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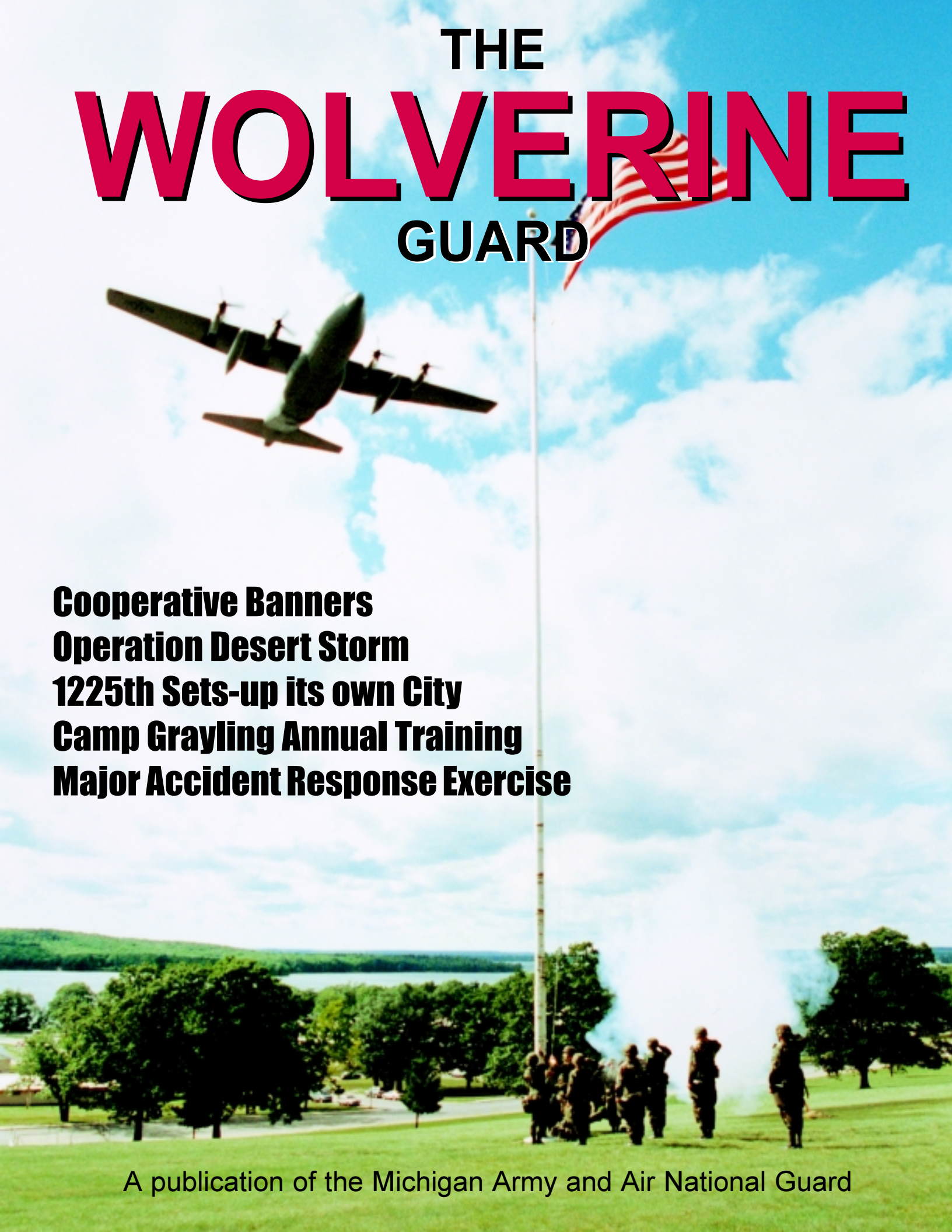

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Bullets

Full-time Jobs

Numerous full-time jobs are available within the Michigan National Guard including many within the Army Guard Recruiting and Retention Command. Recruiters provide career and education opportunities unlike any other. If you are looking for a job where you can make a difference, contact Recruiting and Retention at (517) 483-5459. For a complete list of job announcements visit on-line at www.MichGuard.com.

Helping Latvian Soldiers

Most soldiers in the Latvian National Guard do not get paid for their military training and must buy their own uniforms. As a call for assistance, members of the Michigan National Guard can help our partner nation by donating used BDUs and brown t-shirts that are still in good condition. (Do not donate BDUs that are issued and must be turned in upon separation from the Guard.) Drop off your donation to your supply NCO by Oct. 1. Or for more information call Sgt. Maj. Ron Doss at (517) 483-5760 or Lt. Col. Greg Johnson at (517) 483-5619.

President's Ball in Detroit

The 1279th Combat Engineers Alumni Association will hold its 8th Annual President's Ball Saturday, Oct. 21 at the Detroit Light Guard Armory. For more information contact Curtis Browder at (313) 867-1562.

Military ID Cards

The Human Resource Office at the National Guard Headquarters Armory in Lansing recently started issuing military ID cards on Tuesdays and Thursdays to military members--active, Guard, Reserve and retired--and their families. Family members are reminded to bring their marriage license, birth certificate and social security card. For more information about the documents you need and to schedule an appointment, call Master Sgt. Carrie Mason at (517) 483-5530. Other military ID card issuing facilities in Michigan include:

Alpena Air National Guard Base
(517) 354-6474
Battle Creek Air National Guard Base
(616) 969-3216
Grand Rapids Navy-Marine Center
(616) 363-6889
Sault Ste. Marie U.S. Coast Guard
(906) 635-3242
Selfridge Air National Guard Base
(810) 307-4516

SATO Moves

The Lansing-area SATO office has moved from its location in the United States Property and Fiscal Office to the Military Entrance Processing Station at 120 E. Jolly Road near Cedar Street. The new telephone number is (517) 887-9936 or (800) 487-4121. Other SATO offices include:

Selfridge (810) 307-4931
Battle Creek (616) 969-3468
Alpena (517) 354-6290

Korean War Medal Available

U.S. veterans of the Korean War are now eligible to wear a medal initially offered to them more than 50 years ago, during a time U.S. law prohibited the U.S. military from wearing medals issued by foreign governments. Veterans may apply for the Republic of Korea War Service Medal by contacting the Air Force Personnel Center at (800) 558-1404 (the Air Force has been designated as the agency to distribute the medals) or the Awards and Decorations Section at (210) 565-2432/2520/2516. More information may be found at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/awards.

Check the NG Block

Both the State and Federal Employees Combined Campaigns start in September and employees are reminded that they may elect to contribute to the Michigan National Guard Family Fund and/or the Freedom Foundation during the campaign. The family fund helps Michigan Army and Air National Guard members experiencing financial difficulty and the Freedom Foundation sponsors the annual Freedom Academy for high school youth. For more information about the family fund contact the family support office at (517) 483-5838. For more information about the Freedom Academy, contact Lt. Col. Ray Pruett at (517) 483-5548.

No October NCO Ball

The Army National Guard NCO Ball scheduled for Oct. 21 has been changed to Feb. 3. Stay tuned for more information.

Photo Bullets

The 110th Fighter Wing donated more than 3,200 food items to a local food bank during the Annual Canned Food Sculpture Competition. The 110th built an ambulance and ambulance attendant using ramen noodles, canned goods, five gallon buckets of pop corn and cereal boxes. The attendant sported a 110th Fighter Wing hat and the face of Col. Kencil Heaton, base commander.

During their last annual training period at Camp Grayling, Sgt. First Class Forrest Chwastek, Staff Sgt. Willa Wade and Staff Sgt. Gregory Sims of the 1776th Military Police Company, Taylor, Mich. were recognized for their service as they prepare for retirement.

Youth Challenge Academy Cadets Evan Labreque and Luis Ramos stand with singer and United Service Organization volunteer Connie Stevens after accepting the Best Life Skills Curriculum Award on behalf of the Academy from the USO during a ceremony on Capitol Hill.

Budget Keeps Builders Busy

Bulldozers, backhoes and bricklayers are busily building our newest runways, armories, control towers and installation support facilities.

For the past year, Congress, unanimously supported by Michigan's Congressional delegation, have made military construction projects one of their highest priorities.

Already this year, Congress has passed the fiscal year 2001 Military Construction budget with an increase over last year's record breaking allocation.

With the funding we'll be receiving this year, all of our requested FY-01 Army and Air Guard construction priorities will be met.

Construction you can expect to see in the coming year include a new armory in Alpena, which replaces the old one downtown and the replacement of the oldest armory in the nation—which originally served as the Jackson prison—has $3.5 million in federal funds programmed with another $1 million in state funds on the way.

$17 million has been received to get phase one started for a new Combined Support Maintenance Shop in Lansing; $3.6 million for our Heavy Equipment Truck (HET) Organizational Maintenance Shop at Fort Custer; and even though the blue prints are still being developed, Congress has set money aside to support Calumet armory construction.

Last month, U.S. Senator Carl Levin, participated in the dedication of our new vehicle maintenance facility at Selfridge Air National Guard Base. That building opening was just the latest on a long list of projects completed and underway at Selfridge.

Many base infrastructure improvements have already been completed, forming the foundation for extensive facility renovation and construction projects. The new control tower is under construction, a new fire station is being contracted and part of the FY-01 budget contains $18 million to replace the entire runway.

At the Air National Guard Combat Readiness Training Center (CRTC) in Alpena, Senator Levin made sure the Air Force included $4.5 million to build an Operations and Training Facility that complements close to $14 million of base improvements completed in the last two years.

At Camp Grayling, a new $6 million air to ground range tower is nearing completion on Range 40. These projects are in addition to the many and diverse renovation and maintenance improvement projects authorized in our state and federal budget.

In the next couple of years, we're hopeful our requests for a new munitions maintenance complex at Battle Creek Air National Guard Base and a new multi-unit readiness center in Lansing will find their way onto the list of funded projects.

This year, too, Congress is putting the finishing touches on the budget that keeps us on the road to full-time manning recovery. In 2000, we added 75 full-time positions to provide equipment maintenance and improve unit readiness. Congress recognized that the Defense Department manning reductions after the Cold War were too deep and threatened readiness, morale and family support services, so they're working on getting us back to where our identified requirements recommend we should be.

Combined with our increases in military pay, restored retirement benefits, added commissary visits, Montgomery GI Bill kickers, expanded reenlistment bonuses, dental benefits and VA Home Loan renewal, to mention a few membership benefits, are all part of Congress' actions to strengthen the military and meet the needs of soldiers, airmen and their families.

Congress receives a great deal of incentive to continue their work for the National Guard by hearing from Guard members, employers and defense industry suppliers. Thanks to many of you for writing letters, sending e-mails, making phone calls and having personal conversations with members of our delegation, we enjoy the overwhelming support of Michigan's legislators.

Through your membership in the National Guard Association of Michigan (NGAM) and our new chapter of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States, we have vigilant representatives looking out for our best interests and keeping us informed about actions we can take to keep the Guard strong.

Every member of the Michigan National Guard can take great pride and ownership in the extraordinary accomplishments we achieved this year. We all have a great deal to be thankful for and owe a great many people an expression of thanks for our success. To all of you, who do so much for the Michigan National Guard, our Armed Forces and the United States of America; thank you.

E. Gordon Stump

The Adjutant General of Michigan

Michigan Contributes to National World War II Memorial

Sen. Bob Dole accepts check at Selfridge Air National Guard Base

On June 5, the eve of the 56th anniversary of D-Day, Gov. John Engler presented former Sen. Bob Dole with a $653,000 check on behalf of the people of Michigan for the National World War II Memorial. This represents one dollar for every state resident that served in the war.

With hundreds of veterans and the family of the man responsible for initiating the $100 million memorial project in attendance at Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Mt. Clemens, Engler welcomed the idea of a monument to recognize the millions of Americans who served and the more than 400,000 U.S. soldiers who gave their lives during World War II.

Brig. Gen. (ret.) Leonard C. Ward (left) sits next to former U.S. Senator and WWII veteran Bob Dole. Ward spoke to the crowd about his experiences as a Michigan Guardsman and combat engineer during WWII.

Ground is expected to be broken for the 7.4-acre Memorial by Veteran's Day this year. It will be built between the Washington Monument and Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. The movement to add a new monument to the Mall began in 1987, when Ohio resident Roger Durbin asked U.S. Representative Marcy Kaptur (D-Ohio) why there was no national World War II memorial in Washington.

The bill to create a memorial became law in 1993 after years of advocacy by Durbin, who moved to Blissfield, Mich. during his crusade. The campaign to finance the Memorial, helped by high profile spokesmen such as campaign chair Dole and *Saving Private Ryan* actor Tom Hanks, and the contributions of thousands of Americans, has brought the project close to its construction phase.

Durbin died in February and did not see his dream fully realized, however, his granddaughter remains on the Memorial's advisory board. Engler presented members of the Durbin family with a proclamation for their advocacy at the event.

Engler also paid tribute to Michigan's contributions to victory in World War II, noting the large number of residents who served in the armed forces and the state's reputation as the "Arsenal of Democracy" during the war. Shifting from auto to military equipment production, Michigan produced more than 4 million engines, 25,000 tanks and 8,500 B-24 bombers for the war effort.

"Abraham Lincoln's exclamation of 'Thank God for Michigan!' during the Civil War could have applied to the Second World War as well, and the patriotic Michigan residents who came through for their country again," Engler said.

A volunteer dressed in an authentic WWII uniform (left) talks to the children of Summit Middle School, Flint, Mich. The children sang the "Star Spangled Banner." Dole (right) accepts a 10th Mountain Division flag--the division he was in during WWII--from Capt. Greg Durkac, Company F, 425th Infantry, Michigan Army National Guard. During the ceremony, paratroopers from Company F jumped out of a C-130 with the flag. Also shown is Maj. Gen. E. Gordon Stump, the adjutant general, who acted as master of ceremonies for the event. (Photos by Senior Master Sgt. James O. Tenney, Multi-Media Center, Selfridge)

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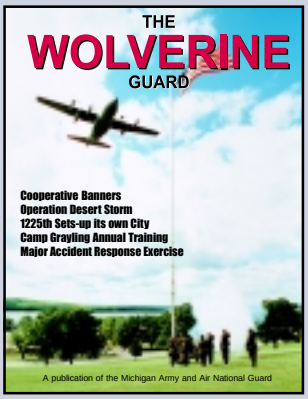

During an annual training ceremony at Camp Grayling, Mich., Military Police from the 144th Military Police Company, Owosso, Mich. fire a howitzer and prepare to lower the flag as a C-130 from the 127th Wing, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, flies overhead. See pages 8 and 9 for more A.T. stories. (Cover photo by Sgt. Ron Raflik, Detachment 3, State Area Command.)

Engineers Plant Flowers...

By Capt. Dawn Dancer
State Public Affairs Office

At Fort Fisher, N.C. the facilities are beautiful, the golf courses are numerous and the lodging is discounted for military members. Afterall, it is a military rest and relaxation facility.

But recently, members of the 10th Civil Engineering Squadron from Battle Creek, Mich., didn't pay a penny to stay there. And thanks to them, the facilities are the nicer for it.

While conducting a "deployment for training," 31 Michigan Air National Guard engineers received hands-on training while performing engineering duties that ranged from demolishing buildings to planting flowers.

"What these guys accomplished in two weeks will impress anyone who's ever hired and paid for this type of work," said Lt. Col. Pat Mullen, staff engineer for the Michigan Air National Guard.

Among their accomplishments, the engineers removed more than 2,200 feet of old conduit; painted buildings, classrooms, hallways and park benches totaling more than 21,000 square feet; repaired facia, soffit, drywall, roofs; filled a 300 linear foot utility trench and then capped it with six inches of concrete. They also replaced countless old doors and windows; disassembled bleachers; removed several 60-foot light poles; demolished three buildings by hand, including one two-story structure; and landscaped an overgrown training center.

As a final "test" of the facilities at Fort Fisher, the engineers broke up into small teams to golf and fish. The facilities were reportedly in excellent condition.

For more information about vacationing at Fort Fisher, visit their website at www.ftfishermilrec.com or call (910) 458-6549.

(Senior Master Sgt. Phil Landis, 110th Civil Engineering Squadron contributed to this article.)

Free Tuition for Guard Members

If you currently attend or plan to attend a college, university or vocational training course, you should know what education benefits the Michigan Army and Air National Guard have to offer.

Under the *Tuition Grant Program* and the *State Education Reimbursement Program* you may be able to attend college or obtain vocational training virtually free.

Currently, 12 colleges and universities are participating in the Tuition Grant Program. They provide the following tuition and reductions to Michigan Guard members:

- Western Michigan University 45%
- Eastern Michigan University 45%
- Northern Michigan University 45%
- Lake Superior State University 45%
- Ferris State University 45%
- Cleary College 30%
- Baker College 30%
- Siena Heights University 30%
- Kirtland Community College 25%
- Walsh College $50 off per credit hour
- Rochester College $1,000 per semester
- Davenport University will cover the balance of two classes.

Additionally, Michigan National Guard members may be eligible for State Education Reimbursement Program benefits. To date, more than 1,700 members of the Michigan Guard are receiving or will receive a 50 percent reimbursement (up to $2,000 per academic year) on tuition costs through the State Education Reimbursement Program.

For more information, contact Steve Kozera at (517) 483-5685. For information about federal education benefits not mentioned in this article, Army Guard members may call Michelle Bartkowiak at (517) 483-8317 and Air Guard members may call their base retention NCO.

Cooperative Banners 2000

4,500 soldiers from 16 nations share a common purpose

By Spc. Rhonda Morgan
126th Press Camp Headquarters

Camp Evjemoen, NORWAY - With the sculpted mountains of Stavanger, Norway, as a backdrop, 4,500 soldiers stand at attention, as flags from 16 nations whip in the cold, pelting rain. After more than a year's preparation, the time has come for these land, sea and air forces to undertake a shared mission in a shared environment: Cooperative Banners 2000.

Of the 4,500 Cooperative Banners participants, 132 were from 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry, Michigan Army National Guard. The 125th was the only U.S. Army or Army Guard unit to participate.

Cooperative Banners was formed under Partnership for Peace, a NATO initiative that seeks to increase security in Europe through joint peacekeeping, humanitarian and search and rescue operations.

In 1997, the first Cooperative Banners exercise was held here at Camp Evjemoen—although the Michigan Guard did not participate. During that time, members of the Michigan Guard participated in Baltic Challenge, a similar exercise conducted in the Baltic countries of Latvia (1996), Estonia (1997) and Lithuania (1998). In 1999, Michigan hosted the training at Camp Grayling (Partner Challenge). This year, the Baltic countries and Michigan were invited to participate in Cooperative Banners. "As the military becomes more involved in operations other than war, such as humanitarian assistance and peacekeeping operations, this type of deployment and multi-national training is vital to the National Guard," said Lt. Col. Burt Fransico, the Michigan project officer in charge. "Our soldiers are getting first-hand experience in these areas."

A squad of Michigan soldiers pose for a photograph before participating in a volunteer "live-fire move-to-contact" competition against a squad of Danish soldiers.

Michigan and Swedish soldiers train in an urban setting. Here, a soldier approaches a civilian home. Another soldier, acting as a civilian, answers his knock.

Sixteen nations participated in Cooperative Banners 2000: Azerbaijan, Belgium, Denmark, England, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Sweden, United States and Uzbekistan. Each brought its own training ideas and capabilities to the operation.

"It's interesting to be part of the planning for such a huge exercise," said Maj. Geir Ellingsen, logistics officer, 1st Brigade Headquarters, Norway. "From the very beginning, you get the experience of working with, and trying to understand, other countries and cultures. Working with other nations has taught us that there are 1,000 ways to get something accomplished and that we all have something to give."

The main objective of Cooperative Banners 2000 was to train soldiers in basic humanitarian and peacekeeping skills, which were tested in a four-day live training exercise (LIVEX). During LIVEX, maritime forces patrolled the coast, while land forces deployed from Camp Evjemoen to conduct local peace support operations, such as intercepting arms convoys. Air forces provided protection and information to the land and maritime forces.

At Camp Evjemoen, 400 Norwegian soldiers acted as role players. Their mission was to create "incidents" for the exercise, such as a bombing a local soccer game and smuggling weapons in from the coast. The role players added high levels of stress to the exercise and made the training scenarios as real as possible for soldiers.

"The operations tempo here is higher than I've ever seen," said Maj. Edward Wojnaroski Jr., a commander with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. "The role players don't allow any down time, and these are real world missions. We're dealing with about 16 incidents an hour during the LIVEX. That will give us a total of about 82 incidents, which range from car bombings to deaths."

Along with the stress brought about a new mission and unfamiliar equipment, the soldiers also had to cope with a language barrier. "Even simple things like saying good morning becomes almost a chore," said Pvt. Adam Thrash, a Michigan Army Guardsman from Flint. "It's odd how we Americans expect all the other countries to know and speak our language."

Language may have been a problem, but soldiers said the training benefits far outweighed any communication difficulties. "Here, there are less restrictions than in the states as to where and how soldiers can train," said Ellingsen, of Norway's 1st Brigade. "This makes it easier for us, as a host nation, to open our land up to the other nations."

Most soldiers seem to agree with Ellingsen's assessment. "There are a lot of advantages to training here," said Wojnaroski. "It teaches soldiers that they can train anywhere. It also teaches them the importance of cooperation, patience and working together. Those are lessons they may not get at home."

"Our unit isn't used to doing peacekeeping missions, so this is definitely something different," said Thrash. "This is a once in a lifetime experience. I gave up a semester of school to come here and it was worth every bit."

It Could Have Been a Nightmare

Civilian and Military Emergency Responders Train Together

By Alice Errington,
Selfridge Air National Guard,
Base Public Affairs Officer

An overturned civilian bus, multiple casualties, one military aircraft "on fire" and the pilot "punching out" of a second — a disaster of major proportions, if it were real. But this was a MARE not a nightmare. MARE—a major accident response exercise—held at Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Mount Clemens, Mich., during Safeguard 2000, involved emergency responders from the base and surrounding communities.

The scenario began when a C-130 Hercules enroute to Selfridge declared an in-flight emergency. Flying low, the C-130 "struck" a civilian bus on Rosso Highway which parallels the Selfridge perimeter fence on the base's north-side. Seconds later, the four-engine cargo aircraft "collided" with an F-16 fighter waiting for take off.

Civilian volunteers wearing moulage makeup to simulate their injuries lay on the overturned bus or staggered out to fall on the grass nearby. While local community fire departments "doused" the simulated bus fire, ambulances arrived and EMS technicians performed triage and readied their "patients" for transport to area hospitals.

With major accidents both on and off base, civilian and military emergency responders had to work together quickly and efficiently while tending to the injured. (Top photo, by Master Sgt. Glen Wilkewitz, Multi-Media Center, Selfridge). Volunteers (bottom, right) wear moulage makeup to simulate injuries. (Photo by John Swanson, Multi-Media Center, Selfridge) The 110th Fighter Wing, Battle Creek, Mich. also conducted a M.A.R.E. exercise, training with local police, fire fighters (bottom, left) and public safety officers. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Dale Atkins, 110th Communications Flight)

On base, a similar scenario was unfolding with military volunteers who acted as injured crewmembers from the C-130. The base fire department responded and the fire chief set up a unified command with the chief of the Harrison Township fire department. Coast Guard helicopters assisted ambulances with transportation of the "victims" including the F-16 pilot who had "ejected" from his fighter.

Safeguard 2000 was designed to exercise the unified command concept and interagency communication and cooperation in responding to a major accident. Members of the 127th Wing also practiced the sensitive but necessary task of death notification with military spouses used to simulate next of kin.

This exercise, the largest ever held at the base from the standpoint of number of participants and complexity of the scenario, involved five hospitals, ambulance services, fire departments, police agencies, volunteers, the Macomb County Office of Emergency Management, the U.S. Coast Guard and the 127th Wing.

Selfridge Air Show

"Plane Awesome," was how a front page headline in the Macomb Daily described the Selfridge Air Show, held July 22-23 at Selfridge Air National Guard Base. With beautiful summer weather, and dozens of military aircraft and static displays, the 500,000 spectators who swarmed the base would probably agree.

Unlike past years, Air Show 2000 did not include a major act such as the Navy's Blue Angels or the Air Force Thunderbirds. Instead, this year's program honored Korean War veterans, who served in what's often called the Forgotten War. Air show events included a simulated dogfight between two Korean-War era fighter jets: the Russianmade MIG-15 and U.S. F-86 Sabre jet. On the ground, 100 Korean War vets were awarded 50-year anniversary pins by Brigadier Gen. Thomas Cutler, commander of the Michigan Air Guard's 127th Wing.

Paratroopers from Company F, 425th Infantry drop by for the Selfridge Air Show. (Photo by John Swanson, Selfridge) After receiving a complimentary camo job from soldiers of the 156th Signal Battalion, Aaron Plachta (left) of Grand Haven "test-drives" an immobile humvee. This B-25 Mitchell (right) was one of several World War II aircraft on display. (Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Tom Springer, State Public Affairs Office)

Several Air and Army Guard units took part in the program, including 60 paratroopers from Company F, 425th Infantry, who jumped from three C-130 transports crewed by members of the Selfridge-based 127th Wing.

Teamwork and Muscle Builds a Bridge

The medium girder bridge is connected mainly by pins and clips that are secured by hand. An engineer (top) crosses an MGB as it nears completion. It takes teamwork and muscle (bottom) to construct an MGB. (Photo by Sgt. Ron Raflik, Detachment 3, State Area Command)

By Sgt. 1st Class Tom Springer
State Public Affairs Office

Sgt. Ronald Burgeson of the 1432nd Engineer Company calls it "a tinker toy that can carry a tank." In Army parlance, it's the medium girder bridge (MGB), a 16-ton portable wonder that 50 engineers can assemble in less than two hours.

"Teamwork is critical," said Burgeson, as the bridge took shape behind him. "When too many people start giving orders on a bridge construction site, there's chaos."

To an outsider, the scene still looks chaotic, albeit in an organized way. Nearly a dozen piles of metal beams and trusses are lined up near a deep, wide hole in the backwoods of Camp Grayling. Working in teams of four, soldiers from the 1432nd Engineer Company kick up a haze of dust as they lug and fasten the 6-foot pieces into place.

There's not a river or stream in sight, yet as 1st Lt. William Mannen of the 1432nd explains, this bridge isn't intended for troubled waters. "The MGB is designed to go over a dry gap. If there's a water gap, we'd prefer to use a ribbon bridge, which floats. If the MGB went down it would sink like a rock."

In wartime, Mannen said, the Army would typically use the MGB to bridge bomb craters in a main supply route, or other roadway. When fully assembled, the 132-foot structure can carry a 60-ton, M-1 Abrams battle tank.

Typically, the 1432nd Engineers assemble a one-story version of the bridge during their training exercises. During their June annual training at Camp Grayling, the 1432nd built the MGB in its two-story configuration, as part of their yearly ARTEP evaluation. (The term two-story does not mean the bridge has two levels. Rather, it refers to extra supports that give the structure more stability for heavy loads.)

A disassembled MGB may resemble a tinker toy set, but putting the pieces together certainly isn't child's play. First, leaders from the 1432nd reconnoitered the site to ensure the route and proposed bridge location were safe and secure. During the leader's recon, security forces from the 1776th Military Police Company guarded the road approaches.

A few hours later, the MGB pieces arrived at the bridge site in the unit's 5-ton dump trucks. Although the construction exercise

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Rest and Relaxation

Annual Training Recruitment and Retention Center

By Jessi Wortley
State Public Affairs Office

During annual training, the Recruitment and Retention Center was the place to be. With fresh hotdogs, buttery popcorn, ice cream and cold drinks served all day long, it was a nice way to relax and enjoy some time with fellow Guard members. It was also the place to sit for a few hours and watch a movie. And the best part of the whole deal? Everything was free.

Recruitment began offering these benefits about five years ago and any Guard member or civilian is welcome. "We've got all sorts of people in here," said Spc. Dale Arnold, who worked at the center during A.T. "Soldiers also stop by for directions or to find out more information about things ranging from recruitment to the best place in town to eat."

"It has been going very well," said Sgt. 1st Class Don Wade, one of the NCOs-in-charge. "We've served over 700 people the first week."

Spc. Jesus Espurza (left) prepares brats and footlongs at the benefits center during Camp Grayling A.T. 2000, while Spc. Beth Moyle, Spc. Brian Delongchamp and Staff Sgt. Kevin Cummings (right) of the 107th Engineer Battalion kick back and relax. (Photos by Sgt. Ron Raflik, Detachment 3, State Area Command)

From a Little Girl to an American Soldier

By Capt. Maria Vo
Detachment 6, State Area Command

The soldiers came in from the field with only a few hours to complete their physical examinations. Their uniforms were faded with dust and the smell of fresh grass and hot sun. The smiles on their faces, however, could not conceal their exhaustion from long hours of hard training. Yet, they kept a positive attitude as they answered my questions, "It is tough but I'm just fine ma'am," they answered.

The images of those soldiers followed me to lunch as I sat with members of my unit and listened to Col. Smith's jokes. And then other images followed: Gen. Stump, surrounded by his staff, his voice deep and clear; Sgt. Mathes focusing on the salad bar and then smiles from a distance…

From a distance…from another time…I was 10 or 11-years-old…a little Vietnamese girl who was so proud of herself because her father, a colonel in the South Vietnamese Army, had just selected her among her sisters and brothers to be a key table helper for his big dinner party to entertain his American friends—American Army officers who worked alongside him and his troops, fighting for freedom during the Vietnam war.

I cannot remember their names but the picture of these fine officers in their uniforms is so vivid. I could only speak a few words in English that my father taught me just before the dinner. I would politely ask if they would like tea or coffee and then tried to remember the difference between the sound of "tea" and "coffee" as they kindly answered my question.

The conflicts of the Vietnam War were too hard to understand. I just wanted to show them how thankful I was to have them help my father—the American soldiers who were so big, so brave and so kind to me and my family.

They are definitely my heroes and I would have never imagined that someday I would be sitting here with them, from the enlisted troops to the general, having lunch, sharing jokes. I am honored to serve with them when they need me, fighting with them when they go to war, being with them when they celebrate victory and most of all sharing the feeling of dignity, courage, responsibility and the personal love for our country.

During annual training, Capt. Maria Vo prepares a soldier for an electrocardiogram (EKG) as a part of his routine physical examination at Camp Grayling.

By serving my country, I can give something back to my heroes and this country for all they have given me—the opportunity to live the life of my choice and to taste the true freedom of being an American.

I'm so proud to be part of them and my

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Tactical chefs

By Sgt. 1st Class Tom Springer
State Public Affairs Office

It's 1700 HRS at Camp Grayling, and everyone in the field or garrison is eating the same supper: pepper steak over white rice, canned corn, Texas toast and tossed salad with peanut butter frosted cake for dessert.

That's the Army way. When there's thousands of military mouths to feed, it's more efficient to use a standardized menu.

But not all pepper steak is created equal. For example, at the 1462nd Transportation Company, Spec. Michael Zanin has turned what could be a blue-plate special into a savory masterpiece.

"The meat's tender and the gravy's like no other I've had in the military," said Sgt. Ron Raflik, who sat against a tree with a paper plate in his lap. "It's hard to believe he made this from sliced-up hamburger patties."

The culinary skills of Zanin and his fellow cooks from the 1462nd have not gone unnoticed. In June, they received the Connelly award for food service excellence. The 1462nd will now compete with winners from other commands across the state, and if successful, will move onto regional and national competition.

The Connelly competition was established in 1968. There are separate categories for dining halls and field kitchens, as well as active, reserve and National Guard units. For field units, the emphasis is on flavorful cuisine, prepared in a tactical environment.

"In other cooking contests you just worry about how the food tastes," said Zanin, who manages an Elias Brother's restaurant in civilian life. "Here, we also get judged on sanitation, safety and layout of the area."

South of Camp Grayling, beneath a canopy of oak trees, cooks from the 1462nd work inside a portable trailer known as an MKT-90. It's clean and well organized, with a compact food preparation area with amenities that include gas burners, ovens and stainless steel counter tops. But it's a far cry from Martha Stewart's kitchen. With its green canvas roof and sidewalls, the MKT-90 looks like the Army's version of a 1960s pop-up camper.

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Sgt. 1st Class Patrick Lee (top) lights an M-2 burner for the M-59 field range in preparation for the Connelly Award competion. Spc. Michael Zanin (bottom) shows off his specialty--peanut butter cake with peanut butter icing and fudge stripes. (Photos by Sgt. Ron Raflik, Detachment 3, State Area Command)

"Killer Bees" Patrol the No-Fly Zone

Battle Creek A-10s Depart for Southwest Asia

Maj. Scott A. Stokes
Air Guard State Public Affairs Officer

The 110th Fighter Wing, Michigan Air National Guard, based in Battle Creek, MI launched six of their A/OA-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft on the first leg of their mission to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Southern Watch. The Battle Creek Guard personnel and equipment are part of the Aerospace Expeditionary Force (AEF).

Along with personnel and equipment from the 104th Fighter Wing at Barnes ANG Base, Massachusetts, and the 124th Fighter Wing at Boise ANG Base, Idaho, the three units had worked together in Trapani, Italy for Operation Allied Force during the Kosovo Crisis last year. The "Killer Bees" as the three units are collectively called, all fly the A/AO-10.

The three Air National Guard units will each take a 30-day period of responsibility for the AEF from now into early September. As their part of the AEF, the 110th Fighter Wing will be deploying personnel to a variety of locations throughout Southwest Asia and Europe.

The predominant task will be enforcing the "No-Fly Zone" in Operation Southern Watch for a 30-day period. The 124th Fighter Wing is assuming the first 30 days, followed by the 104th Fighter Wing in early July, ending with the 110th Fighter Wing in early August. These deployments will entail sending several hundred members to Southwest Asia to fly and support the A/OA-10 aircraft. There will also be a number of support personnel, the Expeditionary Combat Support Element, deploying to other overseas bases in support of a variety of missions associated with the AEF.

In preparation for the deployments, the three units have been meeting with their active duty Air Force counterparts to coordinate the manpower needs, equipment requirements, and time-frames covered by each unit. Follow-on units can concentrate on the deployment by requesting lists of volunteers in needed career fields, gathering equipment, and preparing personnel.

It is expected that most of the troops will be deployed for two weeks with a select few staying for longer periods. Most members are deploying to Southwest Asia to fly missions enforcing the "No-Fly Zone" or to support the aircraft and its mission. There are a number of other support personnel who will be deploying to other bases in Europe. They will be deployed for similar time periods to relieve other units, both active duty Air Force and Air National Guard that are part of the AEF. These members will deploy throughout the entire month of August.

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was timed, the soldiers resisted the temptation to quickly unload everything into a big pile. At this stage of bridge building, haste makes waste.

"You've got to layout everything properly, in the order it's going to be assembled.

That's a critical part of the operation," Mannen said. "Then everyone has to listen to the bridge sergeant, because he's the man responsible for building it."

The $2 million bridge is made from aluminum alloy, yet the pieces still weigh 350 to 400 pounds apiece. To make lifting easier and safer, the four-person teams are comprised of soldiers who are similar in height. For ease of assembly, the bridge is connected mainly by pins and clips that are secured by hand. No special tools are required, other than a sturdy pair of gloves and a small carrying bar.

If need be, however, the bridge can be taken down in a matter of seconds. A few well placed charges of dynamite or C-4 will render the bridge unusable by approaching enemy. Several members of the 1432nd Engineers have been trained as demolition specialists.

As the bridge went up at Camp Grayling, Sgt. 1st Class Jeff Hanks, Army evaluator from the 78th Division, was impressed with the progress. "These guys are good," he said. "They're real near the ARTEP standard. And, they only build a two-story bridge about twice a year, where the active units do it 50 or 60 times a year."

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father is so proud of his little girl, now a soldier in the finest army in the world—the American Army.

Capt. Vo is a clinical nurse in the Michigan National Guard and a Gulf War veteran.

She was born and raised in Viet Nam and was in Saigon the day it fell to the North Vietnamese army, April 30, 1975. Vo, her husband and young daughter escaped from Viet Nam in 1979. She spent two years with her family in a refugee camp in Japan before they were able to come to the U.S. She became a U.S. citizen in 1987.

Her father, Quynh Q. Nguyen, is a former colonel in the Army of the Republic of Vietnam. Nguyen was a provincial governor of South Vietnam in Hue and later the commandant of a military academy in Dalat, Vietnam during the Vietnam War.

After the fall of Saigon he was taken to a communist "re-education camp" near Hanoi where he spent 13 years refusing to surrender to the communist ideals. He was released in 1988 and came to America with his wife in 1993.

In the Box

1225th Corp Support Battalion prepares an infantry brigade for war

Photo story by Capt. Dawn Dancer
State Public Affairs Office

What does it take to get an infantry brigade "in the box?"

How about approximately 64 barges carrying 850 military vehicles, 7,000 gallons of fuel, 56,000 t-rats, 4,500 soldiers from seven units deploying from six states--and the 1225th Corp Support Battalion of Detroit to keep everything in order.

In May, the 1225th deployed to the Joint Readiness Training Center near Fort Polk, La. for an exercise to operate a "military city" that received, staged and then deployed the entire 76th Separate Infantry Brigade of the Indiana National Guard into the box--or in other words, to the front lines.

The 1225th coordinated numerous air lifts. Above two CH-47 Chinook helicopters lift tactical vehicles from the intermediate staging base and fly them "to the box."

Sgt. 1st Class Irvin Greene answers an incoming call on a field phone at the intermediate staging base.

Daily briefings were conducted to keep the communications flowing between the 1225th and the eight National Guard and one active duty units working with them. Here Master Sgt. Reuben Hodggon outlines the number of missions completed to date.

While the 1225th took care of the 76th, Sgt. Carmen McCarthy took care of the 1225th. Here she takes a short break from her orderly room duties to smile for the camera.

Lt. Col. James Stokes, commander of the 1225th Corp Support Battalion, shows Brig. Gen. Robert V. Taylor, assistant adjutant general for the Michigan Army National Guard a map of the intermediate staging base and explains the mission, layout and area of responsibilities.

The medical facility operated by the Indiana National Guard was open 24-hours a day and received approximately 350 patients during the two-week exercise.

Community

Members of Company A, 107th Engineer Battalion of Calumet and Baraga, Mich. participated in a World War II Memorial Foot March to raise money for the national monument. Here, Capt. Douglas White presents a check to the local VFW commander.

Maj. Klem Caron of the United States Property and Fiscal Office walks with a young girl from a Lansing-area school during "Walk for Fitness." The program, which Caron and other USPFO employees volunteered for, promotes physical fitness and a sense of accomplishment.

Quality

The Essential Element

Master Sgt. Renee Hubbard
110th Fighter Wing Quality Advisor

A few years ago the Air Force implemented a new approach to quality. According to Gen. Michael E. Ryan, Air Force chief of staff, the Air Force has made great progress to integrate quality principles and practices into daily tasks. The goal now is to "operationalize quality" by using strategic planning to integrate Department of Defense goals with Air Force goals and to link mission tasks, performance measures and standards, which become the primary focus for measuring unit performance.

That is exactly how the Michigan Air National Guard does business today. They are taking quality tools and techniques learned and utilizing them in daily tasks. One example of operationalizing quality is when a problem exists, a team of subject matter experts is formed. These experts identify the problem and cause, brainstorm solutions, pick the best solution and develop a plan to implement the solution. Once this is done, a follow-up action occurs to ensure the solution was appropriate or a re-evaluation is conducted and the process is tweaked or another solution is sought.

Strategic planning is the key to this concept. Our units need to formulate a plan and visualize where they are going in the years ahead. They need to develop goals and the ways to reach those goals. The first step is to look to the Air Force, Air National Guard and state headquarters for their plans and guidance. It is essential that these work together for the success of the organization.

Recognition

The National Guard Bureau presented a Certificate of Commendation to the USPFO warehouse staff for their networking efforts with other federal agencies resulting in hundreds of free computers--most only a few years old. The computers are shipped to a re-build facility in Montana and then redistributed throughout the National Guard. Master Sgt. James Decatur (center) received the Minuteman Award for spearheading the effort.

Master Sgt. Linda Schultz of the 110th Fighter Wing, Battle Creek was recently selected as the National Outstanding Operations Resource Manager for the Air National Guard.

Gov. John Engler and Maj. Gen. E. Gordon Stump look on as Ms. Jamia McCabe receives the NGB Heritage Award for her support and dedication as the equal opportunity manager for the Michigan National Guard.

First day at the front

A Gulf War Veteran remembers

More than 1,500 Michigan Army and Air National Guard members were called-up for Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm following the Aug. 2, 1990 Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. Here is one soldier's story.

By Maj. Mike Stone
177th Military Police Brigade

We received the call to duty the day after Christmas 1990 and anxiously waited through the holidays before leaving to train at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., a few days after the New Year. It was bitter cold and we couldn't help but see the irony of training in snow and freezing rain for a war in the desert.

On Jan. 16, we spent all day at the weapons range. There was little shelter and many of us were numb from the cold. As our day ended, we climbed aboard a bus for the trip back to our billets. It was dark and I recall the satisfying taste of the hot soup prepared by our mess section.

At someone's request, the driver turned on the radio. Suddenly, the program was interrupted by a live update from Baghdad. Dan Rather's voice still echoes in my head: "CBS News confirms that the air war has begun." For what seemed liked minutes, the bus fell completely silent – and then everyone let out with a loud, resounding cheer. We felt as ready as we were going to be, and just wanted to get going.

By the second week of February, the first half of the unit departed, about 60 people in all. Following recommendations of the Fort Ben mobilization team, we sent most of the equipment and all of the ammunition with the commander on the first flight. A few days later, the second half of the unit departed. Our plan was for the entire unit to link up in Dhahran.

We flew over on a C-5 Galaxy, an Air Force cargo plane large enough to carry our Humvees in the lower hull, and more than 75 soldiers in the upper deck. We had to wear earplugs during the long, noisy trip, which pretty much prevented idle chitchat. Most of us read or listened to audiocassettes on our Walkmans.

And then, somewhere off the coast of the Spain, the flight crew summoned our leaders to the cockpit. The plan had changed: The ground war was "imminent" and we would not land in Dhahran, but at King Khalid Military City. At the time, most of us had never heard of "KKMC."

After a few more tense hours in the air, we approached our destination. Within minutes of landing we received a warning order: Prepare the vehicles for a "tactical landing," because KKMC was undergoing an Iraqi SCUD missile attack. The airstrip was pitch black. The landing lights would be turned on only for our final approach. We unchained the vehicles and climbed into them.

As the aircraft landed and came to a stop, the back doors opened. It appeared we were in the middle of nowhere. Just as the lead vehicle was about to drive out into nothingness, a bald, crusty E-7 wearing a Vietnam combat patch appeared from the darkness. With few words, and a red-lens flashlight, he quickly guided us to a holding area and then disappeared. As we regrouped and tried to get our bearings, we realized the C-5 was gone.

And there we were. No one to meet us, no maps, no ammunition. It was the eve of the ground war.

Over the next few hours, recon teams were sent out to find information, ammunition and fuel. Slowly, as day broke, we pieced together a bleak picture. KKMC was only a short distance away, but no one there knew who we were. The ammo situation was just as bad. We had none and would not be given any because we did not have a signature card. And then, like some surreal Disney movie, the mysterious Vietnam veteran again appeared to give us a small amount of ammunition.

The recon teams began to return. One team had met an MP who said the rest of our unit was located 10 clicks (about six miles) north of Hafir al Batin. We mounted our Humvees and headed north, and by mid morning, our convoy arrived at the outskirts of Hafir al Batin.

We'd gone 2 ½ days half days without sleep, but our spirits soared now that we thought we were close. Then, to our surprise, MPs directed us off our route and onto a defile. After an hour, the defile grew into a large and congested parking lot. Every kind of military and civilian vehicle you could think of had stopped there. No one could tell us what was happening. We heard a distant rumble, a sound I will never forget. Then we saw them — one of the most beautiful sights I've ever seen— columns and columns of M-1 Abrams tanks rolling down the highway. We didn't know it, but we were observing history in the making. The tanks were part of Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf's "end run" and their presence marked the beginning of the ground war.

Within the hour, we were back on the dusty trail searching for our unit. We rolled into Hafir al Batin, not knowing the town was off limits. (It's likely that no one questioned us because we were MPs.) After moving 10 clicks, we spotted several large berms as well as U.S. vehicles and helicopters. The unit assembled there was the forward most element of the 1st Air Cavalry. We explained to an E-4 at the front gate that we were told our unit was about 10 clicks north of Hafir al Batin. The E-4 pointed to the berms, which were located to the north, and said Iraqi soldiers occupied them. He politely suggested that we had probably received some bad directions.

We left Hafir al Batin, and by the day's end we had found our unit. As it turned out,

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Airmen return to the desert

Since 1992, U.S. pilots have flown more than 200,000 sorties over the northern and southern no-fly zone to enforce U.N. Security Council resolutions regarding Iraq. The deployments, known as Operation Northern Watch and Operation Southern Watch, recently touched another Michigan Air National Guard unit.

In previous years, Michigan Air National Guard F-16 pilots from Selfridge deployed, many times, in support of Northern and Southern Watch; but this past summer, C-130 aircraft and personnel from the 127th Airlift Group took their turn and deployed to the nation of Oman, located at the southeastern corner of the Arabian Peninsula. During the two-month deployment, the group provided airlift support.

In the past year, members of the group also deployed to Korea, Central America, Kuwait, Kosovo, Africa and South America.

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"I tell kids who work at Elias Brothers that they have no idea how easy they have it," Zanin said. "When I was on active duty in the 82nd Airborne, we'd airdrop the MKT-90 on a pallet and parachute in after it. Within a few hours, we'd have food ready."

Outside, the helmet-clad diners line up five meters apart, kneeling behind trees as they would in wartime to guard against sniper attacks. They enter in pairs, get their food quickly, and exit the other side where they pick fruit and vegetables from an Army-green relish tray.

As the soldiers trudge off to eat, Master Sgt. Tom Lake, the Connelly competition judge, evaluates the mess section's sanitation and refueling areas. He checks the immersion tanks, which are used to wash dishes – the water temperature must be between 120 and 130 degrees. He inspects the sand-bag lined pit where the cooks refill their gasoline-fired field stoves.

"The Connelly competition teaches cooks to follow the proper set up for everything," Lake said. "But our first consideration is safety. If we see that safety is compromised, we'll stop the competition."

There are no fires or fuel spills this evening, however, just the hearty aroma of pepper steak in the cool summer breeze. And inside the MKT-90, where gas burners purr beneath kettles of warm chow, Army cook Zanin sums up an age-old truth of military life. "When you have good cooks, you have good morale. No matter where you are, nothing makes someone happier than a nice, hot meal."

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we *were* located 10 clicks north of Hafir al Batin. However, the north-south main supply route we followed ran east and west in the vicinity of Hafir al Batin. So in reality, the unit was located 10 clicks west of Hafir al Batin (by compass) and 10 miles north along the main supply route.

So much for our first day in the Persian Gulf Theater.

During the Gulf War, then 2nd Lt. Mike Stone was a platoon leader with the 1776th Military Police Company, Taylor Mich. The 1776th spent nearly four months in the Gulf region conducting area security missions. During the ground war, the entire unit moved into Iraq and was one of the last units to depart after the cease fire. Four years later, again during Christmas, the 1776th was called again. This time the unit deployed to Germany for nearly eight months in support of Operation Joint Endeavor (Bosnia). Today, Maj. Stone is the brigade logistics officer for the 177th Military Police Brigade.

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Sgt. Thomas L. Kamrowski of the 1436th Engineer Company, Montague, Mich., proudly holds the engineer's red trademark flag near the U.S.-Mexico border in California. The 1436th recently returned from military training where they worked with the U.S. Border Patrol. Their story in the Winter Issue of the Wolverine Guard. (Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Tom Springer, State Public Affairs Office.)

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