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## Lane named new state CSM

**F**or John H. Lane, being chosen last year as a command sergeant major was the goal of a lifetime.

He's now exceeded even that, having been selected as the top-ranking enlisted soldier in the Georgia Army National Guard to replace Command Sgt. Maj. Billy Manning, who retired.

"This is a lifetime goal that I set in basic training at Fort Benning," Lane said last year when he was promoted to CSM and chosen for the top enlisted slot in Marietta's 151st Military Intelligence Battalion.

His career covers nearly 24 years of service, both on active duty and in the National Guard. Before joining the Georgia Guard in May 1976, he had served active-duty tours in Vietnam and as a flight engineer at Fort Campbell.

In the guard, he has served in a variety of aviation and leadership positions with the 1160th Transportation Co. and with Co. G, 244th Aviation Battalion.

A full-timer with the Georgia Guard since 1976, Lane has served for the past 18 years at the Army Aviation Flight Facility in

Savannah. He is a graduate of numerous service schools, including the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy at Fort Bliss.

Active in military organizations, Lane is past president of the Enlisted Association of Georgia. He is also an avid long-distance runner who served for eight years as captain of the Georgia National Guard marathon team.

Lane is a native of Albany and now resides in Savannah. He is married and is the father of two sons.



**LIKE A SPIELBERG MOVIE SET, CH-47 Chinook helicopters churn up the dust after depositing 50-odd civilians near the tank ranges at Fort Stewart. The civilians, all of whom have members of the 1st Battalion, 108 Armor working with them in their businesses, were brought to Stewart for a tour of facilities and to see how their friends and co-workers spent their annual training time. For more on this event, see Page 15.**

### Cutbacks hit home

Nobody likes it, but Defense Department downsizing has hit the Georgia Guard again. Armories will close, and there will be further reductions in troop strength. Some units are slated to move, reorganize, or shut down.

And this may not be the end. Maj. Gen. William P. Bland, Georgia's adjutant general, says that strength could be at 8,500 by the time the Olympics come to Atlanta.

For an in-depth look, see Pages 4-5.

## THIS ISSUE

### 'They were a Godsend'

An elderly Kentucky couple, traveling down I-75 were unlucky to be stranded in what was called "The Blizzard of the Century." But they were lucky that the Georgia Guard was there. Soldiers from the 265th Engineer Group rescued the motorists, taking them to nearby shelter.

Throughout the storm, guard personnel went wherever they were needed, via helicopter, truck and Hummer, performing one heroic deed after another.

For more about these everyday heroes, see Page 7.

### Guard helps with kid shots

Earning praise from former President Jimmy Carter, about 230 Army and Air Guard members manned immunization sites throughout the metro Atlanta area to give under-privileged children basic vaccinations.

Carter's Atlanta Project began the program, and enlisted the guard's help. More than 3,200 children received free vaccinations.

Read about the guard's participation in this worthwhile project on Page 6.

### Brigade splits annual training

Looking for a better way to accomplish the same objective, the 48th Brigade this year ran a split camp for its AT. The purpose? To maintain a higher state of readiness, says its commander.

For more on this innovation, see Centerpiece on Pages 10-11.

### Mass casualty drill successful

During annual training at Fort Stewart, the Air Ambulance company of the 148th Support Battalion evacuated "wounded" soldiers during a mass casualty drill. From doctors to litter bearers, everyone worked as a team to make sure the drill went as planned.

To see how they did, see Page 14.

## THE MILITARY BEAT

## 1994 numbers look good for the Guard &amp; Reserve

If the current trend continues, the Guard and Reserve will fare quite well — thank you — in terms of the 1994 federal budget, to be passed by Congress.

And, in fact, the 1994 budget, proposed by the Clinton administration, would provide for 90,000 more reserve component slots than had been proposed by former President George Bush.

"Quite a bit of manpower has been restored to the Guard and Reserve that had been proposed to be eliminated," said Jennifer Buck, acting deputy assistant Secretary of Defense for reserve affairs.

According to the 1994 numbers, the total military personnel budget is to be cut by about \$6 billion — but reserve component personnel funding is to be reduced by a "mere" \$100 million.

## The Cold War is over — almost

Looking for a last bastion of the Cold War, something to cling to the "good 'ole days?" Try Korea.

Forty-seven years ago, American and Soviet negotiators divided Korea into two parts — north and south. And that division set the stage for the Korean War, one of several "regional conflicts" dotting the Cold War era.

The Soviets are gone. And the otherwise Communist People's Republic of China enjoys close ties with South Korea.

But North Korea remains, a stubborn centralized vestige of a by-gone era.

Result? North Korea maintains a one-million man Army, and openly seeks nuclear weapons — if only the tactical variety.

## Airlift &amp; sealift crucial

Sen. Sam Nunn (D-GA), chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, has for years told anybody who'd listen that America needs better airlift and sealift capability.

If anything, the Persian Gulf War highlighted the fact. Sure, the stuff got there. But it could have got there faster.

And with global shifting of forces, featuring less troops and equipment pre-positioned overseas, Nunn's urgings have never rung more true.

At the height of the Cold War, America and two corps and six divisions pre-positioned in Europe. Before long, those numbers will be reduced to one corps and two divisions.

The 1990s strategy means more emphasis on rapid deployment and quick response to regional threats.

The standards break down as follows: For a light infantry brigade, deployment must be as fast as four days, to anywhere in the world. A light division must be able to move anywhere in but 12 days. Two heavy divisions? Thirty days.

## Teamwork is key to meeting goals

By Chief Master Sgt. DAVID WILLIAMS

Congratulations to Brunswick's 224th Joint Communications Support Squadron (JCSS) for becoming the first Guard unit ever to win the Maintenance Award.

And the 224th earned the award after unit members worked together as a team. TEAM-WORK! I'd like to share my thoughts regarding teamwork with you.

Teamwork is a group of individuals working toward a common goal. Teamwork is an airman — direct from tech school — or a group leader who shares ideas and addresses problems. Guard leaders must be open-minded enough to entertain ideas from any Guard member, anyone who can make the "betterment of the Guard" less stressful and more productive.

With "downsizing" days upon us all, Professional Military Education (PME) will continue to be crucial for every airman. We must keep up with the changes in PME!



Effective Oct. 1, 1991, Airman Leadership School (ALS) introduced a three-tier structure. The NCO Preparatory Course (NCOP) and the NCO Leadership School (NCLS) have been consumed by ALS. Considering these fundamental system changes, it's been difficult for Guard airmen to attain slots to attend these schools in residence.

Solution? Unit representatives, along with officials from the United States Property & Fiscal Office (USP&FO) and the Air Guard's Consolidated Base Personnel Office (CBPO), have combined to make dates available for airmen at Macon's Georgia Military Institute (GMI). The first classes have been scheduled to start next month, on July 24.

Retiring soon? Make sure to inspect your data report for accuracy. Report any mistakes — with proper documentation, where possible — to CBPO as soon as you can.

Changes are continuing to take place in the Georgia Guard. We are accepting these changes and moving toward the future.

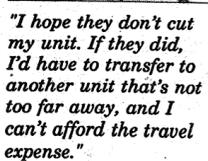
Chief Master Sgt. David Williams is Senior Enlisted Advisor of the Georgia Air National Guard.

## SOLDIER POLL

Do you think military downsizing will have an impact on your guard career?



"There has been a cutback in medical supplies. We do a lot more simulations than we used to."  
Pvt2 Christopher Free, Co. C, 1/108th Armor, Dalton



Sgt. Thomas Jackson, 848th Engineers, Douglas



"Veterans benefits are slim now, and cutbacks will make them even more scarce. I have medical needs, and I want them taken care of."  
Staff Sgt. Walter Whitaker, 848th Engineers, Douglas

## Worth Repeating

"People must try to use their imagination and when orders fail to come, must act on their own best judgment."

—Gen. George S. Patton Jr., U.S. Army

"The best protection against the enemy's fire is a well-directed fire from our own guns."

—ADM David G. Farragut, U.S. Navy

"In war, everything depends on morale; and morale and public opinion comprise the better part of reality."

—Napoleon Bonaparte, French emperor

"Hit quickly, hit hard and keep right on hitting. Give the enemy no rest, no opportunity to consolidate his forces and hit back at you. This is the shortest road to victory."

—Gen. Holland M. (Howlin' Mad) Smith, U.S. Marine Corps

"Diplomacy has rarely been able to gain at the conference table what cannot be gained or held on the battlefield."

—Lt. Gen. Walter B. Smith, U.S. Army

"There is never a convenient place to fight a war when the other man starts it."

—ADM Arleigh Burke, U.S. Navy

## New streamlined pay system helps finance be more efficient

By Spec. EMORY MINOR  
124th PA Detachment

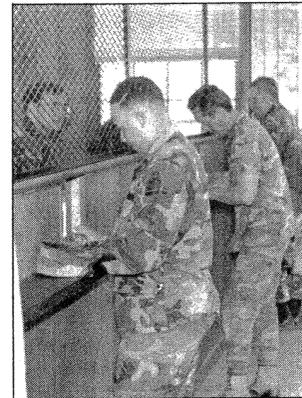
Guardsmen can expect quicker and more accurate pay starting this month when the Georgia National Guard switches to a streamlined pay system.

The change to Joint Services Software, a multi-service pay system modeled after the Air Force system, is an effort to improve payroll efficiency throughout the Department of Defense.

"Pay is very important," said Sgt. J.C. Bryant of Americus. "We need our money to pay the bills and keep our families happy."

During Desert Storm a large number of guardsmen were mobilized. Since the Active Army's pay system was different, pay had to be input manually. The transition should be smoother next time, said Col. William A. Smyth, deputy chief of staff and comptroller.

"When the guardsmen mobilized, it created a lot of adminis-



NEW PAY WINDOW — Soldiers find the pay lines shorter as they draw their pay at the end of annual training at Fort Stewart. (Photo by Spec. Mike Carr, 124th PAD)

trative pay problems," he said. "We had to recreate the pay file for each person mobilized. Pay allotments and insurance were input manually."

JSS is totally automated. Under the new system, payroll will be processed eight times a month, compared with two times under the old system.

"What this means for the soldier is payroll information is input quicker and pay will be quicker," said Smyth.

Every state east of the Mississippi was scheduled to convert to the new system by June 8. All other states will change in July.

All military pay will come from the Defense Finance and Accounting Service in Indianapolis. Guard members will no longer receive a check at annual training. The checks will be mailed or deposited directly in members' bank accounts.

Pay is critical to good morale in the guard.

"It's very important for a college student to have his pay on time because of books, tuition and outside expenses," said Sgt. Maurice Bell, a student at Georgia Southwestern College in Americus.

## Finance answers questions on new system

The Georgia Army National Guard has instituted a new computer software system that makes data entry easier and more consistent, and helps streamline the way soldiers are paid.

Called Joint-Service Software (JSS), the system is the same as has been used by the Air Force, according to Sgt. Stella Jones, a pay specialist with the STARC Finance section. It ensures that soldiers are paid smoothly during peacetime, and if they are mobilized for extended periods.

Had JSS been in place during Operation Desert Storm, Jones said, many pay problems that deployed soldiers experienced would have been alleviated.

Following are some commonly asked questions about the system:

**Q: Why was the Army's pay system changed?**

**A:** For several reasons: out-of-date software from the 1960s and 1970s; the old system was labor-

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Sgt. Stella Jones



intensive and expensive to maintain.

**Q: Why did the Army choose JSS, rather than develop its own system?**

**A:** Using a single software system to pay both soldiers and airmen meant that it could be employed "right out of the box" with little adjustment. Adopting JSS also supported the defense Finance and Accounting Service goals of improved service at reduced cost.

**Q: What are the primary benefits of JSS?**

**A:** It provides timely and more accurate pay by using enhanced telecommunications for pay

transactions. Pay data is updated at night in the system, and the system can retain two years of pay history in its files. It reduced workload and gives more on-line information when soldiers need to have pay questions answered.

**Q: How will this affect the individual soldier's pay?**

**A:** It won't. The most visible impact will be a new and improved Leave and Earnings Statement (LES). The new LES will be a joint form for both Army and Air Force, which will be phased in. Also, a new form called the Net Pay Advice is being issued monthly, which shows the soldier's drill pay.

INSIDE  
The Army Guard

## Domestic missions bring home the value of guard

Extraordinary acts by ordinary people. The "storm of the century" knocked Georgia for a loop. But the big snow also displayed Georgia at its finest, as citizen-soldiers rallied to the state's aid.

"The simple fact is that no one else could have done what we did during that storm," said Maj. Gen. William P. Bland, Adjutant General. "We're the first line of defense, and we can bring things to the table that no one else can bring."

Of course, that sums up the Guard in a nutshell. Storm, or no storm. As roles and missions of our military shift from large, pre-positioned overseas active forces, domestic concerns — like those addressed by the Guard — by definition take on a much higher degree of import.

Some domestic matters cannot be planned for, like March's sudden storm. But other local concerns must be carefully planned through, such as the spring's statewide Guard-supported effort to immunize children. And medical missions are the type of "close to the people" duty upon which the Guard thrives.

"In their everyday lives they are out among the people," said Fred Aiken, representing U.S. Rep. Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) during a recent visit to the 117th MASH. "Maybe where the physical facilities are concerned, we can downsize somewhat ... but as far as downsizing in people, I don't see any way that we can afford to take that risk."

State Representative Robin Williams (R-114) came away from a visit to the medical unit with a very blunt reaction.

"Part-time Guard doctors see more action in their regular hospital emergency rooms than any active duty military doctor would see," Williams observed.

Speaking for newly elected Sen. Paul Coverdell (R-Ga.), Williams concluded that "if they're going to downsize the medical force, do it on active duty. Don't touch the Guard and Reserves."

## Named to major policy committee

Georgia Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. William P. Bland, has been named a primary member of the Air Reserve Policy Committee (ARFPC) by the Acting Secretary of the Air Force. The committee, composed only of General officers, advises the Secretary of the Air Force on major policy matters affecting Air Force reserve forces.

## Saudi veterans should register

Guard members who served in Southwest Asia during the Persian Gulf War should register with the Veteran's Administration (VA) Persian Gulf Registry. This will allow the VA to medically evaluate these Guard members. Call Bruce Rooney, program coordinator at the Persian Gulf Family Support Program, VA Medical Center at (404) 329-4659.

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# Reducing forces causes some armories to close

Continuing a trend that began last year, the Georgia Army National Guard will realign a number of units throughout the state.

In 1992, the Army Guard deactivated eight units as part of the U.S. Department of Defense reduction in strength.

More deactivations, which are coming this year, will reduce authorized strength of the Army Guard from 11,500 to 10,085. DOD projections call for staged reductions through 1995, which would leave a strength of 8,500.

Since armories and other facilities were built for a larger force, the loss of 1,500 personnel means that some armories may not be needed.

"We will keep as many armories open as possible," said Maj. Gen. William P. Bland, Georgia's Adjutant General. "We want to make it possible for those men and women who want to pursue a career in the Georgia Army Guard to join a unit within a reasonable commuting distance."

Units will be split between communities to remain as much a presence as possible, Bland said.

More than half the units in the state are high-priority, meaning they must maintain deployable strengths at between 95 and 100 percent. That means these units must be located in communities that have a sufficient personnel pool to support them.

These units are B Company, 244th Aviation Battalion; 24th Infantry Detachment; 165th Supply Co.; 878th Engineer Battalion; and the 48th Brigade.

The decision to realign units was based on keeping adequate personnel, armories, and command and control relationship between each unit and its headquarters.

Armories in Reidsville, Quitman and Sparta will be placed in caretaker status as each unit vacates. If no longer needed by the guard, they will likely be turned over to the communities.

Soldiers in realigned units will be reassigned to other units, and will be given additional training to qualify for their new jobs. Bland said that every effort will be made to minimize the disruption of moving to other units.

As a high-priority unit, the 48th Brigade will

see an increase in strength, having been designated a separate brigade. Its Douglas-based 848th Engineer Company will be replaced by a new unit, the 648th Engineer Battalion (Combat).

The 648th will be activated Oct. 1. Following are its unit locations, and authorized strengths: Headquarters Co., 70, Statesboro  
A Co., 103, Statesboro  
B Co., 103, Waycross  
C Co., 103, Douglas  
Support Platoon, 57, Baxley  
Bland said that Congress and the defense department continue to review armed forces strength.

"There could well be additional deactivations before this is all over," he said. "The strength of the Georgia Army Guard could be reduced to 8,500 in the next three to four years."

"But even though it will be smaller, the future of the Georgia Army Guard is indeed bright. We will be a leaner but more effective partner in our nation's defense, ready to serve both our state and our nation."

## Unit moves to Gainesville; some members may stay behind

When Eastman's Co. C (-), 1st Battalion, 121st Infantry, moves to Gainesville under guard reorganization proposals, most infantrymen will choose to stay behind, says 1st Lt. Blaine Samples of Metter, a platoon leader.

"I don't foresee half a dozen going," Samples says. "Most of the E-7s and above are going and a couple of people who may be living or working in the Atlanta area, but most of them will get out or try to transfer to a different kind of unit, the 148th Support or the engineers or the Reserves."

Samples, an eight-year Guard veteran, will make the 240-mile trip. "I have a good job there,"

he explained. "I consider myself more fortunate than most of my peers because they don't have a certain job yet."

Samples is distressed that he will lose skilled infantrymen.

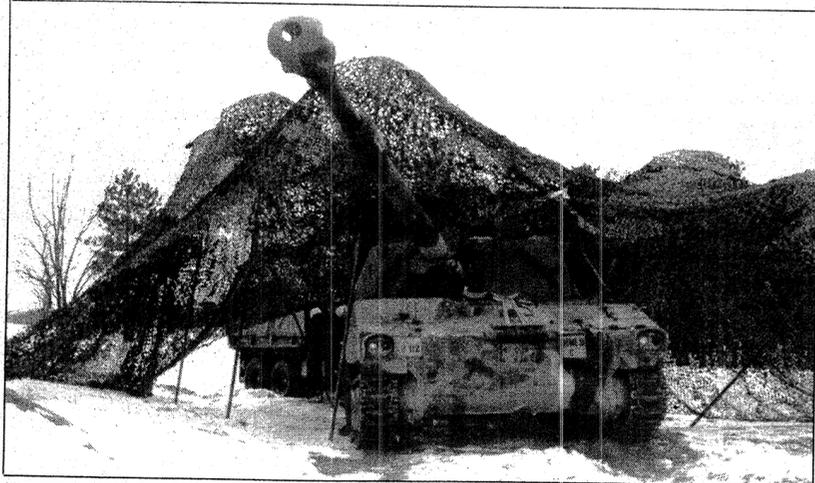
"My platoon generally performs way above average," he says. "I've got a good well-rounded group and I don't want to lose any of them."

"When we move it's really going to give me a setback because it will take months of working with new people to get them trained. I don't think we could have done any better than Gainesville, because they're infantry people, but they're not mechanized infantry and there is a difference."

"One of the people we'll be losing is a master gunner and that will really hurt."

"We have been trying to work some transportation out among ourselves, where we car pool or van pool or take a military bus. If they have to drive 200 miles and spend the night, they can't make any money. They'd be doing it for God and country if they did."

There are good people up there, but I'm going to be selfish on this: I don't want to lose the men I've got."



**FEWER BIG GUNS** — With cutbacks in full swing, the Army Guard will have fewer 15mm Howitzers in the inventory. (Photo by Sgt. Michael Blackston, 1/214th Field Artillery)

## FA loses unit; gains new tubes

Some tubes may be down the tubes. But in terms of field artillery, the new is not all bad for the Georgia Army National Guard.

Highlighting the many ongoing changes in the structure of the Georgia Army National Guard is to be significant changes in the make-up of field artillery units Army-wide.

Fading slightly out of the picture will be the traditional howitzer cannons — soon to be complimented by artillery fired from "high tech" Multiple Launch Rocket Systems (MLRS).

In the Persian Gulf War,

MLRS proved effective against opposing Iraqi artillery — in a "counter battery" mode.

"It was highly mobile, responsive and covered a wide area," said Col. Henry E. Tinley, former Commander of the 1st Battalion, 214th Field Artillery, based in Elberton.

The emergence of MLRS has caused a ripple of changes throughout the artillery community within today's Total Army.

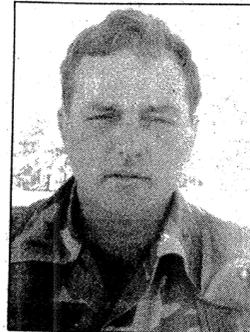
"The change is already happening," said Tinley, who recently retired from the State Area Command's

(STARC) logistics section.

With respect to field artillery in Georgia, what's left is Tinley's former unit, as well as the 1st Battalion, 118th Field Artillery — now part of the Macon-based 48th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized).

As of Sept. 1, the 2nd Battalion, 214th Field Artillery — headquartered in Statesboro — is to deactivate.

But although Georgia is scheduled to lose a numbered field artillery unit, remaining FA units may well expand.



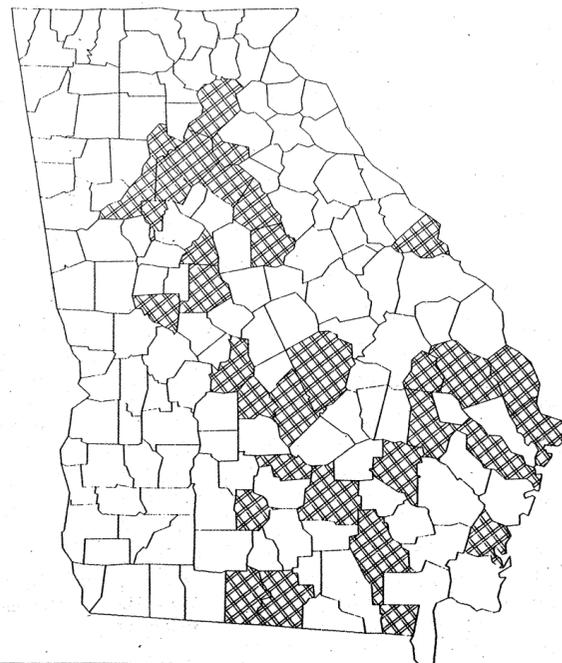
**WILL MAKE THE DRIVE** — 1st Lt. Blaine Samples will make the 240-mile drive from Eastman to Gainesville.

# What the changes mean to the Georgia Guard

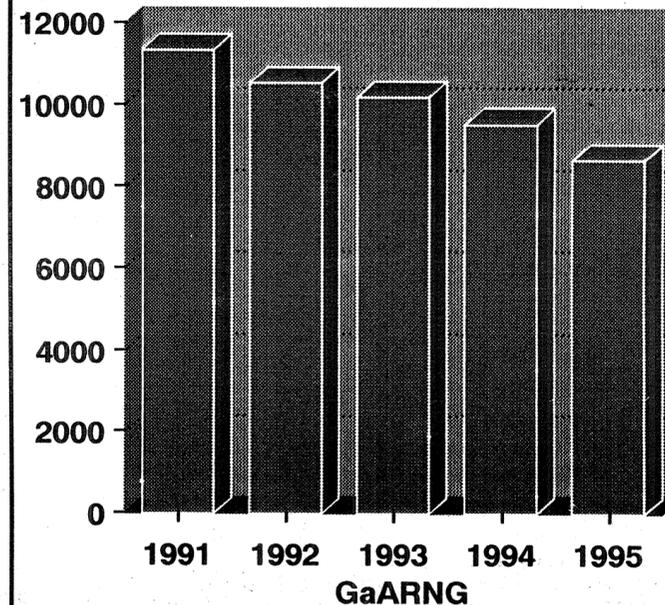
## UNIT MOVES

UNIT	92 LOCATION	93 LOCATION
24th Infantry Det	Savannah	Fort Stewart
Co A, 148th FSB	Sparta	Dublin
Co B (-), 148th FSB	Jackson	Hinesville
Det 1, Co B/148th FSB	Forsyth	Glennville
Det 2, Co B/148th FSB	Metter	Glennville
Det 1, 166th Maintenance Co	Glennville	Fort Gillem
166th Maintenance Co (-)	Hinesville	Jackson
Det 2, HHB, 1/118th FA	Waycross	Savannah
Btry B (-), 1/118th FA	Reidsville	Savannah
Det 1, Btry B, 1/118th FA	Baxley	Savannah
Btry A, 1/118th FA	Brunswick	Springfield
HHC (-), 1/121 Infantry	Dublin	Winder
Co A (-), 1/121 Infantry	Fitzgerald	Winder
Det 1, Co A, 1/121 Infantry	Winder	Eatonton
Co B, 1/121 Infantry	Thomaston	Covington
Co C (-), 1/121 Infantry	Eastman	Gainesville
Co D (-), 1/121 Infantry	Perry	Lawrenceville
Det 1, Co D, 1/121 Infantry	Hawkinsville	Lawrenceville
Co E, 1/121 Infantry	Eatonton	Thomaston
Det 1, Co A, 2/121 Infantry	Covington	Valdosta
Det 1, Co B, 1/121 Infantry	Covington	Moultrie
Co D (-), 2/121 Infantry	Moultrie	Eastman
Det 1, Co D, 2/121 Infantry	Quitman	Perry
Co E, 2/121 Infantry	Tifton	Fitzgerald

## COUNTIES AFFECTED BY REALIGNMENT



## FY 92 TROOP STRUCTURE PROGRAM



■ AUTHORIZED STRENGTH

### PROJECT STANDARD-BEARER UNITS

- B Company, 244th Aviation Battalion
- 24th Infantry Detachment
- 165th Supply Company
- 878th Engineer Battalion
- 48th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized)

### NEW UNITS

- The 648th Eng. Battalion will replace the 848th Eng. Co.
- HHC, 648th Eng. Battalion, 103 auth., Statesboro
- A Co., 103 auth., Statesboro
- B Co., 103 auth., Waycross
- C Co., 103 auth., Douglas
- Support Platoon, 57 auth., Baxley

### ARMORIES TO BE PLACED IN CARETAKER STATUS

- Sparta
- Quitman
- Reidsville



**SAY AHHHHH** — Maj. Nancy Middlebrook of the STARC Health Services Liaison Detachment administers oral vaccine to a child. Staff Sgt. Brenda Elmore of the Air Guard's 116th Fighter Wing, looks on.

## A shot in the arm

### Guard helps immunize 3,200 Atlanta kids

Georgia National Guard members wrote a new chapter in providing medical care to fellow citizens this spring when they teamed with former President Jimmy Carter's Atlanta Project to provide immunization shots to inner-city children.

Some 320 Army and Air Guard members, including 80 doctors and nurses, provided the vaccinations at sites across Fulton, DeKalb and Clayton counties. They were called to help the Atlanta Project over two weekends in April and May by Gov. Zell Miller.

More than 3,000 children were immunized over the first weekend and Carter gave much of the credit to the Georgia Guard.

"These are highly-trained professionals, as are many members of the National Guard," the former president told a small crowd gathered outside the College Park immunization site. "This is a wonderful way to contribute and a peaceful way of giving

us a better state."

"We have the expertise and the capability to put people on the ground in a short period of time at the governor's call and that makes the National Guard uniquely qualified to do this type of mission," explained Maj. Bill Taylor, executive officer of the 117th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (MASH).

Based at Charlie Brown Airport in Atlanta, the medical unit spearheaded the Guard's immunization task force.

The project was significant because it marked the first time National Guard members have provided medical care inside the United States. Guard medical troops have historically traveled to other parts of the world to give care, but were legally prohibited from providing those services domestically. Changes in federal law have removed many of the restrictions and officials say the guard will likely see

many more domestic medical missions in coming years.

The immunization project was an ideal starting point. It was also the first major effort by the 18-month-old Atlanta Project which mobilized 7,000 volunteers to walk door-to-door to publicize the immunization program.

Army and Air Guard nurses and doctors augmented public health nurses in giving vaccinations that guard against a variety of diseases including Polio, DPT, Mumps, Meningitis and Hepatitis B.

"Less than 50 percent of children under six are properly immunized," said Col. Gustavo Escalera, M.D., commander of the 117th MASH. "Some of these diseases may be fatal or leave permanent disability. The tragedy is that they are easily preventable with the proper immunizations."

Health experts estimate that for every dollar spent on immunizations, taxpayers save \$10 in health care costs.

## Seminar marks women's 20th year in Georgia Guard

By Spec. MIKE CARR  
124th PA Detachment

On November 8, 1967, President Lyndon Johnson signed Public Law 90-130, which permitted women other than medical personnel to join the Reserve Components of the U.S. Armed Forces.

But it was not until Gail McMullen Wagner enlisted with Headquarters STARC in May 1973 that a non-prior service, non-medical MOS female entered the Georgia National Guard.

In this, the 20th anniversary year of that occasion, women in the guard are looking back on what they have done and where they are going.

Chief Warrant Officer Beverly Pack is leading the effort to ensure that the sacrifices and contributions of military women are not forgotten.

During Women's History Month, which fell in March, Pack conducted a two-day seminar at State Headquarters which included guest speakers, uniform displays, historical books, documents, photographs and a video presentation.

In the seminar, Guard members learned that military women have served in various

*"It took a while for the men to realize that administrative jobs didn't automatically go to women."*

capacities in the Armed Forces from the Revolution to Desert Storm.

Today there are 686 women in the Georgia Army and Air Guard. Many women who attended the seminar told of many similar and many different experiences during their guard careers.

Some of their discussions focused on sexual harassment.

Chief Warrant Officer Shelley Winebarger has more than six years in service. Winebarger, administrative officer for the State Aviation Office, said that she first encountered some sexual harassment when with a signal battalion in the Colorado Army Guard. While she hasn't encountered any harassment in recent years, she doesn't feel the situation has improved. Winebarger did say that she was accepted as soldier by male counterparts "as long as you pulled your weight."

When she first enlisted in 1975, with the 165th Supply Co., Staff Sgt. Julia Heyward remembers the initial logistical problems of having a few women in a male domain; such

as the lack of female latrines and billets for one or two women when the unit went to the field.

"They just didn't know what to do with us," she said.

Heyward, now with Headquarters STARC, said that in those days, female guardsmen were all typists ... no matter what their MOS was.

As far as sexual harassment, Heyward said she feels the charges began to increase as women took on "bolder roles" and became more aggressive. But on the whole she feels the lot of women in the Georgia Guard has "improved tremendously!"

Pack too told of the days when women guardsmen, even after they reached officer or warrant ranks, were put in the role of typists.

"It's been slow for the men to realize that the administrative work shouldn't automatically go to the women," Pack said.

She said that sexual harassment has become more discreet from the days when men would openly make sexual comments or even fondle a female guardsman in front of their peers.

While most of the women interviewed generally feel that conditions for women in the guard have improved, they lament that the feeling feelings of camaraderie and sisterhood have gradually diminished.

## March blizzard pounds Georgia



**AERIAL WORKHORSES** — CH-47 Chinooks proved their worth during the worst storm of the century, airlifting supplies and rescuing people.

## Guardsmen save stranded motorists

Jeff and Marie Withrow from Owensboro, Kentucky, thought they were going to die. Traveling north from a Florida vacation, the elderly couple were stranded north of Atlanta on Interstate 75 when "the storm of the century" hit.

The high winds and snow paralyzed the northern part of the Georgia and brought traffic on the interstate to a standstill, stranding thousands of motorists in their automobiles.

"We spent two days and two nights in the car huddled in blankets,"

recounted Mrs. Withrow, who only three weeks earlier had been released from a hospital for a heart ailment. "There was no place to stay. At one point during the blizzard we sat in the middle of the I-75 at a dead stop for more than six hours. All we had to eat for two days were Hershey Bars and soft drinks."

Enter Pfc. Roy Green and Spec. Frank Aaron, from the 265th Engineer Group of the Georgia Army National Guard, who had been patrolling the interstate for 10 hours aiding stranded

motorists and pulling vehicles out of snowdrifts.

"When we found the Withrows they were on the side of the road looking tired and hungry and scared," said Aaron, a four-year Georgia Guard veteran. They took the couple to the armory in nearby Calhoun where a temporary shelter had been set up.

"They were a Godsend," said Mrs. Withrow. "They saw how weak and sick I was. They picked me up and carried me inside and gave me a bowl of hot soup. Those boys were wonderful."

## Georgia guard ready for blizzard

The blizzard of the century hit on a Saturday morning and as Georgia dug out, more than 600 Georgia Army and Air National Guardsmen from more than 18 units stepped forward to provide humanitarian support.

Across the state, the Georgia Guard was credited

by local law enforcement and emergency management officials for saving countless lives.

"This was a massive effort because the front stretched across such a large area," said Maj. Gen. William P. Bland, Georgia's Adjutant General. "The damage literally went from one end

of the state to the other. Nobody in the state was better prepared to do the job better than the National Guard. And it was a joint effort; both Army and Air Guardsmen participated."

The Guard was successful because so many men and women went to extraordinary efforts, said Bland. "Many left their own homes and families without power to help others," he noted.

The humanitarian services ranged from providing generators for nursing homes and hospitals to delivering cots to shelters. In three armories, the Georgia Guard set up shelters for local residents and stranded motorists. The night after the storm, more than 400 people found refuge in Guard armories.



**GUARD UNITS USED OH-58 helicopters to airlift people from remote areas in North Georgia.**

## THE HUMMER

### Vehicle proves worth; saves lives in storm

In the storm that shut down much of Georgia and gridlocked interstates north of Atlanta, "the HUMVEEs really proved their worth," said the Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. William P. Bland. "We had a built-in fleet of vehicles that could literally go anywhere. There's no telling how many lives we saved."

In Rome, members of Company A, 1st Battalion, 108th Armor drove their high-mobility, four-wheel drive HUMVEEs into areas where ambulances and other emergency vehicles could not negotiate the ice and 18 inch snowfall. They rescued a one-day old infant who was born at home because her mother could not get to the hospital. Across town, guardsmen reached another woman in the early stages of labor and took her on a six hour ride to the hospital.

Just hours after the blizzard hit, Staff Sgts. Ken Carter and Austin Harper of the 190th Military Police Company reported to their unit in Atlanta for state active duty and set out for Dalton, 88 miles away. The trip normally takes less than three hours; it took Carter and Harper 16 hours. Along the way they stopped to render assistance to stranded motorists in more than 40 vehicles.

"One man fell and cut his head. He was going into epileptic seizures when we found him," said Carter. "We put him in the HUMVEE and headed for the hospital. We had to cross a big ditch and I had doubts whether the vehicle would make it. But it did and we got him to the hospital okay."

Two days later, Carter and Harper, both veterans of Operation Desert Storm, stood near the summit of Dug Gap Mountain overlooking Dalton. Their mission was to deliver power company employees to the peak. Again, the Guard's HUMVEE's reached areas that electric company trucks could not. As they waited for the workmen to repair downed lines, they shared stories with other military policemen about the storm rescue efforts. "A lot of people ran out of food and water when they were stranded on the interstate. So we gave away all of our MREs," said Carter.

While record snowfall and ice caused havoc in the northern part of the state, it was high winds that resulted in many of the problems throughout Georgia. Power lines were knocked down and hundreds of roads were rendered impassable because of the fallen trees. Power companies estimate that more than 318,000 homes were without electricity.

# REPTRAIN at GMI Giving new recruits a little head start

By Sgt. MARK OWENS  
124th PA Detachment

Thanks to the Georgia Military Institute (GMI) in Macon, new recruits to the Georgia Army National Guard have a secret weapon in their arsenal when they get to basic training.

They have already learned many of the basic skills they will need to become a successful soldier during a two-weekend, four-day course called REPTRAIN.

The program started in 1989 and has serviced more than 1,300 recruits, according to Command Sgt. Maj. Billy C. Long, retired NCO School Commandant at GMI.

"When Brig. Gen. McDaniel was the assistant AG he tasked Sgt. Maj. Manning and me to come up with a program that would give our troops a head start on basic training," he said. "We were having a lot of kids flunking out when they got to basic because they were unprepared and didn't know what to expect. We wanted to create a program to give them a better chance

of survival."

The new soldiers get instruction on everything from how to shine their boots and make up a bunk to the proper way to disassemble an M-16 rifle.

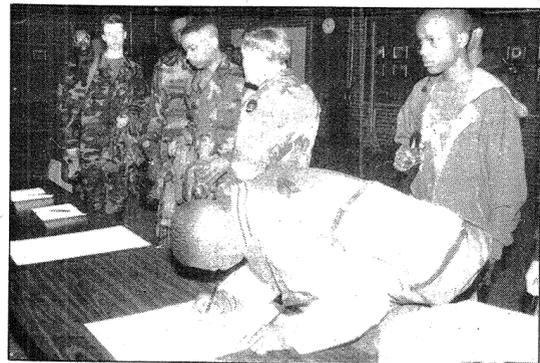
When young recruits join the guard, they come to GMI for two weekends by bus, Long said. Upon arrival, they are issued IDs and uniforms.

"After we get them into uniform we spend the rest of he first morning in orientations," said Long. "We tell them what the guard is, its advantages and what to expect."

The students spend the rest of their first weekend in the guard practicing drill and ceremonies and learning how to live in an Army barracks.

When they return the following month as "seniors," they are further classes in basic soldier skills.

"When they leave here and go to basic training the majority of them are so far ahead of the rest of the trainees that they are often made squad leaders," said Long. "We have even had

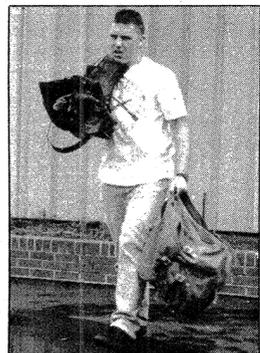


**SIGN ON THE DOTTED LINE** — Orinthal R. Striggles, a student from Sylvania, signs-in with the other phase I trainees while phase II trainees, already in uniform, sign-in on the left. (Photo by Sgt. Mark Owens, 124th PAD)

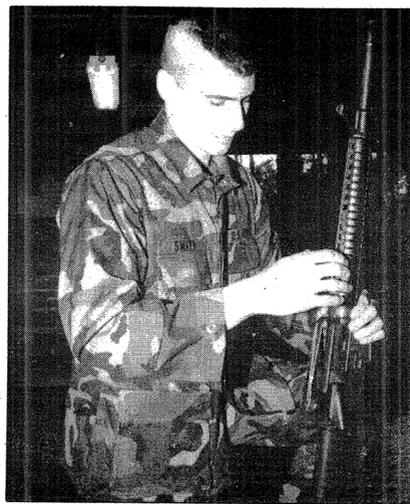
cases where a kid who got sick while in basic and missed four or five days of training wasn't recycled like they normally would be because of the information gained here."

According to Long, the course is reactive. They constantly change it to meet the needs of the soldiers. "We ask them to write us and tell us if there was anything that we didn't teach them that they could have used."

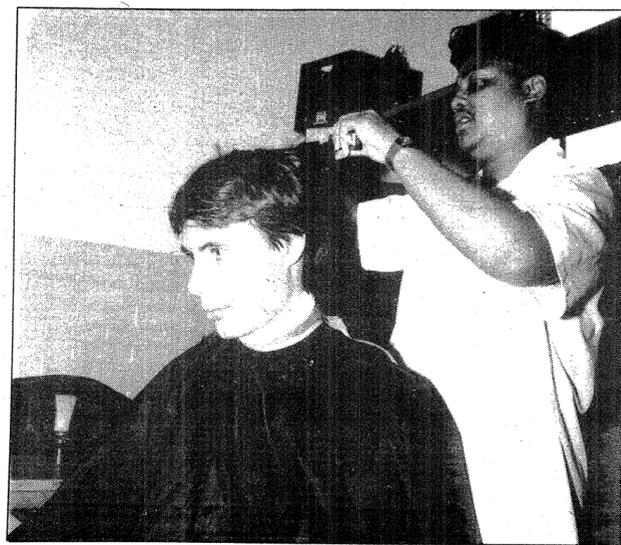
"We get all kinds of letters back," he continued. "Any time you talk to the kids who have been through it they say it's the greatest thing they've ever had."



**LOOK MOM, NEW CLOTHES** — Dale Labbe, a student from Marietta assigned to the 190th Military Police Co., carries his gear to the barracks where he will change into his uniform. (Photo by Sgt. Mark Owens, 124th PAD)



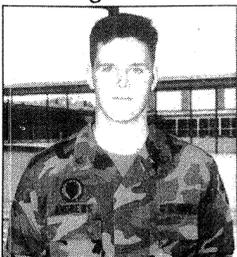
**PUSH THE RING DOWN** — Derek Smith, a phase II trainee and a student from Dublin, learns the easy way to take the hand guards off of his M-16 rifle during a disassemble and reassemble class. (Photo by Sgt. Mark Owens, 124th PAD)



**JUST A LITTLE OFF THE TOP** — Sgt. Sandra G. Battle, a supply specialist in the 151st Military Intelligence Battalion and a supply specialist for the USP&FO in Atlanta, takes a little off the top of Efrain J. Guzman's hair. (Photo by Sgt. Mark Owens, 124th PAD)

## Feedback

How did REPTRAIN help you in Basic Training?



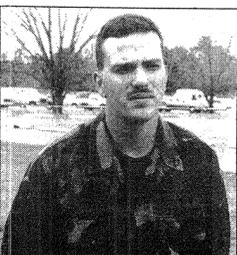
"I know what to expect, so it helped me remain calm during basic. Because I was calm I could concentrate on being a soldier instead of worrying about putting on a uniform."

— Pfc. Ben H. Andrews, a supply specialist in the 148th Forward Support Battalion and a construction worker from Forsyth



"I had KP on the day of M-16 training during Basic and because of this course I knew what was going on and I did not fall behind. It really helped me."

— Pfc. Timmy F. Graves, a cavalry scout in the 348th Cavalry and a heavy machine operator from Griffin



"It helped me tremendously. I knew the basics — how to march, my general orders, how to wear a uniform. I really feel that it is a good program."

— Pfc. Eric D. Castleberry, a material counting control specialist in the 148th Forward Support Battalion and a construction worker from Forsyth

# Training helps develop new bus-driver class

By Spec. MIKE CARR  
124th PA Detachment

The ancient military adage "Hurry up and wait" often leads soldiers to think that it will take forever to address problems when they arise.

But that wasn't the case when six State Area Command (STARC) rental buses had been involved in mishaps in a two weeks. Col. Johnny Brown, STARC Surface Maintenance Manager, "Hurried up and acted."

Brown tasked Sgt. 1st Class Ralph Allen, a full-time guardsman with the STARC Maintenance Assistance Instructional Team (MAIT) to develop a defensive driving course for Georgia guardsmen bus drivers. But before Allen could start teaching he had to become a student himself.

Allen enrolled in three General Services Administration (GSA) defensive driving courses, gleaned what ideas he thought would be useful for his program.

More than 700 guardsmen have taken the course since last July and the number of guard bus accidents has dropped sharply.

He also obtained training tapes produced by a bus manufacturer and the manual for commercial drivers published by the Georgia State Patrol. From all of these sources, Allen designed a defensive driving course custom made for Georgia Guard bus drivers.

"I start each class with a slide show of photographs of actual guard bus accidents," Allen said. "We also produced our own training video that shows a right way and a wrong way to maneuver the bus."

The course can be taught in one or two days, depending on class size. Students usually spend the morning in the classroom and hit the obstacle course in the afternoon. Guardsmen who are bus drivers in their civilian jobs have said the course has been very beneficial to

them, according to Allen.

More than 700 guardsmen have taken the course since last July, and according to Allen, the number of guard bus accidents has dropped sharply.

Word of Allen's success has spread and he been asked to teach the course to Department of Health and Human Services bus drivers at Clayton State College in Jonesboro. Allen said that he hands out a critique sheet at the end of each course.

"I want to hear their suggestions and have incorporated some of them into the program," Allen said.

"I didn't think the course needed any improvement," said Spec. Bryon Iwane of the 148th Air Ambulance Co. "It was fun and very informative."

Iwane said Allen stressed that the driver is responsible for the passengers' safety, and that an accident could have long-term effects on their families.

"Allen is a very calm, patient teacher," said Iwane. "It wasn't your typical military class."

## Albany unit pays kudos to employers

By Spec. EMORY Minor  
124th PA Detachment

Guardsmen in Albany honored employers during a recent weekend of training, inventory and fitness testing.

Members of Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry, recognized four employers of soldiers in the unit for their support of the guard for the past year.

"I think employers are among our most important resources," said Capt. Benjamin Batty, commander of the unit.

Receiving outstanding employer certificates were Janet Wills, a vice president

at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital in Albany; Cpl. Luther Lane, who is on the security force at Albany State College; Sgt. Dave Robins of the Albany Police Department and Albany Fire Chief Henry Fields.

"We have found that people in the guard show leadership and are very committed," Wills said. "They make valuable employees."

Sgt. Michael Lewis, a unit member who works as a security guard at the hospital, said that the support of his employer is vital to how well he can perform his duties as a guardsman.



**PRO BOSSES** — Receiving certificates of appreciation for guard support are, left to right, Henry Fields, Luther Lane, Janet Wills and Sgt. Dave Robins.

"I ask them for days off for drill and they don't give me any problem," he said. "I don't have to worry about whether I'll have a job when I get back."

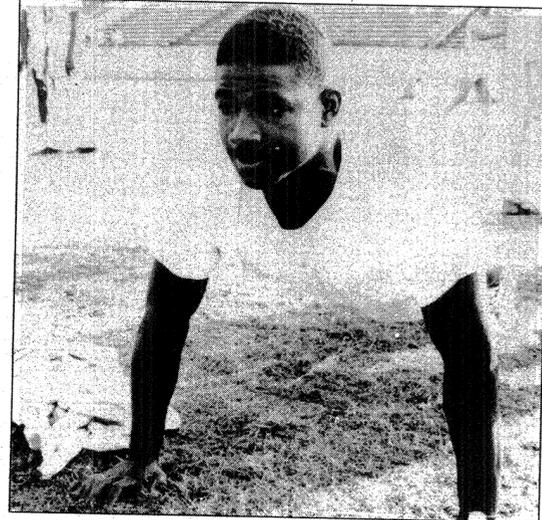
Many Albany infantrymen who want to recognize their employers submit "My Boss is a Pro" forms, which are administered through the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve officer at State Headquarters.

It was not all ceremony for the soldiers, however. Because it was their first drill since annual training, they had several pressing tasks to perform.

The soldiers practiced radio communications and setting up command posts, both skills at which they had shown weakness during AT.



**TAKING STOCK** — Pvt.-2 David Minnick of Albany packs his gear following post-camp inventory.



**BREAKING THE PLANE** — Spec. Marlon Gordon does pushups during PT test.

## AT 93

## Camps split for better training

By Staff Sgt. ELLIOTT MINOR  
124th PA Detachment

Thousands of members of the Georgia Army National Guard spent half of April at Fort Stewart for some of the most important training they will receive all year.

The 3,200 guard members took physical fitness tests, participated in combat training exercises and fired an assortment of weapons, ranging from the 9mm Beretta pistol to the Abrams M-1A1 tank gun.

With about 280,000 acres, Fort Stewart is a major training site for Army

Reservists and Guard members from Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, South Carolina and Alabama.

"We had beautiful weather," Col. Alfred Childres, the Georgia Army National Guard's chief of staff, said of the unusually cool, clear conditions.

The guard members focused on unit and individual skills, Childres said.

"This is the time you can exercise the entire military system from the individual soldier right up."

The part-time soldiers arrived at Fort Stewart April 17 from armories all over the state. They are members of 19 units, including the state's largest unit, the 48th Infantry Brigade, headquartered in Macon. The 48th is affiliated with Stewart's 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized).

Brigade units include the two infantry battalions headquartered in Dublin and Albany, a tank battalion headquartered in Dalton, an engineer company from Douglas. There are also two engineer battalions from Columbus and Augusta, a maintenance company from Atlanta and two medical companies from Forsyth and Macon.

The camp lasted from Saturday until May 1, but the 2,000 brigade members returned home on the middle weekend. The brigade usually stays for 15 days, but this year will try to compress four weeks of training in two 9-day camps.

"We believe the split AT philosophy will allow us to maintain a higher state of

readiness," said Brig. Gen. Don Davis of Byron, who commanded the brigade until he relinquished command to Col. William T. Thielemann during the training period.

Davis, who took charge of the brigade when it was mobilized for the Persian Gulf conflict, will become a deputy commander for the 2nd Army.

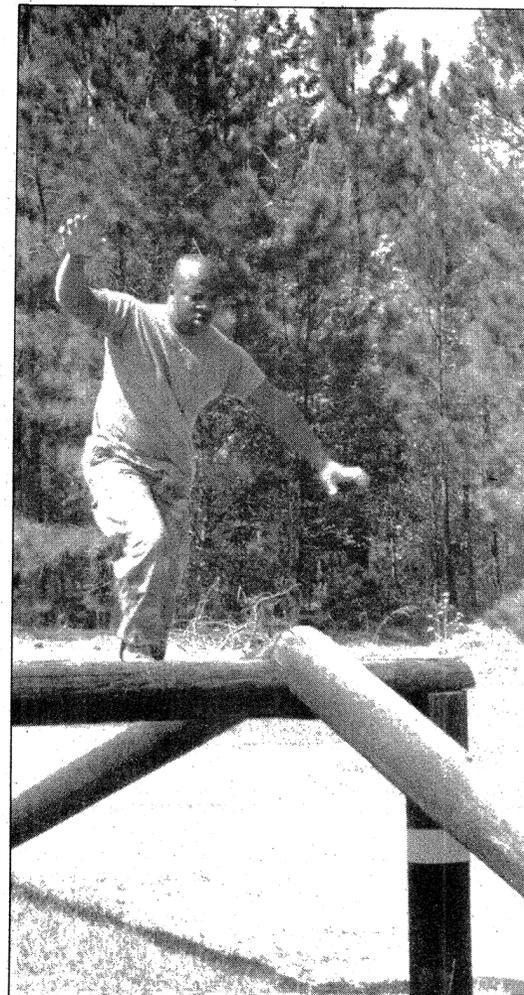
"Probably our state of combat readiness is better than some active-duty brigades and easily better than any other National Guard brigade," Davis said. "There's a reason for that: Some of it is the commitment. We're filled with patriots..."

Maj. Gen. Samuel Ebbesen, 2nd Army Commander from Fort Gillem, visited the troops and a team of NCOs under his command checked the guard members proficiency at basic soldier skill. Guard members treated mock casualties, read maps and practiced donning their gas masks during Common Task Training.

"This training is very helpful," said Sgt. J.C. Bryant of Americus, as he "treated" another guardsman for shock. "We're getting a lot of training. We'd need it if we went to war. We could help our buddies."



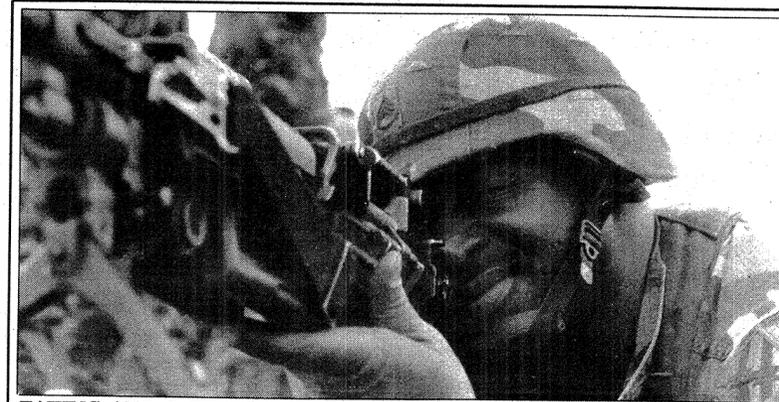
**TRACK REPAIR** — Spec. Donald Tinnan of Cedartown fixes a track from a tank retriever during annual training. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Toby Moore, 124th PAD)



**BALANCING ACT** — Sgt. Darrell Fambro of D Co., 1st Battalion, 108th Armor, won the brigade's annual Super Soldier competition with a combination of strength and skill. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Elliott Minor, 124th PAD)



**REALLY FIELD EXPEDIENT** — Spec. James O'Malley of Fort Stewart's D Co., 369th, uses a tortilla chip bag as a funnel to add transmission fluid to his Hummer. O'Malley's unit was supporting the 48th Brigade during AT. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Toby Moore, 124th PAD)



**TAKING AIM** — Staff Sgt. Gus Matthews of Thomaston's B Co., 1st Battalion, 121st Infantry squints at the sight of an M-60 machine gun during field training. (Photo by Spec. Mike Carr, 124th PAD)

## After AT - counting, fixing, cleaning

By Spec. EMORY MINOR  
124th PA Detachment

Missing a fork? After annual training, workers at Fort Stewart's National Guard Training Center will let you know.

It's their job to count them — forks, knives, spoons, mops, desks, chairs, cans of scouring powder and rakes.

For the record, there are supposed to be 9,450 forks left at Ft. Stewart. If you accidentally hauled one off, somebody's going nuts there looking for it.

"Small items like forks, spoons and knives are hardest to keep inventoried," said Chief Warrant Officer Dennis H. Clark, who is responsible for issuing out equipment and supplies. "We have 63 mess halls with 150 of each utensil."

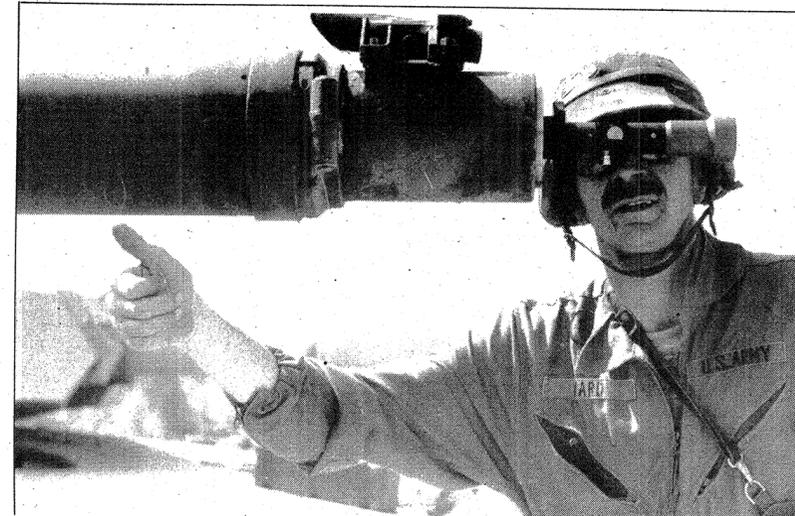
The inventory and inspection usually takes about a week after all Guardsmen and reservists have gone. When items

are discovered missing, they're replaced and repairs are made to facilities. Then buildings are thoroughly cleaned.

To count the forks and keep the facilities in good repair, the NGTC employs about 70 civilians. They include carpenters, electricians, plumbers, air conditioning mechanics, supply specialists and housekeepers.

The facility manager, Col. Bobby Duncan, is also assisted by three Guard units during weekend drills. They are the 60-member 75th Engineer Detachment, the 45-member Training Site Support Detachment and a 13-member maintenance team.

It's a lot of people because it's a big job. Guard units from six states — Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky — use the facility, mostly from May to September.



**TURN TO THE RIGHT** — Spec. Charles Ward of the Armor's B Co. in Cedartown sights an M-1 Abrams using a Pye-Watson Device. (Photo by Spec. Mike Carr, 124th PAD)



SPEC. TODD GIFFIN of Lawrenceville emerges from a stream with his M-16 at the ready. (Photos by Elliott Minor)



CAPT. MIKE FOWLER of the Resident Training Detachment gives a briefing on the activities of National Guard scouts. The Resident Training Detachment was created by Fort Stewart's 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) to assist in training members of Georgia's largest guard unit, the 48th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized).



A BRADLEY FIGHTING vehicle rolls down a tank trail at Fort Stewart during combat exercises. The Bradley's crew was taking part in scouting exercises.

## Scouts 24th helps train guard infantry

By Staff Sgt. ELLIOTT MINOR  
124th PA Detachment

**F**ORT STEWART, Ga. — Spec. Todd Giffin of Lawrenceville, a member of a Georgia Army National Guard scout platoon, described annual training as an adventure.

"I love it," he said after wading through knee-deep water, deep in the woods of Fort Stewart. With nearly 280,000 acres, Fort Stewart is the largest military reservation east of the Mississippi.

Giffin, a member of the scout platoon of the 1st Battalion, 121st Infantry in Milledgeville, didn't have much time for small talk. After climbing sopping wet from a ditch filled with water, he piled into the back of a Bradley fighting vehicle

and disappeared in a cloud of dust.

He is one of 3,200 guard members who trained at the huge Army post during a split annual training period for the 48th Brigade.

Scouts precede the infantry and armor and provide valuable information that commanders need to fight battles. They try to remain concealed while checking for obstacles, mine fields and enemy troops that could hamper an attack.

At the latest camp, all of the scouts from Georgia's largest guard unit, the 48th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized), trained together. Besides Milledgeville, they drill at armories in Tifton, Griffin and Douglasville. The 48th is affiliated with the Fort Stewart's 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized), which played a major role in winning the Persian Gulf war.

"As a scout, the key to their survival is stealth," said Capt. Mike Fowler. "If the enemy knows where they are, they lose their ability to be the eyes forward."

Fowler is a member of the 24th's Resident Training Detachment, a 42-member team of officers and NCOs who work year-round with the 48th Brigade on training.

The guard scouts lived in the woods for five days, doing missions day and night. They checked roads, watched for enemy troops and called for artillery fire. Each Bradley has two scouts who can leave the vehicle and sneak forward for a peek at what's ahead.

They were evaluated by observer-controllers from Fort Stewart's 2nd Battalion, 4th Cavalry Regiment. The OCs tossed giant firecrackers to simulate the blast of artillery rounds.

"We're getting good training. We have good observer-controllers. They're working with us," said Staff Sgt. John Stillwell of Moultrie, a scout from the 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry in Tifton.

"We're learning a lot," added Sgt. Robert Lyles of Gordon. He is a member of the Milledgeville scout platoon. "It's basically to let our unit know what's there, like the old cavalry."

Fowler said the scout training, six months in development, was very intense and the guardsmen seemed to appreciate it.

"We're squeezing it for all we can get and the soldiers like it," he said. "They don't want to come down here and feel they wasted their time. They want to maximize the benefits they get out of it."



NATIONAL GUARD SCOUTS walk through an exercise using a sand table.

## Fighter wing hosts multicultural festival

By Maj. KEN BALDOWSKI  
Air Guard PAO

**E**xotic dress, captivating rhythm and enticing aromas, the distinctive images of cultures around the globe, took center stage during the 116th Fighter Wing's second annual multicultural ethnic awareness festival at Dobbins Air Force Base.

"We looked beyond simply celebrating Black History Month or a Hispanic History Month to something more inclusive," said Maj. Don Phillips, 116th social action officer and organizer of the festival.

"Each of us enjoys a proud and distinctive heritage, whether our ancestors came from Europe, Asia, Latin America or Africa," he said. "As the melting pot of many cultures, our nation is strong because of our unique ethnic diversity."

Throughout the afternoon, Guardsmen and guests sampled exotic dishes and feasted on ethnic delicacies.

But it was the traditional dances and

### Festival drew from 15 nations

More than 100 international guests from the Atlanta area were invited to Dobbins for this year's multicultural festival.

Among the nations and cultures represented were Nigeria, Japan, Russia, Italy, the Philippines, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Jamaica, Brazil, Mexico, Turkey, Korea, Egypt, Thailand and Germany, along with special representation of Afro-American and Native Americans.

Exhibits from 15 countries lined the building, acquainting visitors with the different nations, their people and customs. Guardsmen also sampled food from 15 local ethnic restaurants.

This year's festival was twice the size of last year's.

demonstrations, as exotic as they were entertaining, that captivated the audience. The Latin beat of bongo drums, marimbas and maracas spirited dancers from Ecuador, Cuba and Mexico into traditional dance performances.



TECH. SGT. ELMER McDONNELL of the 116th Disaster Preparedness inspects the intricate patterns and exotic colors of ties from Nigeria. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Wayne Petrella)

## INSIDE The Air Guard

### On the road to Devil's Elbow

Air National Guard maintenance and construction crews from coastal Georgia were, almost literally, blown away by their training exercise in Central America.

On Day Six of their 15-day exercise in the mountains of Panama near the Costa Rican border, sudden high winds destroyed tents and, literally, moved the mess hall off its floor.

The next day, high winds were expected again, so the Georgia guardsmen moved frantically through the base camp securing tents with stout tie-downs.

Guardsmen, representing the 165th Civil Engineering Squadron, 165th Services Flight, 165th Tactical Hospital and the 224th JCSS, were in Panama to assist in a project to renovate schools, medical facilities and rural roads.

The first week was basic camp maintenance: improving the mess hall, concealing the Tactical Operations Center, wiring military police facilities, and running a water line.

During the second week, four of the civil engineer's heavy equipment operators manning front-end loaders, graders and dozers cut a road from base camp to a place called Codo del Diablo, or Devil's Elbow.

### Passing the test

Taking tests is one of those experiences from school that most of us don't want to repeat.

But for 85 members of Savannah's 158th Airlift Squadron, the recently-administered Aircrew Standardization and Evaluation Visit, was an exam — and a big one.

Administered every four years, the test of aircrew performance has 45 separate flight evaluations and a comprehensive closed-book exam.

Not to worry, though. Everybody passed.

An obviously elated squadron commander, Lt. Col. Ted Stuckey, conveyed his thanks, "We showed we cared; we really put forth a great effort," he told his squadron.

### A good-guy boss

Master Sgt. Freddie Smith, a flight chief with the 165th Security Police Flight of the Savannah-based 165th Airlift Group, has been named Supervisor of the Year by the Savannah Exchange Club.

An 18-year veteran of the Savannah Police Department, Smith is a precinct patrol supervisor. He has been in the Georgia Air Guard since 1973.

## Dobbins is mecca for vintage planes

By Maj. KEN BALDOWSKI  
Air Guard PAO

**F**or military aviation enthusiasts, Dobbins Air Force Base has one of the largest displays of vintage combat aircraft in

the Southeast.

At various points on the base, nine aircraft rest atop concrete pedestals representing significant moments of history for the Air National Guard, Army National Guard, the 14th Air

Force, and the Navy and Marine Reserve.

Four venerable jet fighters once flown by pilots of the 116th Fighter Wing of the Georgia Air National Guard are located at the front gate of Dobbins. The displays are the result of a program begun by the Air Force after World War II, in which vintage aircraft, decommissioned and destined for the scrap heap, would be loaned to museums or communities for historical purposes.

The four aircraft on display are the F-84 Thunderjet, F-100 Super Sabre, F-105 Thunderchief and the F-4 Phantom — fighters which figured prominently in the history of the 116th Fighter Wing. Missing in this august lineup is the F-86 Sabrejet which was moved to a museum in Cartersville.

The F-100 stands atop a 40-foot pedestal built for it by Air Guard engineers. Legend has it that a 116th pilot flew the last flight in the aircraft before it was put on display. A second F-100, painted brilliant red, white and blue, once stood in the place of the present fighter until it was given to the Federal Aviation Administration Control Center in Hampton, moved by CH-54 Skycrane to where it stands today.



WHAT AIRCRAFT WILL be the legends for their generation? Two future Air Force pilots daydream about flying the jets of bygone years now on display at Dobbins Air Force Base. The base has one of the largest collections of "pedestal aircraft" in the Southeast on loan from the Air Force Museum.

## Mass casualty drill hones support troops' skills

By Spec. MIKE CARR  
124th PA Detachment

Success in battle is in the preparation. Nowhere is that more evident than when moving large numbers of wounded soldiers from the field to safe haven at a medical facility.

While at Fort Stewart for annual training, C Company of Forsyth's 148th Support Battalion, held a mass casualty drill to ensure that their doctors, medics and non-medical personnel can handle the noise and confusion from a flood of unexpected trauma patients.

"We try to have a mass casualty drill every year," said Maj. Robert B. Alford, Commander of C Co. "We're blessed to have air support this year."

That air support came in the form of two UH-1 "Huey" helicopters, one from the 148th Air Ambulance Co. and an active Army aircraft from the 10th Mountain Division.

After setting down in C Co.'s landing zone near Taylor's Creek Cemetery, the guard airmen took the opportunity to give the medics and litter bearers a safety briefing. The obvious but important warning to avoid the rotors was given, then "meat and potatoes" tips for loading patients onto the helicopter were covered.

"Litter bearers have to have to work as a team," said Spec. Robert Hites, flight medic. "Hand signals are a must because of the rotor



MASS CASUALTY DRILL — Medics from C Co., 148th Forward Support Battalion, evacuate a simulated patient during a Mass Casualty Drill while at Fort Stewart for their semi-annual training. (Photo by Spec. Mike Carr, 124th PAD)

noise." About 50 percent of C Co.'s troops had never participated in a mass casualty drill, according to their executive officer Capt. Ronnie Ogletree. The unit would be evaluated on the evacuation of patients from a disaster site to the unit's Advanced Life Support (ALS) unit.

Patients would be assessed (triaged) and treated in order of the severity of their wounds. The most serious would be stabilized and then flown back to the rear. Others would stay in the field ward, or even returned to duty.

The call came as planned: an artillery shell



TRIAGE — Medical personnel from C Co., 148th Forward Support Battalion assess a simulated patient during a Mass Casualty Drill during their annual training at Fort Stewart.



DUST OFF — Medics from C Co., 148th Forward Support Battalion, approach a UH-1 helicopter that will evacuate their simulated patient to an Advance Life Support facility

had exploded near a group of soldiers, 20 "victims" lay wounded.

Four ambulances and a 2½-ton truck were sent to the scene to pick up the wounded. Ambulance driver and medic Sgt. Allan Davis had been through five "Mass Cas" drills.

"Each time is different," Davis said.

When Davis arrived at the scene, his partner and fellow medic Spec. Ben Barfield left the ambulance with his M-16.

"We'll do a recon of the scene to make sure it's secure from the enemy and to find all of the victims," Barfield said. "The worst part is that there is a lot of confusion."

Once the disaster scene was secured, the medics fanned out to treat and evacuate the shattered and moaning victims. Wounds were bandaged, limbs were splinted and IVs started.

The patients who were determined to be the most seriously wounded, with the best chance of surviving, were staged by the ambulances. On-scene physician Maj. Scott Batterton made the decision to call for an air evacuation to get those patients to the ALS. The remaining patients were stabilized and transported back to C Company.

After all of the patients were processed, the UH-1 and its crew flew back Wright Army Airfield.

"They were very pleased with the support we gave them," said pilot CW4 Jim Brennan. "They asked us to come back for the drill in July."

## Civic leaders visit 108th Armor

By Staff Sgt. TOBY MOORE  
124th PA Detachment

For 55 North Georgia civic leaders and employers, it was a field trip of a different color.

Army green, to be exact. The group, many of whom have employees who serve in the Georgia Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 108th Armor, headquartered in Calhoun, came to Fort Stewart for a close-up and personal look at the intensive annual field training required of citizen-soldiers.

Dubbed Civic Leaders Day, the tour was sponsored by the Adjutant General of Georgia with an unabashed aim to promote understanding between two factions often at odds: employers and reservists, who must in effect serve two masters.

"It's important to develop

a better understanding between bosses and civic leaders and the guard," said Command Sgt. Maj. Billy Duncan of Carrollton, the top enlisted soldier in the armor battalion. "It's very important for guardsmen to have the support of people they work for."

Members of the National Guard must spend one weekend each month training at their local armories and two weeks each year for annual training. Soldiers from the 108th, who come from all across northwest Georgia, come to Fort Stewart, near Savannah, to hone their combat skills in sophisticated M-1A1 Abrams tanks and Bradley fighting vehicles.

The group, which included employers such as hospitals, trucking companies, carpet mills and government agencies, flew to Fort

Stewart aboard a Georgia Air National Guard C-130.

Maj. Laura Wickett, deputy chief of staff for the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, welcomed them on behalf of the Adjutant General.

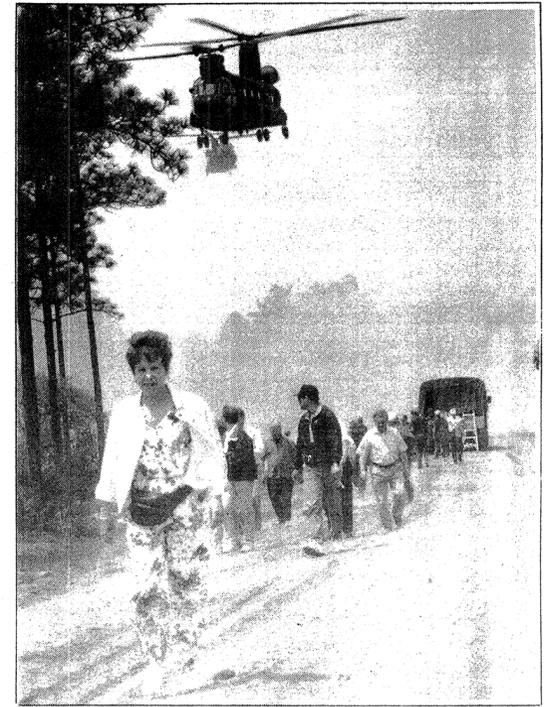
Following a briefing on the benefits of employing reserve force members, the employers were escorted through the Army's Mechanized Infantry Division museum, which houses a massive display of Iraqi military hardware captured during the Gulf War. The group boarded two CH-47 Chinook helicopters to fly to the 108th's training area, a tank firing range.

Like kids at an amusement park, the civilians climbed in and out of the 60-ton tanks, and watched a live demonstration of its mobility and firepower. Tank crews fired at moving targets 3,000 meters away with the M-1A1's 120-millimeter cannon, whose loud report makes wearing ear protection a necessity.

Many employers met with their employees, who wore combat fatigues, Kevlar helmets and packed 45-caliber sidearms instead of suits and ties.

Larry Flannery of Calhoun, a safety and environmental coordinator for Foam Products Corp., met with Sgt. 1st Larry Fowler, who works with him.

David Maciel of Douglasville and Mara Williamson of Marietta, both employees of the Douglas County Water and Sewer Authority, sought out Maj. Cassel Nutter. The three worked together on a recent toxic waste cleanup, where



WITH TWO CH-47 Chinook helicopters churning dust in the background, tour members trudge toward the 108th's tank-firing point. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Toby Moore, 124th PAD)

guard engineers ran new water lines to a subdivision whose water supply was tainted by a chemical dump.

"They're the ones who make it possible for guardsmen to be off," said Nutter, who is battalion operations officer for the 108th, of his co-workers.

First Sgt. Charles Seay, of the battalion's D Company, based in Canton, met his co-workers with AT&T, David Bearly and Hank Hill. Seay is an associate manager in the company's information management systems.

"I think it develops a mutual understanding between bosses and part-time guardsmen on the importance of both their

jobs," Seay said.

Dennis Kiley, administrator of Gordon County Hospital, said the trip gave him new insight into the training guardsmen endure each year.

"When I think as an employer, reservists are a pain in the neck. We run a 24-hour operation, and the guardsmen are invariably in critical positions," said Kiley, who is on the board of Leadership Calhoun. "Now I don't resent it. I now hope Gordon County Hospital will give them much more support. I'm much more supportive of military activities and military training, having been a part of this trip."



DAVID BEARLY, left, and Hank Hill visit with 1st Sgt. Charles Seay during Civic Leaders Day. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Toby Moore, 124th PAD)

## Dear Major: Advice column answers soldiers' common questions

By Maj. LAURA WICKETT  
Deputy Chief of Staff,  
Employee Support of Guard and Reserve

In an effort to meet the needs of our soldiers, we are beginning an advice column to address re-employment questions received from the field.

**Dear Maj. Wickett:** When I returned from AT, my boss told me he had to charge me for vacation time. Can he do that without my approval?

**Lost Without Vacation in Dublin**

**Dear Lost:** No! Chapter 43, Title 38 U.S. Code, only the service member may authorize the use of

vacation time for AT. Many do use their vacations for AT, however.

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**Dear MW:** My supervisor demands that I produce a statement from my commander verifying that I attended drill. I'm a grown man; I've never lied to my employer, and am being treated like a child. Do I have to produce the statement?

**Grown Up in Griffin**

**Dear Grown:** The Veterans Re-Employment Rights Act does not specifically address this issue. When you take time off from work for drill, however, your employer does have the right to ask for proof that you were there. We recommend that

commanders make statements of attendance readily available to soldiers.

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**Dear MW:** My employer has told me that he doesn't have to let me off work if I volunteer for additional AT. I think he does. Who's right?

**Patriotic in Perry**

**Dear Pat:** Subsection 2024 of the VRR Act says leave must be granted whether the duty is voluntary or involuntary. But we stress to guard members that they should keep their employers informed well in advance of upcoming active duty so that there are no surprises.



**BUCKLE UP** — Andy Holmes of Forsyth gets a hand with his Kevlar from Maj. Delloyd Wilson.



**SAY CHEESE** — Master Sgt. Willis Mitchell takes a group photo of the kids and Brig. Gen. Don Davis in front of a Bradley fighting vehicle and an M-1A1 Abrams tank. Each student received a print of the picture signed by Davis for a keepsake.

## Macon-area youths visit Brigade during training at Fort Stewart

What do 27 kids say after a ride in an M-1 tank?  
"Cool."

And in today's MTV vernacular, that's high praise.

The youngsters, all high school students from the Macon area, were invited to spend a day in the field during annual training as guests of the 48th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized).

In addition to tank and Bradley

fighting vehicle rides and firing demonstrations, the students were fed the new hot MREs for lunch, which after an early departure and long bus ride seemed to go over well.

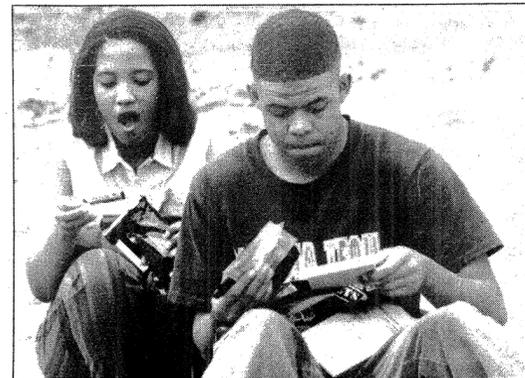
The kids, all of whom aspire to study journalism, carried cameras and note pads, and interviewed everyone in uniform. Their efforts appeared in the high-school section of the Macon Telegraph.



**NOW THIS IS A BRADLEY** — After donning their helmets, the students gather around Staff Sgt. Milton Walker of Perry as he brief them on the fighting vehicle.



**BRADLEY RIDE** — Three students prepare for a bumpy trip in a Bradley. They are, left to right, Marcy Hunt of Forsyth; Michelle Robertson of Lizella; and Angie Boy of Macon.



**IT'S A TOOTSIE ROLL** — Surprised to find candy in an MRE packet, Tamika Brown and Eric Stubbs, both of Macon, inspect the contents of their meals.



**PHOTO SHOOT** — Two youngsters perched atop an Abrams snap pictures as they ride.

Photos and story by Staff Sgt. Toby Moore, 124th PA Detachment

## Thielemann assumes brigade command

It couldn't have been a better day for a parade. But if it had been raining cats and dogs that April morning on Fort Stewart, Col. William T. Thielemann would not have minded. Not one little bit.

"What a beautiful day for a parade," Thielemann said. "But if it had been pouring down rain, cold and windy, it would still be a great day."

Effective that day, Thielemann found himself in command of the 48th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized), headquartered in Macon.

"This was a super day," added Maj. Gen. William P. Bland, Georgia's adjutant general.

Thielemann, who turned

49 within days of the ceremony, earned his best birthday present to date before his family and friends at the ceremony held on the Donovan Parade Ground, part of Fort Stewart's National Guard Training Center (NGTC).

Born in Akron, Ohio, Thielemann joined the Georgia Guard in March 1972 as a platoon leader within C Troop, 1st Squadron, 196th Cavalry. He later served as commander of E Troop, 348th Cavalry, from 1974 to 1977.

Thielemann has also served in a number of positions within the 48th Brigade and Georgia's State Area Command (STARC)

headquarters element.

"Not only did my family and friends make it here," Thielemann said. "But also my first sergeant, when I joined the Georgia Guard 20 years ago, attended the ceremony."

Thielemann appeared thrilled to be leading the state's largest outfit, the "round-up" brigade to Fort Stewart's 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized).

"This is the Georgia brigade," Thielemann said. "Everyone can take pride in this brigade. It's not one leader, or one unit. This is a community-wide effort statewide, from the Tennessee border to the Florida line."

## 48th commander sets goals for future combat readiness

The future is coming into focus for the 48th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized), based in Macon.

The mid-1990s will feature regular visits to the National Training Center (NTC), in California's Mojave Desert.

And the brigade plans to be ready.

"I have very specific goals (for the 1990s)," said Col. William T. Thielemann of the largest outfit in the Georgia Guard. "And my goals focus squarely on training, at the soldier level,

and on up to platoon level. I want to eliminate distractors, and get out and do good, effective, quality training."

Throughout the middle of the decade, elements of the brigade will deploy to the NTC. In 1995, the brigade's armor battalion will train in the California desert. And in 1996, brigade infantry is set to train alongside an armor battalion from the active 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized), located at Fort Stewart.

"That's total Army," Thielemann said.

Preparing for NTC battles, elements of the 48th brigade will continue to regularly train on Fort Stewart's Multi-Purpose Range Complex (MPRC). The MPRC allows for around-the-clock target practice for both tanks and Bradley Fighting Vehicles.

"The MPRC is the nerve center, as far as ranges at Fort Stewart are concerned," said Lt. Col. Richard Torrance, commander of the 48th Brigade's 1st Battalion, 121st Infantry, headquartered in Albany.

The MPRC is operated 24 hours per day, seven days each week, during Guard annual training periods by Vernell Corporation, a contracting firm. The company ensures the MPRC is cleared to support firing, and otherwise generally operates the range.

"We get 100 percent support," said 1st Sgt. Stephen Hawn, first sergeant for Company D, 1st Battalion, 121st Infantry, located in Hawkinsville. "All we have to do is shoot."

## Airlift group gets new commander

On May 1, Lt. Col. John H. Oldfield Jr. assumed command of the Georgia Air National Guard's 165th Airlift Group (AG), based at the Savannah International Airport's Travis Field.

A Vietnam combat veteran, Oldfield is a command pilot with more than 3,500 flying hours. Oldfield is the first Savannah native in more than 20 years to lead the 165th AG, with its nine C-130 Hercules aircraft.

Assuming command of the 165th AG from Col. Scott A. Mikkelsen, Oldfield will return to the low country after a tour at Atlanta's State Area Command (STARC) headquarters as director of flying operations.

The 165th AG provides tactical and strategic airlift support of people and supplies to military operations around the world. Currently, four 165th AG aircraft are supporting Operation Desert Calm, in Saudi Arabia.



**NEW GROUP COMMANDER** — Lt. Col. John Oldfield, center, accepts the flag from Brig. Gen. Douglas Padgett as Maj. Gen. William P. Bland, left, and Col. Scott Mikkelsen look on.



**FAMILY AFFAIR** — New brigade commander Col. William Thielemann addresses the troops with his family at his side.

## Long retires after 43 years

By Staff Sgt. ELLIOTT MINOR  
124th PA Detachment

Command Sgt. Maj. Billy Long, commandant of non-commissioned officer education at Georgia Military Institute in Macon, is retiring after 43 years with the Georgia Army National Guard.

Long, of Bolingbroke, was replaced May 1 by Command Sgt. Maj. Billy Manning of Leesburg, who previously was the state command sergeant major, the highest enlisted rank in the Georgia Guard.

Long, 60, joined the guard in 1949 when he was 16 and in the 10th grade. He moved through the ranks and eventually served as command sergeant major for Georgia's largest unit, the 3,900-member 48th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized), headquartered in Macon.

GMI, located at the old Georgia School for the Blind, provides leadership and job training for than 1,000 guard members and reservists a year.

Long says physical fitness and education will be keys to success in the modern National Guard. Members soon will need college degrees to reach senior enlisted ranks, he says.

"With downsizing, only the best-qualified soldiers are going to be retained," he says. "If they don't go to the appropriate schools to keep themselves qualified, they will not be considered for retention."

Long says he hopes retirement will provide more time for fishing and golfing.



**PONDERING THE DIMPLES** — Command Sgt. Maj. Billy Long tosses a golf ball after his retirement last year and I'm going to be one of his pastimes. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Toby Moore, 124th PAD)

"I'm going to try to learn how to play golf. I never had time to play," he says. "I bought a bass boat last year and I'm going to try to learn to fish."

His wife, Ann, may have other ideas about how he will spend his time.

"She's got a big garden and she's looking for help from me," he says.

## Longtime Fort Stewart maintenance chief dies

Lt. Col. Richard F. Riggs, who was responsible for keeping 1,000 National Guard war machines ready for combat, died on April 7 of a heart attack. He was 52.

Riggs had served for nearly 20 years as superintendent of Stewart's Mobilization Training Equipment Site, where National Guard units from three states stored tanks, howitzers and other equipment used during weekend drills and annual training.

Riggs expected his 159 employees, mostly highly skilled technicians and crack wrench turners, to give a day's work for a day's pay and he was always available to help them with personal problems.

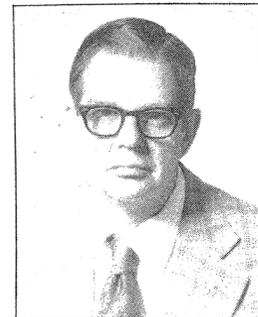
"Not only was he an outstanding guardsman, he was an outstanding person," said Sgt. 1st Class Henry Mock, a MATES production controller. "It was his nature to help people."

Chief Warrant Officer James Weitman, supervisor of MATES' electronic shop, said Riggs "gave 150 percent, but expected 100 percent out of everybody else."

Weitman said MATES was a vital part of Riggs' life.

"Richard's philosophy was eight hours work for eight hours pay," Weitman said.

## Heath dies in April at the age of 65



Col. Harry A. Heath, U.S. Army retired, director of public affairs for the Georgia Department of Defense, died April 2. He was 65.

A spokesman for the Georgia National Guard from 1978 until he died, Heath served as chief spokesman for four adjutant generals.

Heath was survived by his wife of 44 years, Barbara B.

Heath, and four daughters, Amey, Carol, Constance and Torrey.

During 34 years of federal and state service, Heath was spokesman for a number of notable general officers. In 1975 and 1976, Heath served as both press aide for Gen. Alexander Haig, and as Chief of Public Information, Allied Command — Europe.

Heath also served as chief spokesman for Gen. John Singlaub, and Chief of Public Affairs for the U.S. Forces Command (FORSCOM), located at Atlanta's Fort McPherson.

Heath served as the Army's Chief of Public Information for Vietnam during the conflict, and as the Army's Chief of News

Branch in the Pentagon. In that capacity, Heath served as spokesman for the Army agency investigating the My Lai massacre.

A World War II and Korean War veteran, Heath commanded an armor battalion in West Germany during the 1962 Berlin Wall crisis.

## Guardsmen help crash victims



**TWO MEMBERS** of the Georgia Army National Guard's 149th Support Battalion and four Army Reservists from Miami were honored at Ft. Stewart for their part in rescuing the pilots of a helicopter that crashed near their field training site. The two Guardsmen were Maj. Douglas E. Logan of Gainesville and Spec. Jason Wainwright of Thomaston, both members of Headquarters Company. Both were awarded Army Commendation Medals by the 48th Infantry Brigade's commander, Brig. Gen. James D. Davis.

## Troop Command McCollough takes charge

By Sgt. MARK OWENS  
124th PA Detachment

Col. (Promotable) Thomas L. McCollough assumed command of Troop Command during a ceremony at the unit headquarters Feb. 7.

McCollough, the former Deputy Commander, replaces the retiring Brig. Gen. Altoona Holland as the commander of the Decatur based unit.

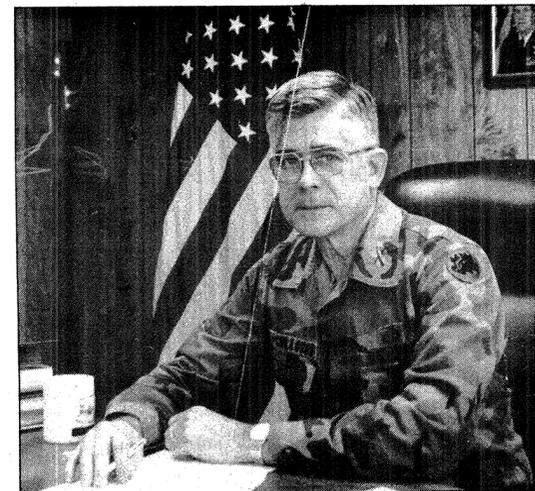
Troop command acts as Command and Control

Headquarters for corps support units, according to McCollough. These units include the 110th Maintenance Battalion, 122nd LRSU, 170th Command and Control Battalion, 151st Aviation, 117th MASH, and the 1st Battalion, 214th Infantry.

"As command and control for these units, we prepare them for deployment in the event of mobilization," he said. "We also have a mission in support of the state on orders from the federal government for civil

disturbance and control." McCollough plans to put emphasis on training and physical conditioning during his time as commander. "I will also strive for excellence in achieving the overall army goal of being ready for mobilization at any time."

His unit is currently undergoing some modifications to its force structure, but he hopes to be able to implement the changes with a minimum of disruption, he said.



COL. THOMAS McCULLOUGH at his desk. (Photo by Sgt. Mark Owens, 124th PAD)

## Skelly named Soldier of the Year

By Staff Sgt. ELLIOTT MINOR  
124th Public Affairs Detachment

A Valdosta police officer, who is known as "Officer John" to the children of a housing project that is on his beat, is the Georgia Army National Guard's soldier of the year. Spec. John Skelly was presented on his appearance, speaking ability and knowledge of soldier skills such as map reading, first aid and chemical warfare protective measures.

Stewart, near Savannah.

Skelly, 35, is a member of Company A, 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry in Valdosta. He is a machine gunner on a mechanized infantry team.

To win the soldier of the year award, Skelly had to be selected as the top guardsman in his battalion and then his brigade. He was judged on his appearance, speaking ability and knowledge of soldier skills such as map reading, first aid and chemical warfare protective measures.

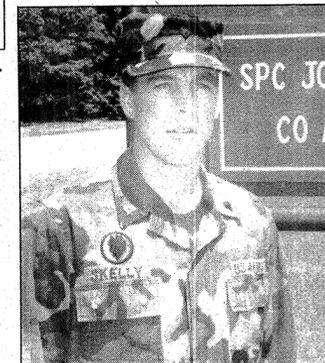
"It feels good. It's something I've worked for ever since I've been in the guard," said the 18-year veteran.

As a police officer in the south Georgia city of Valdosta, Skelly patrols a housing project where the children have grown to like him.

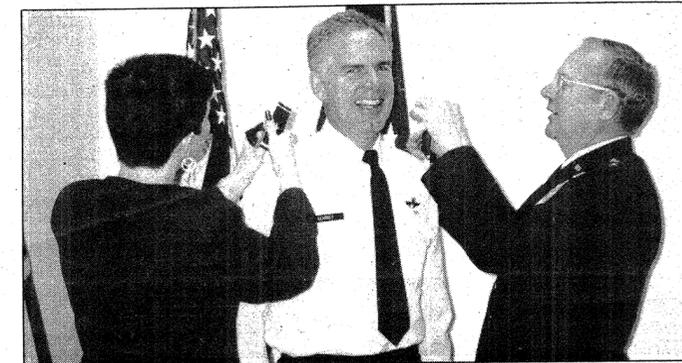
"When they get off the school bus, they run up and say, 'Hello, Officer John,'" he says. "They show me their school papers and follow me around like the Pied Piper."

Skelly says police work is the most rewarding job he has ever had. He says it's heartwarming get to know the children on his beat.

Skelly and his wife, Deborah, have two children, Lisa, 15, and John, 13.



SPEC. JOHN SKELLY of Valdosta, the Army National Guard's Soldier of the Year, stands beside a sign honoring him at Fort Stewart.



SEEING STARS — Brig. Gen. Stephen Kearney gets his stars pinned by Maj. Gen. William P. Bland, Georgia's Adjutant General, and his wife Victoria.

## Kearney promoted to BG

Col. Stephen G. Kearney, Commander of the 116th Fighter Wing of the Georgia Air National Guard, was promoted to brigadier general in ceremonies at Dobbins Air Force Base.

Maj. Gen. William P. Bland, Adjutant General for the state of Georgia, participated in the official pinning ceremonies.

Kearney, a resident of Powder Springs, has commanded the 1200-member Air National Guard unit since 1991. He has been a member of the 116th Fighter Wing since June 1972.

Kearney was born in Darby, Pa., and attended Villanova University where he earned a bachelor of science in economics in 1966.

Kearney was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Air Force in November 1966 following Officers Training School as Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, where he was a distinguished graduate. After completing undergraduate pilot training in 1968, he attended F-4 training at McDill Air Force Base,

Fla. Kearney was later assigned to DaNang Air Base in the Republic of Vietnam where he completed 278 combat missions over Southeast Asia. Returning from Vietnam, Kearney served as an instructor pilot with the 3552 Pilot Training Squadron at Moody Air Force Base, Ga.

Since joining the 116th Fighter Wing, Kearney has served in various command capacities, including instructor pilot flight commander; chief, wing weapons and tactics; squadron operations officer; squadron commander; assistant deputy commander for operations and deputy commander for maintenance before assuming his current duties as commander in 1991.

Kearney is a command pilot with more than 5,300 flying hours in the F-100, F-105, F-4D and the F-15 aircraft including 400 combat flying hours in Southeast Asia.

Kearney is married to the former Victoria B. Presson of Miami and he has two children.

## Guard museum needs artifacts

By Spec. MIKE CARR  
124th Public Affairs Detachment

Members of the Georgia Militia and National Guard Society are seeking to gather documentation, artifacts, clothing articles, photographs and other historical information pertaining the history of Georgia's citizen soldiers.

CWO3 Beverly L. Pack of

Headquarters STARC is helping to lead the project and wants to especially highlight the contributions that women have made to Georgia's military force.

Pack is seeking help from anyone who can provide information or items for display in the proposed museum. If you can assist, please write to Pack at 1589 Azalea Drive, Lawrenceville, GA 30243, or call 404-995-1172.

## Awards

### Army Commendation Medal

Sgt. 1st Class Lanorris Boyd, HD, STARC  
Sgt. 1st Class Eddie Dewayne Alday, HD, STARC  
Master Sgt. William H. Lockhart, Jr., HD, STARC  
Sgt. 1st Class John James Caldwell, Jr., HD, STARC

### Army Achievement Medal

Sgt. 1st Class Robert Leon Fordham, HD, STARC  
Sgt. 1st Class James Elbert Deen, Jr., HD, STARC  
Sgt. 1st Class Richard Erwin Brown, Sr., HD, STARC  
Sgt. 1st Class Harry Charles Reamer, HD, STARC

### Georgia Meritorious Service Medal

Maj. Steven Watson Cooper, HHC, 265th Engr. Gp.  
Lt. Col. Richard A. Beal, HQ, STARC  
Maj. Hugh Wade Rountree, HD, STARC  
Maj. Roy Lee Drake, HD, STARC

### Georgia Commendation Medal

Sgt. 1st Class James Henry Alexander, Sr., HD, STARC  
Air Force Commendation Medal  
Master Sgt. Philip Brewton

### Meritorious Service Medal

Master Sgt. Raymond C. Pierce, Sr.

# A better way to do PT

By Cadet ERIC JOHNSON  
124th PA Detachment

Getting in shape for a PT test takes work, and the 148th Finance Detachment and the Comptroller's Division has an innovative new program to get its personnel ready for that challenge.

The 148th uses the facilities at Fort McPherson for PT while they are there for other training.

"We go down to the gym and work with the Nautilus equipment for about 20 minutes," said Maj. Victoria A. Betterton, commander of the 148th and a functional cost coordinator at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

"Then we go down to the trail the goes along side the golf course to run. This allows the people to work at their own pace and level. The run is the last thing the soldier does. They run the trail and are dismissed once they complete the trail. So, the faster they run, the sooner they get to go home."

"The main advantage of this is that it is the first time I've heard people say they

*"The main advantage of this is that it is the first time I've heard people say they enjoyed PT."*

enjoyed PT," said Betterton of Carrollton. "Facilities and surroundings make a huge difference in the soldier's attitude and motivation."

"I like working with weights and running on a shaded trail rather than regular formation PT," said Pvt. 2 Ted L. Gilbert, a finance specialist and student from Griffin.

"This program is a little different," said Spec. Antoinette J. Turk, a finance specialist and customer service representative from Clarkston. "It's a bit different than what we do at the unit."

"We will look at the program and we will modify it to keep it interesting," said Betterton. "We may play volleyball or softball, from time to time. There are many facilities out there providing various options and we'll take advantage of them."

## How does being in the National Guard motivate you to stay in shape?



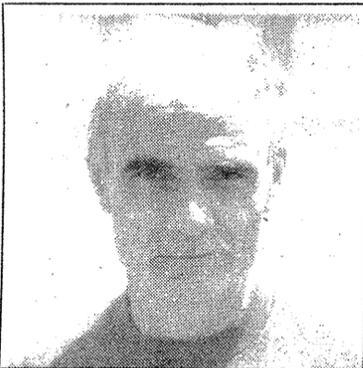
*"I'm definitely a fitness-oriented person. I hit the track three times a week to stay in shape for the PT test."*  
Pfc. Jennifer Clark  
C Co., 148th Forward Support Bn.



*"If you enjoy being in the guard, and want to stay in, you must pass the PT tests. To pass, you must stay in shape."*  
1st Lt. Victor Watt  
848th Engineers



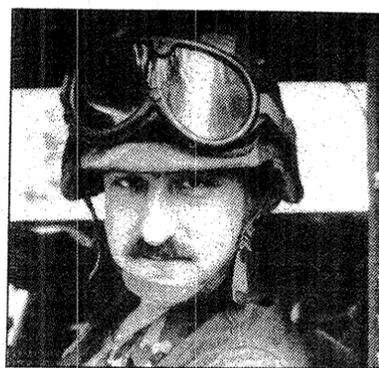
*"I used to be out of shape before being in the guard. It makes you feel good to stay in shape. Exercise bike and lift weights."*  
Spec. Grady Shaver  
C Co., 1/108th Armor



*"If I don't pass the PT test, I'll be kicked out. I run six miles three times per week and do situps and pushups year round."*  
CWO Stanley Hammond  
STARC



*"You have to be fit to stay in. That's motivation enough!"*  
Pfc. Iris Brown  
C Co., 148th Forward Support Bn.



*"It's doing a real good job of motivating me. I do pushups and situps, and I'm running."*  
Spec. John Haynes  
Headquarters,  
48th Brigade

## HEALTH & FITNESS

### Food safety requires care

The recent deaths and serious illnesses from tainted fast-food hamburgers underscores the importance of food safety.

Most meat and poultry contain millions of bacteria, some quite dangerous. But through proper food handling, you can keep the bacteria from multiplying to numbers large enough to make you sick.

Here are some food safety tips:

Cook hamburger meat thoroughly, until no pink shows in the center. Ground meat is riskier than steak and other cuts because it is mixed, giving it more surface area for bacterial growth.

Use a meat thermometer. Cook all meats to an internal temperature of at least 160 degrees. Red meat is done when it's brown or gray inside; poultry is done when juices run clear. Rare beef does have some bacterial risk.

Wash your hands with hot soapy before and after handling raw meat.

Use separate cutting board for preparing raw meats. Wash with hot, soapy water after use. Occasionally wash with bleach and clear water.

Never re-use utensils that have touched raw meat unless washing them first.

Clean up raw-meat drippings with a paper towel to avoid contaminating rags or sponges.

Observe sell-by and use-by dates on packages.

Don't trust your nose. You shouldn't prepare meats that smell bad, but you can't smell bacteria.

Never thaw raw meat or poultry at room temperature. Thaw in the refrigerator or microwave.

Don't let cooked food stand at room temperature for longer than two hours.

Store meat properly in the refrigerator: raw roasts and steaks, 3-5 days; raw hamburger and stew meat, 1-2 days; raw chicken and turkey, 1-2 days; leftover cooked meats no longer than 3-4 days.

USDA has a Meat and Poultry Hot Line to answer your questions: 1-800-535-4555.

*(From University of Texas Health Letter, April 1993)*

**H**ow you pack your brown bag lunch is as important as what's inside. Some food-safety reminders:

- Recycled grocery bags may harbor insects or bacteria.
- Lunches made the night before stay fresher when refrigerated.
- Sandwiches made in advance and frozen stall spoilage.
- Bags stored in cool places last longer.