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Tyner, Walker and Lee win Journal Award

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Lee of A Co., 878th Engineers, Swainsboro.

Twenty-five years ago, the Atlanta Journal initiated the Army Reserve Component Achievement Award which honors three outstanding enlisted personnel in both the Georgia Army National Guard and the U.S. Army Reserve. The criteria used to determine eligibility for the award includes outstanding

achievement, excellent job skills, exemplary conduct, training attendance, leadership, loyalty, enthusiasm and instructional ability.

Guardsmen compete by rank for this honor in one of three categories: private first class and below, specialist four through staff sergeant and sergeant first class and above.

Governor announces new MASH unit

Governor Joe Frank Harris announced recently the formation of the 117th MASH (Mobile Army Surgical Hospital) unit, for the Georgia Army National Guard. The new unit will be located at 4115 South Airport Road (Fulton County/Charlie Brown Airport), Atlanta.

A MASH is a fully staffed and equipped surgical hospital, designed to support any medical emergency or disaster in a remote location or field environment. Operating room suites, recovery room, intensive care unit, medical-surgical ward, anesthesiology department, x-ray department, pharmacy, laboratory, dining facility and staff quarters are contained in inflatable shelters and tents that can be moved at a moments notice.

Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Griffin, Georgia's Adjutant General, said, "The 117th MASH will be a definite asset to the Georgia Army Guard. It will provide an opportunity for professionals in the medical field to serve their state and

nation."

While the unit will not actually be in place until October of this year, they will begin intensive recruitment of qualified physicians, nurses and medical specialists immediately. Most of these positions will be for part-time jobs, usually one weekend a month and two to three weeks each summer.

Physician specialties needed are Anesthesiology, Otorhinolaryngology, General Surgery, Thoracic Surgery, Orthopedics, Neurosurgery and Emergency Physicians. Nurse Corps positions will include Operating Room Nurses, Nurse Anesthetists and Medical-Surgical Nurses.

Major Delloyd Wilson, Medical Recruiter for the Georgia Army National Guard, has established a "MASH INFORMATION HOT LINE" at 1-800-282-4222. Interested persons in the Atlanta Metropolitan Area may call 624-6628, 624-6000 or write MASH Recruiting Office, P.O. Box 17965, Atlanta, GA 30316-0965.

B Company, 878th Engineers

Engineer battalion aids community park project

By PFC Emory Minor
124th Public Affairs Detachment

Douglas, GA.--The fish will still be jumping at General Coffee State Park but their home will be twice as big this year with a little help from the Georgia Army National Guard.

A group of heavy equipment operators from B Company, 878th Engineer Battalion, are working to enlarge a two-acre pond into a five-acre lake as part of their annual training requirement. The unit has armories in Louisville and Sandersville.

"It's something that I'll be able to bring my kids back to see or take fishing," said Sgt. Hershell Hurst of Sandersville, an equipment operator with the unit.

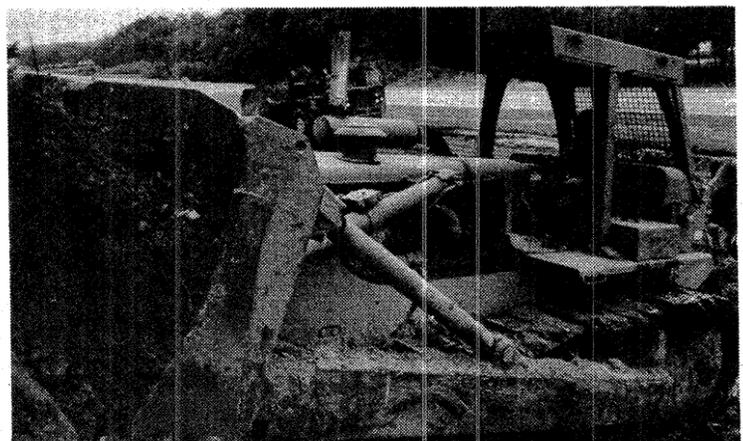
Although the guardsmen were not at a military installation they still had to move in and set up their machine gun bunkers and their razor-sharp barbed wire to keep out any "enemy aggressors."

"Even way out here we had to keep in a combat-ready situation because we're still on annual training," said 1st Lt. Chuck Reinert, project officer.

The project has been in the works for two years. Other contributors were the 848th Engineer Company of Douglas and a few country people.

The work required the engineers to construct a 14-foot dam from dirt pulled out of the pond.

"It was real good training for the men. We were put in situations where our skills were really tested," said Reinert.



DOUGLAS, Ga. - A member of the Georgia Army National Guard piles dirt removed from a pond-enlarging project. Spec. Julius Brown began his annual training at General Coffee State Park with 17 other members of B Co. 878th Engineer Battalion who drill in Sandersville and Louisville. (Photo by PFC Emory Minor)

We know you're good - so why do you hide it?

Nearly every day some member of the Georgia Army and Air Guard does something above and beyond the call of duty that deserves recognition and a pat on the back.

It is an unfortunate fact that most of these accomplishments are never heard about outside the unit.

The Georgia Guard has an awards program designed to provide appropriate recognition for exceptional service or organizational and individual achievement. This recognition can be for a singular act or the accumulation of numerous acts over a period of time.

The National Guard Association of the United States and the Adjutants General Association of the United States each sponsor annual competition in such areas as superior unit

marksmanship, outstanding readiness, youth activity and recruiting and retention programs - to name just a few.

The Georgia Guard has a very good reputation for excellence nationwide. But - these awards are going to other states. The reason for this is that we just don't take the time to blow our own horn.

Certainly our Guardsmen and women are as skilled and competitive as any found in the 50 states, but, we must compete in order to win.

All units should get out Georgia National Guard Regulation 672-1 and find out how we can bring home the honors.

We know you're good - so - let's let the rest of the country know it.

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GaARNG Chief issues challenge



19 July 1989

Each Unit and Detachment Commander
Georgia Army National Guard

We in the Georgia Army National Guard were given a challenge to meet our year-end strength goal of 11,638 by 30 June 1989.

Even though much effort was exerted to meet this goal, our strength on 30 June was 11,519 -- 119 short. There were many units that met or exceeded the challenge, but there were many units that did not.

It is essential that we meet or exceed this end-strength challenge of 11,638 by 30 September. After 30 September, we must continue recruiting to increase our strength.

We can meet this challenge only if every individual in the Georgia Army National Guard makes a total effort to recruit to fill all vacancies and work diligently to retain all good soldiers in our units.

I am confident that we will succeed.

William K. McDaniels
WILLIAM K. McDANIELS
BG ARNGUS
Asst Adjutant General for Army



Georgia Guardsmen, 1,020 strong, march in wedge formation to ensure protection of Robert Barrett and his seven supporters during the National Movement demonstration in Atlanta Jan. 21. (GA. DoD photo)

Georgia Guardsmen at the 'Front'

Upholding U.S. Constitution no easy task

Taking the brunt of the blows - sticks, stones and caustic comments - 1,021 Georgia Guardsmen did their part to protect eight "white supremacist," National Movement demonstrators who marched through the streets of Atlanta on January 21.

In a similar drama played out in Forsyth County in January 1987, some 1,700 Guardsmen were called out to help protect the constitutional rights of thousands of civil rights marchers.

Two Guardsmen were injured in this year's demonstration in downtown Atlanta. They were treated and released from Grady Memorial Hospital, but scores more were hurt by flying debris.

The Guardsmen and women, called to active duty by Georgia's governor, Joe Frank Harris, combined with about 700 other law enforcement personnel from city, county and state agencies to form a protective phalanx around National Movement leader Richard Barrett and seven followers.

A self-avowed "white supremacist," Barrett had applied

for and was granted state and city permits to assemble, and the small group marched from the state Capitol to the Omni Hotel in Atlanta and back.

The group's attempted rally last summer during the Democratic National Convention was thwarted by violent reactions from counterdemonstrators.

The January march was again marred by violence as a barrage of rocks, bottles and construction site refuse rained down on Guardsmen and law enforcement personnel, lobbed by some of an estimated 1,000 counterdemonstrators. Neither Barrett nor any of his supporters was injured.

Prior to the march, Barrett spoke of racial reform on the steps of the Capitol in an hour-long speech to about 150 members of the news media.

As the procession began, Barrett sang patriotic songs; two followers carried a banner proclaiming "No King Over Us," in a reference to the late civil rights leader.

Dr. King, who was struck down by an assassin's bullet in April 1968, won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 for his

non-violent approach to civil rights reform.

Georgia Guardsmen and women assembled in downtown Atlanta by 8 a.m. Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Griffin, adjutant general of Georgia, briefed Guardsmen prior to the march by assuring them their day-long task would not be an easy one.

"You may be cursed, baited, spit on," Griffin told them. "For the second time in just over two years," he added "you are insuring the Constitutional rights of Americans to peaceful assembly.

"I know that you will do your duty and act professionally. I am proud of all of you and know that you will prove to all who see you that you are the best," Griffin said.

Officials had anticipated both a small gathering of National Movement followers and a large group of counterdemonstrators for the Jan. 21 rally. They concluded that a substantial "showing" of Guardsmen and law enforcement personnel would prevent serious personal injury or property damage.

Soviet military life 'no bed of roses'

Life in the Soviet military is no bed of roses. In fact, American soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines would consider the pay awful, the chow lousy and conditions primitive.

But don't be misled by that: The Soviet armed forces are formidable and receive realistic training and impressive equipment. The key to the Soviet military is universal military service. All 18-year-old males serve. Women serve in the military but are not conscripted.

The training actually starts much earlier. "The Soviets start military training in the first grade," said Army Lt. Col. Lester W. Grau, an analyst with the Soviet Army Studies Office at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. "American parents would probably go 'ballistic' at the things Soviet children are taught. They march and learn close-order drill along with other studies through elementary school."

About 90 percent of Soviet youth join the Young Pioneers at 9, and their military training continues. "While the Young Pioneers do some of the things that the Boy or Girl Scouts would do in this country, they also learn military skills," said Grau.

Among them: field stripping an AK-47 assault rifle, how to attack in a platoon line, how and when to put on gas masks and lessons on Soviet heroes.

Soviet youth receive about 140 hours of military training per year in the equivalent of American high school. Graduates must pass a physical training test called the "Be Prepared for Labor and Defense Test."

Once graduated, almost everyone serves in the military. There are no conscientious objectors in the Soviet Union. Some men may be granted medical or educational deferments. Teachers - if they volunteer for remote assignments - can also be excused, but normally every-

one is called up.

Men report to the local military committee and their school records and physical characteristics are examined. The more advanced and potential party members go into the more technically oriented forces such as the air force, strategic rocket forces or the navy. Those with lesser qualifications are recommended for the ground forces.

Conscripts are brought into the service every six months. They serve for two years - three years in the seagoing elements of the navy - so there are always four cohorts of conscripts. The conscripts take the oath Jan. 1 and July 1 each year.

"Recently, there have been some astounding stories about the abuse visited upon the younger conscripts," said Harriet Fast Scott, author of the book *Armed Forces of the Soviet Union*. "New conscripts are blackmailed, beaten up and victims of extortion. The senior conscripts get the best duties, the best uniforms and demand watches, cigarettes and sugar rations from the newest conscripts. You could liken it to very brutal hazing."

Nationalistic sentiments caused part of the problem. "One nationality will gang up on others," said Scott. "This adds a whole new aspect to the equation."

One solution would be to put only one nationality in a regiment. This is unacceptable to the Soviets because they cannot be sure of the loyalty of those troops. In fact, few Soviet service members serve in the area they grew up in for this same reason.

The Soviet military leaves very little free time for service members. "The typical day starts at 6 a.m. and ends at 10 p.m., and the schedule is full," Grau said. "There is a lot less personal freedom and very little spare time.

There are a number of classes, and someone is accountable for the people at all times. Servicemen are under the control of a warrant officer or an NCO.

"The Soviets believe in physical training," he continued. "It is very tough. When troops go for field training, that training is realistic and rugged."

Those in the Soviet military do not have "leave," as members of the U.S. military would call it. They go as a group to visit museums, cultural activities or sporting events. Again, they are always under the control of warrant officers or NCOs.

Pay for a Soviet conscript is nothing more than "cigarette money," according to Grau. Officers are paid well by Soviet standards. They receive a base pay plus a "responsibility pay" that enables them to do quite well. "Parents send their conscript sons money, and that's a great cause of the harassment in the barracks," he said.

Soviet food is not up to American standards, either. "Most regiments have a farm where conscripts work to supplement the official issue," Grau said. "They raise chickens and fresh vegetables and some fruits to supplement the diet. This is especially true of isolated units, although most regiments have a farm set up."

Many nationalities complain of the food because it is not what they were brought up on. Some dietary concessions are made - Muslims are not forced to eat pork - but others are ignored.

Unlike the Americans, the Soviets do not have a professional NCO Corps. "When the conscripts first process in, some are selected as potential NCOs," Scott said. "These people receive extra training and become the sergeants or petty officers of the military. Their duties are limited. Officers do most of the work that we would associate with NCOs."

Historical Society starts

The Georgia Militia and National Guard Society, Inc., is a newly established non-profit organization designed to promote, educate and perpetuate the history and heritage of the Georgia National Guard and Militia.

Open to anyone, the society's goals include the establishment of a major museum housing artifacts from Georgia's military past, and a reference library where scholars, students and members may research the state's military heritage.

Charter memberships to the society are now available.

To become a member complete the form and enclose check or money order payable to the Georgia Militia and National Guard Society, Inc., and mail to Georgia Militia and National Guard Society, c/o Public Affairs Office, P.O. Box 17965, Atlanta, GA 30316-0965.



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The Good Conduct Medal
MSG John R. Kalada, HD, STARC, Atlanta
SFC Charles T. Eason, HD, STARC, Atlanta
SFC Jack W. Summers, HQ, STARC, Atlanta
SSG Jacqueline D. Arnold, 118th PSC, Atlanta
SSG Charles F. Hogan, 118th PSC, Atlanta

The United States Meritorious Service Medal
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SFC Patrick H. Lopera, HQC, STARC, Atlanta
Sgt Desmarie Q. Walker, 118th PSC, Atlanta

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GA Meritorious Service Medal

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William Few Award
Co A, 878th En Bn, Augusta

Chief Master Sergeant
Clyde E. Harper,
Air Guard
Senior Enlisted
Advisor



Air Guard Appoints Harper

Chief Master Sergeant Clyde E. Harper has been appointed Georgia Air National Guard senior enlisted advisor.

A veteran of more than 30 years in both the active Air Force and Air National Guard, Harper said his main goal as advisor is to insure quality of life for enlisted personnel.

And, he hit the ground running when he began duties in January, taking a cross state tour of Air Guard installations, meeting with Georgia airmen and women.

"I'm the representative of enlisted personnel," said Harper, most recently a member of Kennesaw's 129th Tactical Control Squadron, "and, I want to make sure that every airman in Georgia knows who the Senior Enlisted Advisor is and what I'm here for."

Harper enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1948, and served as stenographer with the Fifth Air Force in Asia. Back in the U.S., he entered the radar maintenance technician field. In 1964, the Newnan, Ga. native enlisted in Georgia's Air National Guard.

Harper's awards include the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, the Korean Presidential Unit Citation, the United Nations Service Medal, the Georgia National Guard Service Medal with Bronze Boar's Head and the Georgia State Active Duty Ribbon.

He is a member of both the Enlisted Association of the United States and of Georgia, the Georgia Heart Association and the U.S. Air Force Sergeants Association.

He and his wife Barbara live in Marietta.

Team improves on '88 finish at Nebraska meet

Georgia Team competes in '89 Lincoln Marathon

The 1989 Georgia National Guard Marathon Team finished ahead of 33 other teams to capture 20th-place in the sixth annual National Guard Bureau Marathon Trials held in Lincoln, Neb.

Representing the Georgia National Guard were Richard Dammer, 111th Tactical Air Control Party Flight, Brunswick; Laura L. Dozier and Tanya B. Rolick, Georgia Military Institute, Macon; Stan W. Hammond, HQ, State Area Command, Atlanta; Brian K. Harris and Mark D. Moses, HQ, 165th Tactical Airlift Group, Garden City; Stephen B. Kearney and Harvell J. Walker, HQ, 116th Tactical Fighter Wing, Dobbins, AFB; John L. Lane, Company C, 244th Aviation Regiment, Savannah; and Terry D. Strawser, Sr., HHC, 1/108th Armor, Calhoun.

Strawser, Georgia's top finisher, completed the 26.2 mile race with a time of 2:56:12. He was followed by Moses, with a time of 3:01:15 and Kearney with a 3:05:43. The combined times of Georgia's top three finishers, 9:03:11, ranked 20th among the 53 teams competing in the trials held May 7. The team improved on last year's 28th-place performance.

Jay Woods and his fellow team members from the Utah



Members of the 1989 Georgia National Guard Marathon Team are, l-r, kneeling, 1st Sgt. John H. Lane; Col. Stephen G. Kearney and Maj. Richard Dammer, l-r, standing, Maj. Harvell J. Walker; Sgt. Terry D. Strawser, Sr.; Cadet Tanya B. Rolick and Cadet Laura L. Dozier. Not pictured are Maj. Brian K. Harris, 2nd Lt. Mark D. Moses and CWO Stan W. Hammond, state coordinator of the marathon.

National Guard ran away with the individual and team honors at the trials. With a time of 2:24:51, Woods became the first National Guard runner ever to

win the Lincoln Marathon and the All-Guard Marathon Team trials which is run as a part of the Lincoln Marathon. National Guard runners dominated the

Lincoln Marathon placing seven runners in the top nine places overall. Woods, along with Gordon Hyde, who finished fourth at

2:28:29 and Donald Rappleye with a 2:36:55 in tenth-place gave Utah first place in team honors with a combined time for their top three runners of 7:30:15.

Margaret Wilkens of the Rhode Island National Guard finished first in the women's division of the National Guard Marathon Trials with a time of 3:12:20.

The trials qualified 51 members of the Guard for the All-Guard Marathon Team. This team sends runners to compete annually in the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C., the Blue Angels Marathon in Pensacola, Fla., and the Infantry Marathon in Columbus, Ga.

The Guard-sponsored team is part of a program that promotes physical fitness and combat readiness of National Guard members.

Georgia's team-members finished in the following positions out of 384 participants: 61, Sgt. Strawser, 2:56:12; 80, 2nd Lt. Moses, 3:01:16; 101, Col. Kearney, 3:05:43; 113, 1st Sgt. Lane, 3:07:22; 124, Maj. Walker, 3:09:23; 163, Maj. Harris, 3:19:22; 167, Maj. Dammer, 3:20:18; 320, Cadet Dozier, 4:30:46; and 323, Cadet Rolick, 4:39:40. CWO Hammond, an unofficial participant, ran a 4:05:00.

Lt. Gen. Temple comments on NCO Corps

NBG Chief applauds 'Year of the NCO' theme

"On Guard" the National Guard Bureau's Command information newsletter interviewed Lt. Gen. Herbert R. Temple, Jr., Chief, National Bureau, on his perceptions and attitudes concerning the Noncommissioned Officers' Corps within the Army National Guard, and the Army's theme for 1989 as the "Year of the NCO." Here are his comments from the interview.

ON GUARD: What are your basic thoughts on the Army's theme, "The Year of the NCO", and the NCO Corps in general?

LT. GEN. TEMPLE: "It's a superb idea and an indication of the strength of the Army today and in the future since I believe in having a strong NCO Corps. The NCO is closer to the soldier and more able to affect the outcome of battle at its lowest level.

The officers' corps is doing all it can do. And, if the Guard is to continue to progress and improve, the professional NCO must be where it is done.

My observation is that the NCO of the Army Guard NCO Corps is at the highest state of professionalism in its history, even

in a state of war."

ON GUARD: You yourself were an NCO serving with the 5th Regimental Combat Team during the Korean Conflict. How do you compare your experiences as an NCO in Korea with the role of the NCO in today's National Guard?

LT. GEN. TEMPLE: "Much of what I have done in my life has been based on my experiences as an NCO in combat in Korea. Most of everything I have tried to accomplish throughout my career in the Guard has been formulated on my experiences as an NCO in Korea.

For instance, I believe training and experience go together in developing an NCO in the National Guard. That's why much of my focus has been on the development of such things as the Battle Skills course, overseas deployment training, mandatory full-time training requirements, realistic training exercises and the like, all of which work to train and increase the experience levels of our NCOs and all of which were formulated from my own experiences as an NCO."

ON GUARD: What do you consider to be the three most important challenges to

the NCO Corps in the Guard today and why?

LT. GEN. TEMPLE: "I think training, meaning meeting the professional standards expected of an NCO, the ability to lead and train subordinates and caring for subordinates are the three most important challenges our Army Guard NCOs face.

There is an NCO for about every 5 to 6 soldiers in today's Army. If every NCO performed as expected, there would be no problems with soldiers in today's Army."

ON GUARD: What are the three most important qualities or character traits an NCO must have in today's National Guard?

LT. GEN. TEMPLE: "Professional skills, courage and dedication. By courage I mean the courage to be responsible, to exercise leadership, to correct and admonish soldiers when it is needed, and of course the courage to fight. I also mean the courage to make uncomfortable decisions where the results may not be necessarily appealing, but which are best for the soldiers involved."

ON GUARD: How would you compare

the challenges of being an NCO in the National Guard today with, say, the challenges you faced when you yourself wore the chevrons of an NCO?

LT. GEN. TEMPLE: "The challenges today are much more demanding. Back in Korea there was time to 'train up' before you might have to go to combat. The mobilization transition provided for training opportunities before you were actually called to go to war.

The NCO in the Guard today does not have that 'train-up' time and must be ready to fight in peacetime. It is much more demanding to be an NCO in the National Guard today than when I was one."

ON GUARD: Assuming there have been improvements in the National Guard NCO Corps in recent years, to what do you attribute those improvements?

LT. GEN. TEMPLE: "I believe the key to our improvements has been training. We train at a much accelerated pace nowadays, our training was expanded greatly, we train at higher levels and in doing so we have captured the interest and imagination of our Guardsmen.

GaANG Educators come to troops ■ Schoolhouse of the Soldier program

FORT STEWART, Ga. - Georgia Army National Guard educators are taking the mountain to Mohammad.

Because many Guard members are unable to leave civilian jobs for formal military schools, Guard leaders have decided to bring the schoolhouse to them.

"We do not want to be sending troops out to the field and have them not be qualified for their jobs," said Col. Michael E. Sims, special engineer projects and ARTEP evaluation officer with headquarters State Area command (STARC).

The "schoolhouse" comes to the troops in the form of the Georgia Guard's "Schoolhouse of the Soldier" program - designed to provide upgraded skill-level training to troops in various MOS categories during annual training.

Sims explained that most of the skills taught in the course are basic, involving hands-on

training, with minimum amounts of written instruction.

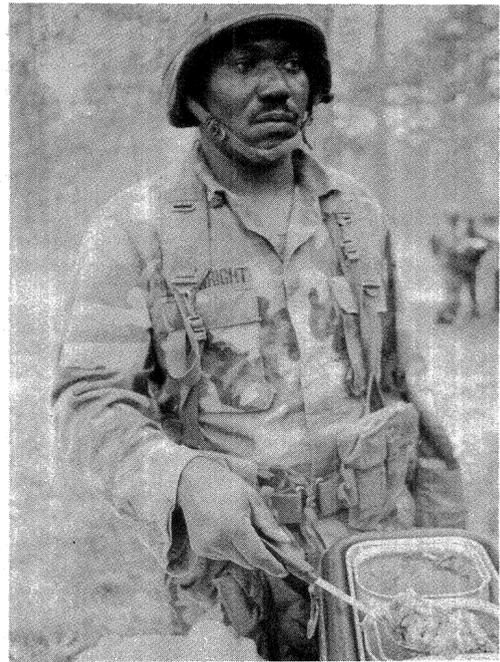
Savannah's 118th Field Artillery Brigade administers the program, designed well for the short AT periods. The brigade lines up Army Reserve instructors from Macon to conduct the training.

"It's cheaper to bring the instructors here to teach the troops during AT than it is to send the troops in from all over the state to meet with the instructors," explained Sims, who filled in briefly for Col. Joel Seymour at a recent AT period in late April and early May. "You almost hate to do it that way because it eats away at AT time, but it's the most efficient way to do it."

Sims said there were about 60 troops going through the program at the most recent AT period. More are expected to go through later this summer during the second period.



The Georgia Army National Guard is bringing the schoolhouse to the student. Members of the 118th Field Artillery Brigade take part in the "Schoolhouse of the Soldier" program. Conducted during annual training periods, the program is designed to fully train troops that are not yet qualified in their MOSs. (Photo by Spec. Gloria J. Barlay, 124th PAD)



Sgt. Willie Boatwright dishes out food for fellow members of Tifton's Company E, 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry, Georgia Army National Guard during training at Fort Stewart. (Photo by PFC Emory Minor)

- TANK KILLERS -



Guardsmen stand toe-to-TOW with their anti-tank missile launchers. (Photo by PFC Emory Minor)

121st hones lethal skills at Ft. Stewart

By Sgt. Elliott Minor
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FORT STEWART, GA.—Guardsmen from Tifton and surrounding communities practiced their lethal skills in Macon at Fort Stewart, despite rain, fog and a bone-chilling wind.

Members of Company E, 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry gathered on the edge of the Taylor's Creek Drop Zone to test skills at knocking out enemy tanks with tube-launched, optically tracked, wire-guided (TOW) missiles. They hail from Tifton, Ashburn, Nashville, Albany and other south Georgia communities.

They usually ride in armored personnel carriers known as ITVs (Improved TOW Vehicles), but during their March weekend drill, they set up their missile launchers on tripods as they would have to do when firing from a fixed location such as a foxhole.

When helping to defend a mechanized infantry battalion, they also fire missiles from two hydraulic launchers atop each of their 12 ITVs.

With intermittent rain and temperatures in the 40s, many of the Guardsmen hauled out ponchos and field jackets to stay warm.

Pvt. David Covington, a 1988 graduate of Tift Area Academy, said he didn't mind the discomforts.

"I've always liked the outdoors, and this appeals to me," said the 19-year-old TOW gunner.

Covington rejoined the company in February after 13 weeks of basic and advanced training at Fort Benning. He will start classes this month at Georgia Military College in Milledgeville.

Spec. Randolph White, of Ashburn, said the weekend drills give him a break from his civilian job and satisfy his need to take part in marksmanship activities. TOW gunners watch the target through an optical sight with crosshairs. By moving a control, they are able to hit targets more than two miles away.

"As long as you hold the crosshairs on the target, the missile is going to hit the target," said White, 30, who has represented the state as a member of the Army National Guard's rifle and pistol team.

Another gunner, Spec. Stephen Bell,

23, of Albany, said firing TOW missiles is "something that gets your adrenaline flowing."

Bell spent two years in the Army and now attends Albany State College under the G.I. Bill. He said he did not want to pursue a full-time military career, but enjoys his weekend adventures with the Guard.

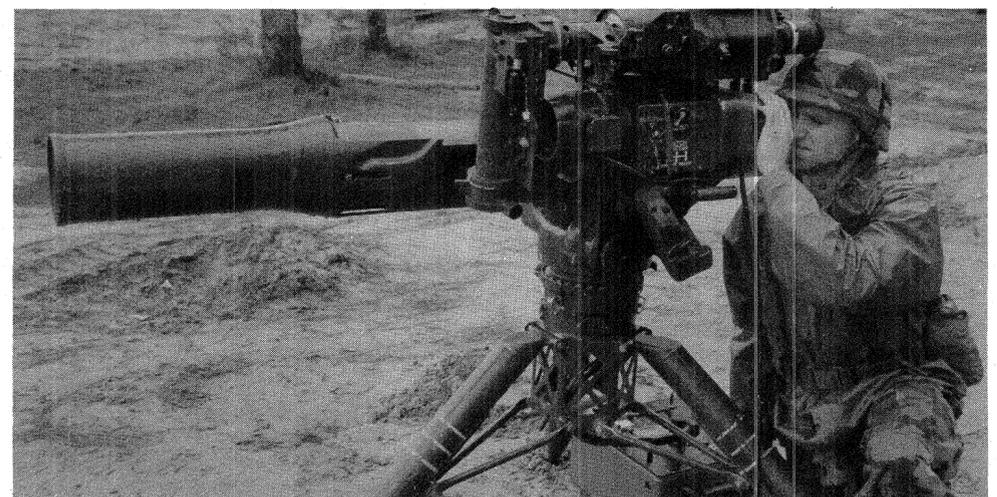
Capt. James Clements, the company commander, said most of the 129 members of Company E have worked together for years and make an effective team.

"We've got a good company. Everybody

knows everybody," said Clements, who works for a Tifton heating and air conditioning company.

Because of over-strengths in some jobs, his company is considered at full strength. But, the unit needs more TOW gunners because of expected departures, he said.

"We're a tank-killing unit for long-distance shooting," said Clements. "Supposedly, these missiles will destroy all known armor."



Pvt. David Covington of Tifton sights an anti-tank missile launcher during training at Fort Stewart. Covington, a member of Company E., 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry, says the unit members think of themselves as "tank snipers." (Photo by PFC Emory Minor)

Augusta 1148th rolls over insects and aggressors

Members of Augusta's 1148th Transportation Company kept their big rigs rolling during annual training with the Georgia Army National Guard, despite mosquitoes, ticks and midnight "aggressor" attacks.

With five-ton tankers, their wartime mission would be to keep tanks, armored personnel carriers and helicopters supplied with diesel fuel, aviation fuel or gasoline.

They are among 2,000 members of the Georgia Army National Guard who are taking part in two weeks of training at Fort Stewart, a large military post near Savannah.

While camped in a sandy forest, they dug foxholes to defend their position, they slept in pup tents, they dined on field rations once a day and drove their rigs over Fort Stewart's dusty trails, often under blackout conditions at night.

"The only hard part is getting sleep," said Spec. Boykin Harris, 33, of Lincoln. "We're getting attacked at night. We have to capture the enemy and fire back."

Staff Sgt. Hayward Harvey of

Augusta said the training tests the 1148th combat skills and the proficiency of its drivers. Sometimes, the truckers are given only map coordinates and they have to determine the best route to reach their destination.

"We work in six-hour shifts," he said. "But sometimes it doesn't work that way because of attacks. They have to play it like a real situation and sleep and eat on the run."

With clear skies and relatively mild temperatures, the drivers had almost perfect weather conditions, but ticks and mosquitoes were a problem.

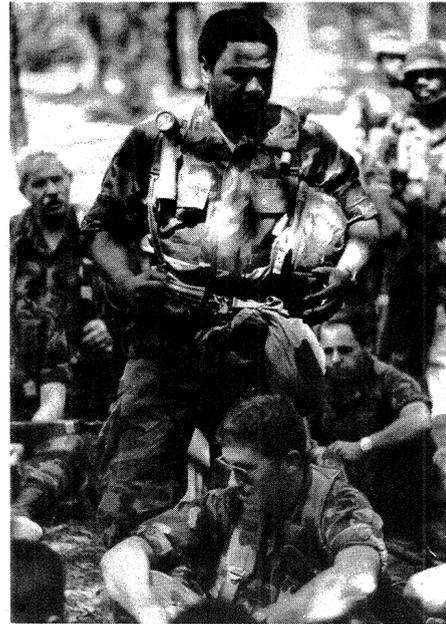
"I probably got about 10 ticks off me this morning," said Staff Sgt. Floyd Hall of Augusta. "I took a shower the other day and I stopped counting."

Sgt. Mary Simpson, who has been in the unit for 14 years, said the 1148th is special to her because its members are close-knit and care for each other.

"I used to have a Pinto and learned to drive a stick," recalled Simpson, a teaching assistant in Thomson. "When I came here they taught me to drive a truck."

The dull green Army tractor-trailers are not difficult to maneuver, but "it's really a challenge for a female to push in the clutch," she said.

At the mess tent, Sgt. George Tate of Augusta squeezed lemons to make gallons of "meaid," a drink designed to replenish electrolytes such as potassium that are lost during strenuous activities in warm weather.



Capt. Anthony Franklin, commander of the 1148th Transportation Company in Augusta, gives his troops a pep talk during annual training with the Georgia Army National Guard at Fort Stewart.



(Above) Staff Sgt. Willie Story of Thomson (l) visits the heavily camouflaged fighting position of Staff Sgt. Floyd Hall during annual training with the Georgia Army National Guard at Fort Stewart. Story and Hall are members of the 1148th Transportation Co. in Augusta. (Left) A member of Augusta's 1148th Transportation Company guides a tanker down a dusty trail at Fort Stewart. The Augusta Guard members trained for two weeks with the Georgia Army National Guard. They specialize in delivering fuel for helicopters, tanks and trucks.

First Sgt. Maj. academy grad hails from RAOC

The first of many.

There may eventually be many, but Master Sgt. Eric Anderson will always be the first.

The 122nd Support Center (RAOC) - Rear Area Operations Center - master sergeant from Lawrenceville recently became the first Georgia Army National Guard

member to complete the Army's Sergeant Majors' Academy in residence.

"The course was truly great," Anderson said. "The group interaction is what really makes it."

Completing 22 weeks of instruction on Biggs Field, at Fort Bliss, Texas, Anderson was part of the

largest class ever to graduate from the school. More than 460 received diplomas.

"I've got 460-odd good friends now," Anderson explained.

There are five phases of instruction in the course: national security affairs, leadership, resource management, military studies and group interaction.

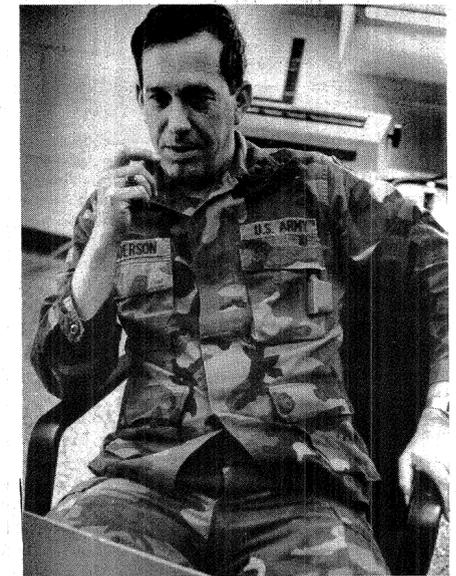
"The reserve components people did really well," Anderson said. "And the instruction level was at division (level) or above most of the time."

Like all Army schools these days, physical training is part of the routine, a prerequisite to graduation. "We had PT three days a week," Anderson said. "We had to wait 60 days to do anything though, because of the altitude."

As Fort Bliss is located on the high desert near El Paso, some time was given those attending to adjust to the thin air. "I scored 190 on the PT test," Anderson said, "after I got used to the conditions."



His cup runneth over - Master Sgt. Eric Anderson is proud when he describes the experiences he's had at the Army's Sergeant Majors' Academy, located in Fort Bliss, Texas. Anderson came away from the school with his mug intact, and a class ring to go with it. (Photo by PFC Michael L. Hubbard, 124th PAD)



Master Sgt. Eric Anderson, 122nd Support Center (RAOC) - Rear Area Operations Center - recently completed the Army's Sergeant Majors' Academy. He was the first from Georgia to do so in residence. (Photo by PFC Michael L. Hubbard, 124th PAD)



The noise and smoke of the mock battle nearly overwhelms a young visitor.



CAPTURED! – The good guys always win, as armor personnel take opposing forces prisoners.

GaARNG's 108th Battalion stages mock battle during its Annual Family Day

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Toby Moore, 124th Public Affairs Detachment

Calhoun's 108th Armor Battalion greeted its most important constituency with a bang and the wave of a flag when it staged a mock battle during family day recently.

Members of the unit played out a carefully orchestrated skirmish that included tanks, M-16 -toting foot soldiers and enemy forces firing machine guns.

Many Guardsmen's families, along with a large contingent of local townspeople, turned out to view the event from atop a hill overlooking the Ostanaula River.

After the opposing forces were dispatched, the actors joined their audience for refreshments, demonstrations and camaraderie.



DUSTY TRAILS – A Bradley churns up a cloud of dust as it plows toward enemy machine gun nests.



PASSING IN REVIEW – The color guard representing the ROTC from Ringgold High School posts the colors before the start of the ceremony.



OPPOSING FORCES NEST – Gazing from beneath sandbags, an opposing forces gunner awaits the start of the exercise.

Annual Training provides change of pace for electronics specialist



During his 40th summer camp with the Georgia Army National Guard, Command Sgt. Maj. Barry Nicora checks on the location of field artillery vehicles returning from training. Nicora is a member of headquarters battery, 1st Battalion, 214th Field Artillery in Elberton. (Photo by Spec. Kimberly Ryan, 124th PAD)

by Sgt. Elliott Minor,
124th Public Affairs Detachment

FORT STEWART, Ga. – Command Sgt. Major Barry Nicora, attending his 40th summer camp with the Georgia Army National Guard, enjoys the change of pace he finds while sleeping in the woods at Fort Stewart and taking part in combat exercises.

"I get out in the field and walk my legs off and get in shape," the white-haired Guardsman noted recently while waiting on a convoy at a dirt crossing. "Then, I can make it until the next year."

The Watkinsville resident is the high-

est ranking enlisted man in the 1st Battalion, 214th Field Artillery. He is a member of headquarters battery in Elberton, but also stays in close contact with 214th members in Thomson, Hartwell and Waynesboro.

Nicora, 57, is the shop manager of an electronics research laboratory at the University of Georgia. He was trained as an electronics technician in the Navy, but during his guard career has qualified in 14 different military specialties, including anti-aircraft and radar.

He also has experienced drastic changes in his military rank and served in a variety of leadership positions. After joining the Guard in 1949, he worked his way up to corporal, then left to serve in the Navy during the Korean conflict.

Later, he became a warrant officer in the Guard, but resigned the warrant and reverted briefly to E-4 again. "I've been an E-4 four times without ever being busted," he observed.

After the 214th's arrival on April 22, the artillery battalion went to the field to fire its 155mm self-propelled howitzers. A few days before the camp ends, the Guardsmen will return to their barracks while cleaning their equipment.



NCO/Soldier of the Year

Staff Sgt. Michael R. Tilson (left) and Spec Timothy R. Ritchie (right) stand at parade rest during the presentation of their awards as the Georgia National Guard's NCO and Soldier of the Year. They are members of Company H, 122D Infantry in Cartersville. (Photo by Spec. Mattie Jones, 124th Public Affairs Detachment)

Winder – area citizens celebrate Armed Forces Day with the 122nd Infantry

by Capt. Alan Fecteau,
124th Public Affairs Detachment

Showing sincere support for fellow citizen-soldiers, residents of Winder turned out in big numbers for the 9th annual Armed Forces Day celebration at the Winder armory, headquarters of the 1st Battalion, 122nd Infantry Brigade (TLAT) – Tow, Light, Anti-tank – of the Georgia Army National Guard.

"The support from the people of Winder was outstanding," said Major

Alan D. O'Rourke, executive officer for the TLAT unit. "I'd say there were at least 20 percent more folks there this year than last."

Beyond the superb weather conditions that mid-May afternoon, another reason for Winder's large turnout had to be the "capabilities demonstration" – or mock battle – put on by the Winder Guard members. "I think we fulfilled our mission to demonstrate to the people of Winder just what we are capable of doing," explained Major O'Rourke, OIC for the demonstration.