who was on hand to congratulate Col. Bobby Duncan, site manager of the National Guard Training Center at Fort Stewart during his retirement celebration.

is more important than ever, Duncan says.

"I believe we will see more utilization," he says. "They're going to be coming here instead of some of the exotic places."

The training center at Fort Stewart is a major training site for Army Reservists and Guard members from Tennessee, Florida, Georgia and South Carolina. For the first time since the Cuban missile crisis in 1962, it became a major mobilization site in 1990 and 1991 for troops needed during the Persian Gulf War.

"Units would arrive all hours of the day and night and leave all hours of the day and night," Duncan says. "That is a main mission, to keep it ready."

Duncan's successor is Lt. Col. Ray Grant, another experienced National Guard officer. Grant, a former administrative officer with the 560th Engineer Battalion in Columbus, is the state's facilities engineer. In that job he is responsible for the management and maintenance of all Army National Guard buildings in Georgia.

Anyone who visits the training center can see that Duncan has done his job well. On some posts, reservists get rude treatment and wind up in substandard housing with flaky paint and brown ooze flowing from the taps.

Duncan's staff is friendly and polite and even the open-bay barracks reflect his concern for the comfort of others.

He is not the only one responsible for the improvements. His wife, LInell, has also had a say. She made suggestions for the renovations of two historic houses, where VIPs can live comfortably and entertain guests.

The Duncans already have plans for life after the National Guard.

"We're going to play lots of golf and do a little hunting," he says. "We've never taken a cruise. We'll probably do that first."

At some point, Duncan says, he'll decide what else he wants to accomplish, professionally.

"I've got some good years left," he says. "I may seek something part-time."

Providing shelter and sup-

plies for the thousands of troops who training at Fort Stewart is a seven-day-a-week job for Duncan and his staff of carpenters, plumbers, electricians, groundskeepers and clerks.

Things have changed a lot since 1959 when Duncan spent his first night at Fort Stewart — in a tent. One of the latest additions is a new Volvo trash truck.

"It's got a moon roof, bucket seats and a stereo," he says. "I don't have any trouble getting anyone to drive the trash truck."

Bye, Bye Bobby Duncan. Thanks for the televisions, the hot showers, the clean sheets, the alarm clocks, the air conditioning and the toilets that flush.

Gunn takes charge of Troop Command

Col. David W. Gunn, whose military career has spanned more than 30 years, assumed command of Troop Command last month.

Gunn replaces Brig. Gen. Thomas McCullough, who was named assistant adjutant general-Army for the Georgia Army National Guard.

A native of Mississippi, Gunn had been chief of the Plans and Operations Division at State Headquarters.

Troop Command is one of four major commands in the Georgia Army National Guard. Its component units in-

clude artillery, military police, aviation and maintenance.

Gunn, of Doraville, was commissioned in the Ordnance Corps in 1964 as a member of the third class to be graduated from the Georgia Military Institute (GMI) in Macon. He has served as platoon leader in a maintenance company, technical supply officer, shop officer, and company executive officer.

He was commander of a maintenance company and served as a battalion commander.

Gunn later returned to GMI, where

he served as deputy commandant, commandant and director of schools, before joining state headquarters as training officer.

Gunn holds a political science degree from Mississippi State University, and a law degree from the Woodrow Wilson School of Law.

In his civilian career, Gunn recently retired from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta after 32 years of service. He currently practices law with the firm of Blandford and Werbin in Chamblee.

Q & A with Pearce

Nutrition notes

Study: Fruits and vegetables help against colon cancer

A new study shows that eating plenty of vegetables, fruits and grains reduces the risk of colon cancer. The same study also found that taking low doses of aspirin was associated with lower risk.

Researchers analyzed the diet, lifestyles and behavior of more than one million men and women through the use of questionnaires. The American Cancer Society-sponsored research used volunteers from all 50 states, Guam and Puerto Rico to conduct the study.

Men who consumed the least vegetables and grains and no aspirin had a 2.5 times higher risk of contracting colon cancer. Women faced almost 3 times higher risks compared to those who ate the most vegetables and consumed aspirin at least 16 times per month.

Labelling helps health-conscious consumers

In an effort to help consumers follow dietary guidelines emphasizing the importance of a well-balanced diet, new nutrition labels will soon appear on nearly all packaged food.

Nutritional claims such as "lean, free, low, reduced, light fresh and healthy" will also be strictly controlled. For example, for a processor to describe its product as "low in fat," a serving must contain fewer than four grams of fat.

Developed by the Departments of Agriculture and Health and Human Services, the new labels will list information about the nutrients in food at the time of purchase. To assist the public in understanding the new labels, the government is creating a public education program.

'Top Doc' working for readiness and access

By Evelyn D. Harris
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Readiness for war and other contingencies is military medicine's reason for being, but "access, access and access" are its three major challenges in peacetime, DoD's new top doctor said.

Dr. Stephen C. Joseph, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, served as a Peace Corps physician in Nepal and has also worked in Africa and a remote part of Canada. He's worked in large hospitals in Boston and Washington. These diverse experiences have taught him lessons he thinks will help him in his current job.

"Many of my first assignments were in remote places, where I had few resources. But I've also worked in large systems. The ideal military doctor feels connected to a larger system but is self-reliant enough to believe he or she can get the job done whatever the circumstances. I want to create an atmosphere that fosters that," Joseph said.

Self-reliant health care providers sup-

ported by a strong system are important for military medical readiness, he said. "I have to put readiness first — it is the bottom line. If you strip everything else away, that's what we're here for. We are in a rapidly changing, unpredictable world, both from the threat scenario and from the availability of medical technology to respond to that new world. We have to be looking at our readiness posture in a very creative and aggressive way.

"We're finishing up our medical readiness strategic plan. Two important things are coming out of it. The first is the importance of joint service cooperation, of interoperability of equipment. The second is to develop a strategic vision. We must take advantage of the development of biomedical and information technology. Fifteen years from now we'll be able to do things — whether it's training, battlefield care or whatever — that we couldn't have foreseen even a few years ago," he said.

"We have so many new developments, telemedicine, improvements to the Composite Health Care System (one of the

military's medical computer systems) and so on. I'm particularly excited about TRACES, a real-time computer system that will track a patient from the battlefield to a teaching hospital in the United States and match that patient with appropriate care as well as transportation in between.

"We have a fabulous opportunity to look ahead and ensure the care givers of the future have the tools they need to work with," he said.

For the near future, military medicine must learn from humanitarian and peace-keeping efforts, he said. He expects the United States will be involved in more of them.

"Our recent efforts have been in small, focused settings. They've also been diverse extreme heat, cold and varieties of insects and other local hazards. We need to deal with these unpredictable situations. Finally, we need jointness with a capital "J" — not only all the U.S. services working closely, but the need to work with allies who may be different kinds of people than we've worked with," he said.

"Never Say Diet"**Overweight soldiers should modify lifestyles permanently**

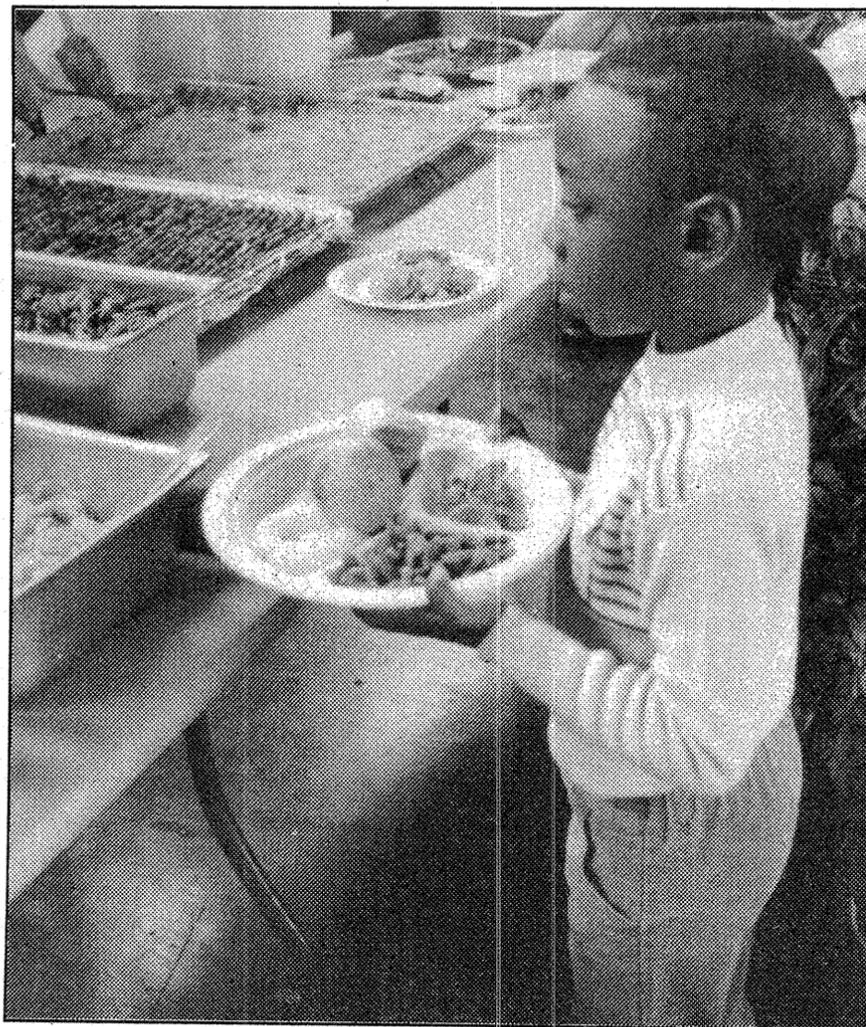
"Never say diet" are the words of Lt. Col. Hannah Henley, a dietician at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

This means that those service members who are overweight should look at modifying their lifestyles and eating habits permanently — rather than dieting for a short time.

According to Henley, so-called "yo-yo dieters" — people who lose and then gain weight in a regular cycle — run greater risks of heart attacks.

She advises reducing salt and keeping total fat intake below 30 percent of daily calories. Eat lots of complex carbohydrates, five servings from the vegetable and fruit groups and choose leaner meats, poultry, fish and low-fat dairy products for protein and calcium.

But for those who simply have to have that bowl of ice cream each night — enjoy it — but in moderation.

Chow time

A youth steps up to the plate to get some mess hall food recently. Most dining facilities display charts with dietary facts for their customers.