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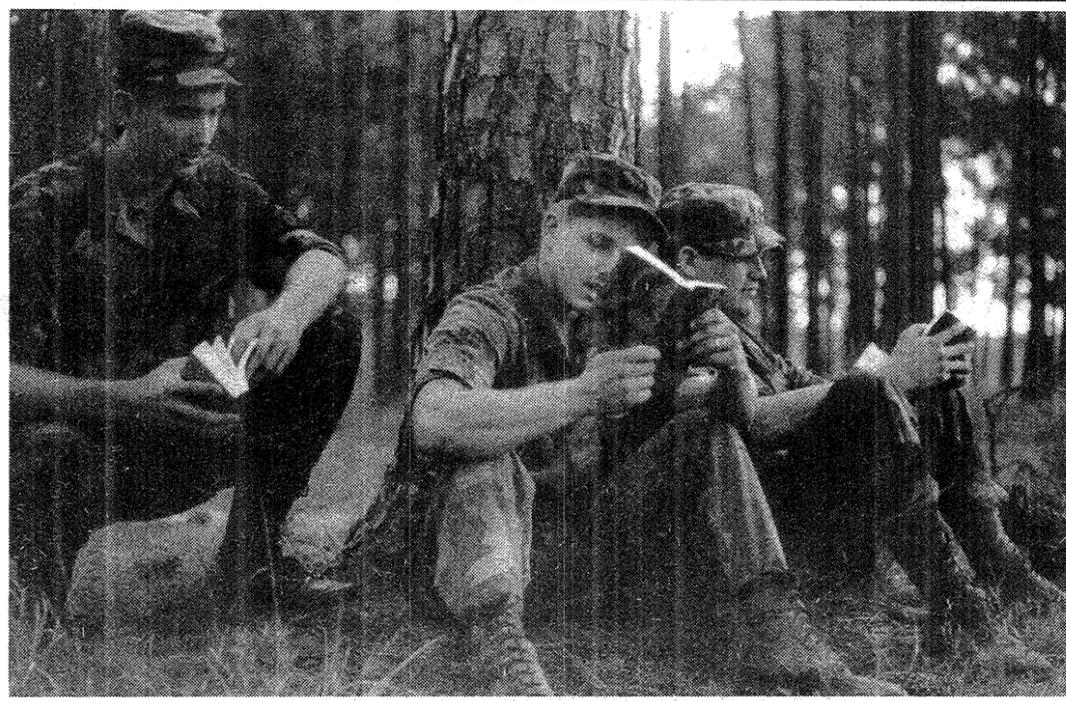
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'Reading' at AT '88

Georgia Army National Guardsmen (left to right) Spec. 4th Class Jack Mann of Phenix City, Ala., along with Pvt. 1st Class Dana Gallup and Sgt. Dickie Florey, both of Columbus, review training manuals during two weeks of annual active duty. They are members of Headquarters Company, 560th Engineers from Columbus and were among more than 3,000 Guardsmen who battled the heat and dry conditions at Ft. Stewart.

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Once an ace . . .

Fighter ace, novelist Gen. Scott gets a 'special birthday wish'

By Terry Smith

A World War II ace fighter pilot and author of "God is My Co-Pilot," U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Robert L. Scott Jr. celebrated his 80th birthday in "high style" this year -- 20,000 feet high and at speeds approaching Mach 1.

He was at the controls of an F-15 Eagle -- one of 26 assigned to the Georgia Air National Guard's 116th Tactical Fighter Wing (TFW) at Dobbins Air Force Base.

For Scott, flying the F-15 was a "spectacular birthday gift, a supreme experience for any fighter pilot."

"My heartfelt thanks to all those who made it possible -- the men and women of the Georgia Air Guard," Scott said.

Circumstances leading to Gen. Scott's ride in the F-15 Eagle began at a dinner meeting at Warner Robins, Ga., a city 15 miles south of Macon and home of Robins Air Force Base. Brig. Gen. Charles W. (Bill) Taylor Jr., commander of the 116th TFW and a friend of Gen. Scott's, was guest speaker there.

During dinner, Gen. Taylor turned to Scott and asked, "Bob, if you could rub Aladdin's Magic Lamp and have your greatest wish -- for your 80th

birthday -- what would it be?"

"For them to put my name on one of those wonderful F-15 Eagles and say 'you can fly it,'" he replied.

Even though Scott's 80th birthday was in April, his special "birthday wish" did come true -- on Monday afternoon, July 25 -- at Dobbins Air Force Base in Marietta, Ga.

The "event" was the result of arrangements made by Gen. Taylor and members of the 116th TFW. Authorization had been obtained to include Gen. Scott as an aircrew member on a previously-scheduled F-15 training mission.

"We all wanted to be a part of 'a most unique birthday gift' for a man who has made outstanding contributions to his community and nation -- as a fighter pilot, military leader, citizen and noted author," Taylor explained.

Special preparations were made for Scott's big day at Dobbins. "B GEN BOB SCOTT" was painted on the side of one of the TFW's F-15 Eagles (a "B" or trainer model with two seats).

The news media were invited to cover the event. The finest "VIP" treatment, reserved for the most distinguished visitors, was planned for Gen. Scott.

Upon his arrival at the base, Scott was met and

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Taylor earns 1st 'Few Award'

Capt. Thomas P. Taylor, administrative officer for Elberton's 1st Battalion, 214th Field Artillery, has been named the first recipient of Georgia's William Few Award.

Established in October 1987, the award is named for one of Georgia's two representatives to the Constitutional Convention (the other was Abraham Baldwin) which met in Philadelphia in 1787.

The honor is presented annually to the Georgia Army Guard junior officer who best demonstrated the ideals of "Duty, Honor, Country" during the preceding calendar year.

Winning the Few Award has also earned Taylor a nomination for the newly created national General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award.

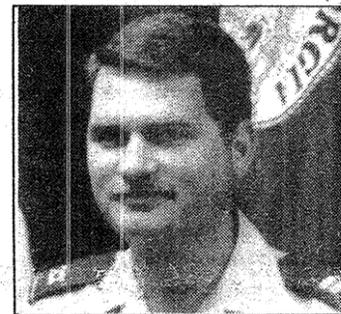
MacArthur Award

The MacArthur Award, created in 1987, is given jointly by the General Douglas MacArthur Foundation and Department of the Army, to the lieutenant or captain who demonstrates the "ideals of Duty, Honor, Country."

The purpose of the award is to promote, sustain and recognize effective junior officer leadership in the United States Army.

Annual Awards

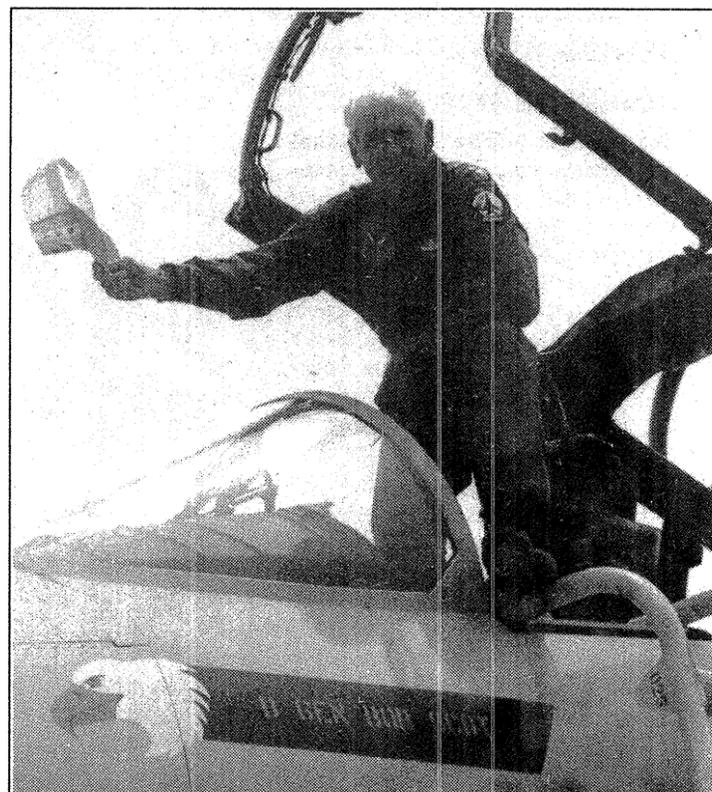
Awards are presented annually to a representative of the Army National Guard, Army Reserve and 15 major Army commands.



Capt. Thomas P. Taylor

Taylor's nomination noted that the Augusta native conceived and implemented during the past calendar year the idea of "full tactical field trains operations of field operations." For his work in this area, Taylor was awarded his second Georgia Commendation Medal.

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Brig. Gen. Scott tips his cap following his F-15 flight.



(Left) Georgia Guardsmen participate in civil disturbance training. (At right) General Griffin addresses the troops.

Small force called

Orderly convention negates need for Guard

Had disruptions at this summer's Democratic National Convention in Atlanta gotten larger than local and state law enforcement personnel could contain, a small force of Georgia Guardsmen was prepared to respond.

Even though they were not called into action, Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Griffin, the adjutant general, told the assembled troops, "You were one of Atlanta's insurance policies. If disaster had struck, you were there to save the day. Your sacrifices and devotion to duty contributed significantly to the success of the convention, and kept the reputation of Atlanta and the State of Georgia as an enlightened and progressive city and state. This was truly a team effort, which proved that the Army and Air Guard could work together effectively and efficiently."

While the overall security responsibility remained with the police agencies, the Georgia National Guard had a 400 person response force on state active duty on 30 minute alert should the need arise.

To man the force, personnel from both the Army and Air National Guard were called upon. The force, named Task Force Brand, was composed of the 170th Military Police Battalion; 138th Medical Company; Company C, 1/122 TLAT Battalion; Georgia Army National Guard; and the 116th Weapons System Security Flight, and the 129th Tactical Control Squadron of the Georgia Air National Guard. They were all under the operational control of the Military Police Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Terrance R. Brand, who also was the Task Force Commander of the operation, known as "Operation Clover."

All units were gathered at State Headquarters in Atlanta, about 3 miles from the site of the Democratic National Convention.

According to Maj. James W. Swanner, commander of the Air Guard units, "the purpose of this task force was to provide backup forces for the Atlanta Police and Georgia state law enforcement agencies should the

demonstrations at the Democratic National Convention get beyond their ability to contain. We would have been called only if the situation had gotten totally out of control, and fortunately, this didn't happen. Even though we weren't called, we got a lot of good training and also gained a great appreciation for the Army Guard; their support and assistance were just first class."

The 129th TCS provided truck drivers and vehicles for the entire task force and also acted as "demonstrators" during training sessions. Chief Master Sgt. Joe Waldrop, NCOIC of the 129th contingent said, "Our job was to get the troops to the scene and then get them out. Additionally, we had a little fun playing demonstrators during the many training sessions that were held. We all learned a lot."

The task force was on duty from July 16-21, 1988, and was present for duty about 15 hours per day and on call during the night.

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cheered "with great enthusiasm" by friends and well-wishers alike — both military and civilian.

Scott boarded the F-15 Eagle, the engines were started, the aircraft taxied from the ramp to the take-off position. And in no time at all, Scott's F-15 thundered down the runway, lifted off in an instant, and climbed steeply into the Georgia skies.

As Scott proudly flew the Eagle on that most exciting day, his flight also thrilled people watching below — especially those who made it possible for him to fly the F-15.

Scott's aircraft was one of three F-15 Eagles that flew in "Tac-One" formation (a three ship configuration) during the mission. Flying the aircraft from the back seat, Scott wore a flight suit outfitted with his name tag and

appropriate insignias.

Scott's check-pilot during the flight was Major Dudley Durant of Atlanta. Durant serves as a full-time pilot with the 128th Tactical Fighter Squadron at Dobbins.

At the conclusion of the mission, when the three F-15s were parked at the ramp and the engines cut, Scott and his fellow pilots were met once again by the same admiring crowd that had seen them take off just 1 1/2 hours earlier.

After the aircraft's canopy was opened, Scott stood tall in the cockpit of his F-15, tipped his hat to the cheering crowd, flashed a big smile and called out his thanks to Gen. Taylor and others who had made his flight possible.

Feeling that this was also the perfect time and place to praise the aircraft that he'd just flown, Scott shouted the following comments over the applause of his admirers:

"This Eagle — it's the greatest fighter in the world!"

And he added, "One of the great proofs of that fact is that every time you see a Soviet MIG, it looks more like our F-15. It's a very imitated aircraft."

In his first book, "God is My Go-Pilot," Scott recounts his World War II fighter pilot experiences in China with Gen. Clair Chennault's celebrated "Flying Tigers." Scott has written 14 other books since his first one was published.

A man who has traveled the world over, Scott has written 14 other books since his first one was published (in 1943). His most recently published book is entitled "The Day I Owned the Sky."

Gen. Scott, a graduate of West Point, presently serves as chairman of the "Heritage of Eagles" fund drive for the Museum of Aviation at Robins Air Force Base. He is a resident of Warner Robins, and is a native of Macon.

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 in 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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Aviation Museum gets Macon's old airport tower

Georgia Air and Army Guard 'team up' to move and preserve 'Communications History'

By Tech. Sgt. John P. Smith
 202 Engineering Installation Squadron
 Georgia Air National Guard

In a spectacular ground-and-air operation, the old air traffic control tower at the Macon Municipal Airport was recently moved to the Robins Air Force Base "Museum of Aviation."

The 202nd Engineering Installation Squadron (EIS) located at the Macon Airport and the 244th Aviation Battalion from Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah joined forces to move the tower.

The tower has been replaced by a new air traffic control tower at Macon's Lewis B. Wilson Airport.

Maj. Clyde E. Fulton, installation officer of the 202nd EIS said the idea of donating the tower to the museum was initiated by the squadron.

"I believe an aviation museum should not only have aircraft, but also a structure or monument — such as this control tower — to provide a tribute to the men and women in communications careers in the Air Force and the Air National Guard," Fulton said.

Disassembly work by 202 EIS personnel began in April of this year. The cab of the tower, which weighed over 38,000 pounds with a diameter of 24 feet, 8 inches, was trucked in May to the museum.

The support structure was airlifted in two sections of approximately 9,000 pounds each by the

Georgia Army Guard's Company C, 244th Aviation Battalion from Hunter Army Airfield at Savannah, with a CH-54 Skycrane.

Disassembly work was accomplished by personnel from the 202nd Engineering Installation Squadron. The 202 EIS also scheduled the airlift and obtained the permit for trucking the cab to the Robins AFB Museum of Aviation.

The tower was originally built in World War II, when the present Lewis B. Wilson Airport was known as Cochran Field. British pilots received flight training at Cochran Field during WW II. It was then a sub-depot of Robins Field, now known as Robins Air Force Base.

The tower will be reconstructed at the Museum of Aviation on Robins AFB. Visitors will be able to climb to the cab of the tower to view the museum grounds and aircraft. Plans call for recorded simulations of air traffic controllers and pilots talking during takeoffs and landings.

The height of the tower, with a strobe light flashing over 62 feet high, will be the most visible landmark to guide visitors to the museum.

Herb Eschen of Robins AFB, project coordinator for the museum, said the tower will serve as a 'landmark' as well as a tourist attraction.

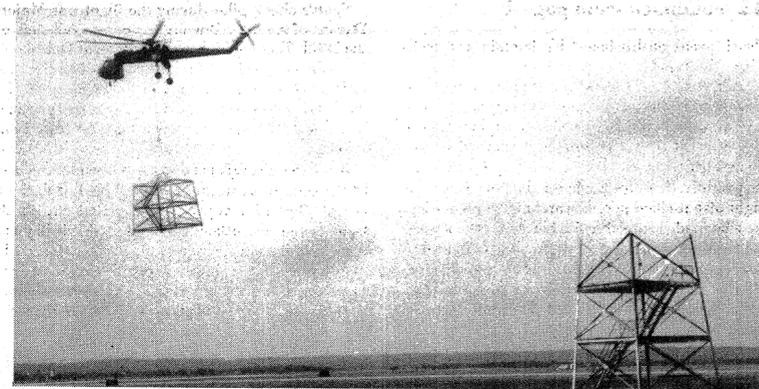
"It's a classic piece of nostalgia," Eschen added. "We think it's going to be a great addition to the museum."



202 EIS personnel prepare to remove steel structure and second floor walls of airport tower.



During inspection for hazardous loose material after removal of the wall, Maj. Fulton, 202 EIS installation officer, found a soft drink bottle dated '47 on the outer level of the "I" beam.



CH-54 Skycrane from the Army Guard's Co. G, 244th Aviation Battalion airlifts control tower support structure to Robins AFB Museum of Aviation.

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Election year 1988; Vote Responsibly

Election year 1988 is off and running and members of the Georgia Guard are being encouraged to exercise their right to vote for the candidate of their choice.

While emphasizing that the voting process "is important to the continuation of the American Way," Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Griffin, the adjutant general, cautioned Guardsmen to take care against giving the impression that the Georgia National Guard as an entity endorses any one candidate.

"We each have our choice, and should vote that choice," the general said, "but as servants of the state and nation, we (the Guard) should act as individuals, not representatives of the Guard."

More than 800 Guardsmen of the 48th Infantry Brigade (Mech) become 'Bradley Qualified' at July, August 'AT'

Approximately 1,150 members of the Georgia Army Guard's 48th Infantry Brigade (Mech) traveled to Fort Stewart this summer - at separate two-week intervals - to complete Annual Training.

These soldiers are members of the Brigade's 1st and 2nd Battalions, 121st Infantry.

The 1st Battalion, 121st Infantry, attended annual training July 16-30; the 2nd Battalion Aug. 6-20.

The main objective of this year's AT for these Guardsmen was to provide an opportunity - with the help of support personnel - to complete "new equipment training" (NET) for the Bradley Fighting Vehicle.

The objective was accomplished, and as a result, more than 800 Guardsmen of the battalions com-

bined became "Bradley Qualified."

The stories and photos on these two pages, provided by two members of the Georgia Army Guard's 124th Public Affairs Detachment, tell the story of AT '88 for each of the two Battalions.

Both Sergeant Minor and Private 1st Class Ryan were there. They submitted the following accounts:

PFC Kimberly Ryan Reports On the 1st BN, 121st INF

The Georgia Army National Guard's 1/121st Infantry arrived here at Fort Stewart on Saturday to begin its two week annual training July 16-30.

The battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. William T. Thielemann, immediately began to prepare to move its 566 Guardsmen and 60 Bradley fighting vehicles to the field.

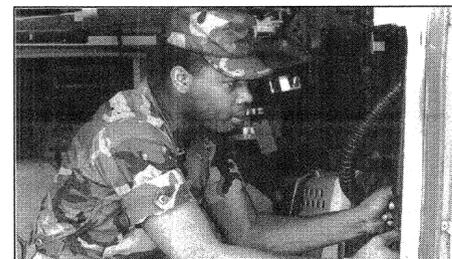
"The battalion will be completing the Bradley fighting vehicle new equipment training (NET)," said the command sergeant major for the 1/121st, Wesley H. Sheppard, of Dublin.

Sheppard explained that the soldiers will be firing the weaponry and completing tactical training.

The 1/121st Infantry battalion includes headquarters in Dublin, Detachment 1, HC in Milledgeville, Company A in Fitzgerald, Company B in Thomaston, Company C in Eastman, Company D in Perry, Detachment 1, Company D in Hawkinsville and Company E in Eatonton.

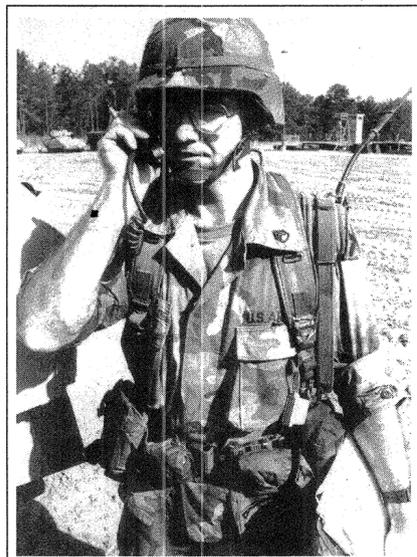
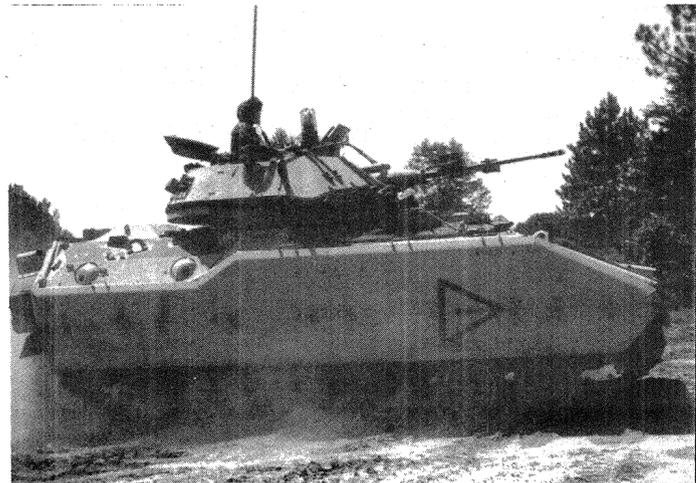


Spec. 4 Barney Rogers, of Milledgeville, Spec. 4 Bruce Darabaris, of Augusta, and Spec. 4 James Wolpart, of Milledgeville, review procedures for checking the Bradley fighting vehicles' engine. All are members of the Georgia Army Guard's Detachment 1, HC, 1/121st Infantry in Milledgeville. (Photo above and at right by PFC Kimberly Ryan, 124th Public Affairs Detachment)

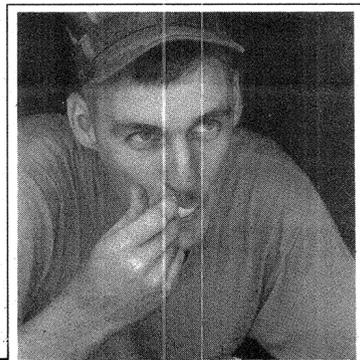


PFC Lazarus Carver, of Ocala, places the M-16 rifle inside the Bradley fighting vehicle before traveling to the field during annual training at Fort Stewart. Carver is a member of the Georgia Army National Guard's Company A, 1/121st Infantry in Fitzgerald.

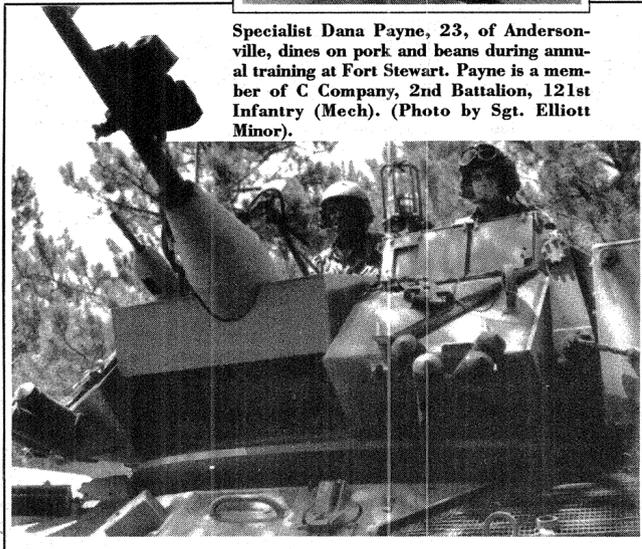
Members of the 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry (Mech), drive a Bradley Fighting Vehicle during annual training at Fort Stewart. Members of the battalion drill at armories in Albany, Valdosta, Moultrie, Quitman, Cordele and Tifton. (Photo by Sgt. Elliott Minor).



Staff Sgt. John Sutphin, a state bank examiner from Valdosta, receives a message on a field telephone during annual training. (Photo by Sgt. Elliott Minor)



Specialist Dana Payne, 23, of Andersonville, dines on pork and beans during annual training at Fort Stewart. Payne is a member of C Company, 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry (Mech). (Photo by Sgt. Elliott Minor).



Staff Sgt. Jones O. Thomas (left), and Sgt. Alan M. McGuffee, both of Quitman, await orders to move out during annual training at Fort Stewart. The Quitman Guardsmen are members of the 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry (Mech). (Photo by Sgt. Elliott Minor)

'Bradley qualified'

continued

Sgt. Elliott Minor reports on the 2nd BN, 121st INF

Most of the Guardsmen of the 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry arrived at Fort Stewart on Aug. 6 and returned home on Aug. 20. They are members of the 48th Infantry Brigade (Mech), and drill at armories in Albany, Valdosta, Americus, Moultrie, Quitman and Cordele.

Lt. Col. Robert C. Hughes, battalion commander, said most of the 585 Georgia Guardsmen training at Stewart will learn how to identify and hit targets with the Bradley's cannon and turret-mounted machine gun.

"They will also demonstrate their skill at operating the high-tech vehicle and guiding it through a number of combat maneuvers," he said. Their performance will be graded by Army evaluators from Fort Knox, Ky. and Fort Benning, Ga.

Hughes said the two-week summer camp, including at least 11 days of around-the-clock training in the field, will be very intense.

"It's very taxing. You lose the concept of night and day," said Hughes, a federal probation officer in Macon. "It's hot down in that (Bradley) turret. It's just no luxury at all."

Soldiers Relate Experiences, Impressions

As the battalion prepared for the move to the field, Staff Sgt. David Green Jr., 47, of Americus, checked his equipment and reflected on the training ahead.

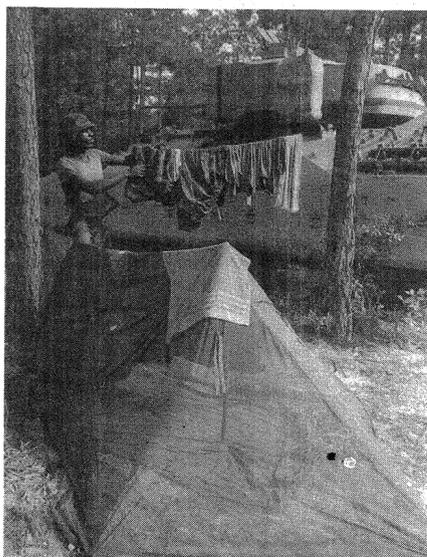
"There's a lot to learn," he said. "Our main objective is to become Bradley qualified."

A state bank examiner who spends much of his workday in an office scrutinizing financial records, Green finds "the excitement" he needs by serving in the Georgia Army National Guard.

Staff Sgt. John Sutphin, a member of Valdosta's A Company, 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry (Mech), said the Guard "gives him a chance to live at home and at the same time make a contribution to the country's national defense."

"Sometimes it's very exciting," said the former Marine. "We ride in helicopters and fire real guns."

Sutphin and other members of the 2nd Battalion traveled to Fort Stewart to complete two years of new equipment training with the Army's \$1.5 million Bradley Fighting Vehicle.



Quitman Guardsman checks to see if clothes are dry during summer camp at Fort Stewart. Members of the 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry (Mech) had rain showers almost every afternoon. The showers lowered temperatures, providing temporary relief from a heat wave that affected everyone at 'AT.'



Guardsmen sit out a thunderstorm beneath a tarp hanging from the rear of a Bradley Fighting Vehicle. These soldiers are members of the 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry (Mech), headquartered in Albany.

"It's a big change from my civilian job," noted Sutphin, as members of his company fired the Bradley's 25-mm cannon and 7.62-mm machine gun on a computerized range with pop-up targets up to 1,200 meters away.

Staff Sgt. Elvee Oliver, an Adel firefighter, described his first trip to the range as "exciting, challenging."

"It's something we'll have to work on," added Oliver, a gunner. "The more we do the better we'll get."

Staff Sgt. Jones O. Thomas, a Quitman farmer, said he left his father and brother at home to tend the fields while he serves as a Bradley commander.

"That's my vehicle," he said with pride. "You can fight with speed and the weapon systems lock it on target."

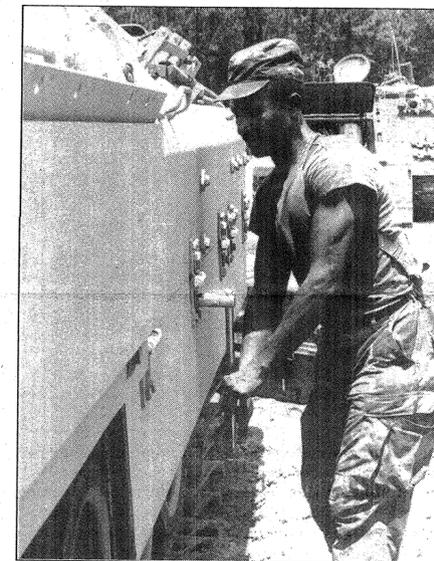
Sgt. Kenneth Johnson of Moultrie sweated profusely while lugging his 70 pounds of equipment to the rear hatch of his Bradley.

"It's going to be pretty rough," said Johnson, a lineman who is accustomed to working outside in the blistering summer heat.

"It's hot and muggy, but if we keep getting showers in the afternoon, it'll cool things off," observed Capt. James Clements, commander of E Company in Tifton.

The Tifton Guardsmen, equipped with the Army's Improved Tow Vehicle (ITV) will prepare for an evaluation of their combat skills and learn how to knock out enemy tanks with their wire-guided missiles, said Clements.

"We'll be doing a lot of moving," Clements added. "We're going to be preparing to work with the Bradley companies."



Sgt. Ernest Powell Jr., of Hawkinsville, lets the skirts down on the Bradley fighting vehicle during a field training exercise at Fort Stewart July 16-30. Powell is a member of Detachment 1, Company D, 1/121st Infantry in Hawkinsville. (Photo by PFC Kimberly Ryan, 124th Public Affairs Detachment)



"But you promised me I could have 'seconds'." An Albany Guardsman cautiously visits "Pvt. George," a 5-foot alligator that lives in a pond near the Foxtrok tank range at Fort Stewart. Pvt. George has developed a passion for Army field rations.

Georgia team will represent entire Air National Guard at prestigious 'William Tell' Competition 1988

To combat fighter pilots, "William Tell" represents the "World Series" of air-to-air competition.

The grueling two week dueling competition is sponsored by TAC and hosted by the USAF Air Defense Weapons Center at Tyndall AFB, Florida.

Teams from the Tactical Air Command (TAC), U.S. Air Force Europe (USAFE), Pacific Air Forces (PACAF), the Air National Guard (ANG) and the Canadian Air Force (CAF) meet in competition in this biennial air-to-air competition.

Georgia's "William Tell" team will represent the

entire Air National Guard in F-15 competition at Tyndall on October 8-22.

The five William Tell competition pilots from the 128th Tactical Fighter Squadron are Captain Steven P. Beck, Captain Daniel L. Delane, Captain Anthony J. Hamilton, Captain Scott A. Hammond, Captain Steven M. Schmidt, and Captain Bradley L. Thompson. Together these pilots represent more than 11,000 flying hours in the F-15 Eagle.

In addition to the air-to-air action in which the teams are scored, Georgia's William Tell team will be scored on weapons uploading and downloading, crew chief

competitions, and air controller competitions.

According to auxiliary competition pilot and the team's public affairs officer, Capt. Scott A. Hammond, Georgia's "William Tell" competitors face numerous challenges as they compete against the best fighter pilots in the Air Force. Most notably is the fact that the majority of the team are part-timers in the traditional Air National Guard mode.

"To our decided advantage," continued Hammond, "is that our pilots and especially our maintenance and munition support people have a great many years of critical experience in their areas."

LTC George Graves, Project Officer for William Tell sees the selection of the 116th TFW to represent the entire Air National Guard as a result of a tremendous record of performance not only in the airmanship of the five pilots, but also the outstanding record of

aircraft operation and maintenance which the 116th TFW has maintained.

Aircraft competing in William Tell '88 will include F-15s, CF-18s flown by the Canadian Air Force team and F-4s by other Air National Guard units.

Five missions or operational profiles, are flown by each team. Profile I is a medium altitude, front aspect live AIM-7 firing against a maneuvering QF-100 drone target. Profile II is a medium altitude, postmerge live AIM-9 firing against a maneuvering QF-100 drone.

Profile III is a scramble takeoff to intercept two targets in minimum time for the purpose of visual identification and simulated destruction of each.

Profile IV is a mission simulating area defense tactics against a mass raid, that employs a variety of tactics at all altitudes and uses electronic countermeasures. The fighter must defend the area for 45 minutes.

Finally, Profile V for the William Tell pilots will be a live fire gun profile flown against an acoustically-scored low cost tow target. The tow target is orange-colored, 17 feet long and fifteen inches in diameter.

Fighter tasks are to score a hit in the shortest time and to score the most hits from a gun tracking shot. Both must be completed within a 50-second time limit.

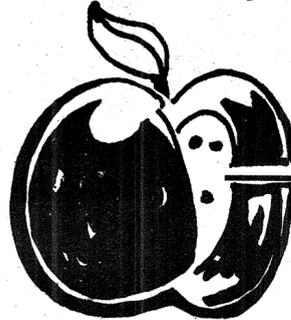
The real value of William Tell comes from the lessons learned from start to finish. The fine tuning of aircraft, aircrews, controller, armament and maintenance teams teach each unit valuable lessons.

The competition shows which unit has best prepared for and executed their winning game plan. The crosstell can be applied to each unit's special operational needs to either improve or support existing operations plans.

Regardless of the outcome of the fall duel called "William Tell," those chosen to represent the Georgia

Each member represents proven skills, talents and recognized technological expertise. To each we offer not only success, but also an added measure of corporate pride at being the very best in the nation.

Stories on the 'William Tell Competition' by Capt. Ken Baldowski, Public Affairs Officer, Georgia Air National Guard. Photos by MSgt. Betsy Winn, 116th Tactical Fighter Wing, Georgia Air Guard.

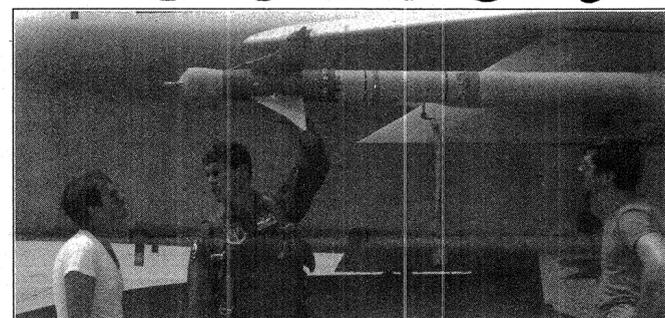


WILLIAM TELL

TELL '88



(Above photo) GA ANG F-15 pilots Capt. Steven Beck, Capt. Jess Hamilton, Capt. Brad Thompson, Capt. Steve Schmidt and Capt. Daniel Delane form the five member William Tell Competition team. Not pictured Capt. Scott Hamilton. (Above right) William Tell pilot, Capt. Brad Thompson checks with members of William Tell Ground Support Team on AIM-9L missile which will be fired at drone aircraft during the 2-week William Tell Competition.



'William Tell' -- an event where 'the best fighter units compete'

Top teams from U.S. Air Force and Canadian Air Forces fighter squadrons will compete in the USAF Air-to-Air Weapons Meet, entitled William Tell 1988 at Tyndall AFB, Fla., October 8-22.

The Air Force-sponsored meet is held every two years, hosted by the Tactical Air Command. TAC's USAF Air Defense Weapons Center at Tyndall AFB organizes and conducts the meet.

William Tell, named after the legendary Swiss archer, gives the USAF's best fighter units the opportunity to compete in all aspects of air-to-air operations.

Competition in the two-week long event will be among teams in two categories, F-15/F-18 and F-4, with separate winners for each category.

Teams are composed of aircrews, weapons controllers and aircraft and munitions maintenance specialists. The aircrew team with the highest total points will be the overall meet winner.

Aircraft, aircrews, weapons controllers, munitions specialists and maintenance specialists of the Georgia Air National Guard will be representing the entire Air National Guard in F-15 competition during William Tell.

Five Eagle pilots and munitions and maintenance specialists from the 116th

TFW and weapons controllers from Savannah's 117th and Kennesaw's 129th TCS composes the team of Georgia Air National Guardsmen making up the William Tell team.

William Tell is conducted in an intense and realistic environment that requires teams to use the full spectrum of air-to-air skills. Aircrews fly five different missions against "hostile intruders" over the Gulf of Mexico. The "intruders" are unmanned drones or other aircraft. Competitors employ live radar-guided and heat-seeking air-to-air missiles against QF-100 drones.

While aircrews and weapons controllers are often the most visible members of the air-to-air teams, they depend upon the skill and dedication of the maintenance and load crews to prepare the aircraft and missiles for flight. These skilled technicians compete for top maintenance and weapons load team awards.

William Tell measures the ability of fighter units to accomplish their air superiority and strategic defense mission in a realistic combat environment.

The entire Air Force benefits from the competition through the training and preparation for the meet.

'The William Tell Competition' exhibits 'a dynamic history'

The William Tell competition began in 1954 as the air-to-air rocketry portion of the third annual U.S. Air Force Fighter Gunnery and Weapons Meet held at Vincent Air Force Base, Arizona.

The first meet pitted Aerospace Defense Command against Air Training Command, and an Air Training Command team emerged as the winner.

In 1955, an Aerospace Defense Command team from the Easter Air Defense force triumphed by out-shooting their Air Training Command competition during the final day of flying. Four overseas bases sent units to the meet, giving air-to-air rocket firing a global flair. Seven teams competed in the 1955 meet.

The subsonic F-86 Sabre, F-89 Scorpion and F-94 Starfire were the mainstays of Aerospace Defense Command and competitors in the 1956 meet.

The contest accelerated in 1958 at its new home at Tyndall AFB, Fla. The two-year old F-102 Delta Dagger was the first supersonic aircraft to appear in the competition. These sleek, delta-winger Dagger highlighted the "new" William Tell, which had now become exclusively an air defense competition.

The 1958 meet found the familiar F-89 and F-102 fighters being joined by two aircraft adapted for air defense -- the F-100 Super Sabre and the F-104 Starfighter. The flying was described as the most realistic proving ground short of combat.

In 1959, twelve teams representing five major commands were involved in the competition.

The F-102, its younger sister, the formidable F-106 Delta Dart and the F-101 Voodoo, three jets specifically designed for the task of protecting the North American continent, joined the competition in 1961.

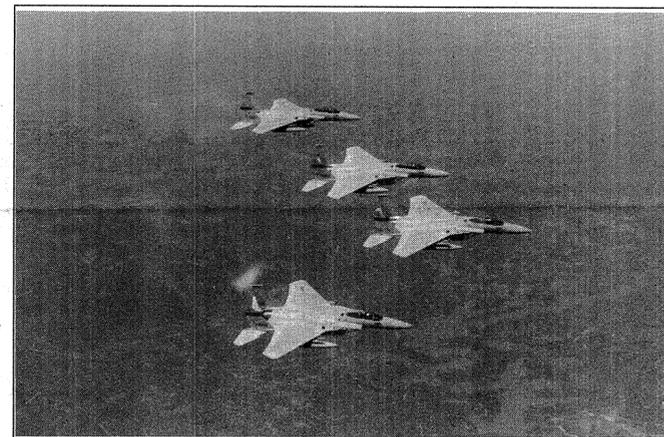
In 1963, an "intruder" mission was created which added more realism. A drone was launched from an unannounced point. The Air National Guard began flying more modern aircraft by 1963, and an ANG team from Pittsburgh, Penn., defeated the regular Air Force aircrews to win the F-102 category.

In 1965, Canada the only foreign country to participate in William Tell, sent a F-101 team to the meet. Sixteen teams were entered, flying F-106, F-102, F-101 and F-104 aircraft. A team from the U.S. Air Forces in Europe brought international flavor as well.

After Vietnam, William Tell resumed in 1970 with three types of aircraft participating: the F-106, F-102 and F-101. The pilots and ground crews of these aircraft represented the Aerospace Defense Command, Air National Guard and Canadian Forces Air Defense Command.

Air National Guard teams made a clean sweep of the three major categories again in the 1974 William Tell meet.

In 1976, the Air National Guard continued its winning streak in the Bicentennial edition of William Tell. The 142nd Fighter Interceptor Group from the Oregon Air National Guard won the F-101 category and the 120th Fighter



GA ANG F-15s from the 116th TFW will represent the Air National Guard in the prestigious William Tell Competition October 8-22 at Tyndall AFB, Fla.

Interceptor Group from Montana took honors in the F-106 competition.

With the reorganization of air defense forces in 1979, sponsorship of William Tell shifted from the Aerospace Defense Command to the Tactical Air Command. The 10 teams competing in the 1980 edition once again came from active duty F-4 and F-106 units, Air National Guard F-4, F-101 and F-106 units, and Canadian Forces F-101 units. For the first time, Strategic Air Command B-52s participated as targets to give teams a more realistic simulation of bomber threats.

In 1982, the name of the meet was officially changed to the U.S. Air Force Air-to-Air Weapons Meet. This meet marked the return of the Pacific Air Forces and the U.S. Air Forces in Europe to the competition, both flying the F-15 Eagle, in its first appearance in the meet. William Tell '82 also marked the addition of individual competition for weapons loading, maintenance and weapons controllers.

William Tell is a meet with a mission carrying an important message to the American public. It defines current strength and future needs. The experience gained by the competitors and evaluators serve as the winning edge should our forces be called upon to defend our freedom.



The F-15 Eagle will be the primary competitor in the 1988 William Tell Competition. Over twelve teams will compete in the TAC-Sponsored Air-to-Air Rocketry contest.

Other Georgia Air Guard '1988 William Tell Competition' Team Members:

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| 116th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Major C. Blake
CMSgt. S. Poulos
TSgt. S. Duffey
SSgt. S. Southerland
SSgt. J. Mercer
SSgt. T. Westbrook
SSgt. W. Allgood
SrA V. Skidmore
SSgt. L. Jackson
SSgt. J. Woodhead
MSgt. G. Parker
TSgt. R. Blackwell
Sgt. D. Turner
SSgt. P. Pittman
TSgt. C. Trott
TSgt. J. Clark
Sgt. P. Walsh | TSgt. J. Price
SSgt. J. Greene
SSgt. D. Johnson
TSgt. W. Cowan
TSgt. J. Moore
SSgt. C. Stevens
SMSgt. D. Camp
MSgt. K. King
MSgt. H. Ingram
TSgt. D. Kovaleski
TSgt. K. Meeks
TSgt. J. McNeal
Sgt. C. Smith
SSgt. T. Kimbrell
TSgt. T. Fisher
SSgt. D. Wallace
SSgt. M. Breedlove
MSgt. D. Paschal
SSgt. J. Swartz
SSgt. W. Sanders | SSgt. F. Lang
SSgt. D. Lynch
TSgt. K. Spence
SSgt. R. Gordon
SSgt. K. Forsyth
TSgt. R. Grady
MSgt. J. Garrison
SSgt. W. Pinkney
SSgt. W. Castellaw
SSgt. B. Hurst
SSgt. R. Patterson
TSgt. J. Boggs
SSgt. W. Gaskin
SSgt. P. Allen
TSgt. J. Nelson
TSgt. L. Clay
TSgt. J. Rosser
TSgt. J. Tolbert
SSgt. D. Stephens | 116th Resource Maintenance Squadron
SMSgt. L. Moss
TSgt. M. Cruce

116th Tactical Fighter Squadron
SSgt. C. Messer
SSgt. B. Bridges
MSgt. L. Carter

117th Tactical Control Squadron
Capt. Jerry Katz
Capt. Kay Klimes
SMS Robbie Terrell

129th Tactical Control Squadron
Maj. Charles Reichert |
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Awards in the Georgia Army Guard . . .

The Good Conduct Medal
SFC Tommy L. Cook, 118th PSC, Atlanta, GA
SFC Walter M. Kegley, HQ, GaSTARC, Atlanta, GA
SFC Joseph R. Tatham, HQ, GaSTARC, Atlanta, GA
SFC Calvin C. Thomas, HQ, GaSTARC, Atlanta, GA
SSgt J. C. Rozier, HQ, GaSTARC, Atlanta, GA
Sgt Morton G. Smith, HQ, GaSTARC, Atlanta, GA

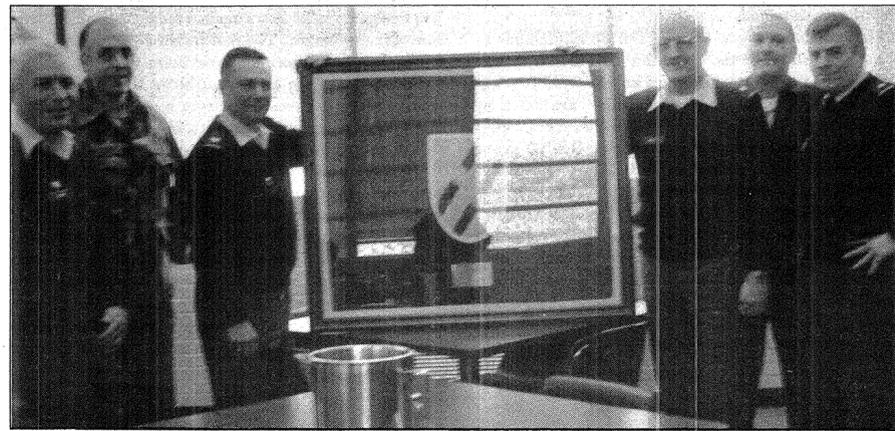
Georgia Meritorious Service Medal
Lt Col Alvie L. Dorminey, HQ, 148th FSB, Forsyth, GA
Lt Col William T. Nesbitt, HQ, GaSTARC, Atlanta, GA
Maj Theodore M. Brown, HQ, GaSTARC, Atlanta, GA

The United States Meritorious Service Medal
Col Fred W. Shaver, Jr., HHB, 118th FA Bde, Savannah, GA
Lt Col William J. Doll, HQ, GaSTARC, Atlanta, GA
CSM Robert H. Little, HQ, Troop Command, Decatur, GA

The Georgia Commendation Medal
Maj Gen Kenneth C. Leuer, US Army Infantry Center, Ft. Benning, GA
Maj Gen Michael F. Spigelmeier, 24th Infantry Division, Ft. Stewart, GA
Brig Gen Ward M. LeHardy, HQ, 2nd US Army, Ft. Gillem, GA
Lt Col Terrance R. Brand, HQ, 170th MP Bn, Atlanta, GA
Lt Col Clovis R. Culp, HQ, Troop Command, Decatur, GA
Maj Robert V. Baldwin, HQ, 265th Engr Cp, Marietta, GA
Maj Garry C. Pitman, HHC(-), 1230th FA, Waycross, GA
Maj James Schrock, HHC(-), 1230th FA, Waycross, GA
Maj Thomas E. Stewart, HHC, 2/121st In, Ft. Stewart, GA
Capt Steven W. Cooper, SR, HHC, 265th Engr Cp, Marietta, GA
Capt Ronald A. Crews, HD, GaSTARC, Atlanta, GA
Capt Rickey K. Deal, HHC(-), 1230th FA, Waycross, GA
Capt Andrew C. Durden, III, HD, GaSTARC, Atlanta, GA
Capt Joe E. Singleton, Jr., HHC(-), 1230th FA, Waycross, GA
Capt Harry N. Thompson, 178th MP Co, Monroe, GA
Capt Milton H. Woodside, Jr., HHC(-), 1230th FA, Waycross, GA
2nd Lt James B. Baxter, HQ, GaSTARC, Atlanta, GA
2nd Lt Edwin T. Collins, Co C, 1/121st IN, Eastman, GA
2nd Lt James E. Van Dyke, HHC, 1/121st IN, Dublin, GA
CWO Marion S. Faulkner, Training Site Support Detachment, Hinesville, GA
CWO Krista C. Dunn, 560th Engr Bn (C), Columbus, GA
CWO Robert Paul Latham, HHC(-), 2/121st Inf Bn (M), Albany, GA
SCM John E. Kovalaki, HQ, Troop Command, Decatur, GA
CSM Jerry D. Slade, HHC(-), 48th Inf Bde (M), Macon, GA
1st Sgt Thomas B. Dally, 190th MP Co, Atlanta, GA
1st Sgt Hans C. Thomas, HD, GaSTARC, Atlanta, GA
MSG Ralph L. Lloy, Jr., HHC, 265th Engr Cp, Marietta, GA
SFC Carl E. Blackman, 118th PSC, Atlanta, GA
SFC Patrick J. Hickson, HHC, 878th Engr Bn, Augusta, GA
SFC Joseph H. Skinner, HQ, 878th Engr Bn, Augusta, GA
SFC Marion Washington, 138th Med Co, Atlanta, GA
SSgt David Charles Burgess, HHC, 878th Engr Bn, Augusta, GA
SSgt Richard A. Chastain, Co A, 878th Engr Bn, Augusta, GA
SSgt Walter Denson, Jr., HHC, GaSTARC, Atlanta, GA
SSgt Carl A. Dowland, HHC, 265th Engr Cp, Marietta, GA
SSgt James Michael Griggs, HHC, 878th Engr Bn, Augusta, GA
SSgt Larry Glen Latta, HHC, 878th Engr Bn, Augusta, GA
SSgt Janice Nell Moulton, HHC, 265th Engr Cp, Marietta, GA
SSgt William H. Rogers, HQ, GaSTARC, Atlanta, GA
SSgt Cecil W. Walton, HQ, GaSTARC, Atlanta, GA
Sgt Judson S. Arledge, III, Co D, 878th Engr Bn, Swainboro, GA
Sgt John Preston Blackwell, III, HHC, 265th Engr Cp, Marietta, GA
Sgt Lanorris Boyd, HD, GaSTARC, Atlanta, GA
Sgt Sidney L. Brady, Btry A, 2/214th FA, Savannah, GA
Sgt Ronald Coleman, Btry A, 2/214th FA, Savannah, GA
Sgt John T. McCalliard, HHC, 118th FA Bde, Savannah, GA
Sgt Sallie R. McCoy, 118th PSC, Atlanta, GA
Sgt Kelly D. Meslor, 118th PSC, Atlanta, GA
SP4 Loretta E. Jarvis, 118th PSC, Atlanta, GA
SP4 Charles W. Vidrine, HHC, 265th Engr Cp, GaARNG, Marietta, GA
John C. Stennis, United States Senate
Glenn E. Bryant, State Senator
Marian F. Rountree, State Dept of Defense
Dorothy H. Shelton, State Dept of Defense
Joe T. Wood, State Representative

The Army Achievement Medal
SFC William Henry Ickes, HHC, 265th Engr Cp, Marietta, GA
Sgt Robin T. Worley, HD, GaSTARC, Atlanta, GA
Sgt Elizabeth J. Buckley, HD, GaSTARC, Atlanta, GA

The Army Commendation Medal
2nd Lt James B. Baxter, HQ, GaSTARC, Atlanta, GA
SFC Charles David Leckie, HQ, GaSTARC, Atlanta, GA
Sgt William V. Finnick, 277th Maint Co, Atlanta, GA
Sgt Harmon Meshack Limehouse, Co A, 878th Engr Bn, Augusta, GA



Officers of the 48th Infantry Brigade, Georgia Army Guard, stand proudly by one of the framed battalion flags of Macon which now hangs in the cafeteria of the Georgia Military Institute. Shown (From Left) are: CSM Jerry Slade, (CSM, 48th Bde); COL William (Al) Holland, (Dep. Cdr. 48th Bde); COL Dave Gunn, (Commandant, GMI; BG John R. (Ron) Paulk, (Cdr. 48th Bde); LTC Simon Sheffield, (XO, 48th Bde); BG Ken McDaniel (AAG-Army).

48th Infantry Brigade responds first, decorates GMI's 'bare walls'

By PFC Kimberly Ryan
124th Public Affairs Detachment

The walls of the cafeteria at the Georgia Military Institute (GMI) in Macon are no longer bare. Instead, the colorful 48th Infantry Brigade of Macon's battalion flags are now framed and are on display there.

Each of the major commands has a designated building at GMI that they are encouraged to decorate. The 48th Infantry Brigade is the first to take advantage of this opportunity.

Brig. Gen. John R. Paulk, commander of the 48th, presented the guidons. "This flag display represents the five battalions and three company size units which combine to form the 48th Brigade," he said.

The battalions in the 48th are the 148th Forward Support Battalion in Forsyth, 2/121st Infantry in Albany, 1/108th Armor in Calhoun, 1/121st Infantry in Dublin, and 1/230th Field Artillery in Waycross. The companies are Troop E, 348th Cavalry in Griffin and Newnan and the 848th Engineer in Douglas.

Brig. Gen. William K. McDaniel, assistant adjutant general of the Georgia Army National Guard, and Col. Otis C. Malcom, chief of staff of the Georgia Army National Guard, attended the ceremony. A plaque of the dedication was hung at the entrance of the cafeteria.

Savannah artillery unit tests 'Nuclear Skills'

By Sgt. Elliott Minor
124th Public Affairs Detachment

Savannah Guardsmen spent a sleepless weekend at a remote artillery range in June. They were demonstrating their ability to hit the enemy with their most destructive weapon — a nuclear projectile fired from their 155-mm self-propelled howitzers.

For 72 hours, members of Battery C, 1st Battalion, 230th Field Artillery had to live with a practice nuclear round while Army evaluators monitored their performance on more than 50 tasks.

The training was a prelude to the unit's three-week exercise this summer at the Army's National Training Center (NTC) in California.

At the NTC, the Georgia Army National Guard unit worked with active-Army Soldiers from Fort Stewart's 24th Infantry Division (Mech).

Capt. Wayne Lancaster, the battery commander, said the nuclear exercise, conducted at Fort Stewart in June, was "about the most demanding peacetime test his unit could face."

Artillery units that might be called on to fire nuclear weapons have to take such tests every three years to be recertified.

Should the President approve the use of tactical nuclear weapons, an order would be sent through Army channels to commanders like Lancaster. The order would give units authority to draw nuclear rounds.

Even the practice round, delivered to the range in a special truck, was classified and could not be photographed.

"Security is important," said Lancaster.

Spec. 4 Tyrone Hall, a cannon crewman, spent the night guarding the projectile with his M-16 rifle. He was one of several guards who made up the security force assigned to protect the round.

"It's an awesome and destructive weapon. I'm not sure of the kill radius, but it covers a lot of area," he said.

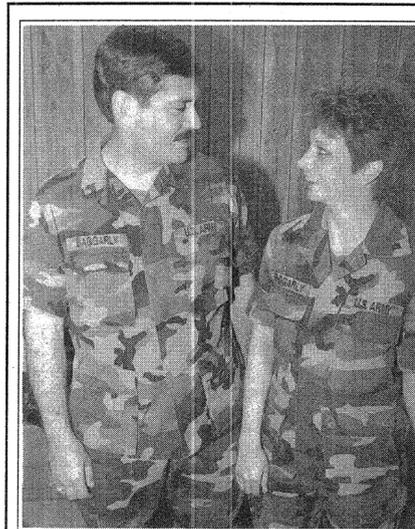
While performing its nuclear tasks, the battery was harassed by simulated gas attacks and "enemy" raids. Its big guns also fired conventional projectiles throughout the weekend.

"A nuclear ARTEP (test) is the most demanding that a battery or a battalion can go through," said Lancaster. "It's physically demanding when you're going 72 consecutive hours under constant evaluation."

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Capt. Taylor was also cited for providing "positive leadership and guidance in training and maintaining individual skill qualifications of all subordinate personnel" for giving "extra time and dedication to the better overall complexion of the Georgia Army National Guard."

A 17-year veteran of the Georgia Guard, Taylor, 37, attended North Georgia College in Dahlonega and before completing Officer Candidate School was assigned to the 1148th Transportation Company.



GUARDED BLISS

Sergeant Jon Baggary and Specialist 4 Joan Baggary, both of the Georgia Army Guard's 1177th Transportation Company in Macon, celebrate their second wedding anniversary at Fort Stewart during their annual training period, April 16-30. The couple met three years ago at a National Guard drill. Mrs. Baggary hopes her husband will have enough time to give her a bouquet of flowers. (Photo by Sgt. Elliott Minor, 124th Public Affairs Detachment)

Hamilton's letter targets need for more publicity on 'women in the military'

Topic may be featured in *Woman's Day* magazine

By Capt. Ken Baldowski
Public Affairs Officer
Headquarters, Georgia Air National Guard

An unsolicited letter to the Editor-in-Chief of *Woman's Day* magazine from Georgia Air Guard Recruiter Staff Sgt. Renee Hamilton sparked considerable interest in the magazine's corporate office in New York.

As a result, the magazine may publish a feature story on Hamilton and other women in the military services.

Hamilton, a six-year Air Guard veteran and a recruiter with the 224th Joint Communications Support Squadron at St. Simons Island, wrote *Woman's Day* editor, Ellen Levine about the "changing role of women in today's Air Force."

Her letter encouraged the nation's foremost woman's monthly to explore the possibilities of highlighting America's female military members in a forthcoming feature article.

To prove that the stereotyped image of women in the military — as viewed by some members of the media — is as outmoded as the "rotary engine fighter," Hamilton (herself a fashion model) enclosed several personal fashion photos of herself both in uniform and in

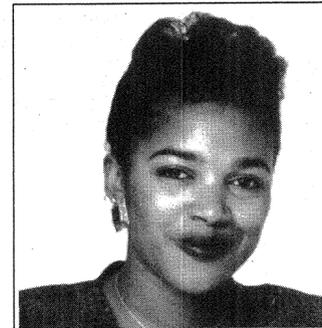
civilian dress.

Hamilton's bold initiative toward *Woman's Day* comes from both her interest in the military and her involvement in beauty and fashion. Sergeant Hamilton knows well the subjects of fashion. She is fashion consultant and a fashion-show coordinator who has modeled throughout south Georgia, Florida, New York and California.

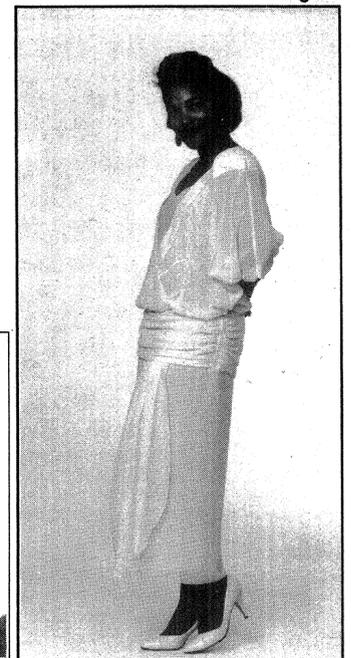
She shares her avocation with many area civic groups and youth organizations. She lectures on health and fashion matters to locally disadvantaged youth and teaches young girls the principals of self image and personal pride.

Hamilton's letter met with quick response from Ms. Levine. Following a hastily sent note, the 224th Recruiter received a telephone call from *Woman's Day* Health and Beauty editor, Jane Chesnut, who suggested a trip to the New York office for a photo session.

As Hamilton considers the *Woman's Day* invitation to appear in the magazine, her letter to the editor may generate renewed interest and increased pub-



Staff Sgt. Renee Hamilton is a recruiter with the Georgia Air Guard's 224th Joint Communications Support Squadron. Her talents as a fashion model/consultant are evident in these exquisite photographs.



licity worldwide of "today's women in the military." This will show that women are appropriate role models — not only in fashion and personal appearance —

but also professionals in the business of defending our nation.

Member of Macon's 202nd Engineering Installation Squadron honored

Goodroe selected as Georgia Air Guard's 'Military Citizen of the Year'

An incident in the life of Technical Sgt. John R. Goodroe may indicate why he and others like him in each of the uniformed services in Georgia are honored each year as "Outstanding Military Citizens."

The time was early evening on I-75 south of Perry, Ga. Motorists and truckers were pulling off the interstate for the evening. Some continued a long night's drive pushing to meet deadlines in some far off city. Others should have stopped long before as fatigue wore endlessly on.

A resident of Unadilla, John R. Goodroe was finishing an evening meeting of Unadilla's volunteer fire department. Things were welcomed routine.



Tech. Sgt. John Goodroe proudly displays his award. Standing with him is Brig. Gen. Ben L. Patterson, Assistant Adjutant General - Air.

Police radios occasionally broke the silence with calls monitored out of Perry. To Goodroe, it was a normal day's ending like so many for the past 20 years as the volunteer fire chief.

But the tranquility was abruptly halted. Dooley County Sheriff's radio crackled with word of a wreck involving a fire. Perry emergency crews were racing to the scene. Unadilla was only two exits away. Goodroe was first on the scene.

A 5-acre grass fire lit the south Georgia sky. Both sides of the interstate and were ablaze and the median burned intensely. Sheriff's reports indicated a piggy-back tractor trailer had collided with a paint truck entering the highway.

Ladders carried by the paint truck had become flying projectiles, piercing the cab of the tractor-trailer, killing the driver and imbedding deeply into the trailer.

The paint truck carrying two persons careened down an embankment and caught fire. Both died, one thrown from the truck, the other by burning.

For the next 5 1/2 hours, Goodroe and his crew of 14 volunteers and other area emergency crews battled the fires and explosions, extracted the victims from the burning vehicles and aided in a massive wreckage cleanup. Traffic on both sides of the interstate was halted for two hours.

Labeling Goodroe's actions on that night as routine is a gross and inappropriate generalization. "Accidents are never routine," Goodroe said. "The only things that remain similar are the split second decisions that must be made by skilled professionals in such life-threatening situations."

For incidences like these, Technical Sgt. John R. Goodroe of the 202nd Electronic Installation Squadron EIS in Macon is the 1988 recipient of the Georgia Air National Guard's "Outstanding Military Citizen of the Year."

Goodroe, a 19-year veteran of the Georgia Air National Guard, was selected from over 3,300 Air Guard members. The presentation of the prestigious award occurred during the Armed Forces Day Banquet in Atlanta before a gathering of over 3,000 military and civilian leaders.

Goodroe began his military career with the 202nd

EIS soon after graduation from high school in 1969. He has earned many awards and citations including the unit Safety Award, commendations from EID for his contributions during recent Engineering Installation "Shootouts" competitions and from HQ 241 EIS for assistance in training vehicle operators.

In addition to serving as fire chief of Th Unadilla Fire department for 20 years, Goodroe has served as an auxiliary police officer for more than ten years in positions ranging from dispatcher to patrolman.

116TFW scores high in recent ORI

The Georgia Air Guard's 116th Tactical Fighter Wing (TFW), recently completed its official Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI) by members of the IC Team out of Langley AFB, Virginia.

Official results confirmed an "excellent operational readiness" for the 1200-member unit.

Two key operational phases made up the inspection. First, the "Readiness Phase" which stressed the "Initial Response" capability employing command and control, aircraft generation procedures, mobility and aircraft deployment and regeneration.

The "Combat Phase" made up the second phase of the inspection and concentrated on three important segments — combat employment, ability to survive and operate, and mission support.

In the Commander's comments to the unit following the ORI, Brigadier General Charles W. Taylor, Jr., praised the unit's "attitude, effort, and pride." He went on to explain that the IC team "gave us the toughest test I've seen in five years, and you — the men and women of the 116th — rose to the occasion."

The 116th is one of only two units in the country (both in the Georgia Air National Guard) to have received the prestigious "Outstanding Unit Award" on six different occasions.

A unit that practices 'Community Spirit'

Milledgeville infantry unit hosts 'family day & open house' -- visitors enjoy tours, 'high-tech' weaponry demonstrations

By Toby Moore
124th Public Affairs Detachment

"Community spirit" is more than a phrase to Milledgeville's Guard unit -- it's a "practice" shared by all its members.

Each year that spirit comes to light during a "family day and open house" which includes a tour of facilities, military equipment displays and fire power demonstrations. The event is sponsored by Detachment 1, Headquarters Co., 1st Battalion, 121st Infantry.

"Usually between 300 and 600 people turn out for the event," said Staff Sgt. Sanford Register, the unit's full-time administrator and one of the organizers of the activity.

Visitors to the unit's annual festivities include not only members of Guardsmen's families but also other citizens throughout the community. Local community and political leaders often attend as well as employers of unit members.

While kids clamber over camouflage-painted vehicles and examine the complex weaponry -- under close supervision -- parents can enjoy a meal of barbecued chicken, hot dogs or a sample of the unit's mess section menu.

"I don't know how many years we've been having these, but I know it's been over 10," Register said. "Usually we have had them on Sunday, so people could come by after church, but this year we decided on Saturday. The unit NCO Club sells tickets to a chicken barbecue to raise money, and we give away

free hot dogs and Kool-Aid."

Among the displays of infantry equipment was the "Hummer," the Army's modern replacement for the proven and popular jeep. Guardsmen also demonstrated another "high-tech" piece of gear that attracted much attention -- the new Bradley Fighting Vehicle. Also on display were M-16 rifles, M-60 machine guns and a computerized firing range.

The unit's "open house" serves purposes other than just being a nice thing to do for the Guardsmen's families and the community on a spring day. "This gives us a great opportunity to distribute ID cards to all the dependents," Register said.

It also promotes the Guard within the community and aids in recruiting. "We have a recruiter on board," he said. "He's here just in case someone wants to sign up."

Put pay problems to rest -- enroll in SURE-PAY

Guardsmen who may have experienced pay difficulties can put the problems to rest by enrolling in the "SURE-PAY" program.

To enroll Guardsmen should contact their Unit Administrator.

The program has a number of advantages. Chief among them is direct bank deposit of Guard pay checks.

In addition, SURE-PAY eliminates the inconvenience of replacing a lost pay check or having to make a trip to the bank to deposit the check.

Under SURE-PAY the U.S. Army Finances and Accounting Center mails a monthly pay advice notice to the soldier showing the amount of inactive Duty Training earnings deposited.

Col. Ronald Winslett, U.S. Property and Fiscal Officer for the Georgia Guard said that the SURE-PAY program offers efficient and effective means for soldiers to meet their personal and family financial obligations even if they are deployed.

Governor Harris praises 'Buckle Up' billboards

Special outdoor billboards, financed by the Georgia Safety Belt Coalition, have been erected throughout the state as a reminder to all motorists of Georgia's new seat belt law which went into effect Sept. 1.

These 12-by-25 foot billboards are "an educational campaign -- a reminder to motorists to buckle up," Harris said.

The billboards feature pictures of a state trooper in full uniform, a young woman (Katie Stable) in a wheelchair who was severely injured in a 1985 automobile accident, and Rep. Dick Lane (D-College Park), author of the bill (requiring seat belts to be worn) signed into law this year.

The signs read: "Buckle up Georgia. It's Your Life, It's Our Law!"

"Buckling up definitely saves lives," Harris emphasized during a recent ceremony in Atlanta where he unveiled the first of 200 signs scheduled for display throughout the state.

Harris explained that studies show that "wearing seat belts can reduce Georgia's traffic fatality count -- which reached 1,604 last year -- by at least 360."



ARE YOU PUTTING ME ON?



Unit members demonstrate the Bradley Fighting Vehicle's smoke screen capabilities for onlookers at the Guard's open house in Milledgeville. (124th PAD photo by Capt. Jim Driscoll).

Buckle Up! 'Let's make this a year-round campaign in Georgia!'

The national goal of the "Buckle-Up America, 1988" campaign is to "increase the usage rate of vehicle safety belts and child safety seats up to 70 percent," reports Frank C. Carlucci, U.S. Secretary of Defense.

"I know that Department of Defense personnel can do even better than that (by surpassing the 70 percent goal) because we care," Carlucci said.

"In Georgia, we should make this a year-round campaign," said Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Griffin, Georgia's adjutant general. "Buckling up is such a simple thing to do that could well save your life," Griffin added.

"The need to conduct such a campaign is essential," Carlucci emphasized. According to statistics, approximately 48,000 Americans died on our nation's highways last year, and out of those 673 were active duty military personnel.

"In fact, during peacetime, privately-owned vehicle accidents -- both automobile and motorcycle -- are the single largest cause of accidental deaths and injuries among all DOD personnel," Carlucci said.

The law now requires that seatbelts be worn by all drivers and passengers in vehicles on all United States military reservations.

Purpose of the "Buckle-Up America" campaign is to remind and encourage all residents within our nation to: 1. Continually use safety seat belts when riding in a vehicle, 2. Make certain child safety seats are used when children are transported, and 3. Be sure that protective helmets are worn by everyone who rides a motorcycle.

It is estimated that 12,000 to 16,000 lives would be saved each year if every driver and passenger in our nation would wear seat belts while riding in vehicles.

In summary, all members of the reserve and active military forces, and all civilians as well, are urged to make "buckling-up" and safe driving "life-long" habits.

By simply fastening your seat belt and shoulder harness, you will be providing yourself -- in advance -- with the most effective protection against injury or death in the event of an accident.

"Let's remember that every time we put the key in the ignition and start a vehicle, we're taking responsibility not only for our lives and safety but also for the lives and safety of others," Carlucci said.

The Department of Defense joins the National Safety Council, the National Traffic Safety Administration and many other organizations in supporting the

It's great to feel 'at home, away from home'

By Sgt. Elliott Minor
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Reservists and Guard members who live in the woods at Fort Stewart often endure bugs, heat and long hours, but for a lucky few there's air conditioning, fresh towels and maid service when they return from the field.

The National Guard Training Center (NGTC), a 669-acre leased site at Fort



Doris Chavis, supervisor of the BOQ/BEQ at the National Guard Training Center at Fort Stewart, smiles while working at her desk. Mrs. Chavis says she wants the quarters to be a home away from home for the Guardsmen and Reservists training there. Those who spend time in the field appreciate a hot shower, air conditioning and clean sheets when they return to civilization.

Stewart has 345 beds in 37 buildings that usually are assigned to field grade officers and top NCOs.

Most are in air-conditioned buildings and all are visited daily by a crew of housekeepers who tidy up, make the beds and lay out fresh towels.

Doris Chavis, the NGTC's chief of billeting, said her goal is to make the accommodations "a home away from home."

"People who come year after year have particular places they like to stay," said Mrs. Chavis, a housekeeper at the NGTC for five years before assuming her new duties last year. "I know those buildings in and out."

Kennesaw Mountains 'tackled' by 265th Engineering Group

By PFC Kimberly Ryan
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Members of Marietta's 265th Engineer Group, Georgia Army Guard, raised more than \$1,000 for the March of Dimes recently when they hiked up Kennesaw Mountain.

The 265th participates every year in the March of Dimes walk-a-thon and gets local businesses to sponsor them.

The route took the walkers five miles up Kennesaw Mountain and five miles down the mountain. The 265th did the 10 miles in full military gear -- camouflage fatigues, rucksack and other paraphernalia.

Staff Sgt. Eric Wilmarth said, "We are able to increase the guard's visibility and raise money for a good cause."

This visibility has also proven to increase the number of new recruits in the 265th.

"After the walk-a-thon last year, we had 15 to 20 to enlist in the 265th," said Capt. Randy Postell, operations officer for the 265th.

Besides the housekeepers, the NGTC has a staff of 80 groundskeepers, supply specialists, plumbers, carpenters and electricians who help keep the site neat and safe.

"It takes all those to make it comfortable for the people," she said. "It's the total National Guard Training Center that makes it possible."

The NGTC can accommodate up to 12,000 troops at a time, and with tents supplementing its 225 barracks buildings, it could house 22,000 troops during a mobilization, noted Lt. Col. Bobby Duncan, the NGTC facility manager.

During the summer thousands of Guard members and Reservists from South Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Kentucky, Florida and Georgia convoy to the NGTC for two-weeks of annual training. Up to 30,000 troops use the site each year.

"Sometimes they move in and out the same day," said Mrs. Chavis. "It really keeps us hopping."

Mrs. Chavis handles reservations for the 345 BOQ/BEQ beds, while Georgia Guardsmen at a property warehouse assign the barracks that house the bulk of the troops during annual training. They also issue linen and cleaning supplies.

Not surprisingly, there are few complaints from guests who are lucky enough to have maid service and air conditioning.

"Once they stay out in the field awhile, they're glad to get back to that bed," she observed.

During the off season, the NGTC will even assign privates to the special rooms and will house wives and children of Guardsmen or Reservists.

"Col. Duncan says our motto is 'Whatever it takes,'" noted Mrs. Chavis, the mother of two teen-agers and the wife of an Army staff sergeant stationed in Korea.

Some of Duncan's staff is on duty 24 hours a day to help the reservists and Guard members make the most of annual training.

"We never close," he said. "We work 24 hours a day. We're here to support the troops."



Vietnam veteran, SFC Pinkie Houser of Columbus makes sure the ID camera is in good working condition. The camera with electronic flash is used to photograph Guardsmen for military ID cards. (Photo by Capt. Ann Mackie, 124th Public Affairs Detachment)

Houser featured in Catherine Marshall's new book 'Women in Vietnam'

By Capt. Ann Mackie
124th Public Affairs Detachment

The petite female Guardsman in battle dress checks a young troop's personnel file and hands it back to him. Sgt. 1st Class Pinkie Houser of Columbus has been doing this type of work since 1973 -- with only a two-month break in service.

She looks like an everyday person, just like you and me. She is -- but with one exception. She's the featured subject of a chapter in a recently published book on Vietnam.

Women in Vietnam, published in 1987 by Little, Brown of New York, was written by Catherine Marshall, wife of author Peter Marshall and herself a writer of several books, including the popular Christy.

Ms. Marshall thought enough of Sgt. Houser to devote an entire chapter to her. Houser, a personnel sergeant in the Georgia Army Guard's 560th Engineer Battalion in Columbus, works full time as Traffic Director for Radio Station KISS FM there.

While in Vietnam, she spent 13 months in a Women's Army Corps (WAC) detachment at Long Binh, outside of Saigon. There, the women per-

formed various support jobs in different units.

She admitted she saw "a lot of sadness, and was often scared." She herself was never wounded.

Houser described the majority of the WACs as being "close-knit and dedicated soldiers who really believed in what they were doing."

Houser explained that they had some interesting experiences with culture shock, too. Often they would see and smell the Vietnamese cooking and eating roaches and bugs.

There was a nice restaurant close to their detachment, where they went one night for what they thought was a dish like sweet and sour pork. "We felt like we were enjoying something delicious, until they told us what we were eating was dog and cat."

Sgt. Houser said she couldn't really explain why she volunteered for Vietnam, except that she saw it as a challenge, something she just had to do. "I'd gladly go again if they needed me," Houser said.



Master Sgt. Ralph Lloyd Jr. (Left), Specialist 4 Loretta Battle (Center), and Capt. Randy Postell "set out" for Kennesaw Mountain. (Photo by PFC Kimberly Ryan, 124th Public Affairs Detachment)



Members of the 265th who participated in the 10-mile 'walk-a-thon' pose for a group photo. Shown (Top Row From Left) are Staff Sgt. Eric Wilmarth, Sgt. 1st Class Emmett Steele, Sgt. Michael Matthews, and Capt. Randy Postell; (Front Row From Left) Master Sgt. Ralph Lloyd Jr., Spec 4 Loretta Battle, and Staff Sgt. Nick Minadeo. (Photo by PFC Kimberly Ryan, 124th Public Affairs Detachment)

A special team that 'helps keep soldiers healthy'

'Here's the lettuce, but where's the beef?'



Major Jacquelyn M. Gerrells of Dahlonga inspects a head of lettuce for possible spoilage during Georgia Army National Guard's annual training at Fort Stewart July 9-23. Gerrells, Chief of the Veterinary Section at State Headquarters, has her own fulltime small animal practice at home. (Photo by Cpt. Ann Mackie, 124th Public Affairs Detachment)

By Capt. Ann Mackie
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What's a veterinarian doing in the Georgia Army National Guard?

"I get this question often," said Major Jacquelyn M. Gerrells of Dahlonga, Chief of the Veterinary Section, State Headquarters, Georgia Army Guard. "Our primary missions are preventive medicine and field sanitation," Gerrells explained.

The veterinary section performs some important functions for the Guard.

The United States Property & Fiscal Office procures food from the active Army's Troop Issue Support Agency (TISA), which has already inspected rations at the first-line manufacturers and slaughterhouses. Then, Major Gerrell's crew steps in.

Three others round out Maj. Gerrell's team -- two technician food inspectors and an attached Medical Service Corps veterinary student. The team reports directly to Col. Lawrence Allen, State

Surgeon.

Principal duties of the veterinarian section include inspecting and distributing rations to the different Guard units attending AT at Fort Stewart.

The veterinary section also inspects field mess and field sanitation facilities. The section also conducts classes and training sessions such as the required certification for all food service supervisors.

Twice a year they teach Emergency War Surgery School for food service supervisors, held at the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine. Here they learn battlefield surgery, like tracheotomies and endotracheotomies.

Major Gerrells feels strongly that commanders should be very concerned about safe practices in field sanitation and food preparation. "Only a reasonably healthy soldier can fight and train effectively," she said.

Army Guard 'goes bananas' over 'banana oil'

By Capt. Jim Driscoll
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Its scientific name is N-amyl acetate, but members of the Georgia National Guard know it as "banana oil." It's a pleasant alternative to tear gas when they use it to test their protective masks for leaks.

N-amyl acetate is a highly concentrated, flammable chemical that has the distinctive, heavy aroma of bananas. Its fumes, however, are harmless.

According to Sgt. Mike Hall, who helps direct chemical warfare training for the 560th Engineer Bn., N-amyl acetate is poured into open containers which are set

inside a closed tent.

Guardsmen then enter the tent wearing their protective masks. If they cannot detect the scent of bananas, they know their masks are airtight and safe for use in training events which expose them to actual tear gas.

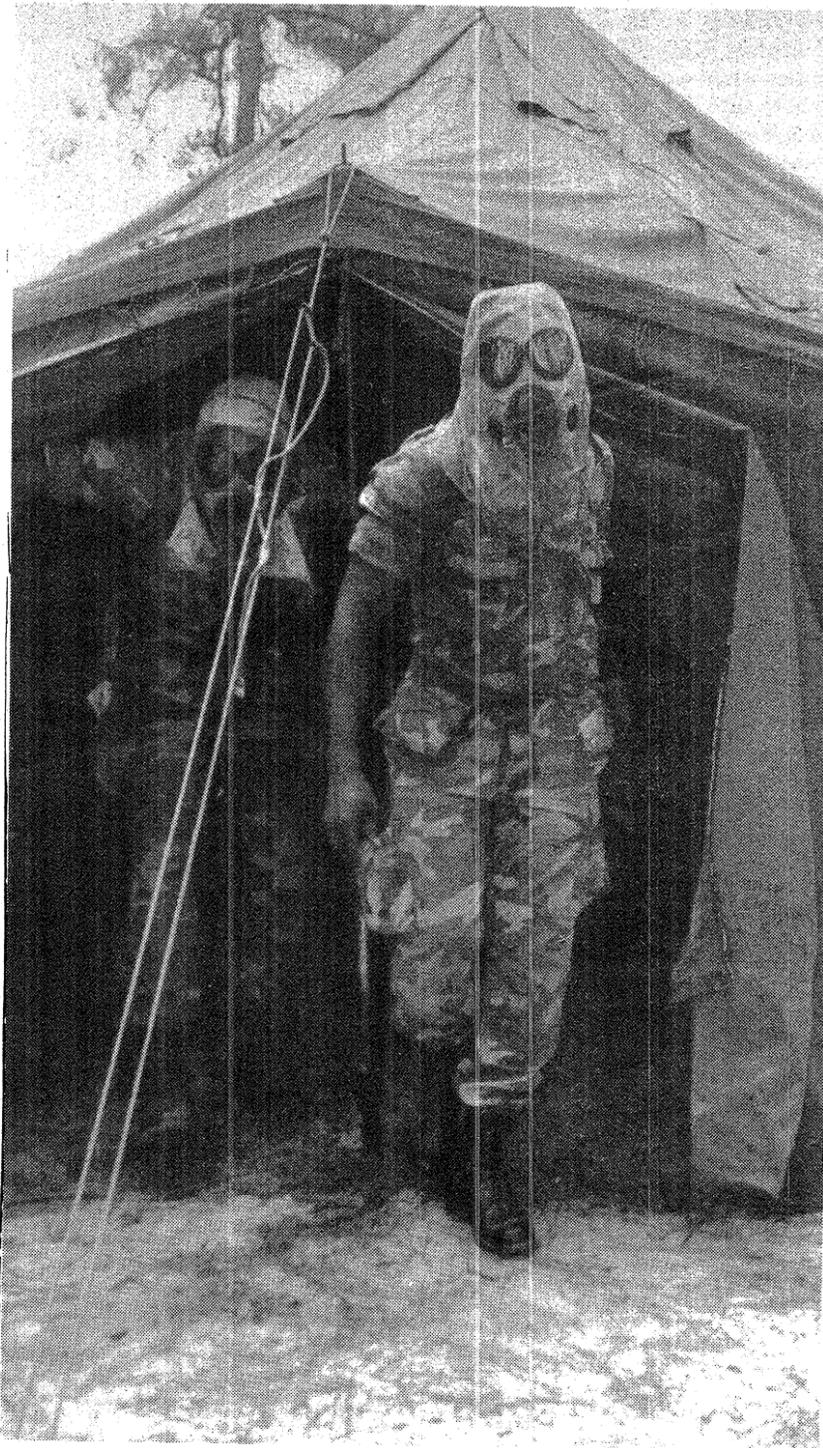
Hall said that in years past, Guardsmen tested their masks for leaks by walking through a "gas chamber," filled with the noxious fumes of tear gas. If the mask leaked, the soldier was likely to get an uncomfortable dose of "C-S" (tear) gas.

It's no wonder that "banana oil" is greatly preferred by all soldiers -- commanders and troops alike.

A bottle of N-amyl acetate, known unofficially among Georgia National Guardsmen as "banana oil," is secured for use in chemical warfare training for members of the 560th Engineer Battalion. Most soldiers and commanders regard it as a safe and pleasant alternative to tear gas.



Sgt. Mike Hall, of Leesburg, Ga., a member of A Co., 560th Engineer Bn., pours a bottle of N-amyl acetate, or "banana oil" into a container that will allow the chemical's fumes to fill a closed tent for training purposes.



Never looking better and glad to get some fresh air, Specialist 4 Hewlett Powell, of Columbus, Ga. (left), and Staff Sergeant Clifford Burke, of Bainbridge, Ga., both members of D Co., 560th Engineer Bn., walk out of a tent filled with fumes of N-amyl acetate, or "banana oil."