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We are working
for those
'who gave so much' —

Memorial Day



Commentary—

by Richard Gibson

On any other Memorial Day, one would probably find some of us setting up a barbeque for the guests arriving in the afternoon.

On any other Memorial Day, some may have switched on the TV set early in anticipation of the Indianapolis 500 televised across the country. We might even have been camping; enjoying the gift of a pleasant afternoon away from everybody and everything.

Many of us would have just

left Fort McCoy after two weeks of intensive annual training.

On any other Memorial Day, these events are seen as all too common--but not this year.

The men and women in the military units training here for Annual Training Season 1980 are working hard. The civilian employees here are working hard, many working more than their share to get the job done.

It's a big job preparing for the possible arrival of refugees; people who really

have no home and are desperately seeking a new one.

It's also a personal sacrifice for us, but a small one when viewed in perspective. Memorial Day is marked each year to honor those who gave so much--their lives.

Their sacrifice was more than any of us have given, in fact, they gave it for us.

We can still enjoy that barbeque, Indy 500 and camping trips at some other time. But for those others, they saw their last Memorial Day many years ago.

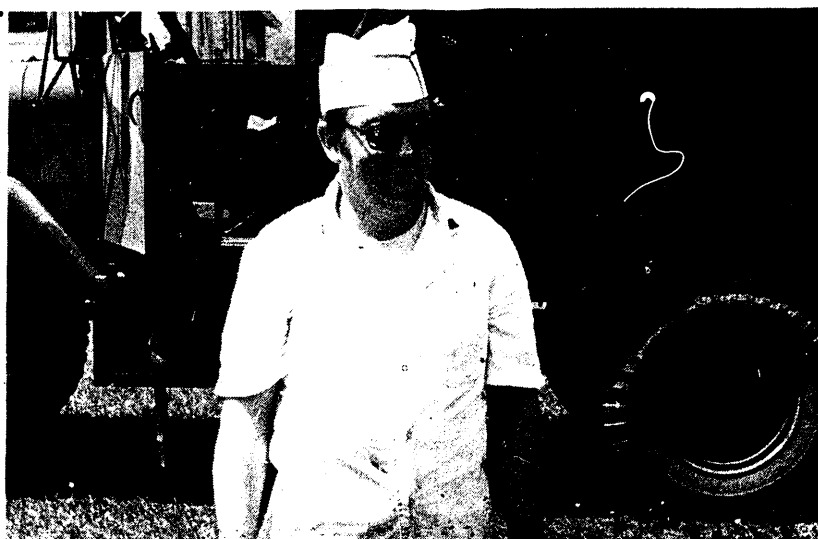
Speak out:

What is your feeling toward Memorial Day?



Sgt. Steve White, HHC, 863rd Eng. Bn., Morris, Ill.: "I feel that everyone should remember the

soldiers who served and are serving in the armed forces, especially on Memorial Day."



Sp4 Odysseus Henry, Co. A, 961st Eng. Bn., Milwaukee, Wis.: "Everyone in my family honors the day. To

me, it is the time when I respect all military people that have given their lives for our country."



Pvt. 2 Joseph D. Evans, HHC, 863rd Eng. Bn., Joliet, Ill.: "Personally, I don't think that there is enough patriotism around. We need a re-

minder of some sort for people to remember exactly why the U.S. has an Army. My family always has a reunion and the whole family gets together."

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The 'center' can help



Searching?

Sp4 Shirley J. Robinson, a firefighter with the 376th Eng. Plt., is advised by SFC Donald A. Henderson, a counselor at the center.

Story and photo
by Raymond L. Smith

The future plans and the possible problems of the men and women in the 416th Engineer Command are the primary concerns of the people at the Career Counseling Center (Bldg 2551.)

The center is a new addition to the Annual Training Season 1980 for these men and women.

There are many different aspects and essential points a soldier must consider when investigating a service career in the Army Reserve.

That soldier now has the necessary information, materials and resources of the center to make an intelligent decision. The career center also provides the "how" in accomplishing a goal, thus easing the difficulty of his or her decision.

Looking at the mission of retention realistically, the counselors at the center realize that being concerned for the soldier's well-being is not enough.

"It is the job of everyone in the unit to insure that the soldier feel that he or she has a viable role in the unit and that unit cares about his

aspirations," said SFC Donald A. Henderson, a counselor at the center.

"This display of concern does not begin when it is time for the soldier to consider reenlistment," Henderson said. "It begins when he is first integrated into the unit."

The combining of so many counselors into a single operation is a new concept for AT 80. It is an effort to coordinate all levels of career counseling into a more thorough and efficient operation.

"Since the major soldier elements of the 416th are scattered across an eight-state region," Henderson claimed, "it is impractical for us to have a counseling center such as this."

"But, in an operation where all of our people are on a single installation," he added, "we feel that the center is the most effective way to serve the majority of the people."

Getting the facts is the single most important task any one faces when a decision has to be made. A soldier's future and career can depend on nothing less, and the people at career center have the information, materials and the enthusiasm to clarify a seemingly muddled future.

You must look everywhere

Deer are a road hazard

by Dave Caryl

You are driving along in your car somewhere on post, glancing idly off into different directions. While you are gazing off in one direction, a deer runs into the path of your car from a different direction and you hit it.

"Why me?" you ask.

You have just become a potential entry on the Military Police blotter report. If you act accordingly, you will report to the Military Police Station what is known as a "deer strike".

"Deer strikes" are nothing new to the MP's, because they handled approximately 50 such cases in 1979.

The first thing to do, as in all accidents, is to attend to any of those who may be injured. If injuries are involved, the MP's should be notified immediately and given a description of the type of in-

juries sustained along with your location.

If, up to this point, you have not yet reported the accident to the MP's (tel. 2266 or 2267), now is the time to do so.

If you are thinking "Why bother?", the answer is that there is a Wisconsin statute that says all incidents of this nature must be reported.

If you do not, you are liable to end up with a fine of up to \$100 for leaving the scene of an accident, if you are apprehended. Another good reason to report the accident is to get an accident report to file with your insurance claim. Most deer accidents are deemed "Acts of God", so you should have no trouble with your insurance company if you have a copy of the accident report for the record.

If your car is seriously damaged, again call the MP station to make your report. If your car is still operable drive down to the MP station and report the incident.

Should you have a relative or friend in the car, leave them with the deer so no one will come along and decide to pick up your deer. Above all, do not move the deer until the MP's have conducted an inves-

tigation and have tagged the deer.

When the MP's arrive, they will affix a "car kill" tag to the deer and fill out a traffic accident report. At this time you can make the choice of keeping the deer (which the majority of people do) or turn it over to the MP's, who in turn will dispose of the animal in accordance with regulations.

Of course, the best way to avoid all these hassles (and possibly damages) is to exercise a little bit of caution when driving.

As most of you know, deer tend to travel more at night than during the day, so extreme caution is advised when driving at night.

In the event that you see a deer, your immediate reaction should be to slow down--considerably. Since deer primarily travel together, it is not uncommon to see from four to a dozen deer at one time, so keep your eyes open when and after you see the first deer.

Although "deer strikes" are classified as an "Act of God", the majority of accidents can be prevented by maintaining a sharp eye for the animal and using common sense once a deer is in sight.

"...you are liable to end up with a fine of up to \$100 for leaving the scene (of a deer/car accident)"

A day set aside for everyone

by Raymond L. Smith

Cloudy skies and a chilling breeze swept across the post to greet the participants in the Armed Forces Day activities on Saturday, May 17th.

The activities this year were based on the theme, "Sports for all." Five running events and a European-style Volksmarsch were featured during the day.

A more subdued event of the morning was the dedication of the post gymnasium as the Rumpel Fieldhouse. Approximately 50 invited guests attended the ceremony honoring Lt. Col. Donald O. Rumpel from Onalaska, the post executive officer who died on Nov. 4, 1979.

The Volks-runs held during the day were; a one-mile run for children eight years old and younger; a two, five, and 10-mile run; and a 26.3-mile insanctioned marathon.

The Volksmarsch was paced in distances of five, eight, and 12-kilometers.

The one-mile run had kids

running at seemingly breakneck speeds to complete the distance. Eight-year old Trent Davenport outdistanced his competition to win his race, and four-year old Christine Quirk came in first for the girls.

James Smits and Dianne Croger won their respective classes in the two-mile event for ages 26-35.

John Beige, Jr. won the 10-mile event for ages 36-45, and Robert D. Foster went the distance in the marathon with a time of 3:04 and nine seconds. Foster is 50 years old.

The sprightly sounds of German marching music heightened the spirits of the Volksmarschers. Very young children, adults, and families braved the cold temperature and were determined to enjoy themselves anyway.

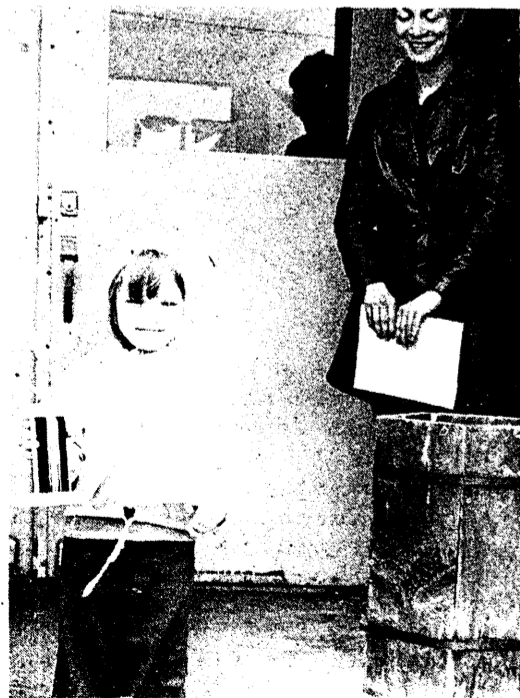
Cub Scout Pack #24, from LaCrosse, walked as a group and did it in style. Not only did they receive a certificate for completing the distance, but they earned an outdoor badge as well.



SFC Thomas Quirk, the local favorite, prepares for battle with a marathon.



Petie Hunt (R) wins the women's five-miler. (Photo by Davis)



Four-year old Christine Quirk displays her trophy for the one-mile Volks-run. (Photo by Smith)



The rambunctious Cub Scout Pack #24, from LaCrosse, are raring to start the Volksmarsch. (Photo by Smith)



Barry Rumpel unveils the Rumpel Fieldhouse dedication plaque. (Photo by Gibson)



McCoy is 'stocking up'

Story and photos
by Raymond L. Smith

There is a good chance that the rainbow trout caught in a stream or lake on Fort McCoy this year will not be "native" but a "foreign" born.

"Because the number of fishermen on post is so very high," said Kim Mello, biologist at the Land Management Branch (LMB), "the natural reproduction of the fish is not sufficient to keep up with the demand."

"To offset this," he said, "every year a certain amount of fish are stocked in the various lakes and ponds here."

Fort McCoy will receive approximately 30,000 rainbow trout this year for nine of its lakes and ponds.

According to Mello, if the post had to pay for the fish brought from the hatchery it would cost anywhere from 75¢ to \$1 per fish.

Several thousand of the fish that have been and will be placed in Squaw Lake will have certain fins clipped with a marking device. Using these "marked" trout, representatives from the LMB and the wild-

life service will be surveying fishermen to find out how many fish they caught, the fish size, and whether the fish caught was one of the marked trout.

The object of the study is to find out how quickly 50% of the stocked trout are caught after placement. This can aid LMB officials in determining how many hatchery fish are needed in the future for any given pond.

This is the second year that this program has been in effect. Last year, during the first cycle of stocking, it took only nine days for 50% of the fish to be caught. By the fourth and final cycle of stocking, it took up to 25 days to catch the same amount of fish.

The nine stocked lakes and ponds on post are; Squaw Lake, WAC Pond, Alderwood Lake, Swamp Pond, Sandy and Big Sandy Lakes, two locations on the LaCrosse River and a location on West Silver Lake.

The job of getting the fish from the hatchery to their new home belongs to men like Lynn Lee, a fish hatchery manager from the Fish and Wildlife Ser-

vice in LaCrosse. Lee transports the seven to nine-inch aquatic animals in a specially insulated tank truck. It was built to keep the inside temperature approximately the same for 8-10 hours of travel time from a hatchery to a new location.

"A change in temperature of even one degree can affect how long the fish can survive in the tank. If it gets too hot or cold it will greatly affect the fish," Lee said.

The fish are pumped through a large rubber hose into their new home. Some have to be taken from the tank by a net and physically thrown into the water.

After seeing Lee's familiar white truck pull away, it is not uncommon to see fishermen lingering in the area. The fish will not normally be feeding after a long trip--they have been well fed prior to the trip anyway.

A good fisherman knows, however, that the quickest way to the dinner plate is a long line.

And speaking of handing out a long line.



Fort McCoy will
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30,000 rainbow trout
this year.

A 'fishy' business

Lynn Lee trudges back fish. He has become
to the truck for more the fisherman's pal.

The buses are now running

by Robert Schurr

A new bus service began last week for soldiers here needing transportation to various locations on post. The new service will also provide transportation to and from Fort McCoy and Sparta.

According to SFC Clarence Zeigler, operations sergeant for the Transportation Motor Pool here, the shuttle has thirteen stops on its 35-minute trip around post.

It will pick up persons between stops if patrons are on the route.

Having a big-g party?

by Dave Caryl

The Installation Club System has the capability of servicing company parties or special occasions for special people.

The NCO and Officer's Club have separate party rooms which can accommodate approximately 150 people. Commanders and persons wishing to have a party should contact the respective club managers for details on expenses and further information. If you desire something aimed at the outdoors, the club system can cater a party almost anywhere on post, including Squaw Lake.

Call...

NCO Club 3792
Senior NCO 2142
Officers Club 3242

theater after dark

Thurs. & Fri. (May 29,30)
Closed

Sat. (May 31)
"Yanks", R, with Richard Gere and Vanessa Redgrave.

Sun. & Mon. (June 1,2)
"10", R, with Bo Derek, Dudley Moore and Julie Andrews. Adults--\$2, Children--\$1.

Tues. & Weds. (June 3,4)
"Halloween", R, with Donald Pleasence and Jamie Lee Curtis.

Thurs. (June 5)
"Rocky II", PG, starring Sylvester Stallone and Talia Shire.

Fri. (June 6)
"The Rose", R, with Bette Midler and Alan Bates.

Movies are shown at Theater #5 (Bldg. 2017) at 7:30 p.m. Adult admission is \$1.50 and children 75¢ unless otherwise noted.

Although the on post schedule remains the same throughout the week, there are different hours for weekends and holidays.

Monday - Friday
8 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.
Sat., Sun. and holidays
10 a.m. - 12:30 a.m.

Pick up points for on-post travel follow in the order of their stops:

LOCATION	BLDG.
Run-in Chef	1558
Headquarters Co.	1751
NCO open mess	1849
Theater No. 5	2017
Service Club	2000
Four Season Club	101
Run-in Chef	1558
Main Gate	----

Officer's Club	905
Hospital	1010
Hospital area	1071
Gymnasium	1122
Ceramics/Craft Shop	751
Four Seasons Club	101
Run-in Chef	1558

Friday, Sat., Sun. and holidays are the only days the shuttle will be in use for transportation to and from Sparta. The shuttle leaves Headquarters Co. (Bldg. 1751) at 5:00 p.m. and arrives in Sparta at 5:15 p.m. It leaves Sparta, at 11:15 p.m. and arrives on post at 11:30 p.m.

The pickup and dropoff point in Sparta is located at Market Square, the main downtown Sparta parking lot diagonally across from the Sparta Junior High School.

Know your balance

Bad checks hurt

by Robert Schurr

Mike Smith worked hard all week and it was finally Friday night. That was reason enough for him to take his girlfriend to the NCO Club and unwind a little.

Mike unwound alright; maybe a little too much. He wasn't into fighting but the results were just as effective.

About halfway through the night Mike discovered that he had spent all of his cash. He remembered that he had placed his checkbook in his jacket pocket earlier that evening.

Back at his table, Mike's date was beginning to grow impatient.

He wrote a check for \$25 and proceeded to buy drinks for his date and himself. Little did he realize that the check would eventually cost him \$35.

Mike received a letter a few days later from the check control office on post. It stated bluntly that he had written a bad check and it would cost him \$35 to keep from losing his check cashing privileges for six months.

Although Mike paid the bill, it did cause him some embarrassment.

How many times has this happened to you? Bad checks, sometimes referred to as rubber checks because of the way they habitually bounce, can be written quite innocently. But the paper work involved is not quite so innocent.

Reimbursement can cost more than the original amount of the check that is carelessly written.

"The fine for writing a bad check is \$10 and does not change with the amount of the

check," according to Jim Bevin, check control supervisor for the post club system and billing.

"If the person writing the check cannot pay the money, they are asked to notify my office with an explanation before the seven day grace period expires. If there is an acceptable reason, an extension of the pay period could be granted."

On the other hand, without a reasonable explanation, so called "innocent mistakes" will result in a six-month suspension of check cashing privileges for the first offense. This is according to the Army's "check cashing" regulation, 608-16.

"The most common cause for these bad checks is the failure to keep a properly balanced checkbook," Bevin claimed.

A second offense requires a letter and a copy of the check to be sent to the soldier's commander. A one-year suspension of these privileges will result if the problem is not resolved quickly, and the amount will be taken from the soldier's paycheck.

In the event of a third offense, the same procedure as in the second offense takes effect but the check cashing privileges are suspended indefinitely.

"The average amount for an overdrawn check that comes into our office is around \$10, with the present limit for cashing checks set at \$25," Bevin revealed.

Mike Smith had what he thought was a great evening, but the following days and weeks proved just the opposite.

Mike's date eventually left him for good, and found someone more reliable.



sports

One runner had style...

Story and photo
by Dave Caryl

The Armed Forces Day "Volks-runs" on Saturday, May 17th, drew a mixture of pavement pounders despite the cold, overcast weather.

Among the triumphant runners, there were both veterans of the sport along with the not so experienced.

Bob Zupancich, a 36-year old pharmacist from Tomah, competed in three races and captured first place in his age group in all three. Zupancich covered 17 race miles throughout the day, all of which were run in chilling mid-40 degree temperatures.

With a well earned beverage in hand, Zupancich commented on the runs;

"It was a good day to run," he said. "The cold didn't bother me much. During the two-mile run I relaxed and took it easy all the way around."

Zupancich encountered a small problem in the five-mile run, however, namely a hill.

"I hit the hill and that kinda' hurt," he mused. At one time I was thinking of stopping because of the pain."

After having run two races totalling seven miles, Zupancich set out to tackle the grueling 10 mile race. At this point in the day a gusty wind had picked up, lowering the

temperature even more.

"I was feeling really good and then I hit 'The Wall'," he said, reflecting on his final race. "The Wall" is a point where mental and physical exhaustion are at such a high level that it makes completing the race a seeming impossibility.

"I hit 'The Wall' at about the seven-mile mark and it slowed me down by about two minutes per mile.

Zupancich still finished first in his age group and captured a trophy, his third one of the day. Earlier in the afternoon, his seven-year old son, Robbie, won a second place trophy for his efforts in the one-mile event for children eight years old and younger.

Zupancich participated in two marathons last year, in Madison and LaCrosse. His goal is to someday compete in the Boston Marathon. A runner must submit a certified time of completing a previous sanctioned marathon within two hours and forty-five minutes, according to Zupancich.

When he is not working or running, he can usually be found renovating his house in Tomah where he, his wife and four children live.

"The work is slow; right now it's about two years per room," he commented with a chuckle.



I'm pooped!

Bob Zupancich, of Tomah, rests after finishing his last of three races. Zupancich covered a total of 17 miles and captured first place in his age group in all three races.

...the other just began

SFC Robert Mero, of the 13th Evacuation Hospital from Madison, Wis., is by no means an experienced veteran in the running world.

Competing in his first race, Mero confronted the five mile race. He still took first place in his age group of 46 and over, as he chugged through the course in anything but record time.

When asked about his accomplishments, Mero grinned and

confessed, "I took first place because I was the only one in my age group."

Looking terribly ragged, Mero described the race as very challenging, "We had a four mile unit run and that was challenging, this race today was very challenging," he stated with an exhausted smile.

"When I got to the two mile mark," he continued, "I began to wonder what I was doing out there, but after the half-way

mark things got a little easier and I knew I was headed for the finish line."

Mero's running career can easily be traced; as he explained; "I only started running two weeks ago, when the weather started getting good."

When asked about his plans for the future in footracing, Mero said with a hearty laugh; "I plan on continuing my running, but I'm not entering anymore races until I'm in shape!"

Power press

Pvt. 2 Thomas A. Sturdivant, 79th Military Police Detachment, keeps in shape at the new Rumpel Fieldhouse by lifting weights. (Photo by Smith)

