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Dozens of 81st Regional Support Command Soldiers, civilian employees and contractors fill their plates with a wide selection of Hispanic food during an Oct. 14 celebration honoring the Hispanic heritage.

Wildcats celebrate Hispanic heritage

Story and photos by: Sgt. 1st Class Mark Bell, Public Affairs NCO

From a short history lesson to tasty foods, dozens of 81st Regional Support Command Soldiers, civilian employees and contractors spent more than 90 minutes celebrating a lifetime of Hispanic heritage.

As part of the month-long national celebration, the Army Reserve command, based here, took time out of their base operation missions to remember the past accomplishments of the Hispanic community.

"It's important to observe ethnic observances, because we learn so much about other cultures and we understand why people do things a little differently than us," said Juan Rivera, who grew up in Dorado, Puerto Rico and joined the Army in 1986 as a communication specialist.

Rivera, who retired in 2009 and joined the "Wildcat" team shortly after as a civilian information management specialist, said it is important for the Soldiers and civilians of the

command to learn from others and understand where they come from to help develop a more cohesive team.

"For me, as a proud Puerto Rican what is important is to share the name of the 65th Infantry Division, Borinqueneers, an all Puerto Rican regiment that fought in both world wars and Korea," he said after serving 23 years on active duty. "Hispanics have worked their way in history, and the Borinqueneers are a legacy."

As Latino music played in the background, several Hispanic Soldiers and civilians were available for questions from curious minds.

For Sgt. 1st Class Osvaldo Santiago, an Active Guard Reserve Soldier from Ponce, Puerto Rico, being able to celebrate his heritage at work was great but helping others understand his culture was more exciting.

"I would like them to understand that we are Americans, and

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Our Recovery Care Coordinators

By: Christy Burns, Family Programs Director

The Army Reserve Warrior and Family Assistance Center (AR-WFAC) employees are a team of mobilized Army Reserve Soldiers working at the headquarters of the US Army Reserve Command in Atlanta, Georgia.

The mission of the AR-WFAC is to provide support and guidance to wounded, ill, and injured Army Reserve Soldiers and their Families regarding available benefits and entitlements as they transition through the medical care system. Contact the Army Reserve Warrior and Family Assistance Center (AR-WFAC) at AR-FAC@usar.army.mil, phone 1-866-345-8248.

all the phases of the continuum of care. The populations served by the RCC are wounded, ill, and injured warriors and their Families: Troop Program Unit (TPU), Active Guard Reserve (AGR), Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA), Individual Ready Reserve (IRR), Retirees and Veterans. The 81st Regional Support Command (RSC) has two Recovery Care Coordinators, Chris Rhett and Marlo Walker. To find out more about our RCCs contact: Christopher B. Rhett, 803-751-9885 email: christopher.rhett@usar.army.mil and Marlo Walker, 803-751-9656 or email:

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Recovery Care Coordinator

A Recovery Care Coordinator (RCC) is a member of the AR-WFAC team that advocates and supports Recovering Service Members (RSMs), Army Reserve wounded, ill, and injured warriors and their Family members, or designated representatives, by ensuring non-medical needs are met through

What they do...

They provide links to valuable federal programs, including healthcare, disability compensation, transition assistance, VA adaptive housing and vehicle assistance, VA education and training, VA vocational rehabilitation and employment and certain Department of Labor programs.

FORCE PROTECTION THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

10 KEY INDICATORS OF POTENTIAL TERRORIST ASSOCIATED INSIDER THREATS



#7. Expressing an obligation to engage in violence in support of international terrorism or inciting others to do the same.

Did you know?

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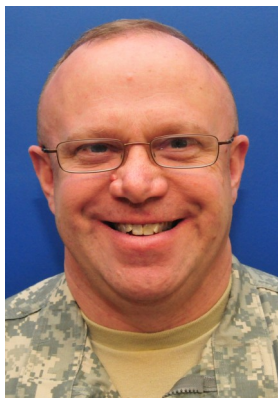
FERS employees now receive Sick Leave credit for retirement?

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) contained a significant change affecting sick leave for Federal Employees Retirement System employees. The change permits unused sick leave to be used as service credit in the computation of benefits under FERS. However, this change only applies to the computation of the retirement annuity and not for establishing eligibility or in the computation of average salary. For employees who have annuities computed under the provisions of both CSRS and FERS, only sick leave not included in the CSRS portion of the calculations will be available under FERS. This new change will not take effect immediately. From now until December 2013, eligible employees will receive credit of 50 percent for unused sick leave. After this date, eligible employees will receive 100% credit for their unused sick leave.

The PX exchange policy?

The process for merchandise returns and exchanges at the PX has stipulations for 90, 30 and 15-day returns. Items in new condition may be exchanged or returned within 90 days. Jewelry and watches, camcorders, televisions, digital cameras, furniture, mattresses, major appliances and gas-powered equipment must be returned within 30 days. Computers and unopened software/peripherals, CD, DVDs and video games must be returned within 15 days. Gift cards are non-refundable.

Chaplain's Corner



October brings many things to mind -- Fall and the colors of the trees as the leaves change color, colder weather, and with children we think of Halloween. With Halloween it is interesting to see what costumes are popular each year and how it changes from year to year.

The thing about wearing a costume is that we are pretending to be something that we are not. We can pretend that we are someone that we are not on a daily basis and fool everyone on who we are, we can even fool ourselves. This is not always a good thing in that we are trying to be something that we are not. There may be many reasons why we do this. We may do it because of an image that we want for ourselves or think that others expect us to be. It can also be because we have something in our lives or our past that we have been hurt by and do not want to deal with it.

It will be easier if we allow people to see us for who we are and what we have to offer. It is being the person that we are made to be. If there are hurts in your past, you can work through them with help and the chaplain's office is here to help you if need us.

Make the commitment that the only time we act like someone other than who we really are is at Halloween, and maybe Christmas if you are dressing up as Santa Clause. We need to be the people that we have been designed to be by God.

Strong Bonds starts back up in January 2011!

Upcoming Dates:

January 28, 29, 30 – New Orleans, LA (40 couples and 40 singles)

February 4, 5, 6 – Hilton Head, SC (40 couples)

February 25, 26, 27 – Orlando, FL (40 couples and 40 singles)

March 4, 5, 6 – Savannah, GA (40 couples and 40 singles)

CH (Lt. Col.) Richard Savage

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there really isn't much difference on the inside," he said.

"We have the same family values as other cultures. We love our children and hope they grow up to be positive role models in their communities."

Santiago said he hopes others realize that Hispanic people have been through a lot and have struggled in the past, but they have contributed to make today's society a better place to live.

From David Glasgow Farragut, a Hispanic who was the first Admiral of the U.S. Navy, who played a decisive role in the final outcome of our Civil War and was credited with the battle cry "Damn the torpedoes! Full speed ahead," to Sonia Sotomayor, the first Hispanic United States Supreme Court Justice; Santiago said Hispanics have been there since the founding fathers were mapping out a new America.

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Master Sgt. Maria Colon, a human resource specialist talks with a fellow employ during the 81st Regional Support Command's Hispanic heritage celebration.

"We are educated Americans sitting in key roles in corporations and the federal government," he said. "It's exciting to see our culture impact America in a positive way."

The once empty tables lining the side walls of a conference room and atrium in the Spc. Thomas Caughman Army Reserve Center were soon filled with dozens of delicacies from a variety of Mexican casseroles to the popular small powdered wedding cookies.

In Puerto Rico, Rivera said rice and beans, or arroz con habichuelas, are sacred and considered a cuisine. "They are our 'daily bread,' or our comfort food," he said.

He laughed and said in Puerto Rico these two items are the soul food of Puerto Rico. "There, no one messes with someone's rice and beans," he said. One non-Hispanic Department of the Army civilian employee filled her plate full new foods and great conversations about the different tastes.

"I love to try different foods," said Maria Knowles, a supply management specialist assigned to the command.

"I like eating. Food is my friend."

Knowles said Americans tend to be desensitized when it comes to food.

"Society as a whole needs to start looking at eating healthier," she said.

"Change is good for us all. It helps us to understand one another better."

Knowles said the small celebration was more important than tasting new foods, but was more about the whole experience of a different ethnic culture.

From the small Caribbean island to the Midlands of the Palmetto state, Rivera said America is a melting pot of cultures, ideals, values and morals. He said is imperative to recognize and celebrate different nationalities that form the 50 states and numerous U.S. territories like Puerto Rico.

"We, as a society, need to learn about other cultures and their beliefs and values," Rivera said.

"If we do that, we are able to truly become a melting pot of the world."

Whether they were learning bits of a different language or tempting their palates with new tastes, the celebration organizers hoped the Wildcat team walked away with a better understanding of the Hispanic heritage and culture.

"It's impossible to celebrate all of the many cultures and heritages in this country," said Master Sgt. Maria Colon, a human resource specialist with the 81st RSC.

"But, as a nation and as an Army it is important that we observe those that we can."

Colon grew up in Bayamon, Puerto Rico and joined the Army in 1979 and said people must realize and understand that American was built on different cultures.

Colon said the tens of thousands of Hispanics who serve next to African Americans, native Americans, Asians and other nationalities serve under one commander in chief and wear one flag on their uniform – the red, white and blue of "Old Glory."

"I am proud to stand here and say I am a Hispanic American serving in the Army Reserve," she said. "What better life would I live? I get to serve my country that promotes equality and diversity."



81st Regional Support Command Soldiers, civilian employees and contractors sampled several varieties of Hispanic cuisine and had a chance to learn about Hispanic culture during an Oct. 14 celebration honoring Hispanics and their contribution to the growth of America and the armed forces.

Container training is on track...ing

By: Gail E. Anderson, Public Affairs Specialist

Over the three-day period of September 17-19, the Directorate of Logistics (DOL) held a Container Control Officer training workshop. This was the first time a workshop of this nature has ever been conducted in the Army Reserve and was held to teach transportation Soldiers and civilians how to become Container Control Officers (CCOs).

According to Mr. Jeffrey Vaughan, Transportation Management Specialist for the 81st RSC, the workshop was quite successful and well received.

"We had people from three of the four RSCs attend our training," said Vaughan.

DOL put on the workshop for 30 individuals, 10 of which were from the 81st RSC Equipment Concentration Sites (ECS) and Area Maintenance Support Activity (AMSA) shops, and the other 20 were from various Reserve units throughout the country.

On the first morning, instructors were brought in from the Army Intermodal and Distribution Platform Management Office, who gave classes on the Army Container Asset Management System (ACAMS).

Later that afternoon, and the next day, the instructors taught classes on container inspection and took the students out to the

Installation Transportation Office container yard and gave them a "how-to-inspect; what-you're-looking-for" class. On day three, instructors from the Surface Deployment Distribution Command, came and gave a class on the Integrated Booking System.

Vaughan said that before now, the only place to get ACAMS training was at Fort Sill, Okla.

As he stated; "not everybody can afford to send somebody somewhere for three days just to be an inspector, and then send them off somewhere elsewhere to learn ACAMS."

Training future CCOs is: efficient, convenient and economical.



(Photo by: Donte Seabrook)

Mr. Matthew Hartmann shows students how to inspect the inside of a CONEX. Hartmann was an instructor in the three-day Army Container Asset Management System (ACAMS) course, held at Fort Jackson, Sept. 17-19.

Soldier happy to kick 28-year old habit

By Staff Sgt. Jeremy Glasco, 81st RSC Chaplain Assistant

I was a tobacco user for 28 years and I enjoyed my habit so stopping has never been easy.

Now, I have been tobacco free for over a month without going crazy.

I have tried other methods to quit before but always went back to smoking.

My wife and I decided to check out the Tobacco Cessation programs offered by Moncrief Army Community Hospital located here on Fort Jackson.

Our 3-year old was my motivation for this action, after I witnessed him copying my actions while I smoked.

We were not the only skeptical people there. When they told us we could be tobacco free within two weeks of enrollment the room erupted in chuckles as if we were all saying... yeah right.

The staff offered two different programs. I opted for "QuitSmart" program, which instead of going "cold turkey," it has been described as "warm chicken".

This program seems to have been designed for those who have struggled to stop using in the past.

We began by finding our brand on a chart and switched to a new brand that contained lesser amounts of nicotine for the next five days and then repeated the process again.

The doctor held a private interview with each participant, reviewing our medical histories, to determine which medication if any would be of benefit.

The support group meets four times and also works as peer pressure since no one wishes to be the one that fails.

I would highly recommend this program to anyone who wishes to stop using tobacco of any kind. For me using is no longer an option and I am proud to finally be able say that I am tobacco free. For more information about smoking cessation, call: (803) 751-6597.



(Photo by: Gail E. Anderson)

Staff Sgt. Jeremy Glasco is shown here throwing away his cigarettes. He kicked a 28-year old habit and is now glad to be completely tobacco free.

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This year's Great American Smokeout is Thursday, Nov. 18th!



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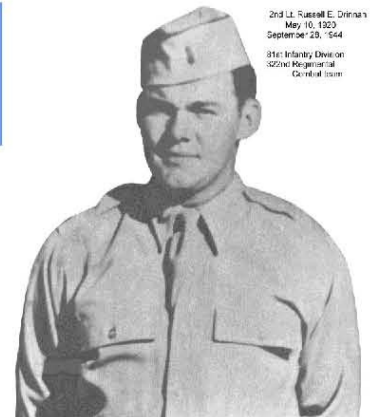
Without a doubt the latest 81st Wildcat Association Annual Meeting was a total success !!

This year the Annual Meeting was held at the same time the Medal of Honor Society was in Charleston. The MOH Society event on the USS Yorktown was supported by the 81st Regional Support Command in numerous ways. At the MOH Society Luncheon the 208th Band (one of the 81st RSC's Bands) played for the Luncheon. The 81st WWII Historical color guard presented colors. A truly memorable moment for all members of the 81st Wildcat Association was the



Book Signing Event which took place after the luncheon. Here 81st Wildcats had the opportunity to meet 51 Medal of Honor recipients and get their signatures. Not Bad !! But the event on the USS Yorktown was just the start of a fun and educational weekend. Starting on Friday morning, 81st Association members

had the opportunity to hear Mr. Bobby Blair discuss his soon to be released book on the history of the 81st Infantry Division: "Victory at Peleliu." The book is currently scheduled to be published in March. The 81st Wildcats also watched the documentary film "Troxler's Truckers" which told the story of the 319th TC in Vietnam (the unit was part of the 81st ARCOM in 1968). The annual banquet had 85 in attendance — and was pleased to have the 81st RSC Army Reserve Ambassadors among them. Members later toured Ft Sumter, Charleston, and much much more. It was truly a memorable weekend for every Wildcat who attended.



2nd LT Russell E. Drinnan
May 16, 1920
September 28, 1964
81st Infantry Division
322nd Regimental
Commander

In Memoriam:
2nd LT Russell Drinnan

Check out our website:
81stWildcatAssociation.com

VICTORY AT PELELIU! NEW BOOK ON 81ST WILDCATS OUT IN MARCH 2011!!

At last! The rest of the story! Veterans of the 81st Infantry Division were thrilled to learn that Mr. Bobby Blair has completed his manuscript on the 81st Infantry Division's combat at Angaur and Peleliu Islands. His book, "Victory at Peleliu" is currently on schedule to be published in March

2011. Members of the 81st Wildcat Association are planning a grand celebration and a book signing (probably sometime in October). So — the official call is going out to all WWII veterans of the 81st to attend the upcoming 2011 Wildcat Association Meeting! We will ask a book store to sponsor us

and provide some of the publicity. "Victory at Peleliu" tells our story. It answers the question "how does this end?" And the answer is the 81st Infantry Division — the Wildcats end it !!

"Wildcats Never Quit"

- Mr. Bobby Blair's book "Victory at Peleliu" will be published in March 2011.
- 81st WWII veterans are requested to attend the next Wildcat Association Annual Meeting — where the veterans will participate in a book signing.

Wildcats

...at work and play!



Two new Wildcats meet each other for the first time. Command Sgt. Maj. James Wills and Mr. Leon Caffie pose after the annual 81st RSC Wildcat Association Reunion Banquet, held in Charleston, S.C., Oct. 1. Caffie is a new US Army Reserve Ambassador and is the former Command Sgt. Maj. of USARC.



The 81st RSC commander, Maj. Gen. Bill Gerety shares a laugh with the audience during his opening remarks. Gerety served as the guest speaker for the 81st RSC Wildcat Association Reunion Banquet, held in Charleston, S.C., Oct. 1.



At left : The World War II Color Guard gathers around 81st RSC Historian, Dr. John A. Boyd as he is interviewed by Mike Quinn, a reporter for South Carolina's Educational Television. Known simply as ETV, Quinn said the taped interview will air on Veterans Day weekend. He questioned Boyd about the importance of the Sept. 30th event aboard the USS Yorktown, the history of the 81st RSC and its role in World War II and what significance the color guard plays in performing at such civic functions. Boyd explained that color guard was honored to post the colors at the Congressional Medal of Honor Society's annual luncheon.

At right: Maj. Gen. Bill Gerety pins one of four new US Army Reserve Ambassadors during an induction ceremony aboard the USS Yorktown, Oct. 2. Shown being pinned is Mr. Alan Bell, a new ambassador for the state of Georgia. Formerly, Bell was the Deputy Chief of the US Army Reserve Command. Bell joins Mr. Leon Caffie (Florida), Mr. Allie Braswell (Florida) and Mr. Stanley Reeves (Mississippi) as the latest addition to the 81st RSC Wildcats. The Ambassador program was established in 1998 so that private citizens can help promote the Army Reserve.



Wildcats

...at work and play!



This magnificent ice sculpture adorned the top of the centerpiece at the Congressional Medal of Honor Society's banquet in Charleston, S.C., Oct. 2. The 81st RSC World War II Color Guard was there to present the colors and provide a static display for photos.



USMC Maj. Gen. (ret.) James Livingston served as the host and guest speaker at the Medal of Honor Society's annual conference, Oct. 2. Members of the 81st RSC WWII Color Guard were proud to be amidst more than 50 MOH recipients. Twice wounded by enemy grenade fragments, Livingston was awarded the MOH for his May 2, 1968 assault on the heavily fortified Vietnamese village of Dai Do, which had been seized by the enemy thus isolating a Marine company from the remainder of the battalion.

At right: Chief Warrant Officer 3 Timothy Lyden gets a standing ovation for his vocal rendition of Lee Greenwood's "God Bless The U.S.A." Lyden is the conductor of the 208th Army Reserve Band from Concord, N.C. The band performed Sept. 30, aboard the USS Yorktown, for the Medal of Honor Society luncheon and the 81st RSC provided a WWII Color Guard to post the colors prior to the commencement of the day's events. The 208th Jazz Band performed at the MOH reception and banquet Oct. 2.



At left: The REAL "Forrest Gump," Sammy Davis, poses with his spouse and the WWII Color Guard. On November 19, 1968, exactly one year and a day after a nightlong firefight at Cai Lay, Vietnam, Davis received the Medal of Honor from President Lyndon B. Johnson. Years later, footage of LBJ putting the medal around Sgt. Davis's neck appeared in the movie *Forrest Gump* (with Tom Hanks' head substituted for Davis'), and Gump's fictional Medal of Honor citation was loosely based on Davis' real one.

New Faces in New Places...



Name: Albert Gayle **Title:** Financial Administrative Specialist **Section:** RMO

Background Info: A native of Charleston, S.C., he is married with a six-year old son and a three-year old daughter. He entered the military in 1982; performed several active Army tours in Germany and deployed during Desert Storm as a Traffic Management Coordinator/Cargo Specialist. His last Reserve unit was the 398th Financial Management Center at Fort Belvoir, Va. He retired from the US Army Reserve as of April with over 26 years total service. He began his Civilian career in 1996 as a Military Technician in New Orleans, La. Prior to employment with the 81st RSC, his previous assignment was as the Personnel Officer for the Department of the Navy on Marine Base Quantico, Va.

Hobbies: Traveling, reading, painting and kayaking.

Name: Amanda Engel **Title:** Medical Technician **Section:** Surgeon's Office

Background Info: A transient resident of Bismarck, N.D., she graduated from Bismarck State College, with a degree in Paramedic Education, in 2009. A single mom, she has two dependants; an 8-year old son, Ashton and her 20-year old brother, Justin. She is a mobilized Soldier but prior to coming to the 81st RSC she worked as an Emergency Medical Service technician for Metro Area Ambulance Service in Bismarck.

Hobbies: Watching football, volleyball, softball, working out, working on my truck with my dad and being anywhere where it's warm!



Name: Dusty Rhodes **Title:** Real Property Specialist **Section:** DPW

Background Info: A native of Columbia and a graduate of the University of South Carolina, he holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Humanities and an Associate's degree in Science.

A Certified Property Manager (CPM), he has worked in commercial and residential property management throughout the United States and comes to the 81st RSC from Landmark Resources, LLC, where he worked as a property manager.

Hobbies: Snow skiing out west, traveling and spending time with his friends. He is a dedicated USC fan who attends as many **Gamecock** sporting events as possible.

Name: Thomas M White Jr. **Title:** Human Resources Specialist **Section:** DHR

Background Info: A transient resident of Richmond, Va. he has two sons; Thomas (22), Tre (13) and a two-year old grandson named Aden. He comes to the 81st RSC after working for 18 years as a supervisor with the Virginia state lottery.

Although this is his first military technician position, he has a total of 19 years of military service – 10 years in the National Guard and nine years in the Army Reserve. Last February, he completed a 2 ½ year mobilization tour at the USAR Drill Sergeant School at Fort Jackson. He is currently the 1st Sgt. for the 2/323 regiment of the 98th Division at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Hobbies: Combatives, mentoring "at risk" kids, running, motorcycles riding and taking care of soldiers. A native New Yorker from the Bronx, he loves the **Yankees**, **Nicks** and **Giants**.



Name: Kandice Kubis **Title:** Medical Technician **Section:** Surgeon's Office

Background Info: A transient resident of Eau Claire, Wis., she graduated from the Practical Nursing Program, at Chippewa Valley Technical College, in June of 2008.

She is a mobilized Soldier but prior to coming to the 81st RSC she worked as the Intensive Care Ward NCOIC for her home unit, the 452nd Combat Support Hospital in Fort Snelling, Minn.

Hobbies: Hunting, fishing, anything outdoors, shooting pool and spending time with family and friends.

We're glad you're a Wildcat!

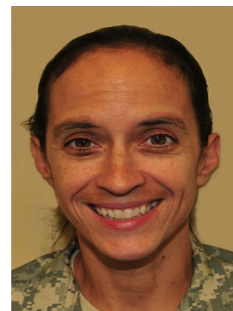
New Faces in New Places...

Name: Vivian Rex **Title:** Health Readiness Specialist **Section:** Surgeon's Office

Background Info: Married with two grown children, a resident of Orlando, Fla. and a 1995 graduate of Florida Metropolitan University. She holds an Associate's degree in Medical Assistance and she is currently enrolled in college pursuing her Bachelor's degree in Health Administration.

She is a mobilized Soldier but prior to coming to the 81st RSC she worked, for eight years, as a patient administration specialist for the 7235th Medical Support Unit.

Hobbies: Camping, flying kites and raising her four rabbits, "Tuti," "Booby," "Snowball" and "Snowflake." Born in the "Year of the Dragon," she claims her favorite comfort food is a peanut butter and jelly sandwich.



Name: Jesse Soles **Title:** Engineering Technician (Contractor) **Section:** DPW

Background Info: He and his wife, Regina, are residents of West Columbia, S.C. He has four sons; Ben (38), Jake (23), Dylan (21) and Tyler (15).

From 1996 through 2003, he worked on military Outside Cable Rehabilitation (OSCAR) and Installation Information Infrastructure Modernization Programs (I3MP), both inside and outside the United States. He was an outside plant engineer and site manager for Lucent Technologies and Government Solutions. Prior to coming to the 81st RSC, he worked from 2004 through 2009 as a consultant and field representative for various firms in North and South Carolina.

Hobbies: An outdoorsman who enjoys hunting and fishing. He is also an avid guitarist, vocalist and songwriter who claims he "cut his teeth" on the greater Columbia area entertainment scene (back in the day).

Name: Brandy Eubanks **Title:** Supply Clerk **Section:** DOL (Contractor)

Background Info: A resident of Columbia, she graduated, in May, from the University of West Georgia, in May, with a Bachelor's degree in accounting and a Bachelor's degree in business management.

She comes to the 81st RSC, after working for the last three years at Ulta Salon & Cosmetics where she assisted with inventory, truck shipment, customer service and demonstrating proper makeup application techniques. She has also worked for Bath & Body Works and as a nanny. As a nanny, she worked with an autistic child for over three years.

Hobbies: Playing with her Pekingese, named "Jackson Rupert" and her Labrador mix named "Mowgli." She also enjoys sewing, painting, any sort of arts & crafts, working out, fishing, hunting and sitting on the beach reading a good book or listening to her iPod.



Name: Mike Brady **Title:** Public Affairs Specialist **Section:** PAO

Background Info: A native of Greenwood, Indiana, he enjoys spending time with his wife Julie and three children Jordan (13), Madison (12), Austin (8).

He entered the military in 1982, and is a Lt. Col. in the Army Reserve where he serves as the Public Affairs Officer for the 81st RSC. He has served as a PAO for over eight years with the last five years on active duty. Prior to coming to the 81st RSC, he was the PAO based in Bagram, Afghanistan.

Hobbies: Boating, sports and spending time with his family.

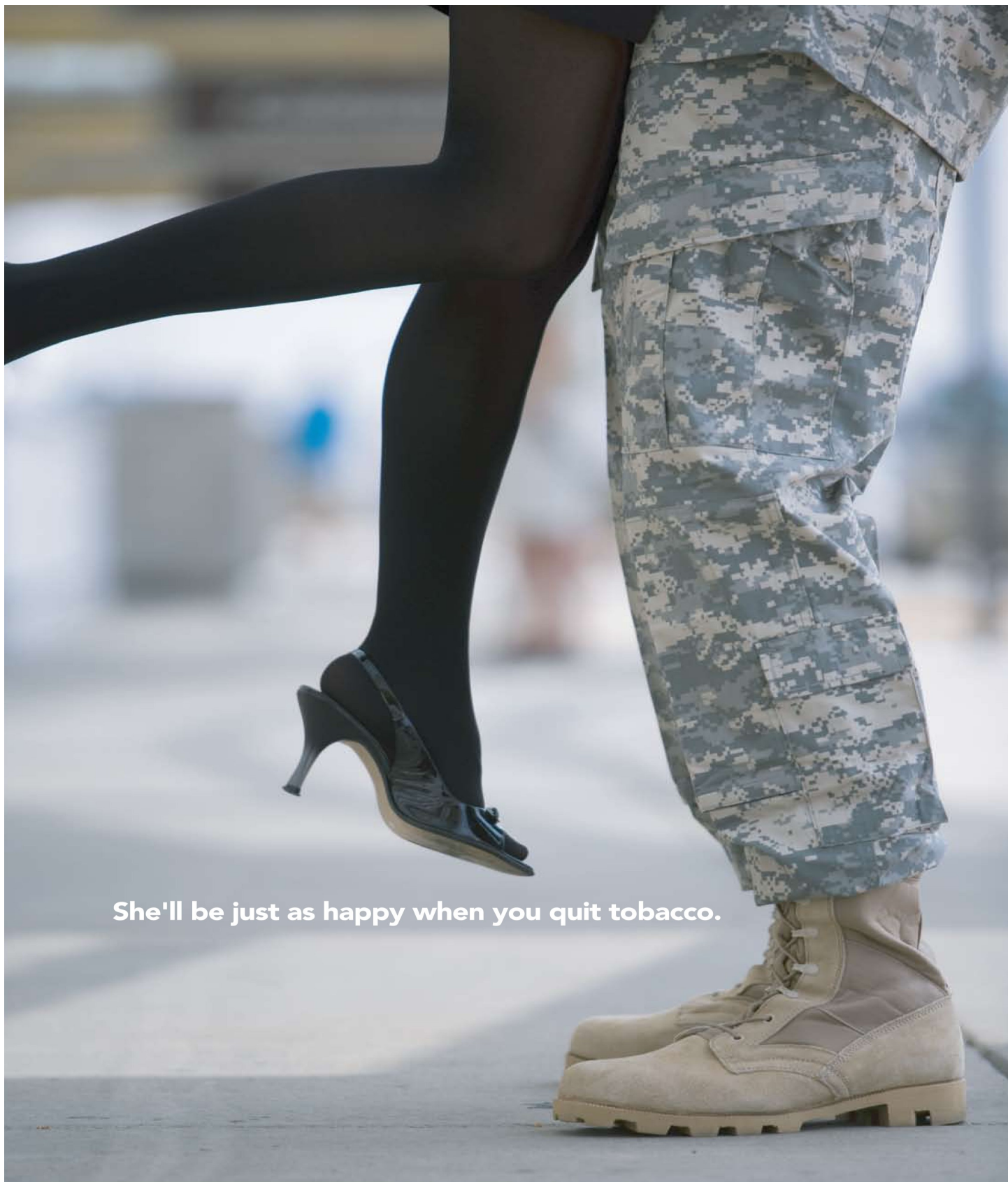
Name: Patricia Payne **Title:** Logistics Management Specialist **Section:** DOL

Background Info: A single mom with two grown children, both of whom are Captains in the Army. She is a former Marine, once stationed at Parris Island, and she's back in South Carolina now working for the Army. She comes to the 81st RSC, from Wisconsin, after recently returning from a deployment to Baghdad, Iraq.

Hobbies: Gardening, reading, cooking and working out.



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