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# THE **WOLVERINE** GUARD

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Michigan's Motor City Guard  
Top Soldiers, Airman, Recruiters**

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# Bullets

## JROTC Summer Camp

ADSW money is available this Summer for soldiers interested in working with the recruiting and retention branch during the JROTC Summer Camp, June 13-23, 2002, in Alpena. Experts are needed in the following areas: medical, marksmanship, rappelling, land navigation, bivouac, static display, obstacle course, platoon sports, water activities, TAC NCO and equestrian. For more information or to volunteer, call Sgt. 1st Class Greg Jones at (517) 483-5413 or Sgt. 1st Class Laurie Kiersey at (517) 483-5411.

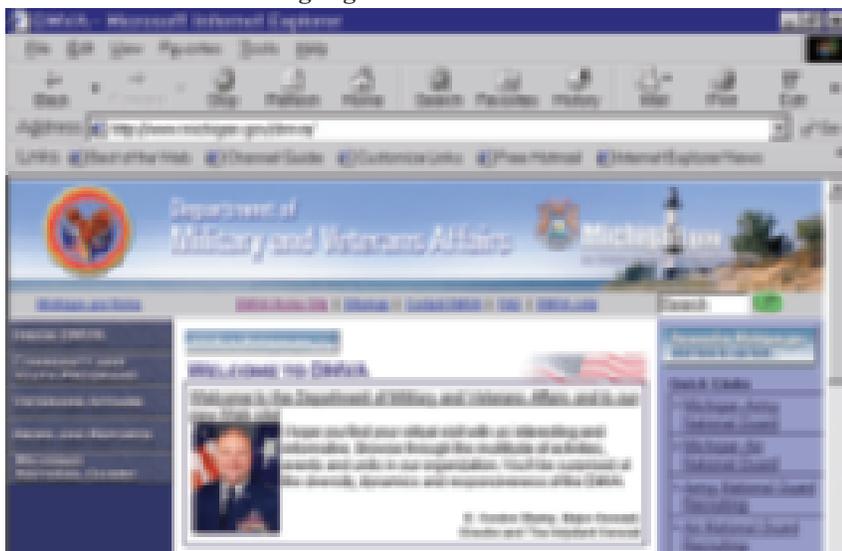
## Discount Internet Access

NGAM members are eligible for unlimited Internet access, three e-mail accounts and 10 MB of personal Web space through CoreComm for \$16.95 per month or \$185.95 per year. For more information, call CoreComm at (888) 747-4638 and tell them you're with NGAM.

## Travelers Get Another Two Cents

The government mileage reimbursement rate for the use of privately owned vehicles increased in January from 34.5¢ to 36.5¢.

## New Web Site at [www.Michigan.gov/DMVA](http://www.Michigan.gov/DMVA)



## A Camp for Our Kids

The Michigan National Guard Youth Leadership Camp is an opportunity for your children to learn more about your service in the Michigan Guard. The week-long camp exposes children, ages nine to 12, to marching and cadence, rafting and rappelling, leadership and self-esteem. This year's camp will be held July 14-19 at the Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center and is open to the children of active and retired Michigan National Guard members and Department of Military and Veterans Affairs employees. For more information, or to volunteer to work during the camp, call Janet Weber at (517) 702-5116 or Sandy Mahoney at (517) 483-5686. For an application, contact your unit full-timer.

## Pretty in Pink No More

All pink National Guard and Reserve ID cards are to be turned-in immediately and replaced with the new green ID cards. Pink ID card stock, at a few locations around the country, has reportedly been stolen and sold. Soldiers and airmen should let their full-timer know that they need a new ID card or call (517) 702-5116 for an appointment or for information about an ID card facility in your area.

## National Conference at Long Beach

The National Guard Association of the U.S. will hold its 2002 conference at

Long Beach, Calif., Sept. 6-10.

Transportation via military aircraft may be available for military members. For more information, call Michigan's association (NGAM) at 1-800-477-1644.

## Girl Scout Cookies Deployed

The Swartz Creek Girl Scouts (Fair Winds Council) wanted to show the U.S. Armed Forces deployed overseas that they appreciate their service. So, they donated 672 boxes of Girl Scout cookies, earmarked for Michigan Guardsman deployed to Germany, Hungary and Bosnia. Supply sergeants say the distribution process went faster than mail-call or chow. (Graphic by Sgt. Ron Raflik)



## No Air Show at Selfridge

The Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Mount Clemens will not hold its biennial air show this summer due to major runway improvements. The next air show will be July 26 and 27, 2003. Go to [www.selfridgeairshow.com](http://www.selfridgeairshow.com) or call (586) 307-6999 for more information.

## AAFES in Michigan

Find an Army & Air Force Exchange Service at the following locations:  
Alpena Combat Readiness Tng. Center (989) 354-6272  
Camp Grayling (517) 348-4781  
Detroit Coast Guard (313) 259-6217  
Grand Haven Coast Guard (616) 846-0490  
Point Betsie Recreation Cottage (616) 850-2510  
Sault Ste. Marie Coast Guard (906) 635-3275  
Selfridge Air National Guard Base (810) 307-4614  
Traverse City Coast Guard (231) 922-8330  
Battle Creek Air National Guard Base (616) 969-3372



# TAG TALK



## 21st Century Homeland Defense

As we know, all too well, a little over eight months ago, our whole world changed. Throughout our nation, Americans experienced dramatic trauma, extensive change and a renewed sense of patriotism.

As we painfully learned on September 11th, the challenges of the new century are not nearly as predictable as those of the Cold War. Who would have imagined, only a few months ago, that terrorists would take commercial airliners, turn them into missiles and use them to strike the Pentagon and World Trade Towers, killing thousands? But it happened.

As a result of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, today, in Michigan, more than 1,000 members of the Michigan Army and Air National Guard are on duty for homeland defense, or serving in some force protection capacity.

When we first accepted the missions at Michigan's airports and bridges several months ago, some skeptics questioned whether a National Guard presence would make a difference. Well, I think our performance has silenced the skeptics.

Consider this: since September 14, 2001, at Michigan border crossings, Guard members have helped law enforcement officials seize more than 300 pounds of marijuana, confiscated more than one million pills headed for a lab to make narcotics, confiscated nearly \$200,000 in illegal cash and numerous weapons and apprehended or turned back several hundred illegal immigrants. Not bad for what some

have called "eye wash."

In the coming year, several new Michigan Guard units will add to our organization's crisis response capabilities. The 51st Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team will be certified to help local emergency responders identify the nature of a suspected terrorist attack and help them coordinate additional

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assistance and appropriate response actions, if needed.

Thanks to the success of our Army aviation initiative, we'll have more helicopters available to help in a disaster response. Over the next couple of years, all our UH-1 Hueys and OH-58 Kiowas, will be replaced with UH-60 Blackhawks and CH-47 Chinooks. The Blackhawks, Chinooks and the medevac unit we'll be getting will be able to carry two to three times the cargo, twice as far, twice as fast as the helicopters we're currently flying. That capability means a lot when crisis strikes.

Our challenge in the 21st century will be to defend our cities and our infrastructure from new forms of attack—to prepare to defend our



nation against the unknown, the uncertain, the unseen and the unexpected and be ready to respond when crisis strikes.

On the face of it, our challenge in this new century may seem an impossible task. It is not. But to accomplish it, we need strong, ready National Guard forces that can respond quickly and decisively to a full spectrum of crises.

Forces that can quickly arrive on the scene to support law enforcement, emergency and crisis responders, and protect our skies.

America needs the National Guard for homeland defense today, tomorrow and for generations to come. And make no mistake, the men and women of the Michigan Army and Air National Guard have been performing brilliantly their jobs in the war on terrorism. Whether at home, or abroad, members of the Michigan National Guard are serving to make America safe. Thank you for all you do to preserve our way of life.

*C. Gordon Stump*  
The Adjutant General of Michigan

# Those Who Served

## Michigan National Guard (Retired)

### Information for Retirees and 20-year letter holders: Digital or Hardcopy

A military retirement handbook, written specifically for Michigan Army and Air National Guard members, is available on the web or in paperback. The handbook covers such items as state and federal pay; retiree, gray-area retiree and survivor benefits; medical coverage; Spouse's Protection Act; and burial and military honors. It's a "must read" if you have retirement questions.

Starting in mid-April, the handbook will automatically be distributed to Michigan Guardsmen in receipt of a 20-year letter (Notification of Eligibility for Retired Pay at Age 60) and to retirees at the date of their retirement. Other retirees and family members

who would like a copy but fall outside of that window may request a handbook by calling, e-mailing or writing to Mr. Ken Baldwin, state military retirement program administrator: (517) 483-5692;

kenneth.baldwin@mi.ngb.army.mil; DMVA, ATTN: MITAG-RET, 2500 S. Washington Ave., Lansing, MI 48913.

The handbook is also available on the Web at [www.michigan.gov/dmva](http://www.michigan.gov/dmva). Go to the Veterans Affairs page and then click on Military Retirement.

The DMVA Web site also provides a state and federal military retirement overview and state and federal military retirement forms.

## Michigan Guard Recognized for Quality

By Officer Candidate Kacie Foster-Merk  
State Public Affairs Office



The Michigan Army National Guard has again been awarded the Michigan Quality Council 2001 Navigator Award. This is the second time in three years the Michigan Guard has earned this prestigious award.

To receive Navigator Recognition an organization must do a self-assessment in the areas ranging from

leadership and strategic planning to employee and customer service. The purpose of the award is to advocate continuous improvement in leadership, quality, customer satisfaction and global competitiveness of Michigan organizations. The award is given after a four-stage decision process by a board of examiners.

"When the public recognizes and honors the Michigan Army National Guard, it is a demonstration of the high standards we train and live by," said Brig. General Robert V. Taylor, assistant adjutant general for the Michigan Army National Guard. "I am very proud of our soldiers for earning this award."

In 1999, the Michigan Army National Guard became the first public sector organization to win the honor since its inception by the Michigan Quality Council in 1993.

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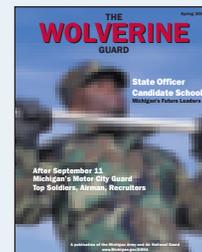
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*With dogged determination, Officer Candidate Anthony Martin finds the strength for one more pull-up. See OCS story on page 16. (Cover photo by Sgt. Ron Raflik)*

# Systems Approach to Management

*Lt. Col. Roger Soldano  
63rd Brigade OIC*

With the implementation of Michigan Vision 2005: The Strategic Plan for the Michigan Army National Guard, a systems approach to management has become the choice of the 63rd Brigade Troop Command. Although this concept is not a revelation in the world of management, structuring systems to link to strategic objectives is a fresh approach to improving organizational readiness.

Generally speaking, systems management involves setting standards, collecting and organizing data, gauging progress, developing a feedback loop and making necessary adjustments to maintain direction. This style of management, coupled with sound leadership will help to achieve strategic goals.

Faced with the challenge of meeting the specific standards defined by the senior leadership of the Michigan Army National Guard, the 63rd Brigade commander tasked his staff to develop systems that focused on key readiness indicators and had a direct relationship to the objectives within the strategic plan.

On the surface, this concept sounds relatively simple, but the

challenge is converting large quantities of diverse data into useful information. Our first step was to categorize the key readiness indicators into separate groups and then store the information in a database. Then we were able to build report schemes which give commanders and OICs real-time information which



*Strategic plans, such as Michigan Vision 2005, may not be a new concept but applying a systems approach is sound business.*

influences decision making with respect to the goals of the organization.

As with any database, its credibility is only as good as the data stored. We developed a system that gauged the timeliness and accuracy of all suspense items. This important step

is critical to the overall success of the program. If data collected from subordinate organizations is late, then subsequent entries in the database are delayed. Hence, the credibility is impaired and is no longer a reliable source of information.

The mechanism we used to alleviate this problem is a simple program called an “On Time/Not on Time” report. This program is a simple spreadsheet stationed on an accessible computer server. Its design allows the brigade to track the timeliness and quality of all suspense items from each of our six battalions. The standard for success is an overall 85 percent “on time” rate for each battalion. This report has become an important tool for OICs to gauge how their organizations are performing. When used in conjunction with weekly staff meetings, it allows OICs and commanders to keep on course by making necessary “steering” adjustments.

The systems approach to management has significantly improved the overall readiness of the 63rd Brigade. With an organizational vision, strong leadership and hard work, systems can be developed and implemented which will move any organization in a positive direction.

## Michigan Army National Guard Values

**Loyalty** - Bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Michigan, the Army, your unit and other soldiers.

**Duty** - Fulfill your personal and professional obligations with pride, competence and commitment.

**Respect** - Treat other people as they should be treated.

**Selfless Service** - Put the welfare of the state and nation, the Army and your subordinates before your own.

**Honor** - Live up to Army values.

**Integrity** - Do what is right, legally and morally.

**Personal Courage** - Face fear, danger or adversity (physical and moral).

## Michigan Air National Guard Core Values

**Integrity first** - Integrity is the willingness to do what is right even when no one is looking. It is the “moral compass.” Integrity also covers other moral traits indispensable to national service: courage, honesty, responsibility, accountability, justice, self-respect and humility.

**Service before self** - This value tells us that professional duties take precedence over personal desires. At the very least it includes: rule following; respect for others; discipline and self-control; and faith in the system.

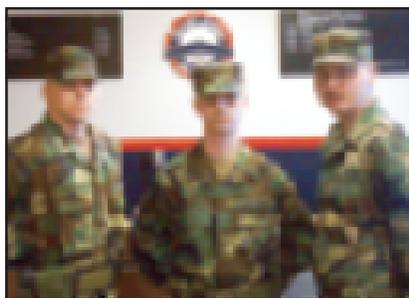
**Excellence in all we do** - This value directs us to develop a sustained passion for continuous improvement and innovation that will propel the Air Guard into a long-term, upward spiral of accomplishment and performance.



U.S. Congressman Mike Rogers recently stopped by the Lansing Combined Support Maintenance Shop to tell Guardsmen that Michigan and the nation is grateful for their service. "Sometimes it takes a tragedy for people to appreciate what you do, and believe me, people recognize what you have given up to serve," said Rogers to the crowd of CSMS employees, to soldiers on orders in support of Homeland Defense and to members of the 51st Weapons of Mass Destruction, a unit in transition from part-time to full-time status. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Dale Atkins)



Company D, 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry, Wyoming, Mich., participated in the Grand Rogue Living History Encampment four days after the terrorist attack. They conducted four present-day style mock raids between historical demonstrations and fashion shows that depicted techniques and uniforms ranging from the 18th Century to World War II. Before each raid, Company D observed a moment of silence in memory of those killed on Sept. 11.



Spcs. David Truax, Darryl Goodman and David Zazeski provide security at the Gogebic-Iron County Airport (near the Wisconsin border in the Upper Peninsula) in support of the Homeland Defense efforts. The airport gets just two flights a day; yet, you never know who may pass through a checkpoint. Case in point: an airline passenger observed the soldiers, noting their actions and overall military appearance. When the passenger returned home, she told her boss how impressed she was with the three Guardsmen. Two weeks later, the soldiers each received a personal letter of appreciation, signed by U.S. Army Inspector General Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Howard and an Inspector General Agency coin. The passenger was Howard's secretary. (Photo courtesy Jim Loeper, Gogebic-Iron County Airport)



Two days after the terrorists' attacks, Sgt. 1st Class Chuck Mills' phone rang-off-the-hook, "Would the annual NCO Fall Classic Golf Tournament still be a go?" His decision to carry on resulted in \$2,500 for the VFW National Home for Children. (In the above photo, Mills presents the check to Mike Kessler, executive director.) That same morning, while driving to the golf course, Master Sgt. Lynn Smith and Sgt. 1st Class Lissa Wierman decided to ask the golf participants to donate to the Red Cross Disaster Fund. They collected \$700; this from just 100 golfers. (Photo by Sgt. Ron Raflik)



This past fall, while National Guard units from across the nation assisted their state with the security of airports and, in some cases like Michigan, the borders, the Department of Defense had another concern: Lansing, Mich., the location of BioPort, the country's sole maker of the anthrax vaccine. The Owosso-based 144th Military Police Company was selected for the little-known, yet vital security mission. In December, the unit was recognized for protecting this "key national asset." Lt. Col. Edward Clayson, Department of Biological Defense, presents a certificate of appreciation to each soldier.



Sgt. 1st Class George Gingerick often remarks that “into some people’s life, a little rain falls.” But for Gingerick, this year was a thunderstorm when his wife of 38 years died. Gingerick, who retired from M.A.T.E.S. four years ago, recalled the incredible support from his Camp Grayling “family” throughout his personal trauma. He felt the need to give something back. So he wrote a personal check for \$5,000 to the Camp Grayling NCO Club. The donation was made in memory of his wife, Nancy. From left to right are Command Sgt. Maj. (ret) Fred Alkire, past NCO club president; Cindy Merchand and Barb Apley, NCO Club managers; Command Sgt. Maj. Miner Roth, state sergeant major; and Command Sgt. Maj. Terry Richardson, Camp Grayling sergeant major.



Members of the Lansing Combined Support Maintenance Shop are shown outside a Lansing Kroger with newly purchased frozen turkeys, paid for by 24 CSMS employees and donated to a local food bank. Transporting the frozen birds are Cpt. Bob Sever and Sgts. Joe North, Alan Bumpus and Jason Hyder. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Dale Atkins)



Col. Mike Peplinski shows off an F-16 to Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus during a recent visit to the alert facility at Selfridge Air National Guard Base. (Photo by John S. Swanson, 127th Wing Multimedia Services)



Lansing Community College recently joined the growing list of colleges and universities offering incentives to Michigan National Guard members. Last fall, Brig. Gen. Robert V. Taylor, assistant adjutant general for Army and Paula Cunningham, LCC president, signed an agreement that waives application, course and technology fees for any virtual class taken at LCC. The virtual grant program may be used in conjunction with other state and federal education programs.

The following institutions also offer education incentives for Guard members: Western Michigan University, Eastern Michigan University, Northern Michigan University, Ferris State University, Lake Superior State University, Siena Heights University, Cleary College, Baker College, Kirtland Community College, Walsh College, Rochester College, Oakland University, Davenport University, Spring Arbor University, University of Detroit Mercy and Olivet College. (Photo courtesy LCC)

Members of 2nd Battalion, 147th Aviation (right) and 13 other Grand Ledge community teams participated in the American Cancer Society’s Relay For Life.

Relay For Life is a 24-hour fundraiser to aide victims in the fight against cancer. Team members take turns walking or running the track, keeping a representative on the track at all times.

The 13-member Guard team raised more than \$1,500 and walked a combined 600 laps. The Grand Ledge teams, together, raised more than \$76,000.



# Reaching the Top

## Top Soldiers, Airmen, Recruiters Named

### Top Soldiers

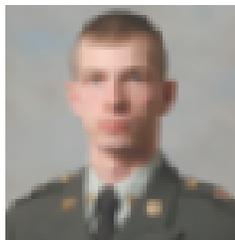
Every year, Army Guardsmen from around the state compete against each other for the prestigious title of Soldier of the Year. After beating out comrades at the unit, battalion and brigade level, the soldiers compete at the state level. There they report to a military board where they are quizzed and judged on their knowledge of current events; proper wear of the Army uniform; drill and ceremony; leadership; training; Army programs; and basic soldiering skills.

Congratulations to the following “top soldiers!”

#### *Soldier of the Year Spc. Darryl Goodman*

Spc. Goodman is a combat engineer with Company B, 107th Engineer Battalion, Ironwood, Mich. He attended basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. and has been in the military for three years.

Goodman is currently working airport security for the homeland defense mission.



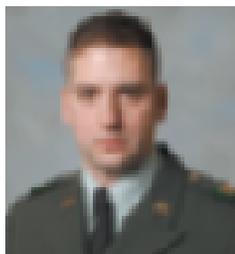
#### *NCO of the Year Sgt. Jeffrey M. Edwards*

Sgt. Edwards is a heavy vehicle driver with the 1461st Transportation Company, Jackson, Mich., and has been in the military for six years. He attended basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C. in 1995 and was assigned as a firefighter in the Army Reserve stationed in Hurley, Wis. From there he transferred to the Michigan National Guard and served with Company A, 107th Engineer Battalion, Calumet, Mich. before transferring to his current unit.

In civilian life, Edwards is an environmental engineer for C. C. Johnson and Malhotra, Grand Rapids, Mich. He graduated from Michigan Technological University with a bachelor's and, later, a master's degree in environmental engineering.

#### *AGR NCO of the Year Staff Sgt. Mark T. Kraus*

Staff Sgt. Kraus is a cannon section chief and the full-time training NCO for Detachment 1, Battery A, 1st Battalion, 119th Field Artillery, Lansing. Kraus, who has been in the military for seven years, attended basic training at Fort Benning, Ga., in 1995. From there, he served as an infantry squad leader on active duty at Fort Meyer, Va., before transferring to his current unit in 2000.



Kraus has attended numerous military schools including, Airborne, Air Assault, Primary Leadership Development Course

and Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course. He is currently attending Lansing Community College, pursuing a degree in environmental science. He also volunteers as an assistant basketball coach at Belding Middle School, Belding, Mich.

#### *Steward Medal Winner Cpl. William J. Call*

Cpl. Call is a heavy vehicle driver for the 1460th Transportation Company, Midland, Mich. He also serves as the unit's physical fitness NCOIC and the communications NCOIC. Before joining the Michigan Guard, Call, who has been in the military for 15 years, served on active duty in Baumholder, Germany, as a squad leader with 4th Battalion, 12th Infantry Division.



Call has attended many military schools including Airborne, Sniper, Light Wheel Mechanic, Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic and Infantry (11B and 11H).

### Top Airmen Named

The Airmen of the Year competition determines the best all around Michigan airmen in six categories. Airmen must be nominated for the competition by Air Guard leadership and are judged on community and military involvement; civilian and military education; self-improvement initiatives; and other accomplishments.

Congratulations to the following “top airmen!”

#### *Airmen of the Year Senior Airman Travis G. Posey*

Senior Airman Posey is an aircraft armament systems apprentice for the 110th Aircraft Generation Squadron, Battle Creek, Mich. Posey, who has been in the military for two years, attended basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Posey, a full-time student at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Mich., is pursuing a bachelor's degree in aviation flight science. He also volunteers his time to work with a local youth group.



#### *NCO of the Year Tech. Sgt. Raymond (Mike) Carroll*

Tech. Sgt. Carroll is a readiness manager with the 127th Civil Engineer Squadron, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mount Clemens, Mich. He has been in the military for 16 years. Carroll attended basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. From there, he served in the Air Force Reserve, and later on active duty, both at Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington. Next he transferred to the Virginia National Guard where he served as a disaster preparedness specialist, before joining the Michigan Guard.

Carroll has attended numerous military schools including medical administration training, disaster preparedness training, hazardous materials awareness and radiation safety officer's training.



*NCO of the Year Senior Master Sgt. Patrick C. Hanley*

Senior Master Sgt. Hanley is the fire chief and fire protection manager for the 127th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Department. Hanley, who has been in the military for 20 years, attended basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Prior to joining the Michigan Guard, he served on active duty in Alconbury, United Kingdom, at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., and at Osan Air Base, Korea.



Hanley has completed numerous military schools including the Firefighter Rescue Course, Fire Truck Operations Course, Fire Prevention/Technical Services, Hazardous Materials and Munitions, and Phase One of Non-Commissioned Professional Military Education.

In civilian life, Hanley is an engineer for the Bay City Fire and Rescue Division. He is also on the department's technical rescue team and is trained as a hazardous material specialist.

*First Sergeant of the Year Master Sgt. Ernest A. Smith, Jr.*

Master Sgt. Smith is the first sergeant for the 127th Wing Logistic Squadron, Selfridge and has been in the military for 21 years. Smith started his military career in 1981 when he attended basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Following initial training, Smith served with the 127th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron until 1986. From there he worked in the contracting office of the Resource Management Squadron until his most recent assignment.



Smith is a graduate of the First Sergeant Academy where he was recognized with the Commandant's Award. He holds an associate's degree in contract management from the Community College of the Air Force and is currently working towards another associate's degree in personnel management.

In civilian life, Smith works at Milford Fabricating Company, Detroit, as a sheet metal fabricator skills trades journeyman.

*Retention Office Manager of the Year Master Sgt. Dale A. Nelson*

Master Sgt. Nelson is the retention office manager for the 110th Fighter Wing, Battle Creek, Mich. and has been in the military for 22 years. Nelson started his military career with basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. From there he served on active duty as a security police supervisor at K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base, Gwinn, Mich. Next, he was transferred to Muskegon, Mich. where he worked as a recruiter and then, in 1989, he joined the Michigan Air Guard.



Nelson has completed numerous military schools including the NCO Leadership School, the NCO Academy and the Senior NCO Academy. He has also attended Muskegon Community College and is active with his church. He is a member of the

Michigan United Conservation Corps and the Gold Prospectors of America.

**Top Recruiters Named**

*Michigan Army National Guard Recruiter of the Year Sgt. 1st Class Dennis J. Olson*

To be named the recruiter of the year (also known as the Chief's Fifty Winner), Sgt. 1st Class Olson averaged 3.7 enlistments a month and exceeded the annual goal by hitting 160 percent. In addition, he has a ship rate of 100 percent. Not surprising, this is the second time Olson has been named the Chief's Fifty Winner.



Olson, who has been in the military for 15 years, started his career on active duty as an observation scout helicopter crew chief. He joined the Michigan Guard in 1993 and served with the 1075th Maintenance Company before transferring to the Recruiting and Retention Command.

*Michigan Air National Guard Recruiter of the Year Tech. Sgt. Vivian Sellers*

For the second year in a row, Tech. Sgt. Sellers has been named the Recruiter of the Year. Sellers, a rookie recruiter last year, brought in 100 new recruits, averaging eight enlistments per month. The national average is 2.7 per month. Last year her winning total reached 72.



Sellers, who has been in the Michigan National Guard for 17 years, initially joined the Michigan Army National Guard and attended basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C. She served with the 461st Supply Company, Detroit, and Company C, 156th Signal Battalion, Monroe, Mich., for 10 years before transferring to the Air Guard. As a member of the Air Guard, Sellers initially served as a computer systems operator. In 1996, she graduated with honors from Chaplain Service Support Apprentice training. Then, in September 1999, she successfully completed recruiting school.

*National Marketing NCO of the Year Sgt. 1st Class Charles A. Mills*

Sgt. 1st Class Mills, the senior marketing NCO for the Michigan Army National Guard, started his 23-year military career on active duty in the Air Force. He served in Southeast Asia and Thailand before joining the Michigan Guard as a member of 1st Battalion, 119th Field Artillery. In 1985, he transferred to the Recruiting and Retention Command as a recruiter and later transferred to the Marketing Department.



Mills, who was born in South Bend, Ind., attended Indiana University and has attended numerous military schools including the Advanced NCO Course.

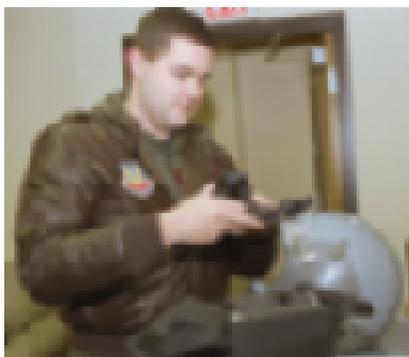


*“Being as busy as we are is one thing but the style and grace used by the 127th Wing—and all Guard units—while rising to the occasion, says a lot about the Guard and about America.”*

*Brig. Gen. Tom Cutler  
127th Wing Commander*

## Michigan’s Motor City Guard

*By Capt. George DiMichele  
127th Wing*



*Lt. Col. Ross Dickinson, an F-16 pilot at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, mounts night vision goggles on his helmet in preparation for a homeland defense mission. (Photo by Senior Airman Jerry Mendoza, 127th Wing)*



*A member of the 127th Security Forces Squadron checks under the hood as part of increased security following Sept. 11. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Tony Randazzo, 127th Wing)*

Sixty years ago, the Detroit area was known as the arsenal of democracy. This great city and the surrounding suburbs were in the forefront of national defense. Its car and steel plants were converted to make the tanks and aircraft that contributed to World War II’s victory. Today, the tank plants of Warren and the great bomber plant at Willow Run are memories and historical reference points of a time gone by.

In the Detroit area today, the arms plants are gone but national defense is not. Since Sept. 11, Detroit Guard members have played an active role in homeland security. The 127th Wing, at the Selfridge Air National Guard Base, defends America’s sky. Located just north of Detroit and with roots dating back to the earliest years of flight, the wing is Michigan’s “Motor City Guard.” It is one of the few true super wings in the nation with two separate flying and aircraft maintenance groups. The 127th is also perhaps, the busiest wing in the nation with both flying squadrons participating in Operation Noble Eagle.

“Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom have changed many things here at Selfridge,” said Brig. Gen. Tom Cutler, 127th Wing commander. “With our alert commitments by both the F-16 squadron and the C-130 squadron, and the accompanying support necessary, it’s safe to say the wing is in the thick of homeland defense and ready to go overseas anytime, anywhere.”

In the days and weeks following September 11th, the wing deployed both aviation packages to support Aerospace Expeditionary Force commitments, successfully completed an Expeditionary Operational Readiness Inspection, stood up both flying squadrons for Noble Eagle/Enduring Freedom, deployed the 171st Airlift Squadron to Operation Coronet Oak in Latin America and then deployed it to Kadena, Japan. “In a multi-flying unit wing something is always happening,” said Col. Richard Elliott, 127th Airlift Group commander. “This type of wing—a mix of Air Combat Command and Air Mobility Command—tends to stay the busiest by virtue of the different airframes and different missions.”

Perhaps most visible in the fight against terrorism is the 107th Fighter Squadron. With F-16s ready and waiting, they represent the tip of the spear in homeland air defense. In the minutes and hours following the September 11th attack, the squadron had fighters airborne to assist national command authorities. This was accomplished despite having half the squadron deployed to Operation Southern Watch in Saudi Arabia. “It speaks to the dedication and commitment of the people in the squadrons, groups and wing that we could do all that while having half the unit deployed to the desert,” said Col. Mike Peplinski, 127th Operations Group commander. “The squadron shouldered the burden well,”

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*“They have about 4,000 feet to take off and land in, with a 15-foot wall at the end.”*

*Maj. Joel Vergun  
171st Airlift Squadron*



*The photo courtesy 127th Multimedia Services*

## Mighty Hercules: Older than most who fly them

*By Carlos Bongioanni  
Pacific Star and Stripes*

KADENA AIR BASE - Old age isn't holding back the U.S. military's perennial airlift workhorse, the "mighty Hercules." That's evident at Kadena, where the Air Force's oldest C-130E, built in 1961, is racking up flight hours supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. The plane and personnel from units at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mich., deployed to Kadena in February for a 45-day mission to help shoulder an airlift load that increased substantially after Sept. 11.

"It was built before most of our people were built," said Chief Master Sgt. Keith Edwards, maintenance chief at Selfridge's 171st Airlift Squadron. "She's a good ol' airplane."

With 41 years of service, the plane has more than 14,300 flight hours and nearly 5 million miles. "It served earlier as a research plane for NASA, which accounts for its relatively low flight hours," Edwards said. When flying with active-duty units, C-130s average more than 600 flight hours per year. With reserve or Guard units, they average about 375 flight hours per year.

Capt. Christina Phillips, 30, said she has no qualms piloting an aircraft 11 years her elder. "We have good maintenance, so we're fairly confident that they take care of all the problems that we find," Phillips said. Many Selfridge Hercules aircraft maintainers switched from working on F-16 fighters seven years ago when the base expanded its mission to include

C-130s.

"I was born and raised on fighters," said Master Sgt. Jerry Schave, 54, a full-time avionics mechanic Guardsman at Selfridge since 1966. "When we got this airplane, we had to adapt. It's got different avionics, but we work it. When it breaks ... we troubleshoot it, fix it and press on."

Lt. Col. Brian Dawson, a navigator based at the Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center, said the strength and durability of the C-130 make it the plane of choice for many fliers and crewmembers. "It certainly wasn't under-built. It is a tank," he said. Dawson noted how his plane had been in "Nam ... and all around the globe many, many times."

C-130s originally entered the production line in the mid-1950s to meet the demand for a tactical air-lifter that could perform during combat operations and land on short paved and unpaved runways. It's the only U.S. transport aircraft continuously manufactured for more than 40 years. "They're still making new ones, so that tells you a little about the success of its design," Dawson said.

While at Kadena, the Air Force's eldest Hercules has moved personnel and cargo "all over the Pacific theater," said Maj. Joel Vergun, a mission commander with the 171st Airlift Squadron. Most missions were to Yokota Air Base, Japan, where roughly two-thirds of its airfield is closed for resurfacing. "They have about 4,000 feet to take off and land

in, with a 15-foot wall at the end," Vergun said. "C-130s are one of the very few cargo aircraft that can go in and out in such a short distance."

With the increased operations tempo generated from the war on terrorism, Vergun said his unit's participation is vital. "We like to think that we give the active-duty folks a break and a chance to get home" from the long deployments, Vergun said. "And it's a chance for our folks, many of whom have other jobs, to go out there and contribute to our national defense." The good thing about a C-130, Edwards said, is "it will take you there and bring you back safely. It's a maintainers' and fliers' airplane. It's nice to have."

As a light mist fell on crewmembers conducting preflight checks at Kadena, Tech. Sgt. Tony Nacewicz, a hydraulics mechanic and self-proclaimed "weekend warrior," gave the plane another look before takeoff. While acknowledging he's "not big on flying," Nacewicz said he felt comfortable enough with C-130s that he would fly them over any other aircraft. And while the one at Kadena was the oldest one in the Air Force, "it's one of the best fliers ... it does its thing." Given the normal life-span of C-130s, Edwards predicted the aircraft still had a few more years of service before it's retired.

# Go Ahead: Tell it to the Chaplain

*“...the authority you get from what I’ve put on your right collar (U.S. insignia) is mandated by UCMJ. But as for the cross I put on your left collar – you will have to win the respect of your troops for that.”*

**By Master Sgt. Tom Springer**

The soldier who came to see Chaplain Ray Moore was in a state of spiritual crisis. His life was troubled, he’d left his church sometime ago, and he wasn’t sure how to make things right.

Like any good pastor, Chaplain Moore helped the man work through his problems and look for new solutions. Eventually, the soldier regained his faith, changed his life and was reunited with his church.

This may sound like another routine case of a lost sheep restored to the flock. But here’s the difference: the soldier was Catholic and Chaplain Moore is a Protestant minister. In the civilian world, it’s rare to find a clergy member who would be willing, or able,

to provide this kind of interfaith ministry.

Yet, for a military chaplain, it’s all in a day’s work.

“The two big words for Army chaplains are pluralism and accommodation,” Moore said. “We respect the soldier’s religious background and do our best to minister to them based on who they are. We’re not here to convert people, but to help strengthen their faith and figure out where they’re going in life.”

Trying to connect with soldiers of all faiths is one of the many challenges that set military chaplains apart from their civilian counterparts. But the Michigan National Guard chaplains who have answered the call say it’s a deeply rewarding vocation.

“Most of the people that a church



*Chaplain Ray Moore juggles additional duties as assigned. (Photo by Sgt. Ron Raflik)*

pastor meets are churchgoers,” Moore said. “In the Army, I get to meet people who would never darken the door of a church. And working with them in a structured, military environment creates a good entrée. It helps  
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*After 2nd Lt. Jayme Kendall completes her master’s of divinity degree, she will become the first female chaplain in the Michigan Army National Guard. Along the way, she has received guidance from Army Chaplain Jay Kendall—her dad.*

## Another Kendall Answers the Call

**By Master Sgt. Tom Springer**

As with many young people, 2nd Lt. Jayme Kendall considers her father to be a friend and role model.

What’s different is that she’s required to call him “Sir” – and every so often, must even give him a salute. Jayme is the daughter of Chaplain Jay Kendall, who is a Michigan Army National Guard major.

Jayme is currently studying at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Ky., but will spend her summer in Michigan, ministering to citizen soldiers as a chaplain-in-training. While it may seem that Jayme is simply following in her father’s footsteps, that has not always been the case.

“I didn’t intend to be a chaplain,” she said. “I was studying to be an English teacher, but there wasn’t an MOS that was close to that, so I chose chaplain’s assistant.”

In the Army, a chaplain’s assistant

is an enlisted lay person. They set up for worship services, maintain worship buildings, serve as the chaplain’s driver, and in wartime, act as an armed bodyguard, since chaplains are forbidden to carry weapons.

When Jayme returned to Michigan from basic training at Fort Jackson, she had no plans to work with her father. Yet she was assigned to Camp Grayling, and when her father needed an assistant, Jayme was the nearest qualified soldier who could fill the slot. About the same time, Jayme also felt called to the ministry. In preparation, she enrolled at Olivet Nazarene University, in Bourbonnais, Ill., where she earned a bachelor’s degree.

When she completes her master’s of divinity degree in 2004, Jayme will be ordained as a United Methodist Church minister (as is her father) and will become a full-fledged Army chaplain. And, she will claim a place in military  
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## Sgt. Maj. of the Army makes NCO Ball Unforgettable

By Master Sgt. Tom Springer

He did one-armed pushups. He danced to the Electric Slide. He staged a “Hoo-ah” contest for Guard wives, and before the night was over, he must have handed out enough Army unit coins to fill a size 12 jump boot.

“He” was Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley, the Army’s highest ranking enlisted soldier. On February 2, Tilley joined a record crowd of more than 500 for the 11th Annual Michigan Army National Guard NCO Ball at the Holiday Inn South in Lansing.

The theme of this year’s ball, sponsored by the 63rd Troop Command, was NCOs: Guardians of the Past, Present and Future.

“A guard is one who protects from harm or damage,” said Sgt. Major Robert Phelps, the event’s emcee. “Civilians call us the Guard, and now more than ever, we’ll be called to uphold the name of Guardian.”

In the keynote address, Tilley was at various times a motivational speaker, stand up comic and Pentagon strategist as he outlined the challenges and rewards of service in today’s Army.

“I’m an American and a soldier and I’m happy about my life,” Tilley said. “I’ve been married 32 years. When I told my wife, ‘Honey, they made me sergeant major of the Army,’ you know what she said? ‘That’s good. Now take out the trash.’”

“But this is no joke – we’re in a war and it’s not going to be over in a year. It could last four to 10 years. We’re



Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley (left) and Lt. Col. Mark Cosgrove (1st Battalion, 63rd Troop Command and state training officer) demonstrate one-armed push-ups. (Photo by Sgt. Ron Rafluk)

already doing things you’ll never hear about on TV. We’ve got 50,000 soldiers deployed in and around Afghanistan. You don’t hear about that, because we’re quiet professionals.”

In Washington, D.C., Tilley said

he’s been surrounded by brutal evidence of the war’s destruction. At one point after

the Pentagon attack, he attended six funerals in a single day. The week before the NCO Ball, Tilley visited with wounded Special Forces soldiers, some of whom had lost arms and legs during the fighting.

Yet for the most part, Tilley was upbeat about the Army’s future. He pointed to the 2002 military pay raise, the biggest in 20 years. And he cited a new program that will allow soldiers to earn more college credits for Army training and education.

“If you stay in the Army for four years, you ought to get out with a two-year degree. You stay in 20 years, you ought to get out with a master’s. Does it make you a better soldier? Absolutely not, but I do think the Army owes

you an education.”

The 53-year-old Tilley interrupted his talk with a one-arm pushup challenge, answered ably by various Army Guard NCOs and officers. (Tilley did six.) He then called a dozen or so wives

on the dance floor for a Hoo-ah shouting contest, and presented each

one with his personal coin.

The evening’s entertainment included a four-soldier color guard dressed in uniforms from the Revolutionary War, Civil War, World War I and World War II. The Scotsman Drum and Bagpipe Corps from Alma College also performed.

But the biggest hit was clearly Tilley, the Vietnam veteran with a blond crew cut who never seemed to tire of dispensing coins, handshakes and gung-ho enthusiasm.

“He struck me as a genuine guy that really cares about people,” said Sgt. Cody Vanderwest of the 263rd Personnel Service Detachment. “When my wife and I left at midnight, he was still there talking with a group of soldiers.”

**“Honey, they made me sergeant major of the Army. You know what she said? ‘That’s good. Now take out the trash.’”**

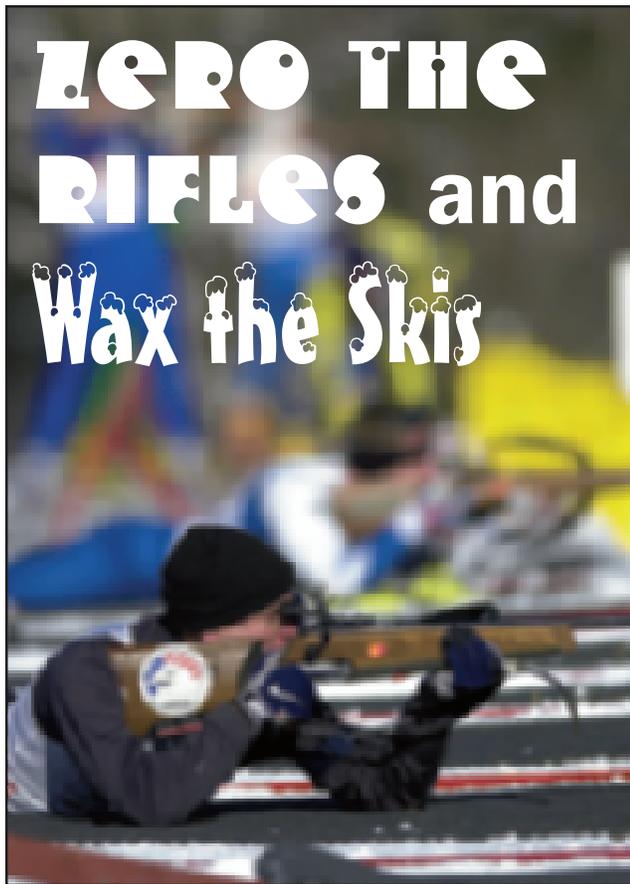


**Kendall** CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE history by becoming the Michigan Army Guard’s first female chaplain. “I think that’s good; people need to see an example of both men and women who are committed to serving God,” Jayme said.

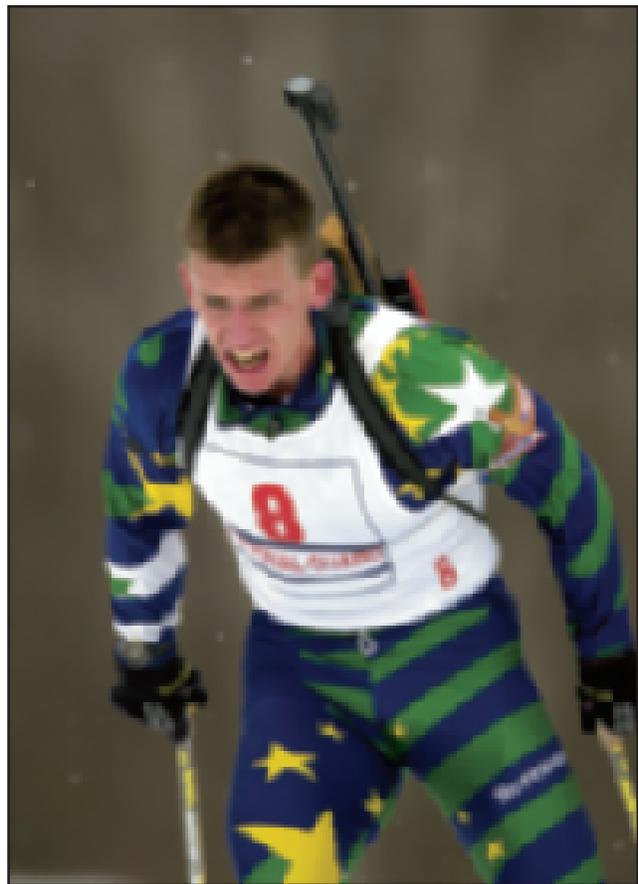
Yet even as she blazes her own trail, Jayme plans to use some tips she picked up from the other Chaplain Kendall.

“What my dad does so well is build relationships,” Jayme said. “I’ve

learned that if you talk to guys about deer hunting, they’re more likely to pull you aside and talk about personal or spiritual matters. They don’t just see you as a chaplain – you become a friend and a person they can trust.”



# ZERO THE RIFLES and Wax the Skis



*By Officer Candidate Kacie Foster-Merk  
State Public Affairs Office*

When the snow falls, kids aren't the only ones who go outside and enjoy it. The Michigan Army National Guard Biathlon Team is hard at work training for competition. The sport, which combines cross country skiing and marksmanship, has enabled soldiers to represent the military through a method other than their military occupational specialty.

"The National Guard allows me to compete at a level in biathlon that would be almost impossible without its support," said 2nd Lt. Karl Granroth, Headquarters, 107th Engineer Battalion. "The National Guard Bureau pays for our travel and lodging and beginning next year, the Michigan Guard will provide our team with state uniforms and improved scopes and rifles. Before, we were providing our own equipment."

National Guard biathletes have trained and competed both stateside and around the world. In recent years, the Michigan team has been to Argentina, Chile, Norway, Germany, Canada, Finland, Oregon, Vermont, Minnesota, Montana and New York.

"Being a National Guard biathlete allows me to represent my unit and the state at the highest levels of national and international competition--both military and civilian," said Granroth.

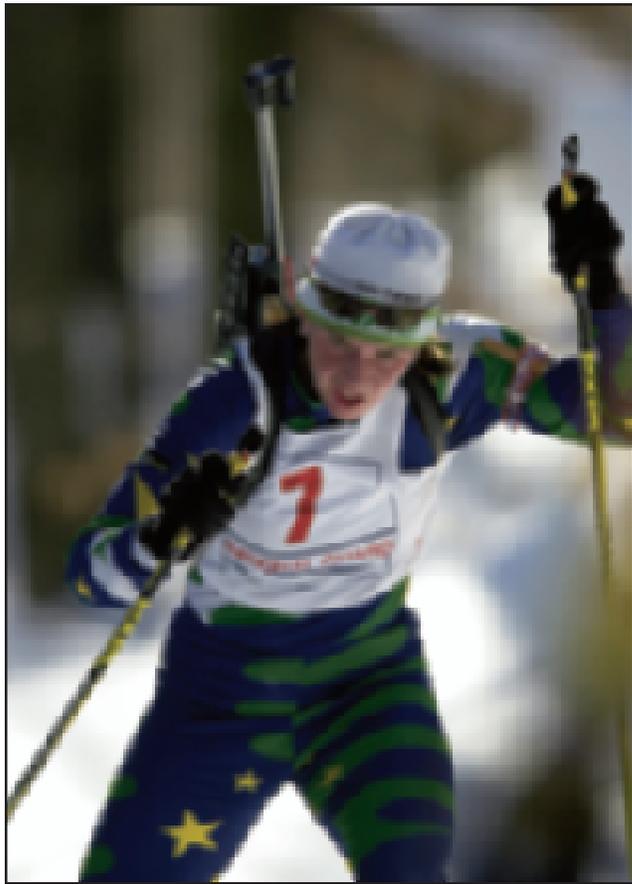
Most biathletes train and condition year-round by running, roller-skiing, (wood or metal skis about two feet long with bindings, like a snow ski but on wheels) and marksmanship practice. Guard biathletes also tend to set athletic goals a little higher than just passing the yearly Army Physical Fitness Test--they aim for the All-Guard Team, the World Cup, the U.S. National Biathlon Team, the World Class Athlete Program or a shot at the U.S. Olympic team.

This year Michigan's biathlon team placed 4th in the nation and three of the biathletes (2nd Lt. Karl Granroth, 2nd Lt. Sara Granroth and Spc. Mark Matheney, all members of the 107th Engineer Battalion) qualified for the Salt Lake City Olympic Trials.

Guard members interested in the Michigan National Guard Biathlon Team may contact 2nd Lt. Karl Granroth at (906) 225-1542 or e-mail at [kgranrot@nmu.edu](mailto:kgranrot@nmu.edu) or Command Sgt. Maj. Dave Weigel at (517) 483-5602.



*Michigan Guard biathletes, aim for the target and the finish line. From left to right, Spc. Robert Schnell, 2nd Lt. Karl Granroth, 2nd Lt. Sarah Granroth and Spc. Dave Campbell.*



## Six-Year-Old Hero

*By Officer Candidate Kacie Foster-Merk  
State Public Affairs Office*



He doesn't fly or bend steel with his bare hands. However, 6-year-old Devin Bender is an amazing hero, and for that, the Michigan National Guard has awarded him with a medal for bravery.

Devin was diagnosed with cancer (B-cell lymphoma) in December 2000. Since then, he has endured numerous painful chemotherapy treatments, hair loss and time away from school and friends. "Even though I have been through a lot, I feel lucky," said Devin. "I hope other kids with cancer are as lucky as I have been."

The Michigan Guard presented the award through the Young Heroes program, a non-profit organization that helps Guard volunteers present medals for heroism to youngsters who demonstrate exceptional courage during treatments of life-threatening injuries or illnesses. The program responds with a medal to convey feelings of admiration and respect for the bravery these children show. Many of the children are happy success stories who have overcome their illness or injury. For those who aren't as successful, the medal serves as a reminder of the dignity and bravery of an extremely courageous child.

With his cancer now in remission, Devin is steadily improving. Since the last chemotherapy treatment, he has gained two pounds and is starting to get his reflexes back.

For more information about the Young Heroes program, call the state public affairs office at (517) 483-5600 or Senior Master Sgt. James O. Tenney at Selfridge, (810) 307-4774.

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said Col. Robert Johnston, the 127th Wing vice commander. "Instead of rotating personnel after two weeks of Southern Watch duty, they had to remain in-place so we could do the two operations simultaneously.

In addition to the flying units, numerous other support elements have been mobilized. Most noticeable is the high security at Selfridge with the 127th Security Forces Squadron and an Ohio Army National Guard infantry unit brought on active duty to ensure a secure base of operations. "Our security forces take their job seriously," said Chief Master Sgt. Ed Kaminski, 127th Security Forces Squadron NCOIC. "Nothing is left to chance; everyone must produce ID and all trucks are searched—period."

"There have been many others mobilized and deployed: personnel from the civil engineers, military personnel flight, command post, combat weather flight, intelligence, medical..." said Chief Master Sgt. Dorothy Gibala, 127th Military Personnel Flight.

While many have been activated via involuntary call-up, others have volunteered to do their part. "We've got great people in the Guard," continued Gibala. "They step forward and ask, 'What can I do?'"

"The National Guard is truly in the forefront of homeland defense—defending America," said Col. Brad Eisenbrey, commander of the 127th Medical Squadron. "This is the Guard at its best."

"Being as busy as we are is one thing," said Cutler. "But the style and grace used by the 127th Wing—and all Guard units—while rising to the occasion, says a lot about the Guard and about America."



## Yoopers and Trolls Team-up at OCS

*By Officer Candidate Kacie Foster-Merk  
State Public Affairs Office*

After 45 years of home-brewed officer training, Michigan soldiers continue to accept the personal and team challenge of the 18-month Officer Candidate School at Fort Custer. Among the long list of criteria that officer candidates must absorb are the Army values, academics and infantry tactics—topics designed to develop leadership skills.

This year, for the first time ever, a satellite program was offered at K.I. Sawyer (formally an Air Force base) in the Upper Peninsula, so that northern Michigan soldiers wouldn't have to drive as far to be part of the program. However, after the weeding out process, only five U.P. candidates were left and, in January, they were sent to Fort Custer to complete the course. "I will miss K.I. Sawyer," said Officer Candidate Molly Hanlon, Class 45. "But the quality of our training was suffering because of our low numbers."

Now that the "Yoopers" and "Trolls" have merged into one class, the candidates trudge on together. "Everyone has made sacrifices to do this program," said Officer Candidate Andrew Morton. "Some candidates are single parents with full-time jobs and others take time off from their civilian jobs to drive across the state—but even without those extra challenges, this program takes dedication."

Which is what we expect from our leaders.

*Officer Candidates Chris Coy (foreground) and Andrew Morton rub their heads as they concentrate on an exam—one of many given during the 18 month Officer Candidate School. (Photo by Sgt. Ron Raflik)*

## Lajes *By Master Sgt. Tom Wilson, 127th Wing*

When our DC-8 landed at Lajes Air Base in Portugal, I was looking forward to the smell of freshly mowed grass—a pleasant sensation I remember from an earlier visit to this archipelago many years ago. I was disappointed at the absence of the sensation but not disappointed with the excellent weather.

Lajes is a joint operation facility of the Atlantic Command with the Portuguese air force owning the base that is jointly used with the civilian air terminal on the other side of the runway. Aircraft and travelers from several nations pass through Lajes while en-route to North or South America from Europe or Africa and vice-versa.

Ten of us, from the 171st Aerial Port Flight, Selfridge, deployed to Lajes for annual training. As air transportation specialists, aerial porters receive, process, prepare and ship Department

of Defense cargo and passengers.

During this deployment, we worked in the passenger terminal and aircraft services. Those assigned to the passenger terminal received training in passenger processing functions, including space available travel, passenger and baggage check-in, seat assignments, passenger manifesting and transporting passengers to and from aircraft. When you travel "Mil. Air," aerial porters are the first ones you see after landing and the last ones you see before taking off.

In Lajes, aircraft services includes fleet service, cargo processing, ramp service, special handling and the ramp function of the air terminal operations center. Services may also include cargo in-check, pallet buildup/breakdown, operation of aircraft loaders while loading/unloading cargo on aircraft, aircraft latrine service, delivering



*The Lajes team line-up in front of the entrance to the passenger terminal. (Photo courtesy 127th Wing)*

passengers meals and other comfort items to the aircraft and inspection of hazardous or special handling cargo, including every GI's favorite thing when away from home—the mail.

As part of the Total Force, we also augmented the 729th Air Mobility Support Squadron which is significantly below authorized manning levels.

The deployment, which we described as an invaluable experience, also provided the opportunity to learn about and enjoy the local customs and cuisine.

# Michigan Army and Air National Guard Promotions

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### Brig. Gen.

Allen, Roger L.

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Austin, Arthur G., Jr.  
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Brothers, Keith A.  
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Demps David, J.  
Feraco Frank, S.  
Leask, John E., Jr.  
Monroe, Stanley V.  
Winberry, Jerry W.

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Ahlich, Ross M.  
Albrecht, Paul A.  
Anderson, Stephen  
Babcock, Gregory D.  
Chapin, James R., Jr.  
Clark, Charles E., Jr.  
Connell, Jefferey R.  
Davis, Joseph D.  
Forton-Spencer,  
Rebecca  
Kugler, Jay  
Mcneil, Kelly M.  
Myer, William M.  
Nied, Michael D.  
Nixon, Norma S.  
Sever, Robert L. II  
Terrill, Jeffrey M.  
Wright, Richard M.

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Allen, James B.  
Arnett, Tracy D.  
Brown, Gregorius M.  
Buller, Shawn T.  
Close, Michael J.  
Cooper, Gregory S.  
Cornish, Edward M.  
Darnell, Donald C.  
Flowers, James B.  
Hembree, Jeffrey L.  
Kennedy, Eric A.  
Koltvedt, John M.  
Kotkowicz, George  
Medved, Michael R.  
Parent, Mark D.  
Waldorf, Lance M.  
Waskevich, David M.  
Wilcox, William KM  
Wojcik, John J.  
Worrell, Glendon C.

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Abbe, Shawn G.  
Belen, Curtis W.  
Bell, Micah B.  
Brown, Pervis L.  
Dennis, Anthony W.  
Deuker, Eric F.  
Didion, James D.  
Gawrych, Thomas B.  
Gerwolds, Bryon D.  
House, Robert P.  
Kelly, Chad C.

Kiersey, Gunnar D.  
Laing, Jeffrey M.  
Leatre, Matthew M.  
Mcconnell, Robert H.  
Peplinski, Floyd J.  
Yunker, Robert A.  
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Babcock, David B.  
Estep, James E.  
Offhaus, Rodney T.  
Whitney, Ronald J.  
**Warrant Officer 3**  
Douglas, Matthew D.  
Fiegel, Robert J.  
Frandsen, Lawrence  
Senyczko, Michael T.  
Wilcox, Russell K.

### Warrant Officer 2

Gordon, Timothy J.  
Laferriere, John M.

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Trim, Mark W.  
Wilcox, Garry L.

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Dye, Paul M.  
Hartigan, David P.  
Holley, Larry E.  
Jones, David L.  
Kirkton, Mark A.  
Leffel, David R.  
Loman, Gary A.  
Ludwick, Paul W.  
Macdonald, Bryan T.  
Martin, Dorothea E.  
Mcdevitt, Kevin T.  
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Richardson, William  
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Tucker, Gary A.  
Whitaker, Thomas

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Bauman, Cinthia A.  
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Creger, Andrew F.  
Dishaw, Paul G.  
Domingue, Lillie M.  
Hall, Jerome J.  
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Holmes, Lester D.  
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Howard, James M.  
Howe, David W.  
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Miceli, Christopher  
Nemetz, Kevin L.

Norfleet, Daryl D.  
Pappas, Nicholas J.  
Park, Darren E.  
Perkins, Spurgeon L.  
Pointer, Ronald A.  
Reimer, Anthony W.  
Roberts, Thomas R.  
Rogers, Lucille M.  
Sales, Ricky L.  
Swope, Timothy J.  
Thompson, David W.  
Thompsont, Angel G.  
Tyner, David L.  
Valerio, Jeffrey H.  
Welsh, David K.  
Wilcox, Jeffery M.  
Winter, Frank C.

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Albert, Jason E.  
Alexander, Savannah  
Allen, Jeffrey S.  
Amy, James A.  
Bedolla, Hilario Jr.  
Brown, Alexandrius  
Byrdo, Roshonda D.  
Cannon, Matthew Z.  
Chapp, Evalynn  
Davie, Paula Y.  
Ells, Allen G.  
Enterline, Lyle R.  
Evans, Marvin D.  
Galatian, Andrea L.  
Giddings, Steven T.  
Glazier, Robert M.  
Hanes, Robert O.  
Hawkins, Jay R.  
Heffner, Duwane H.  
Hiske, Timothy S.  
Jewett, James A.  
Kaye, Nicholas J.  
Knudsen, Sean E.  
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Ronald J.  
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Laurence, Frank J.  
Manning, John P.  
Martin, Clifton W.  
Montgomery,  
Clifford S.  
Murphy, Daniel J.  
Neville, Benjamin M.  
Petit, William A.  
Phetteplace, Ben F.  
Rauvala, Alan W.  
Redding, Tyrone L.  
Riley, Lonnie L., Jr.  
Romero, Robin G.  
Rondo, Ryan L.  
Schwallier, Andrew C.  
Smith, Byron A.  
Speer, Andrew W.  
Stevens, John R.  
Thomas, Randy R.  
Trudelle, Kenneth E.  
Vest, Jason W.  
Vönhabsburg, Joseph  
Walker, Michael J.  
Wedding, David J.

Wheeler, Allen E.  
Wren, Jerome  
Ziskie, Robert T.  
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Blum, Heather M.  
Bottrell, Jeffrey P.  
Broadbent, John A.  
Brooks, Virginia M.  
Brownell, Ryan R.  
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Capatina, Joseph N.  
Cates, Richard L.  
Christner, Jeffery S.  
Craig, Paul H.  
Dale, Bruce H. III  
Daniels, David A.  
Darling, Benjamin R.  
Deriemacker, Jacob J.  
Derryberry, Donald J.  
Doren, Trenten C.  
Draft, Michael B.  
Duckworth, Matthew  
Eftink, Bryan M.  
Ellerbee, Ronald B.  
Gould, William J.  
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me explain the importance of appealing to God’s authority in their personal life.”

Moore, who holds the rank of colonel, is head chaplain for the Michigan Army Guard. He oversees 15 chaplains – 13 Protestant and two Catholic. (There are no Jewish rabbis in the state’s chaplain corps, but Moore says he is currently recruiting one.) 2nd Lt. Jayme Kendall will become Michigan’s first female chaplain after she completes her schooling at Asbury Seminary in Kentucky.

So what does it take to be a military man or woman of the cloth, other than a strong spiritual calling? The qualifications include a master’s degree in divinity, at least two years of pastoral work, and completion of the Army chaplain’s course. A chaplain must also have the endorsement of their denomination. Should they lose it, they will be unable to serve. Additionally, Army Guard chaplains have to pass an annual P.T. test and meet the same height and weight standards as any other soldier.

Although most people equate chaplains with spiritual matters, they also perform other essential services. One of these is counseling.

“I like to tell commanders, ‘How many businesses do you know that have a paid counselor on staff?’” said Chaplain Jay Kendall. “But that’s exactly what chaplains do for the Guard.”

Ofentimes, Kendall says, soldiers want to talk about marriage troubles or parenting difficulties. In such cases, religion may not even come up in the conversation.

“Many soldiers who have no experience with chaplains think

I’m going to preach, and tell them not to drink or carouse,” Kendall said. “It’s not my job to tell them that – I’m here to listen.”

As much as they enjoy caring for soldiers, there is one built-in conflict that most chaplains can’t escape. The National Guard drills on weekends, which happens to be the busiest time of the week for churches and synagogues. It’s something that each chaplain must work out to the best of their ability.

“It’s tough to tell your congregation you’re going to be gone the first Sunday of every month,” said Kendall, who is pastor of Butterfield United Methodist Church in Merritt. “My people have been very gracious and someone comes and fills the pulpit. But in other churches, that may not be possible.”

Not all chaplains drill on weekends, however. During the month, they pay visits to soldiers in hospitals, as well as provide counseling and officiate at military weddings and funerals.

Chaplains can move up through the ranks like other officers, but it’s not their job to command troops. It is moral authority – as much as rank – that allows them to hold sway over the hearts and minds of soldiers.

“The first day of Annual Training in 1978, I pinned on my lieutenant’s bars,” Chaplain Moore recalled. “And the state chaplain told me something I’ve never forgot. He said ‘Chaplain Moore, the authority you get from what I’ve put on your right collar (U.S. insignia) is mandated by UCMJ. But as for the cross I put on your left collar – you will have to win the respect of your troops for that.’”

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*A Honduran child holds Maj. Jannette Shaw's hand as she receives a medical check-up. Shaw and the 110th Medical Squadron, Battle Creek Air National Guard Base, spent their two-week annual training period providing basic medical care in remote villages throughout Honduras. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Dale Atkins)*

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