

**Honoring the military services:
Armed Forces Day, May 15; Memorial Day, May 31.**

Photo by SSgt. Jerry Buck



Guest Commentary

...The more times change, the more they stay the same...

You now face a new world, a world of change. The thrust into outer space of the satellite, spheres, and missiles marks a beginning of another epoch in the long story of mankind. In the five or more billions of years the scientists tell us it has taken to form the earth, in the three or more billion years of development of the human race, there has never been a more abrupt or staggering evolution.

We deal now, not with things of this world alone, but with the illimitable distances and as yet unfathomed mysteries of the universe. We are reaching out for a new and boundless frontier. We speak in strange terms of harnessing the cosmic energy, of making winds and tides work for us, of creating unheard of synthetic materials to supplement or even replace our old standard basics; to purify sea water for our drink; of mining ocean floors for new fields of wealth and food; of disease preventatives to expand life into the hundred of years; of controlling the weather for a more equitable distribution of heat and cold, of rain and shine. of ultimate conflict between a united human race and the sinister forces of some other planetary galaxy; of such dreams and fantasies as to make life the most exciting of all times.

And through all this welter of change and development our mission remains fixed, determined, inviolable. It is to win our wars. Everything else in our professional career is but corollary to this vital dedication. All other public projects, all other public needs, great or small, will find others for their accomplishment; but we are the ones who are trained to fight.

Yours is the profession of arms, the will to win, the sure knowledge that in war there is no substitute for victory, that if we lose, the Nation will be destroyed, that the very obsession of our public service must be duty, honor, country.

Let civilian voices argue the merits or demerits of our processes of government; Whether our strength is being sapped by deficit financing indulged in too long, by Federal paternalism grown too mighty, by power groups grown too arrogant, by politics grown too corrupt, by crime grown too rampant, by morals grown too low, by taxes grown too high, by extremists grown too violent; whether our personal liberties are as thorough and complete as they should be.

These great national problems are not for our professional participation or military solution. Our guidepost stands o' like a ten-fold beacon in the night; Duty, honor, country.

This does not mean that you are war-mongers. On the contrary, the soldier above all other people prays for peace, for he must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war. But always in our ears ring the ominous words of Plato, that wisest of all philosophers: "Only the dead have seen the end of war."



A determined MacArthur; Manila, 1945

GENERAL OF THE ARMY DOUGLAS MACARTHUR DIED IN APRIL 1964, NEARLY TWO DECADES AGO, BUT

HIS WORDS STILL SPEAK TO US WITH AN IMMEDIACY, A TIMELESS RESONANCE, PROVIDING US WITH

INSPIRATION AND STRENGTH FOR THE HONORABLE PURSUIT OF OUR DUTIES IN SERVICE TO OUR STATE AND NATION.

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Lasers add realism to training

By Sgt. Ed Sasser

MILES, the Army's new Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System, provided realism in fire training recently for 52 Washington Army National Guard members.

Specially selected NCOs from both Command and Control Headquarters and 81st Infantry Brigade (Mech) units received three weeks of training. The training resulted from a "trade" whereby the 9th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis received the use of National Guard tanks in exchange for a NETT (New Equipment Training Team) session for the Guardsmen, according to Lt. Col. John L. Murphy, deputy chief of staff for operations.

The system increases realism in combat training on many different weapons from the M16A1 to the M60A1/A3 tank by using laser transmitters and receivers. The simulators permit battalions to maneuver against one another, deliver realistic simulated fire, and assess hits or near misses in real terms.

The battery-operated laser transmitters shoot pulses of coded infrared laser energy to simulate the effects of live ammo. The transmitters attach to all hand-carried and vehicle-mounted weapons.

Detectors, located on opposing troops and vehicles, receive the coded laser pulses and determine whether the target was hit by a weapon which could cause damage, whether the shot was accurate enough to call a kill, or whether a near miss had taken place. Audio alarms and visual displays make troops aware of the results.

Laser detectors will be worn on Guardsmen's uniforms or fitted to a belt attached to the vehicle turret or hull and linked to a control box inside.

During nearly five years of development, MILES has been tested in the United States and Europe in a variety of environments with favorable results. The Army and Xerox Electro-Optical Systems joined hands in the development and production of MILES.



THE BLACK BOX that fires laser beams rather than blanks adds realism to training.



READY, AIM, ZAP — through the magic of lasers a Guardsman has just killed his aggressor.

Photos by Sp4 Randy Bourne



Sp4 DAVID HAYNES, a member of Company B (-), 1st Battalion, 161st Infantry (Mech), walks 35 miles one-way to attend a weekend drill.

National Guard's mountain man dependable and durable

by Capt. Don C. Brunell

COLVILLE, Wash. — A century ago, it would not be uncommon for a National Guardsman to walk 35 miles one-way to attend a weekend drill, but in 1982 it is certainly unusual — perhaps unheard of.

Sp4 David Haynes is a mountain man who resides in a remote cabin near the Idaho-Washington border and 35 miles from Company B (-), 1st Battalion, 161st Infantry (Mech), headquartered here.

According to his commander, Maj. Lee Dunton, Haynes joined the unit in June 1975 and has an unblemished attendance record.

"It is pretty hard for guys who drive to

the weekend drills to complain when David walks through rain, snow, cold and heat to get to drill."

Haynes lives a spartan life with his cat, Sam. He traps fur-bearing animals and hikes 10 miles with a pack to trade at a rural store. He returns with 75-85 pounds of supplies on his back.

He is a hardy type who enjoys physical exercise in the remote country environment.

"When some guys complain about our annual requirement to walk four miles, I just point to Specialist 4 Haynes," Dunton said. "It produces a silent response."

Haynes starts his day at 6 a.m. by firing up his cast iron wood stove. He then sets out on a circuit to check his traps. When he returns, he begins the processing of the hides. During his leisure time he enjoys woodcarving, drawing and reading, including the Bible.

He said he may marry one day, but his current ambition is to save enough money to buy a motorcycle. "That's a sizeable ambition because my only real source of income is the National Guard."

In Company B (-), Sp4 Haynes is an assistant cook.

Air Guard shines in Bright Star '82

Washington Air National Guard communications units played a prominent role in Bright Star 82, the largest exercise ever held as a joint services and allied forces military undertaking.

Staged in November and December, 1981, the 45-day deployment tested the capabilities of the Rapid Deployment Joint Task Force, operating under adverse conditions from Egypt, Oman, Sudan and Somalia. The 90-man task force from Washington operated generators, radar and other communications equipment to support the overall exercise.

Maj. James Mullen, chief of maintenance for the Air Guard detachment, said there was no downtime on any of the equipment operated by the communicators from Washington.

"I have participated in more than a dozen JCS exercises, but this is the first time we experienced dust and wind of this magnitude, not to mention the insects, wild dogs, rodents, unheated tents and only an occasional hot shower," Mullen said.

One facility, not officially tasked during the exercise, was a radio station known as WANG-97FM. The station was the project of radio maintenance personnel from the 242nd Combat Communications Squadron in Spokane.

They utilized a signal generator for a transmitter. With 125 milliwatts of power (one quarter watt) the station had a range of 2000 feet, but it supplied the only American music, news, weather and sports information to the 2,000 personnel in the American contingent at Cairo West.

Using cassette players as audio inputs and television rabbit ears for an antenna, the communicators were on the air 24 hours a day as the unofficial voice of Bright Star 82.

With the experience gained from this overseas deployment, the 252nd Combat Communications Group is now preparing for another big JCS exercise, Gallant Eagle 82, which will take place in March and April from the Nellis AFB, Ft. Irwin area of Nevada.



THE OPERATIONS were conducted against a backdrop of ancient wonders.



GUARD PERSONNEL handled all communication needs for Bright Star.

Air Guard promotions contingent on PME

Under the Total Force Military Policy, members of the Air National Guard are required to complete PME (Professional Military Education) courses as part of individual career development. Enforcement of the requirement is strict, and its importance has become real to many individuals who have met all requirements for promotion except PME. Without the course requirements, promotions are no longer possible.

Courses can be taken by correspondence, by seminar, or by attending a

specific school. Air Guard Lt. Col. Leigh Hales of Spokane, recently returned from 10 months residence at the Air War College at Maxwell AFB, Alabama.

"Although the schedule is rigorous and demanding, I would recommend attending a PME course in residence to anyone having the opportunity," he said.

Hales said the course covered every phase of the Air Force mission and also concentrated on a first-hand understanding of international relations, national security policies and policy formulation.

"It was an unique opportunity to view the world through the eyes of our economic, military and political leaders," he added.

The 144-member class consisted of senior officers from the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard and individuals representing nearly every country in the free world.

Hales encouraged reservists to attend resident PME course: "You will expand your knowledge and become a better informed reservist and civilian."

Aitken first WashARNG woman promoted to major

By Pvt. 2 Bart J. Stinson

SEATTLE—Maj. Patricia Aitken became the first Washington Army National Guard woman to be promoted to the rank of major.

Aitken received the promotion on Dec. 7, 1981, and as a JAG officer, handles military defense work in Washington areas outside of King County.

A 1965 University of Washington law school graduate, she has been a JAG officer for seven years in the 181st Support Battalion, headquartered in Seattle.

As a civilian, Aitken had been a prosecuting attorney for 15 years. For 10 years, she was King County chief deputy prosecutor and currently serves as director of Seattle's city criminal division.

"I just gave the Guard a try," Aitken said. "I really enjoy it; both the people and the work."

She said the military justice system represents a change of pace for her. "Sometimes it is too late and things have already gone so far that we have to proceed with a court martial."

"Other times, we can enjoy the satisfaction of defense work when we can reconcile soldiers to their units," she concluded.

Maj. Aitken is a Seattle native and graduated from Whitman College in Walla Walla.



Maj. PATRICIA AITKEN is JAG defense lawyer.

Turnaround cited — Army Guard strength on two-year improvement trend

By Sgt. Ed Sasser and SSgt. Doris Nelson

First the good news: 1,661 people enlisted in the Washington Army National Guard during 1981 breaking the 5,000-member and the 85 percent of authorization level. Now the bad news: for every five who joined, four left.

Who leaves the Guard and why? The situation is not as bad as one might think. Of the approximately 1,200 people who left the Guard last year, 27 percent are still in uniform; they went active, joined another reserve component or moved to a unit in another state. Another six percent retired or were commissioned from the enlisted ranks. Others left for a multitude of reasons but only 355 left the Guard when their enlistments were up.

Why do personnel leave the Guard? According to Col. Richard Owens, deputy chief of staff for strength management, "The single greatest obstacle is the family." As responsibilities increase with rank, so do energy and time requirements. This often creates a dilemma for personnel between retention in the Guard and meeting family responsibilities.

Efforts are also being undertaken by

retention and recruiting to determine other reasons why Guard members leave the Guard.

Owens cites a turnaround in recruiting since September of 1979—strength has increased every month except two. He attributes much of the increase to attitude changes among high school juniors and seniors, the target population, and programs such as the split-option program. This program allows high school juniors to complete basic and AIT during the summers before college and gives them steady part-time jobs.

Owens said that the recession helps recruiting for the active forces but that it was "not that big of a motivator" for joining the Guard.

Officer strength is now at 89 percent, 64 officers short of authorized strength. Since that number can go 25 percent over authorization, the Guard is actively seeking candidates for Washington Military Academy Class #26, which begins in July.

Recruitment is also being aimed at other military schools, ROTC, and simultaneous membership programs in an effort to at-

tract qualified officers to the Guard.

"Minority recruiting has been terrific," according to Owens, who explained that minorities comprise 12 percent of new enlistments. That figure is higher than the percentage of minorities in the area population (8.2 percent). He said that he was not concerned that the balance would tip, as it has in the active Army, since even with the recruiting emphasis minority membership Guardwide mirrors the community percentage.

Owens said he sees the need for more and better retention incentives across the board, such as the reenlistment bonuses paid to members of the 803rd Armor.

Retention of personnel in their units was a major area discussed at the two day Commanders Course held Feb. 27 - 28 and March 27 - 28 at Camp Murray. Effort was extended to make unit commanders more aware of what they could do to improve retention of people in their units. It was stressed that the time a unit commander spends on personal consideration for his troops is a better investment than spending time trying to find new enlistments.

Bigfoot joins Guard



Pvt. 2 HARRY PEPPARD wears size 18!

Pvt. 2 Harry Peppard, a printer with HHD, Camp Murray gets away with being out of uniform nearly every drill. It has nothing to do with his MOS or his Guard duties. It has to do with his size 18 feet.

"I got some boots in basic but they were too small," Peppard said, "My toes are all scrunched up from those boots."

While qualifying with his M16 during March, Peppard was on the firing line next to Sp 4 Monica Grosman, an equal opportunity specialist with HHD. The comparison made an interesting sight as her shoe size was a full 13 and one half sizes smaller than his.

Recruiters celebrate 295 new Guard members



WASHINGTON'S ARMY NATIONAL GUARD RECRUITERS took a breather from seminars to visit Mt. Rushmore, South Dakota, during their Lewis & Clark Challenge post-contest celebration. The recruiters, who finished third in northwestern states, signed up 295 new Guardsmen during the traditionally slow summer months, some 67 percent over their goal.

INSET: SFC Kelley Watson, Spokane, signed up 67 new recruits during the 1981 Lewis & Clark College, a contest among six northwestern states. The top recruiter said, "All it took was working 25 hours a day."

E Troop, 303rd Cav braves wintry weather in field

By SFC Joe Zambone

Armored cavalry units must be able to operate in all climates, not just when weather is nice. Winter operations are especially crucial to training because frigid temperatures reduce fighting effectiveness.

Frigid ("I like to've froze my butt off," moaned one trooper) climes are exactly what Troop E, 303rd Armored Cavalry Regiment got in early February when they spent a weekend at Fort Lewis playing war games against the Army's 3rd Battalion, 5th Armored Cavalry.

The operation was tactical all the way, beginning with several ambushes by Army units during the road march to the Thirteenth Division Prairie. Once near the huge prairie Troop E deployed in a base camp, set up commo nets and fed the troops enough hot chow to fuel them for Saturday night temperatures which dropped into the teens.

Near dark Saturday a screening force leapfrogged from base camp to the prairie to determine enemy strength in the area. Such night maneuvers, while hazardous and tricky, improve cavalry skills immeasurably.

Capt. Scott Neils, troop commander, oversaw Troop E's deployment in the base camp area, directing that tanks and APC's dig in" to defilade positions to protect the area from approaching enemy forces.

The camouflage was effective; I drove to within 50 feet of a tank before I spotted its gun tube trained on me. Other tanks were covered with brush, guns covering all possible approaches to the base camp. Supporting fire from personnel carriers covered approach avenues in between. In all, a most effective base camp defense was set up by Troop E.

During Saturday's training Troop E underwent numerous "shoot and move" exercises, flanking enemy forces, getting in a couple of shots, then getting out of the area to take up new positions.

"This is the sort of thing we need to do more often," offered one sergeant. "We get new guys in the troop and even though they go through classroom training it's not like really getting out here and fighting a battle."

After a hot Sunday morning breakfast, which nearly thawed out the troopers, the rest of the day was devoted to maintenance and return to home station.

One of Troop E's officers, 2nd Lt. Doug Off, remarked that "we really got some good training in, and the weather was beautiful even though it was cold." This thought was expressed by a number of troopers: a really worthwhile weekend.



LYING IN WAIT — A Troop E tank on maneuvers

'New in '82 — the Evergreen

"New in '82" is the current theme of the **Evergreen OD**, hereafter to be known simply as the **Evergreen** and to be seen sporting a new masthead designed by Capt. Richard Patterson of the 122nd Public Affairs Detachment.

New also will be a broadening of our coverage to include Washington Air National Guard activities. But more about that in the July **Evergreen**.

New publisher Star Printing of Tacoma was responsible for printing this issue; last year Reed Graphics of Tacoma and Valley Publishing of Kent did the honors.

And speaking of honors, the Eleventh Annual National Guard Association of the United States Newspaper Contest results are in, and the former **Evergreen OD** was a winner again.

The association named the **Evergreen OD** to second place in the joint category for magazines and commercially printed newspapers, regardless of method of production. California's **The Grizzly** took first.

The **Evergreen**, which recently placed first in the Keith L. Ware competition for Guard and Army Reserve magazine-format newspapers, was judged in the NGAUS contest by public affair specialists from the offices of the Secretaries of Defense, Army, and the Air Force.

A footnote to the Keith L. Ware competition: SFC Joe Zambone was singled out for praise by the judges for his individual contributions to the publication.



DONNING and fitting the M-17 Protective Mask

Photo by Sp4 Don Green



SIGHTING the 81 MM Mortar

Photo by Sp4 Don Green



M113 MOVING down the road

Photo by SFC Joe Zambone

Guardsmen brave chilly winter temperatures to complete SQT testing

By Pvt. 2 Bart J. Stinson

FT. LEWIS—More than 160 Guardsmen from the 3rd Battalion, 161st Infantry (Mech) headquartered in Kent braved the frigid February weather to complete Skill Qualification Testing (SQT).

The testing occurred with temperatures in the low 30s and was administered by active duty personnel from the 9th Infantry Division stationed here. The testing included qualifications in infantry skills and on mortars and the TOW weapons system.

PFC Timothy Pitzler of Lacey, a Company A mortar crewman, earned high marks for his performance on mounting the 81mm mortar, hand signals and first aid.

According to Pitzler, the SQT test course supervision was excellent and the "testing helped him better prepare for a combat situation."

At the landmine station, Sgt. Walter Peltomaa of the 303rd Armored Cavalry stripped from his web gear, rolled up his sleeves and brushed through the mud on

his knees probing for mines.

"We never did any of this when I was in Vietnam," Peltomaa said. "If we found a mine, we blew it!"

"Everybody makes little mistakes, but it's going pretty good," he said as he straightened up his gear and moved to the next station.

SSgt. Mark Badten of Bonney Lake, a Company A mortar crewman, took a more analytical view. "We're kind of guinea pigs used to determine if more testing is needed."

CSM Edmund D. Mangold reported that it was the first time that Guardsmen took the same SQT tests as the active duty personnel. "This enables the reserve and active duty components to cooperate in testing."

According to Mangold, more than 125 active duty personnel from the 9th Division worked on the testing which he began preparing for Oct. 1.



TESTING on 4.2 inch Mortar
Photo by Sp4 Don Green



SETTING UP Ground Surveillance Radar

Photo by SFC Joe Zambone

Redeye gunners train to be on target

By SFC Joe Zambone

To counter the threat of enemy aircraft — from troop-carrying helicopters to rocket-firing attack jets — field troops are often equipped with the REDEYE infrared missile launcher.

Quite simply, the REDEYE puts an explosive rocket up the ol' tailpipe, since the missiles seek a heat source and lock onto it. But there's a slight catch to knocking out enemy aircraft: the REDEYE has to be aimed in pretty much the right direction before it can lock onto the heat source.

Enter now the Moving Target Simulator (MTS) at Fort Lewis, an Army-maintained facility right out of Star Wars. REDEYE missile crews can train here in target acquisition, tracking, identification of friendly or hostile aircraft, launching sequences and a host of related chores which go along with making up an effective REDEYE team.

Combat Support Company (CSC), 1st

Battalion, 803rd Armor, trained four of its REDEYE gunners there during January drill. Sgt. Jackson Broucka, SSgt. Ken Powell, Sp4 Randy Powell, Sp4 Bob Morris and 1st Lt. Oscar Hilman, commanding officer of CSC, went through the training program . . . a unique look at combat techniques of the future.

Housed in a huge planetarium-type building, the MTS projects moving aircraft on the domed reflective screen. Gunners acquire the aircraft, track them and fire when they feel the time is right; the whole procedure is taped for television replay so each gunner can spot his mistakes or good points.

Targets can be either friendly (and the silhouettes are exactly what friendly airplanes look like) or hostile, can move at varying speeds, perform barrel rolls and other evasive maneuvers, are tiny when they first appear on the screen and grow

larger as they approach, and, in general, act precisely like airplanes do.

The nearest thing one can compare them to is maybe targets in Intellivision's "Space Battle" video game. When you're the gunner and an aircraft approaches, you get to "kill" it and learn almost instantly if your shooting was accurate or if the enemy just got the chance to blow your shorts off.

The 803rd's troopers did remarkably well, considering that they don't get REDEYE training as often as regular Army troops. SSgt. Mike Koon, who manages the MTS facility, told the Guard tankers, "You guys are doing a lot better than many Army guys who train here a lot more often than you do."

Much of the data on statistics of the MTS are classified, so we can't say much else. You can bet on one thing, however; troops who train here become deadeye shots in a very short time.



COMMUNITY SERVICE — Sp4 Calvin Winslow and PFC Mark Weisenfeld lend a helping hand at the Olympia Day Care Center. Photo by PFC Bill Campbell

Guardsmen aid Olympia Day Care Center

By PFC Bill Campbell

If you think the National Guard is all soldiers, not citizens who care about their community, think again. On Feb. 6-7 the HHB (-), 2nd Battalion, 146th Field Artillery in Olympia worked to clean up and restore the Olympia Child Care Center on 4th Avenue in Olympia.

The 146th, under the supervision of SSgt. Gary Woodward, patched walls, repaired carpeting, and cleaned the back play yard and made it safe, removing items that might harm the kids.

The Washington Guard is an organization that doesn't mind doing things for the community. After all, that's one of the basic things we're here for.

Air National Guard presented with historical mementos

By Lt. Col. Stanley G. Witter, Jr.

A treasure of historic photographs, and other valuable mementos has been donated to the Washington Air National Guard by the wife of one of Spokane's most famous pioneer aviators, Maj. John T. "Jack" Fancher.

Mrs. Evelyn Adams of Tacoma, 83, made the presentation to Maj. Gen. Lloyd W. Lamb, commander of the Washington Air National Guard. Her husband was the first commander of the 116th Observation Squadron, 41st Division Aviation, Washington National Guard. During her recent visit with Gen. Lamb, Mrs. Adams said she cherished the items relating to her famous husband, but decided they would be of more historic value to the Air Guard than to her.

Among the items presented were two sets of pilot wings, one with US emblazoned on the shield, old newspaper clippings and photographs and a red, white and blue silk banner.



PRESENTATION Maj. Gen. Lloyd Lamb (left) and Col. Bud Poirier of the Washington Air National Guard receive valuable historic mementos from Mrs. Evelyn Adams, wife of one of Spokane's most famous pioneer aviators.



THE PHOTO of Maj. John Fancher, on right, with President Calvin Coolidge is one of the historic photographs donated to the Washington Air National Guard by Mrs. Evelyn Adams.

"The 116th Observation Squadron had a colorful history and receipt of the Fancher memorabilia has added greatly to our heritage," Lamb said.

Maj. Fancher, commander of the 116th Observation Squadron and a stunt pilot, was killed in a freak accident at the conclusion of an air show in 1928. (More information regarding Maj. Fancher and the 116th Observation Squadron will appear in later editions of the *Evergreen*.)

The very spry Mrs. Adams has vivid memories of her famous aviator husband and the tragedy which ended his career 54 years ago.

"We are certainly pleased to know the charming Mrs. Adams and appreciate the fact that she contacted us and provided the Air Guard with such historic and meaningful souvenirs and memories from the past," Lamb concluded.

Student posters depict Guard

The winners of a Washington Army National Guard poster design contest for high school students were named in January by the state recruiting office.

The contest, with cash prizes supplied by the National Guard Association of Washington, was judged on originality of poster design in depicting Guard activities.

First place and \$150.00 was awarded to Jane Mottan of Franklin Pierce High School in Tacoma. Second place winner Von Glitschka of Timberline High School, Lacey, took home \$75.00. Third place and \$50.00 went to Randy Cooper of Cascade High School in Everett.

The winning posters will be reproduced for use in statewide advertising and recruiting programs.

Twenty entries were received from high schools in Tacoma, Everett, Lacey, Quincy, White Salmon, and Northport.



1ST PLACE: Jane Mottan of Franklin Pierce High School.



2ND PLACE: Von Glitschka of Timberline High School.



3RD PLACE: Randy Cooper of Cascade High School.

Briefs

New law benefits Guard members

By Sp4 Randy Bourne

Physicians in the Ohio National Guard refused to perform physicals or other routine medical services while on Guard duty. The adjutant general of a midwestern state grounded the state's entire Air National Guard. A number of Guardsmen suffered huge liability suits because of accidents they had while driving Guard equipment.

Strange as it may sound, these incidents took place. The doctors were worried about liability suits while on Guard duty, as was the adjutant general who grounded his fliers.

A new federal amendment to the "Federal Tort Claims Act," however, has alleviated the problem. The amendment basically protects Guard members from being sued for on-duty actions.

In the case of vehicle accidents, airplane accidents or medical malpractice, the Guard member is free of liability and the government takes sole responsibility for his actions while on duty.

In other liability claims the government and the Guard member share responsibility but since Uncle Sam is somewhat richer than the Guard member, the victim will probably sue the government.

This is the same protection other military and civilian employees have enjoyed since 1945. The new amendment represents a major victory for the National Guard Bureau and the National Guard Association, which have lobbied for 22 years to gain such protections.

Washington National Guard members should be aware that the new amendment does NOT cover them if they're on state active duty or if they've volunteered and don't have orders "cut" on them. However, Washington has a state law which would protect a Guard member under most circumstances.

Servicemen's Group Life Insurance (SGLI)

Maximum SGLI coverage for military members increased from \$20,000 to \$35,000 Dec. 1, 1981 per Public Law 97-66 signed Oct. 17, 1981.

Members will be covered automatically for maximum coverage. Those who previously elected reduced or no coverage will also be automatically covered for \$20,000.

If members desire less than full coverage, they must complete a new SGLI election, VA Form 29-8286, indicating desired level of coverage.



"I don't understand, sir. In the movies the tanks go crashing through the woods and nothing ever stops them."

Stacking up is no fun

By SFC Joe Zambone

Every troop who's been in the military longer than 15 minutes has already gotten a talk about safe driving habits. You hear it so much it just doesn't strike home, right? Dull and boring stuff, hmmm, and certainly not something for you to worry about? You're safety conscious.

Guess again, Bunky. **Anyone** can stack a car up. All it takes to cash in your chips is a moment's inattention or an unsafe act.

For example, driving with brakes which only work at 10 mph is a no-no. Blasting along at 110 will eventually turn your car into a pile of scrap steel. Running red lights, while fun, can cause you big repair bills. And trying to write a letter to your honey while zipping along the super slab will earn you a hospital visit sooner or later.

A belly full of beer or schnaps might make you tingle nicely, but it turns your brain into a cheese pizza. Your reaction times get so bad you can have lunch between the time you spot an emergency and the time you slam the binders on. And drugs, which turn you into a gen-yooiner "Space Cadet," are a sure ticket to fame. You get to be on the obit page of your local paper.

Play it cool, then, Bunky. Keep in mind that accidents don't always happen to the other guy. Drive like a nerd and you'll push daisies sooner or later, not to mention possibly hurting lots of other folks in the process. Life's too short for that. Slow down, drive smart.

New service for Exchange patrons:

A home shopping guide for customers of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) hit the market April 1.

The guide contains nearly 400 items in the 34 most popular categories, to include watches, small kitchen appliances, microwave/convection ovens, ceiling fans, vacuum cleaners, baby furniture, sewing machines, and photography equipment. Also featured are video games, audio equipment, car stereos, and outdoor/indoor leisure-time equipment for camping, biking, exercising and other sports.

Customers in CONUS and Alaska may obtain a copy of the full-color, 64-page guide at their nearest exchange say AAFES officials.

A major feature of the program is the ease of ordering. Customers may order any of the merchandise through their local exchange by telephone or in person. Merchandise then will be delivered to their local exchange from AAFES warehouses stocking the items. Once the merchandise reaches the exchanges, customers will be notified to pick up their orders.

The program aims to permit customers anywhere in CONUS and Alaska to purchase many items normally carried only in larger exchanges or available from smaller exchanges through special ordering, say AAFES officials.

Budget cuts remodel plans for upgrading dining

By Sp5 Karen Denman

As part of a planned large-scale dining facility remodeling program, Olympia's facility recently received a face lift. The further upgrading at other facilities hinges upon additional funding from state taxes.

According to Maj. Robert W. Norris, state supply management officer, the Olympia remodeling was completed just prior to budget cuts. The cutting of approximately \$750,000 from the Guard budget puts the renovation program on the back burner.

Other installations that were scheduled for remodeling were Bremerton, Puyallup, and Everett.

Fortunately, availability of equipment is no problem. New and slightly used steam tables, freezers, ranges, and other kitchen equipment is acquired as surplus from federal installations at no cost.

Monies for labor to rewire, replumb, and remodel are unavailable until the budget problem is solved.

Briefs

Coming soon: new uniforms

by PFC Bill Campbell

Are you tired of the same dull green fatigues? Hang in there — the new look for the '80's is coming.

By 1985, a total of 14 dress and duty uniforms will be replaced. For example, your utility shirt and trousers will be replaced by Marine type camouflage fatigues.

The regular Army is now issuing four sets of camouflage fatigues to their personnel and one set to the National Guard.

As it is now you will have to buy your own camouflage fatigues, but the secretary of defense is trying to get congressional approval to spend 92.4 million dollars to pay for two free sets for all members currently in the Army.

If we are unlucky, it will cost us \$37.17 for our camouflage coat, trousers, and cap, down \$5.97 from \$43.14 previously announced. These will soon be available at the clothing sales store.

Now if you like to starch the heck out of your fatigues and you do it to your camos, you just did a "no-no." The starching of these new fatigues is unauthorized because the starch has infrared reflective characteristics which the enemy can detect.

There has been a little bit of a problem with the manufacturing due to the shrinkage of the materials, but the camouflage fatigues are scheduled to come out on time.

As for those great boots you never have to shine, they have only been approved for testing on many military installations, not for production. The projected date for availability is late 1983, or later. The boot is highly water-repellent leather, brown tone, designed to reduce enemy detection by both visual and near-infrared sensors.

For the women soldiers, the Army has come up with the Army Green Classic Uniform to be worn all year round. The classic uniform includes a coat, skirt, slacks and a long- and short-sleeved green shirt. These items can be interchanged to suit weather and duty requirements. Eventually this uniform will replace all other class A women's uniforms.

Also the Army has come up with a maternity uniform to replace the civilian maternity clothing the women used to wear. The uniform consists of a green, hip-length sleeveless tunic, skirt, or slacks, and the women's standard short-sleeved shirt with black tab.

Other hot items are the new black raincoats (all weather) for both males and females, which has been available for some time and are being issued now in the initial-issue clothing bag.

Now if you're really into fashion, you

can pick yourself up a black cardigan sweater. You can pick up one of these at your local Post Exchange anytime. You have the option of wearing the new black model or the old green version until 1983, when the green sweater phases out. The new sweaters will cost around \$20 for the men and \$12 for the women.

By 1985 the military look for both men

and women will consist of all-season green uniform (slacks and skirt for women), the green service shirt (short- and long-sleeved), black all-weather overcoat and windbreaker, and camouflage fatigues.

To know what you're supposed to be wearing before you're supposed to be wearing it, just clip out and save this handy little guide from the Guard.

CURRENT UNIFORM ITEM	WEAR OUT DATE	ITEM REPLACED BY	ISSUED TO REP 63 TRAINEES	MANDATORY WEAR DATE
Shirt and Trousers, Utility (OG 107 & 507)	30 Sep 85	Fatigues Camouflage	FY-82	FY-84
Cap, Utility	30 Sep 85	Cap, Camouflage	FY-82	FY-84
Tan Uniform, AS445	30 Sep 85	Shirt, AG 415 with green trousers	FY-81	FY-86
Shirt, Poplin, AS446	30 Sep 85	Shirt, AG 415	FY-81	FY-86
Overcoat, AG4430	30 Sep 85	Black All-weather coat	FY-81	FY-86
Raincoat AG27430	30 Sep 85	Black All-weather coat	FY-81	FY-86
AG388, Green Uniform (Mint Green)	30 Sep 85	Shirt, AG415 with skirt or slacks	FY-82	FY-86
Blouse, white	30 Sep 85	Shirt, AG415 with skirt or slacks	FY-82	FY-86
Cord Uniform, ASI60	30 Sep 81	AG 388, Green Uniform (Mint Green)	1 Nov 77	FY-82

UNIFORM ITEM	NEW ISSUE MANDATORY POSSESSION	EFF DATE OF ISSUE
Pantsuit, AG 344	1 Nov. 81	1 Nov. 77
Combat Boots, Brown	MORE INFORMATION COMING	

REPLACED OPTIONAL UNIFORMS

UNIFORM ITEM	WEAR-OUT DATE	ITEM REPLACED
Windbreaker, Green	30 Sep 83	Windbreaker, Black
Sweater, Green	30 Sep 83	Sweater, Black

181st Support Battalion sponsoring Armed Forces Day Run

The 181st Support Battalion, Washington Army National Guard, is sponsoring a 5 and 10 kilometer "Patriot Run" at Marymoor Park on Lake Sammamish on May 16.

According to Capt. Kerry Dolan, Company A commander and chairman of the run, the event is held in conjunction with Armed Forces Day and is open to the public. The first annual run is co-sponsored by the Washington Dairymen's Association.

Entry forms will be available at various sports shops throughout the Seattle area or

can be obtained by writing the 181st Support Battalion, 1601 W. Armory Way, Seattle, Washington 98119.

The deadline for entering is May 1, 1982, to receive a T-shirt. Entry fee is \$6 before May 1 and \$7 after. Runners may enter on race day by showing up at Marymoor Park.

Refreshments will be served following the race. There will be prizes awarded in age classes, and there will be a drawing at the race site.

116th Support Center (RAO) undertakes simulated mission



116TH TROOP CONVOY heads for McChord AFB.



ALL ABOARD — 116th troops loaded sophisticated equipment on C-130 aircraft.

Story and Photos by SFC Joe Zambone

Most of the time the 116th Support Center, Rear Area Operations (RAO) is an "invisible" Army National Guard unit. Few see them and fewer even know what they do on drill weekends.

Their mission is high-level planning and logistical support for huge Army and Guard units. If the 9th Division at Fort Lewis were activated to battle status, for example, the 116th would help in deployment plans, coordinating Army and National Guard movements.

The 116th, sometimes known as "the brains" outfit because of a top-heavy officer configuration, many of whom tend to smoke pipes, teach school and/or engage in mental gymnastics often, rarely gets to hit the fields. Their typical weekend drill is laced with high-tech paper shuffling, such

as how half a division can be moved overnight while the other half gets rotated, and so on.

But in December the 116th deployed on a simulated mission, mainly, said Lt. Col. Verne Pierson, the commander, "to see if what we're doing back in garrison works in the field."

On Dec. 13, amid weather trends fit for no one, the 80 or so 116th troops loaded up sophisticated equipment in M151's, a pickup and a deuce-and-a-half crammed with generator equipment and motored over to McChord AFB, near Camp Murray, to load on C-130 aircraft.

Such a thing as loading on a plane sounds simple, but is far from it. Loads must be secured precisely so, balance points determined to within inches,

clearances allowed for (one truck was half an inch too high to fit), batteries in vehicles capped and secured, hazardous materials handled according to specific methods, and so on.

Complicating things was the Air Force officer who, in the middle of things, changed standards. Several 116th soldiers involved with the load planning were seen tearing out hair, but everything worked out in the end.

Pierson, a Bethel High School teacher, was pleased with the overall exercise. "We learned a lot about what the Air Force wants when we deploy our vehicles in a real situation," he said, "and we've worked out a lot of the bugs we never dreamed existed before this exercise."

WMA Class #26 looking for recruits

By SSgt. Doris Nelson

An active recruiting campaign is now underway to recruit qualified candidates for the Washington Military Academy Class #26.

Through a computer printout, a list of qualified candidates will be drawn up. An intense followup through letters and telephone calls will be made to unit commanders to recommend qualified personnel from their units. Also, current cadets are involved in recruiting prospective candidates from their own units.

Presentations are being made at Non-Commissioned Officer's School to attract candidates. Further contacts are made through the Fort Lewis Ranger to attract regular Army personnel, and contacts are made with the Army reserve for prospective candidates. Encouragement is given to

staff, company commanders and personnel to look out for good candidates.

In June, an orientation will be held at Camp Murray for all prospective candidates that have been contacted or anyone else interested in attending the Washington Military Academy. The recruiting goal is to have 150 candidates at this orientation. Candidates will be shown the type of training involved at the WMA.

Lt. Col. Douglas R. Cresswell, academy commandant, hopes to have 80-100 candidates starting class #26. Normally about 60 candidates start and approximately 30 complete the challenging task of becoming an officer.



SGT. MAJ. CLYDE PAULSON was one of a number of officers and NCOs who addressed WMA cadets recently during a familiarization tour of the Combined Support Maintenance Shop (CSMS).

Dean duo join dad in Guard

By Capt. Don C. Brunell

SEATTLE, Wash.—The Washington Army National Guard's recruiting and retention officer bagged a familiar duo recently as his oldest children joined with the hope of becoming officers.

Sworn into the Washington Army National Guard were Marlene, 19, and Aaron II, 17, Dean. The Deans are the son and daughter of Maj. Aaron and Gloria Dean of Rainier Beach, a Seattle suburb. Swearing the Deans in was Brig. Gen. Keith Eggen, commander of the 81st Infantry Brigade (Mechanized), headquartered in Seattle.

The Deans joined the Washington Army National Guard under the simultaneous membership program. Under the program, they will be officer trainees in the Washington Army National Guard and participate in ROTC.

Marlene, a University of Puget Sound sophomore, is a nationally noted collegiate track star and majors in political science. Aaron II is a Rainier Beach High School senior and an athletic standout. He plans to enroll at Washington State University next fall as a pre-med major. Both will par-



DEAN RECRUITS — Pictured with Brig. Gen. Keith Eggen (left), commander of the 81st Infantry Brigade (Mechanized), are Marlene, Aaron and Maj. Aaron Dean (right).

ticipate in the universities' ROTC programs.

Under the simultaneous membership program, the Deans will draw pay for their participation in the Washington Army National Guard program, and when they

enter the professional officer phase of ROTC, they will receive \$100 per month for their ROTC participation.

The Deans also have a third offspring. According to Maj. Dean, "She will have to wait nine years before enlistment."

286th Engineer Company operates top field kitchen

By MSgt John Cox

The 286th Engineer Company, located in Bellingham, was awarded the Philip A. Connelly award for the third year in a row.

The Connelly award is presented to the unit that has the "best field kitchen operation" in the state.

"My people are willing to put forth extra effort to excel in their job," boasts SFC Herb Bannister, mess steward.

They are evaluated for food preparation and the quality of the food, sanitation, safety practices, appearance and attitude.

"My crew is dedicated and they are willing to put in extra time and effort," said Bannister.

The crew consists of SSgt. Jack Greathouse, Sgts. Steven Bannister, Doug West and PFC David Wright.



286TH ENGINEERS — Food serving areas are arranged so that troops are separated thus avoiding heavy casualties if they were to come under direct attack.

Photo by Sp4 Don Green

Awards

The following award announcements have been received by the Evergreen:

Army Commendation Medal has been awarded to the following members of Attack Helicopter Troop, 116th Armored Cav. WashARNG:

Third Oak Leaf Cluster:

CW03 Karl R. Luken

Second Oak Leaf Cluster:

Capt. Harry P. Haroldson; CW03 Christopher J. Farwell

First Oak Leaf Cluster

Capt. Arthur R. Whitten; Capt. James A. Wright; CW03 Paul H. Fleming; CW03 James E. Kelley; CW03 Duke L. Martini; CW03 Charles J. Nole; CW03 Ronald R. Oeldert; CW03 John M. Schillereff; CW03 Harold L. Scott; CW02 David L. Rosenkranz;

SFC Robert E. Kirtley; SSgt. Angelito Abalahin; SSgt. Thomas J. Leonard; Sgt. Steven L. Anderson; Sgt. Danny D. McDonald; Sgt. Royald P. Stillman.

Army Commendation Medal:

Capt. Cory R. Antonsen; Capt. Stephen W. Garber; Capt. John N. Haroian Jr.;

Capt. Peter Holmberg; Capt. Harold R. Ward; CW04 Stephen A. Strom; CW03 Dennis E. Anspach; CW03 Earl D. Cook; CW03 Grant S. Green; CW03 Harold H. Howell.

CW03 Richard W. McLachlin; CW03 Gary F. Peterson; CW03 Gary L. Vollen-dorff; CW02 Joseph M. Camponoli; CW02 Delbert D. Deboer; CW02 William A. Eastman; CW02 Larry P. Lindgerg; CW02 Robert B. McElhose; CW02 Patrick G. Staeheli; CW02 John M. Taylor.

W01 Robert F. Taylor; SFC Lowell G. Bier; SFC Charles L. Johns; SFC Stanley D. Logsdon; SSgt. Stephen E. Bowdish; SSgt. Orbie D. Cothorn; SSgt. Michael D. Elway; SSgt. Larry T. Goddell; SSgt. Michael P. Kelly; SSgt. Donald J. Robertson.

SSgt. Karl J. Rösskopf; Sgt. Frederick C. Sommer Jr.; SSgt. Thomas W. Wojnar; Sgt. Kenneth P. Allen; Sgt. Numzil L. Bolognese; Sgt. Clinton A. Bostwick; Sgt. Richard L. Crowe; Sgt. Westley J. Fischer; Sgt. Erasto A. Flores; Sgt. Stanley R. Hudson.

Sgt. Thomas B. Imm; Sgt. Robert W.

Mares Jr.; Sgt. Richard S. Prichard; Sgt. Sandra L. Tieman; Sp4 Richard K. Jones.

Army Commendation Medal

Col. Robert C. Watling, HHD, Washington ARNG; Maj. James M. Hodgeboom, HHD, Washington ARNG; Maj. James W. Bergquist, CAC Hq's, Washington ARNG

Army Achievement Medal

Sp5 Betty Jo Minor, CAC Hq's, Washington ARNG

Washington ARNG Distinguished Service Medal

CW04 Harry L. Hoefner, HHD, Washington ARNG

Phillip A. Connelly — Best Field Kitchen Operations

286th Engineer Company, Washington ARNG Bellingham, Wa. — Best in State and best in Major Command.



MAJ. GEN. GEORGE COATES presents awards to members of the Attack Helicopter Troop, 116th Armored Cav., Wash. ARNG. Photo by SFC Joe Zambone

Boy, youse public affairs guys sure got it made

By SPC Joe Zambone

Feller said to me the other day, as we were both out in the boondocks on a day colder'n a well digger's fanny. "Boy, youse public affairs guys sure got it made, doin' nuthin' but taking a few pictures and making a few notes."

Well, I have a news flash for those who think thataway. 'T'ain't so. First problem is the exposure a public affairs (PA) guy gets. It's not like you can hide what you write about.

Thus when a story comes out with a bit of misinformation, as is wont to happen no matter how much you check the "facts," everyone and his mother is after the PA guy's hide. They want it tacked on the wall.

It's an unwritten rule in this business that you can do it right many times and not one says boo: doing it wrong, however, gets angry folks crawling out from under their rocks to cry for your execution.

Then there's the uncertainty of life in the field. We go where we feel a good story is hiding, yet we go unsupervised and with no unit backing us up. No first sergeant looks to see if we get chowed down, nor does anyone care if we sleep out on some hillside.

Field problems begin with lack of concise information about what unit is doing what, and on which weekend; the data isn't always straight.

Not long ago I drove a million miles to Bremerton to cover the mini-tank firing range which, I'd been assured, would be in operation that day. That was news to everyone there. The range hadn't been used for almost a year. A couple of generals who were supposed to drop in that day, thus providing me with another story, failed to show. The day was a waste.

When I go to Yakima, which happened five times last year (because, of course, I'm three bricks short of a load), I'm a one-man detachment and it's up to me to get the job done by begging, borrowing or stealing.

I've probably bummed meals from half the military units in the Western US, regular Army units included, not to mention "promoting" enough coffee to float Might Mo. Borrowing a colonel's Jeep last year to cover the 803rd Armor was just another exercise in creative con-jobbing.



The night's lodging in Yakima is always a last-minute affair. Since I'm not with any unit there no one seems to have room. I've slept in BOQ's and billets, in trucks and tanks, and on an occasional hillside.

Once in a while, to spice things up, field duty becomes an exercise in cold-weather

survival to rival any Arctic war situation.

Last year, covering the 3rd Battalion, 161st Infantry (Mech), I was treated to a variety of hassels: a chopper ride in which several troops barfed into their helmets; three hours on a runway in Yakima waiting for the ride promised; bone-chilling winds carrying enough ash to rebuild Mount St. Helens; a chopper ride with battalion CO, Lt. Col. Gary Stone, who promised faithfully to bring back my cold weather gear on the next flight to the mortar point; seven hours on a mortar point, wondering whereinthehell Stone was with my gear which would protect me from the 22-degree winds; and an hour-long ride in the back of a deuce-and-a-half with dust so thick breathing required scuba gear.

Once back to the billets at 2 a.m. no one had keys to get in, and my field gear was still orbiting in Stone's chopper. A truly fun night.

The latest fun-and-games segment of "Boy, what a nifty job..." was on Feb. 6 when I spent seven hours trying to find the 303rd Cav's Troop E on the Fort Lewis Reservation. I drove 77 miles of tank trails in my '68 VW bus, took 10 years off the useful life of the vehicle, ran into 19 dead-end roads which called for fording, got stuck three times, walked just under 3,000 miles up and down hills looking for panzers and, in general, had just a dandy day in the freezing weather.

Turned out the 303rd was about five light years away from where they were supposed to be. I hadn't gotten the latest change, naturally...

A nifty job, you say? Yeah, I think so. In fact, I love every minute of it. I also eat chocolate-covered ants and bark at cars.

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