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New vehicle registration procedure underway

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CLAY NATIONAL GUARD CENTER, Marietta, Jan. 29, 2010 – Procedures are now in place for installation personnel to register their privately owned vehicles.

Previously, Georgia Guardsmen registered their vehicles at other federal installations like Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Fort McPherson or Fort Gillem. With its new registration policy and system in place, the Clay Provost Marshal Office now has the capability to register vehicles and issue DoD decals.

The decals allow authorized entrance to the post and give the user access to any other installation as long as the vehicle owner meets all installation access control requirements.

Vehicle registration on Clay is at Building No. 8 on the right just before the gate entrance, between the hours of 0600 and 1800, Monday through Saturday.

According to Maj. Ken Miller, Clay's senior law enforcement officer, there are certain requirements vehicle owners must meet to get their vehicles on post.

All personnel who work on Clay must register their privately owned vehicles with the Office of the Provost Marshal Vehicle Control Center before entering the installation.

Vehicle and motorcycle owners must have:

- A valid state driver's license
- A certificate of state registration for their vehicle
- Proof of minimum liability insurance
- A valid Motor Cycle Safety Card if the

driver operates a motorcycle.

Authorized Personnel will be issued a DD Form 2220 decal with colored installation tab and expiration sticker.

Those who are simply visiting the post must obtain a visitor's pass at Building No. 8 and provide the same information.

For more information, call the Visitor Control Center at (678) 569-3820.

Georgia's Naval Militia

By James H. Wilbanks, Ph.D.

From all walks of life—physician, grocer, dredger, educator and politician—they came to drill once a week in the years prior to the Spanish-American War and during the first decade of a new century. These were the men who served Georgia in the Naval Militia from 1895 until about 1908. They served in an arduous role, patrolling the tidal creeks and rivers along the coast of Georgia in the days when muscle power was the most common method of propulsion in those waters. Called variously the Naval Reserve Artillery or the Naval Battalion, the Naval Militia was little-known at the time. It is remembered even less today.

The Act creating the Naval Militia of Georgia was approved by the General Assembly on December 19, 1893. Little more than a year later, Companies A and B of the Naval Reserve Artillery were organized in Brunswick and Savannah, respectively. In February 1895, at the direction of the Adjutant General, John McIntosh Kell, an election of officers was held and Frank Aiken, a prominent exporter of lumber and the treasurer of Glynn County, was selected the commanding Lieutenant of the Brunswick Company.

After their organizational activities, Naval Militia officers and men hoped to train with Navy regulars on the *USS Atlanta*, a cruiser class vessel, during the unit's first summer training tour. Enthused about the militia's future, Governor William Y. Atkinson and his staff even planned to join the training adventure. Instead of the *Atlanta*, the cruiser *Passport* actually transported the Georgia seamen for their training mission. During their tour, the Georgia Naval Militiamen participated in a joint sea-land military exercise near Savannah. Whether Governor Atkinson tested his sea legs is unknown, though he did travel with the Brunswick Rifles by train to Savannah.

With military training successfully started, the Naval Militia's image in the community was also promoted with the formation of a Naval Marine Band. This was the first Marine Band organized in the South, and many members were enlisted from the famous "Atlantic Band." The band was quartered in the Naval Armory in Brunswick, and John Baumgartner, a well-known cornetist, was chosen leader. The Marine Band accompanied the Georgia militiamen on the *USS Passport* during the first summer training tour.

Though fêted by townfolk and respected by their peers, the Naval Militia still suffered from inadequate funding. In his annual report for 1900, Commander Aiken raised the concern—a problem which may have spelled the beginning of the end for an active Naval Militia in Georgia—about the lack of uniforms for the men of the Naval Militia. Noting that land forces were provided uniforms, Aiken wrote in despair, "The free distribution by the State of uniforms to the land forces, and their inability to do so for my command, has had a very depressing effect on same." Therefore, Aiken recommended that "every effort be made to furnish uniforms to them in some way without cost to individuals."



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Commanders

Four inducted into 2010 Cobb leadership program

CLAY NATIONAL GUARD CENTER, Marietta, Jan. 19, 2009 – Four Georgia National Guard officers are among the 21 area Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine senior leaders paired with 21 Cobb County business leaders for the Honorary Commanders Association’s (HCA) Class of 2010.

Inducted into this year’s class are Army Guard colonels Brent E. Bracewell and Tom Blackstock, Air Guard Col. Dan J. Zachman and Army Guard Maj. Rob Utlaut. All but one of the four joined their classmates and HCA alumni at the Dobbins Air Reserve Base Consolidated Club for introductions on Jan. 12.

The HCA is a cooperative effort between the Cobb County Chamber of Commerce, the Guard, Dobbins Air Reserve Base and the Navy and Marine Corps Reserves. Its goal is to educate the business community about the Guard and Reserve’s role in the nation’s defense and to foster stronger support of employees who wear the uniform outside their civilian jobs.

At the same time, the association offers military leaders a better understanding of the important role their units and installations play in Cobb County and their affect on the area’s economy.

“The ability of our two communities –local business and military– to work together as they have is a testimony to our long-standing relationship,” said Maj. Gen. Terry Nesbitt, Georgia’s Adjutant General. “We look forward to building on an already strong foundation of friendship and understanding.

“We greatly appreciate the support Cobb County, its employers and its citizens have shown our service members,” Nesbitt added.

Bracewell, who commands Marietta’s 78th Aviation Troop Command, is paired with Gregory Dale Teague, director of engineering services for Marietta-based Croy Engineering, LLC. Zachman, the Guard’s chief of the Joint Staff, is partnered with Marietta’s former mayor and retired restaurant owner, William Dunaway.

Blackstock, who commands 78th Troop Command in Decatur, will work with Theresa S. Milligan, Georgia Special Projects director for Sen. Saxby Chambliss’ Atlanta office, while Utlaut, director of plans and programming for the Guard’s Construction and Facili-

ties Maintenance Office, will work with Kati Hyland, development coordinator for Atlanta-based WellStar Foundation.

Mayor Dunaway said, “The value, leadership and dedication members of the Guard and Reserve bring to us as employers, as well as the significance they add to our communities, is something we don’t take for granted. It’s through partnerships such as Honorary Commanders that we all build a better community in which to live and work.”

While the Guard played host to two previous Honorary Commanders classes in 2008 and 2009 on what was then Naval Air Station Atlanta, this is the first time Guard members have participated in the program since taking full ownership of the base this past September.



Kati Hyland, development coordinator for Atlanta’s WellStar Foundation, and Maj. Rob Utlaut, director of plans and programming for the Georgia DoD’s Construction and Facilities Maintenance Office.



Colonel Dan Zachman (left), chief of the Joint Staff, and William Dunaway, former Marietta mayor and retired Cobb County restaurateur.



Craig Dale Teague (left), director of engineering services for Marietta-based Croy Engineering, LLC, and Col. Brent E. Bracewell, commander, 78th Aviation Troop Command.



Colonel Tom Blackstock (left), commander, 78th Troop Command, and his civilian counterpart, Theresa S. Milligan, Georgia Special Projects director for U.S. Sen. Saxby Chambliss.

Kennesaw MPs headed for Afghanistan

Story and photo by Sgt. 1st Class Roy Henry
Georgia Department of Defense
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CLAY NATIONAL GUARD CENTER, Marietta, Jan. 19, 2009 – Kennesaw’s 190th Military Police Company today left its Chastain Road armory, on the first leg of a yearlong deployment at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan.

The first stop for the more than 120 military policemen, administrative staff and their commander, Capt. Purvis Brown, is Fort Bliss near El Paso, Texas. According to 1st Sgt. Darryl Gates, the unit’s senior enlisted leader, they will spend time there honing their basic combat skills, such as marksmanship and convoy operations.

The unit “signed-off” on many of those skills during drill weekends, Gates said. The MPts will complete their remaining tasks at the mobilization station.

“Having done most of what we needed at our home station allows us to spend more time training for the mission we’ve been handed – detainee operations,” he said shortly before the unit’s last formation.

Gates added that he is not concerned about whether his Soldiers are up to the challenges they will face in Afghanistan. Many of them have “been there and back more than once,” he said. Several, in fact, returned not long ago from Afghanistan with Savannah’s 278th Military Police Company.

“Overall, I’d say we’re pretty prepared for what lies ahead, or we will be when we leave Texas,” Gates said.

Sergeant Sue Lantry is one of those who volunteered to go with the 278th and is heading back to Afghanistan. At exactly five feet tall, Lantry may not look like she can handle someone “giving her a problem,” but it is doubtful this former Navy tugboat chief engineer will have a problem backing any order she might give.

“What I learned during ‘that go-round’ is going to help me help those Soldiers who’re doing this [detainee operations] and even deploying for the first time,” the West Rome resident said while waiting for



First Sgt. Darryl Gates (left) passes on instructions to his Soldiers shortly before they board the buses waiting outside the Kennesaw Armory that will take them to Fort Bliss, Texas.



From the left, Sgt. Sue Lantry looks over to see her “adopted” daughters, Elizabeth Bricker and Madie Allen, standing next to her in formation. The uniforms Bricker and Allen have on belong to Lantry. “It’s flattering to have them dress that way out of respect for me,” Lantry said.

her platoon to board its bus. By her account, there are several among the unit who have never gone “over the pond.” It is going to be up to her and the other veterans in the 190th, she said, to mentor those Soldiers so they gain the experience they need to do the job right and come safely home.

Reaching out, she put her arms around her two “adopted daughters,” Madie Allen, age 11, and Elizabeth Bricker, age 12, and laughed at the sight of the girls dressed in the Army Combat uniforms she’d given them. Lantry, a machine operator for Rome-based Kellogg’s Bakery, said they and her two dogs, Logan and Shelly, are among the things she will really miss.

“My kids are grown, so Madie and Liz, their families and the dogs are my family,” she said as her bus rounded the armory’s rear parking lot. “Going this time is just as tough as it was last time, but I know that they know I’m doing the right thing, that I’m go-

ing where I’m needed.”

Mary Kate McCaffrey and Cindy Bricker, Madie and Liz’s mothers, said Lantry knows she doesn’t have to worry about them, her house or her dogs while she is gone. All she needs to do, the pair agreed, is to concentrate on the mission ahead.

“Sue knows we’ll look after things,” McCaffrey said. “She knows she has the best friends a Soldier could ever ask for looking out for her interests.

And we’ll be standing right here, waiting on her with open arms, when she comes home,” Bricker added as they waved goodbye.

Crowd sees unit off

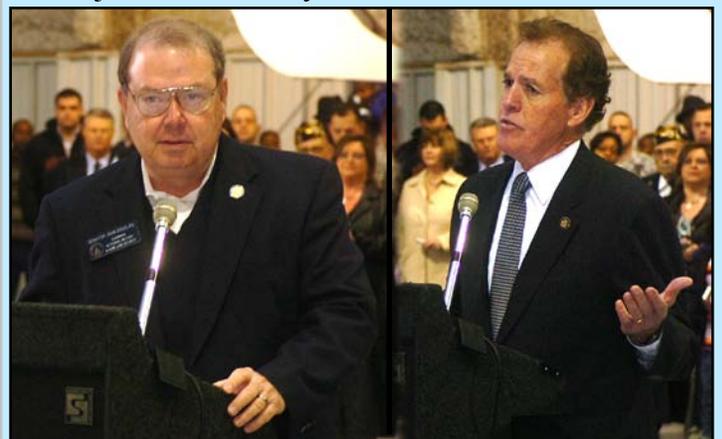
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More than 200 people paid their respects and wished the 190th MP Company well during its time in Afghanistan. Preferred Jet hosted the one hour ceremony in its main hangar.

Major Gen. Terry Nesbitt, Georgia’s Adjutant General; Brig. Gen. Maria Britt, Georgia Army Guard commander; Col. Keith Knowlton, commander, 648th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade (the 190th’s parent command); and Lt. Col. Loutalo Olutosin, commander of the 170th Military Police Battalion, stepped to the podium and offered wishes of “Godspeed, a successful deployment and a safe return home.”

Following the Army leadership in its hopes for a safe deployment and return were State Sen. John Douglas and Rep. Phil Gingrey. Along with their expression of pride in the 190th for taking up their country’s call to arms and sacrificing much to make Afghanistan a better place, they also offered advice to the Soldiers’ families.

“While they are gone, know that we’re just as proud of you for the sacrifices you have made in letting them do the job to which they’re so dedicated.”



Among those to express their pride in the 190th MPs, and wish them success and safety during their deployment, were State Sen. John Douglas and Rep. Phil Gingrey.

New judge advocate sworn in

Story and photo by Sgt. 1st Class Roy Henry
Georgia Department of Defense
Public Affairs Office

CLAY NATIONAL GUARD CENTER, Marietta, Jan. 13, 2009 – The Georgia National Guard’s new chief legal officer took the oath of office here in a small ceremony to mark the assumption of his responsibilities.

Lt. Col. Craig S. Brooks, whose military career has spanned more than 18 years with the active-duty Army and Army Reserve, took the oath to “uphold and defend the Constitutions of the United States and the state of Georgia” before retired Col. Don W. Venn II, who oversees the Adjutant General’s Command Action Group.

Following the swearing-in, Brooks’ wife, Marcy, looking quite pleased and proud, placed the Joint Forces Headquarters boar’s head unit patch on her husband’s uniform to complete the ceremony. The patch identifies Brooks as a Georgia Guardsman.

“I couldn’t be more pleased to be here, and to be wearing this insignia,” he said as he touched the boar’s head.

Brooks was chief of administrative law for U.S. Army Reserve Command at Atlanta’s Fort McPherson before becoming the Guard’s top legal advisor. He replaces Col. Jon Turner, who has moved to the U.S. Property and Fiscal Office on Confederate Avenue.

“I intend to continue the tradition of assisting The Adjutant General, the Army Guard and Air Guard commanders, our Soldiers and Airmen with any legal issues they may face,” Brooks said after receiving congratulations on his new position. “My job, and that of the JAG staff, is to provide them with the best possible legal counsel so they can remain focused on their mission – whatever, or where ever, that mission may be.”

A native of Philadelphia, Pa., Brooks is a 1988 graduate of Temple University. He earned his Juris Doctor degree from Ohio Northern University.

Brooks accepted a direct commission as an active

Army second lieutenant after completing the Judge Advocate Officer Basic Course in 1992. He graduated from Airborne School at Fort Benning outside Columbus in 1992 and then completed the Army’s Air Assault School at Fort Campbell, Ky., in 1997.

His military education includes the Judge Advocate Advanced Course, Army Command and Staff College’s Intermediate Level Course, Combined Arms and Services School at Fort Leavenworth, Kans. and the Judge Advocate General’s Legal Center and School Graduate Course. Brooks’ duty assignments include:

work as legal assistance attorney and contract law attorney for the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate at Fort Sam Houston, Texas; trial counsel, U.S. Army Trial Defense Service, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Casey, Republic of Korea; command judge advocate for Pine Bluff Arsenal, Pine Bluff, Ark.; and operational law attorney for the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky.

He’s also held assignments as: trial counsel for the 153rd Legal Services Office, in Harrisburg, Pa.; trial counsel and chief of administrative law for the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y.; operational law attorney for the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Army Reserve Command, Fort McPherson, Ga.; and deputy staff judge advocate for the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, 412th Engineer Command, Vicksburg, Miss.

As a civilian, Brooks held the post of deputy prosecutor for the York County, Pa. District Attorney’s Office.

Brooks’ awards and decorations include two Meritorious Service medals, six Army Commendation medals and an Army Achievement Medal.



Retired Col. Don W. Venn II (left) administers the oath of office to Lt. Col. Craig S. Brooks, the Georgia Guard’s new judge advocate general.

Saving lives and building relationships

108th Cavalry medic saves Afghan accident victim

Story by Sgt. Tracy J. Smith
48th IBCT Public Affairs

JALALABAD, Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan, Jan. 12, 2010 – A routine evening change of the guard turned less than typical for Spc. Cameron Bryant on Dec. 2, 2009, when the 1st Squadron, 108th Cavalry combat medic rolled in with his fellow “Rough Riders” to pull security at the site where reconstruction of the Saracha Bridge is underway.

“We were pulling up and there was a body on the side of the road with a crowd of people around it,” said Bryant, a resident of Woodstock. Jumping out of the Humvee in which he was riding, he began evaluating the body (a man) for signs of life.

“Training kicked in and I immediately checked him for a pulse. It was faint, but I stopped thinking about what I needed to do when my ‘muscle memory’ kicked in.”

What he found was a man suffering from severe lacerations and fractures and bleeding from his mouth, all of which are immediate signs indicating the possibility of internal injuries, Bryant explained.

With help from the unit’s Afghan interpreter, some Afghan bystanders and the use of hand gestures, Bryant said he was able to console the man, bandage his wounds and stabilize his condition. He was also able to determine how the man came to be in his present condition.

According to Bryant, and the Afghan National Police (ANP), the man had been involved in a motorcycle accident. The investigation of the incident continues. According to local officials, the ANP provided crowd control at the scene and assisted with contacting an emergency medical team at Jalalabad Hospital.

As the crowd grew and police gathered evidence, Bryant continued to treat the man’s injuries. “I had the interpreter tell one of the locals to keep the man calm while talking to him so that he would remain conscious,” Bryant said.

As a 108th medic, Bryant is part of a regular patrol team assigned by 4th Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, to provide security for the rebuilding of the Saracha Bridge. Reconstruction began after it had been damaged by flooding. The project is one of several high-priority efforts by the Roads Technical Working Group and the U.S. Provincial Reconstruction Team to improve major road systems in the region.



Specialist Cameron Bryant, a combat medic with Calhoun’s 1st Squadron, 108th Cavalry, not only puts his expertise to work for his fellow Soldiers, but also for the populace that they defend. (Contributed photo)

The Dec. 2 incident isn’t the first time Bryant has assisted civilians during an emergency.

In Mehtar Lam, a village northwest of Jalalabad, he used his medical training to help save the life of a family involved in a head-on vehicle collision. Another accident involved a rollover, where seven people had to be extracted from damaged vehicles by emergency personnel and then treated for severe injuries. In both instances, Bryant was out on patrol with the 108th’s Troop C, home stationed in Dalton, Ga.

Those who know Bryant have said his prompt action may have been the difference between life and death. To Bryant, his training is what affected the outcome at each accident scene.

“You never really think it’s going to happen, but you have to be ready for it,” he said. “After a while, the reaction gets to be second nature.”

Guard program gets donation from Cartersville retailer

Georgia Department of Defense
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CLAY NATIONAL GUARD CENTER, Marietta, Jan. 8, 2010 – Helping those who feel the financial strain of deployment is the mission of the Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation.

In today's world, Guardsmen, Reservists and active duty members can find themselves deployed anywhere from six months to a year in support of the Global War on Terror. For Citizen-Soldiers and Airmen especially, it means time away from their civilian jobs and the loss of funds upon which their families rely.

To provide that assistance, the foundation takes in a variety of individual and corporate donations throughout the year.



From the left are Wal-Mart manager Megan Hammer, Maj. Gen. Terry Nesbitt and store co-manager Scott Ridgeway.

Cartersville's Wal-Mart Super Center, which made a similar contribution to the foundation in 2009, presented a \$1,000 check this year on Jan. 6 to Maj. Gen. Terry Nesbitt, Georgia's Adjutant General. Store manager Megan Hammer and her co-manager, Scott Ridgeway, made the presentation at the store.

Local stores, Hammer explained, choose each year which non-profit organization they want to contribute to within their communities. The stores then apply for monetary grants from the Walmart Foundation. It was to the military, again, that the Cartersville store wanted to make its donation.

"Our service members make a great sacrifice when they step away from their families and civilian jobs to answer their country's call to duty, and so do their

loved ones in letting them go," Nesbitt told a group of employees who had gathered around him. "Wal-Mart is a great corporate citizen, and donations such as this go a long way in helping the foundation to help Soldiers face the problems that happen during a deployment."

According to the Walmart Foundation Website, the corporation sincerely believes "our servicemen and women have one of the most difficult and important jobs in the world. In an ongoing effort to recognize the service and sacrifice of our military personnel and their families, we support organizations nationwide that are working hard to create opportunities and provide services for the military community."

Hammer said there are some among the store's employees who understand that sacrifice better than most. They, too, she said, have loved ones in uniform serving overseas.

"Last Halloween, for example, we sent out I don't know how many care packages," she recalled. "We've also sent them coffee, sports equipment and anything else we can think of to give them a taste of home to make their time away easier."

At the same time, the store looks after the families who "do their service on the home front," Hammer said.

Nesbitt, after talking about the Guard's role in operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, explained that Macon's 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team is about to end its yearlong deployment in Afghanistan.

"We continue to pray for the unit's safe return and the return of all our deployed service members to their homes and to their families. We'll certainly do the same for yours," he said.

Established in 1994 as a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization, the Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation provides emergency relief assistance during times of financial crisis to the members and families of the Georgia National Guard, and those Reserves and qualified active duty service members in the state.

Contributions can be made by calling :
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