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A woman in a military uniform is sitting on the wing of a U.S. Air Force aircraft. She is holding an American flag high in the air. The aircraft has "U.S. AIR" written on it in large black letters. The background is a clear blue sky.

The Fight in the 110th Fighter Wing  
90th Anniversary of Camp Grayling  
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*In May, Gen. Cutler welcomed home members of the 110th Fighter Wing, from the Battle Creek Air National Guard Base. One of the many happy families included Maj. Jim and Christine Ewald and their three children. Read about Maj. Ewald's incredible story on page eight in this issue of "The Wolverine Guard." (Photo by Staff Sgt. Helen Miller)*



*In May 1944, Technician Fifth Grade Joe Donakowski fought the Japanese at the Battle of Toem in New Guinea, South Pacific, earning the silver star, the fourth highest Army combat award. The 85-year-old U.S. Army veteran never received the medal until his family asked U.S. Rep. Bart Stupak to look into the matter. Word soon came that he, indeed, earned the recognition. Gen. Cutler was asked to present the award. After the presentation, Cutler saluted Donakowski, who is confined to a wheelchair and suffers from Parkinson's Disease. Slowly, Donakowski returned the salute. (Photo courtesy Kerrie L. Miller, "The Alpena News")*



*Gen. Cutler made the opening remarks at the 20th Annual Freedom Academy, held at the Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center. Afterward, he chatted with many of the delegates. (Photo by Master Sgt. Glen Wilkewitz)*

# TAG TALK

★ ★ From the desk of ★ ★  
The Adjutant General

## Pride, dedication, commitment

As you read this edition of "The Wolverine Guard," I hope you are filled with the same sense of pride that I have in our Michigan National Guard. My vision for the Michigan National Guard is: A proud military organization, characterized by excellence and integrity, in the fulfillment of our duty to our nation, state, and to one another. As you read this magazine, you will see that we have been busy serving at every level and we have done so with excellence and integrity. That fills me with justifiable pride, and I hope you also share that sense of pride in your organization!

I am pleased to observe so many of you making such a difference in the lives of young people and their communities. We had many Guard members and state employees actively involved in this year's Freedom Academy, Youth Leadership Camp, and the Michigan Junior ROTC Camp. I am tremendously impressed by the level of dedication our members have in the lives of these young people. I want to thank all of you who make programs like these possible each year. I know we add value to our communities through programs such as these. I thank you and would encourage all of us to be involved in supporting these programs.

It has also been exciting to see some of our soldiers and airmen coming home over the past few months, after some very significant and lengthy mobilizations. We can be very proud of them. We are thankful for their service and thankful for the support of their families. We appreciate the sacrifice the entire family makes when we are asked to serve in this manner. It's also important for all of us to remember we still have nearly 1,300 people mobilized with nearly 450 still serving in Iraq. Let's remember to keep our soldiers and airmen, and their families, in our thoughts and prayers.

I would also like to compliment everyone on the outstanding commitment I've seen to maintaining our readiness through well planned and executed training exercises, such as our recent Army National Guard annual training at Camp Grayling. I had the opportunity to meet many of our soldiers and I was thoroughly impressed by their level of knowledge and their overall skill sets. I was also very impressed by their complete and total dedication to serving their country. We are very fortunate to have soldiers and airmen so totally selfless in their willingness to serve. Let me also thank you for the commitment you have shown to doing this training safely. We need to ensure that all of our training is done safely, because that, in itself, is an investment in readiness!

In closing I want to remind each of us of the great value of service. I recently had the opportunity to award the Silver Star to a WWII veteran who is now 85-years-old. That medal was obviously long overdue, but presenting it surely reminded me of the significance of serving our country. It was obvious to me that the years had not dimmed his recollection of his service, nor had it diminished the pride he felt in his country and in his opportunity to make a lasting contribution to the freedoms we enjoy. His wife, his children and his grandchildren were also there and they were all just bursting with pride. He earned the right to have that sense of tremendous pride. Many of you are earning the right to share in that great sense of pride as you serve in so many wonderful ways. Your service is an investment in the freedoms we enjoy in this great country and I am deeply appreciative!

*Thomas G. Cutler*  
Maj. Gen. Thomas G. Cutler

# ATAG TALK

From the desk of  
The Assistant Adjutant General-Air

## Mobilizations and other milestones

Since becoming the assistant adjutant general for Air, I have witnessed and been a part of many changes. Perhaps the biggest change has been the number of mobilizations of our units into federal active duty status. The Michigan Army and Air National Guard has experienced the largest number of activations since Desert Storm. You have answered every call and proven capable of completing every task. But along with the activation and deployment of our forces, come the associated problems that inevitably crop up for our families and civilian employers. Fortunately, we have some very dedicated people that work diligently to try to prevent them as much as possible.

Each of you has every reason to be proud of our accomplishments since Sept. 11, 2001. While we had many members mobilized prior to the beginning of the year, the numbers for this year alone are staggering. There are approximately 11,800 members in the Michigan Army and Air National Guard. From Jan. 1 through August, we have had nearly 2,000 Michigan Guardsmen in a federal active duty status. That means nearly seventeen percent of the Michigan National Guard has served in some capacity on active duty, this year alone. Some of our members have completed their tour and returned home safely. However, many of our deployed members are still on active duty and many of those are serving overseas.

We should also remember that great risk is involved in all this. We can't forget the sacrifice made by Spc. Richard Goward, of the 1460th Transportation Company, Midland, who lost his life in the early days of Operation Iraqi Freedom. We must remember to keep his family, and families of all our deployed members, in our daily thoughts and prayers.

Next, I'd like to take a few moments to thank the multitude of members who contributed to a very significant milestone. At the end of July, the Michigan Air National Guard exceeded the 100 percent membership mark for the first time since 1987.

Congratulations to all who contributed to this milestone by either joining or staying in the Michigan Air Guard. It was only three short years ago that we were in the mid-80 percent range, so we have come a long way! The guidance of Maj. Gen. E. Gordon Stump, the previous adjutant general, and Brig. Gen. Ron Seely, the previous assistant adjutant general for Air, started us down this road to success. Additionally, I want to mention that Staff Sgt. Andrew Jacks has the distinction of being the person that put us at the auspicious mark of 100 percent. He was recruited by Master Sgt. Ben Hubbard. I challenge us all to maintain this level of achievement.

In conclusion, becoming the assistant adjutant general for Air has been an "action packed" adventure for me and has afforded me the opportunity to do what I enjoy doing the most. That is, the chance to say, "thank you" for your service to your community, state and nation. Also, convey my personal thanks to your family and to your civilian employer. We truly appreciate, and won't forget, that we only *share* your time and talents with these key people.

To our deployed members, I wish you a speedy and safe return.

Keep up the outstanding work. God bless each of you and the United States of America.

  
Brig. Gen. Kencil J. Heaton



Gen. Heaton shares radio traffic about the 110th's return flight with anxious family members.

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Gen. Heaton escorts Gov. Granholm to the flight line to greet members of the 110th arriving home after the Iraq War. (Photos by Staff Sgt. Helen Miller)

# Those who served

## Information for retired Guardsmen

Michigan Army and Air National Guard retirees/survivors should promptly report any change of address to continue receiving retirement pay (or annuities from the Survivor Benefit Plan), even if you receive your pay via electronic fund transfer (EFT). Send address changes to: DFAS, U.S. Military Retirement Pay, P.O. Box 7130, London, KY 40742-7130. Survivors in receipt of SBP annuities should send their address changes to: DFAS, U.S. Military Annuitant Pay, P.O. Box 7131, London, KY 40742-7131.

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Retirees, family members, and former spouses that are eligible for medical benefits should also report address changes to the Defense Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) by visiting your nearest military ID card issuing facility. Members may also e-mail changes to [addrinfo@osd.pentagon.mi](mailto:addrinfo@osd.pentagon.mi); by faxing changes to (831) 655-8317; or by mailing to: DEERS Support Office, Attn: COA, 400 Gigling Road, Seaside, CA 93955-6771.

Retirees eligible for, or in receipt of, the state military retirement pension should send address changes to the state retirement office. Retirees that are not eligible for the state military retirement pension, but wish to receive "The Wolverine Guard" and other publications provided by the DMVA may also submit address changes to: Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Attn: MITAG-RET, 2500 S. Washington Ave., Lansing, MI 48913-5101 or by e-mailing changes to [kenneth.baldwin@mi.ngb.army.mil](mailto:kenneth.baldwin@mi.ngb.army.mil). Michigan Guard members and their families are encouraged to call Mr. Ken Baldwin at 517-483-5692, for any military retirement questions.

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*Cover: Staff Sgt. Kelly Kuhlmann waves to the many family members and well-wishers as the 110th Fighter Wing returns home, to Battle Creek, after a deployment to the Persian Gulf. Photo by Staff Sgt. Helen Miller.*

# The briefcase

## Attic contains hidden treasures

By Master Sgt. Catherine Farrell

Retired National Guardsman Paul Carter, of Gladstone, Mich., came across a briefcase in the attic of his home. The briefcase contained items such as discharge papers, a resume, a marriage certificate, a mortgage contract, a life insurance policy, the title to a car, and antiquated flight procedures. After studying the documents, it became evident to Carter that the case and its contents dated back to World War II and the owner was Army Air Corps pilot Capt. Gerald Ernst, the former resident of Carter's home.

Longing to return the items to its rightful owner, Carter delivered them to Sgt. Brian Jefferson of the 107<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion, in Ishpeming. Intrigued by the briefcase, Jefferson

and his wife, Kaelyn, made a few inquiries. They discovered that Ernst had passed away in Marquette, Mich., in 1994, after a fight with cancer.

Not willing to give up, the Jeffersons tracked down Ernst's widow, Ann, and his son Gerald Ernst, Jr., and arranged a meeting.

"To see his son, very privately and quietly open his father's briefcase and learn about his father from the contents inside, was a touching moment," said Kaelyn, as reported by the "Escanaba Daily Press."

A decorated pilot, Ernst was awarded the European Theater Operations Ribbon with six battle stars, the World War II Victory Medal, and a Purple Heart. His original



Capt. Gerald Ernst

ribbons are missing but Jefferson is helping the family replace them.

"They aren't the originals but they mean just as much," said Ernst Jr.

"The Escanaba Daily Press" contributed to this story.

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## Convictions I didn't know I had

By Maj. Vito Ciaravino as told by Officer Candidate Sarah Frantz

I was born in Johannesburg, South Africa, and was fourteen when my family immigrated to America. We arrived in New York a few days before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. I remember seeing the many American flags displayed throughout the John F. Kennedy Airport and I remember feeling that this profound pride, loyalty and patriotism that Americans have toward their country was not only foreign to me, but also overbearing and invasive.

My family settled in northern New Jersey where I attended high school and undergraduate college. In the years to follow, I married my high school sweetheart and moved to Michigan in pursuit of my Ph.D. in English Literature. We welcomed our son, Theo, to the world in May 2002.

After the Sept. 11th terrorist attacks, I enlisted into the Michigan

Army National Guard. The attacks brought forth convictions that I didn't know I had; however, I didn't enlist as an act of retaliation. I enlisted because "9-11" made me realize that much of who I am was made possible by the freedoms I have as an American.

My oath of enlistment calls upon me to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic and to bear true faith and allegiance to the same." This is not about supporting a particular president or political party. This is about supporting and defending the essence of this country: its Constitution.

The terrorists attacked the Twin Towers and the Pentagon because they are symbols of our strength. The towers symbolize our economic and civil freedoms. The Pentagon symbolizes American commitment to



The Frantz Family

defend those freedoms. My rights as an American were attacked. Now I am prepared to give my life in their defense.

My family and friends ask me, 'how can you leave your son during long stretches of military training?' and 'why do you risk a potential lengthy and dangerous mobilization by being in the military?' I tell them, "How can I not?" After all, I joined for them.

It's funny how I've changed since the day I stepped off the plane at JFK. The patriotism that I once found so intimidating, now makes me cry with pride.

# Small town hero

## Bear Lake, Mich. salutes WWII veteran

By Senior Master Sgt. John Loser

The small village of Bear Lake in northern Manistee county, will always remember Tech. Sgt. Calvin Davis of the U. S. Army Air Corps. When they built a new library, community members dedicated the library's flagpole in his memory. Davis' story came to light earlier this year when his cousin, Calvin Murphy of Bear Lake, came across some old newspapers that told of Davis' acts of heroism and ultimate sacrifice for his country. Intrigued by his find, Murphy began a search for his cousin's service record.



Davis served during World War II in both the Pacific and European Theatres of Operation. He was a radio operator and a machine gunner on a B-17 bomber. He volunteered for two tours of duty when he was required to serve only one. Davis, a light-skinned black man, served his country during a time when the U.S. Armed Forces were segregated and black men were not allowed to be members of an aircrew. However, Davis' skin was light enough to allow him to pass as caucasian, thus giving wings to his dream of becoming a member of an aircrew.

In June 1943, Davis was transferred to New Guinea and was assigned as a bomber crewmember. There, he flew 50 missions and experienced great danger in the face of the enemy. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross for his heroic actions.

Davis was then transferred to the 570<sup>th</sup> Squadron of the 390<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group, as a radio operator and flew missions over Germany. On Nov. 30, 1944, Davis was killed by enemy fire during a mission near Mersburg, Germany.

Last summer, Chief Master Sgt. David Clark, of the Michigan Air National Guard, traveled to Bear Lake to participate in the library's dedication ceremony. There, he and Murphy raised the flag on the new library flagpole for the first time. Clark then addressed the nearly 200 people gathered for the ceremony.

"Sergeant Davis was a hero because he helped fight the enemy and because he did not let the color of his skin limit his service," Clark told the crowd. "In the end, he gave the ultimate sacrifice for his country."

After the ceremony, Clark toured the new library and viewed a display that included photos of Davis and the medals he had earned. "This is impressive," Clark said. "It's great that the community can learn about this airman and give honor to his service and sacrifice."

*"The Detroit News: Duty, not race, defined war hero," contributed to this article.*



Tech. Sgt. Calvin Davis and his crew in front of their B-17 at an award ceremony in 1943.

# Generally speaking

Guard Bureau chief shares mentoring and diversity goals

By 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Aaron Jenkins

“The Army National Guard must anticipate and leverage demographic shifts and capitalize on the diverse talents of the American people,” said Brig. Gen. Julia J. Cleckley, a keynote speaker at the Michigan Army National Guard Cultural Diversity Luncheon, in May. “The Army National Guard must recruit, train, retain, qualify, and advance a force that is reflective of the American population,” she added.



Cleckley is the National Guard Bureau’s special assistant for human resources readiness. During the luncheon, she discussed National Guard equal opportunity policies and the mentorship program, which she helped develop.

Cleckley said the Michigan Army National Guard should be pleased with its cultural diversity efforts. “Michigan’s leadership fully embraces the goals and objectives of diversity and, to that end, they have established a stellar diversity council to look at the

challenges and opportunities for diversity.”

“She’s knocked down many walls and barriers,” said Capt. Paul Cardenas, cultural diversity council president, remarking on Cleckley’s 26 years in the military. Indeed, her career, includes many firsts: The first minority female line officer to rise to the rank of brigadier general in the Army National Guard; the first African-American woman promoted to the rank of colonel in the Army National Guard AGR program; the first minority female branch chief; and first female assigned as a division chief.

“My work is to identify and overcome barriers to afford equal access for all Army National Guard members,” said Cleckley. “Once these barriers are removed, our strength in diversity will bring us to new levels of personnel readiness. The Army National Guard is about reflecting the community for which it serves.”

Cleckley regards herself as a mentor for individuals and for organizational growth. “As you climb the ladder of success, keep one eye forward to the future but make sure you also look behind, mentor, and pull others along who are looking to be leaders in the organization. It is through offering this knowledge to junior leaders that we can do the most to benefit the organization.”

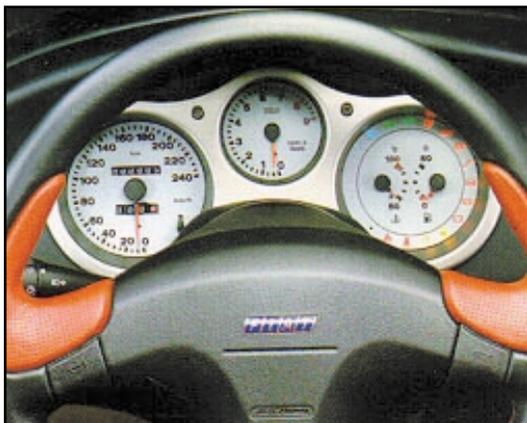
*Also read about Gen. Cleckley in the July edition of “Ebony.”*

## Defensive Driving Course

Every year, more than half of all fatalities in the U.S. military stem from automobile accidents, according to the U.S. Army Safety Center.

In 2002, 186 soldiers died in accidents across the nation; 110 of those were in privately owned vehicles.

So far this year, the Michigan Army National Guard has lost two members to vehicle accidents: one in a POV and one in a humvee while serving in Iraq.



During the 1991 Gulf War, there were 235 deaths due to accidents. During the Iraq War members of our Armed Forces died in vehicle accidents (as of Aug. 4).

“Safety must be the number one priority for us at all times,” said Maj. Gen. Thomas Cutler, the adjutant general. It doesn’t matter if it’s an IDT weekend, a combat deployment overseas, or a drive through the parking lot at our local grocery store. I want our soldiers and airmen to return home safely after every mission.”

“Most accidents are 100 percent avoidable,” said Lt. Col. Jerry Hurtgen, state safety officer. We must remind our troops of that constantly.”

To bring that message to the forefront, country singers Collin Raye, Joe Diffie and Travis Tritt have lended their musical talents to an on-line defensive driving course created by the National Guard Bureau. The course fulfills the safe driving training requirements needed for a military driver’s license. The self-paced program is normally completed in about three to four hours. It is available at [www.safetyserve.com/arnng](http://www.safetyserve.com/arnng).

# 110th Fighter Wing

## OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

### Stories from the front

By 1<sup>st</sup> Aaron Jenkins

Photos by Staff Sgt. Helen Miller

#### Warthog down

On April 5<sup>th</sup>, while most Americans were making last minute tax preparations, Maj. Jim Ewald, 110<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, Battle Creek, was flying sorties over northwest Baghdad. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division had a convoy



Maj. Jim Ewald

crossing a bridge and had requested air support. Normally, this would be a routine mission, but this was not a routine day.

The weather was ominous and foreboding. Visibility was poor due to low clouds, forcing Ewald to fly his A-10 lower than normal, making the heavily armored aircraft more vulnerable to enemy fire.

Suddenly, the aircraft was hit and Ewald struggled for control. "The aircraft did not respond," said Ewald.

He managed to maneuver his A-10 over the southern sector of the city. Then, realizing he had exhausted all options, he triggered his ejection mechanism. The canopy flew off, the seat propelled upward and the parachute activated. "All I could do was enjoy the ride," said Ewald.

After landing near a canal, Ewald heard what he thought was enemy gunfire. What he actually heard was



Maj. Gary Wolf

the exploding ordnance from his A-10. Ewald checked himself over and found no injuries. He then called for assistance on his survival radio. Fifteen minutes later, Ewald heard vehicles and saw silhouettes in the horizon.

"I heard them speaking English but wasn't sure if they were Americans," said Ewald. "Then someone shouted, 'Hey, pilot-dude, we're Americans.' I knew only an American would call me dude and I knew I was safe."

#### Flying on a wing and a prayer

A mere 12 minutes after fellow pilot, Jim Ewald's, aircraft was hit, Maj. Gary Wolf was beginning an adventure of his own.

Wolf was flying above the city of Baghdad taking ground fire; but, with limited visibility, he couldn't tell where it was coming from. Suddenly, Wolf's A-10 took a missile to one of its engines. "I knew what happened," said Wolf, "it sounded like a car crash." Amazingly, his aircraft kept flying.

During the next ten minutes, Wolf worked through the aircraft's checklists and the A-10 continued to maintain altitude. He flew the plane 150 miles back to the home base in Kuwait and safely landed.

About two months later, Wolf was on another plane, this one headed home.

#### The v-shaped formation of dots

It was around 1:00 p.m. Michigan time. Eleven Battle Creek-bound A-10s and one lone C-130 had been in the air for nine hours. Family and friends strained their eyes, searching the skies. Then finally, a tight v-shaped formation of "dots" appeared, first over the horizon and then overhead. The group cheered.

It seemed you could almost touch the aircraft as they performed two fly-bys for the excited but anxious crowd. Then, each plane split from the formation and landed. They taxied down the runway's maze toward arching sprays of water, courtesy of the airfield fire teams. After what seemed like an eternity, the troops deplaned and

shuffled towards the customs line. Then, after this final delay, they sifted through the crowds to find family.

Television, newspaper and radio reporters also sifted through the crowds, searching for the good news that comes with military homecomings. One-by-one, husbands and wives, parents and children, old friends and families were united. Video cameras zoomed in tight to catch the tears; digital cameras flashed to seal the moment.

“We’re live at the Battle Creek Air National Guard Base where some of Michigan’s first Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans have arrived home. This is truly a moment we’ve all been waiting for, one that will play out over and over again, in coming days, as our troops return home...”

Little did we know, many of those homecomings would be later, rather than sooner.

*Master Sgt. Timothy Zahm’s son, Nathan, (opposite page, bottom left) learned to walk while dad was gone. Lt. Col. Don Furland’s daughter, Addisyn (right) leaps into her dad’s arms to welcome him home.*



**By Master Sgt. Catherine Farrell**  
**Artwork by Staff Sgt. Ron Raflik**

“Gas and go,” is how Lt. Col. David Augustine, vice commander, 110<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, described Tallil Air Base, located just outside Nasiriya, Iraq. Augustine, who flew 25 combat sorties during Operation Iraqi Freedom, stopped there many times to refuel. Tallil was the last stop for aircraft headed north, deep into Iraq.

“It was a real bare base,” said Augustine, “and I was glad I didn’t have to stay there. I got my gas and, boom, I was gone”

The 110<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing was originally deployed to Kuwait in November 2002. It was a normal rotation and most of the unit returned home in January 2003; but, in March, they were called up again, this time for Operation Iraq Freedom.

They returned to Kuwait and became part of the 332<sup>nd</sup> Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron, at Ahmed Al Jaber Air Base. The pilots flew daily sorties over Iraq; but as the forces pushed further north, the fuel hungry aircraft needed a stop over refueling point. The 332<sup>nd</sup> looked to the 110<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Section for volunteers.

“The ones that volunteered to go north were some of our best performers,” said Chief Master Sgt. Phil Carlson,

110<sup>th</sup> Maintenance superintendent. “Some of these guys convoyed up to Tallil and drove fuel trucks over routes that were not secured yet.”

“The conditions at the air base were not the greatest,” said Carlson. “No water, electricity, facilities or cots.”

“They built up the base from parallel taxi ways, holding areas for arming and disarming airplanes, new buildings, facilities, new everything,” said Augustine. “They started with maybe 1,200 people and were pushing up to 9,000 at one point.”

Carlson said they worked from “sun up till sun down,” in temperatures reaching above 100 degrees. “There wasn’t much down time between the refueling, recovering, repairing and launching back out again. We kept the jets mission capable, right above 90 percent, during the heaviest part of battle.”

“It was quite an experience,” added Carlson. “We took some guys that just got out of tech. school and had only been in the unit for maybe six or eight months. They did excellent. We’re lucky to have the caliber of people that we have.”

# Camp Grayling celebrates 90th anniversary

Compiled by Sgt. Jonathan Stein



**1913**  
Rasmus Hansen donates 14,000 acres to the State of Michigan to establish military training site.

**1914**  
A regiment of National Guard troops train for the first time.

**1916**  
Michigan Guard activated for patrol along the Mexican Border.

**1917**  
Officers club built and major construction takes place.

**1927**  
Grayling airport is built.

**1928**  
Modern amenities, such as waterlines, are built.

**1933**  
119th Field Artillery march from Grayling to Lansing with horses for the last time.

**1960's**  
Camp Grayling undergoes more modernization.

**1967**  
New NCO club is built.

**1977**  
Post exchange is built.

**1997**  
New MATES facility is built.

**2002**  
Renovations throughout the camp, including a 7.5 mile fence as a result of September 11th.

On May 2, 1913 Camp Grayling's initial 14,000 acres along the south end of then, Portage Lake was established as a permanent military training site. Through numerous modernization changes, the original Camp Ferris (named after Governor Woodbridge Ferris), changed its name to Camp Grayling and has grown to its present size of 147,000 acres. Today, Camp Grayling draws guardsmen and reservists from Michigan, Ohio and Indiana for military training year round.

Northern Michigan Law Enforcement Training Group, with a current membership of 36 law enforcement agencies, also train there, using the installation ranges and new precision driving track.



*A multiple launch rocket system (MLRS) fires during annual training. In 1997 Camp Grayling became the first Army National Guard installation to have an MLRS range.*

# Some things just don't change

## The need for the National Guard

By Capt. Dawn Dancer



*Sgt. Mark Curtis of the 1437th Engineer Company hugs his daughters after returning from a tour in Iraq. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Helen Miller)*

The Michigan National Guard has seen many changes this year: a new commander in chief, a new adjutant general, a new homeland security directorate, and even a new name for the Michigan National Guard headquarters.

Known for years as the state area command, or STARC, the new name, Joint Forces

Headquarters, signals the start of a new way of doing business. Every state will combine certain Army Guard and Air Guard operations; although, the details are still being worked.

What hasn't changed is the nation's need for the National Guard. Since Spring 2002, nearly 2,000 Michigan National Guard soldiers and airmen have been called to active duty. Most have served, or are serving, a one-year deployment.

Today, four months after the end of the war, we still have a little more than 1,000 soldiers and airmen on duty, although in recent days, we have had two units return home. In late July, the 1437th Engineer Company from Sault Ste. Marie (with additional soldiers from Bay City and Wyoming attached) returned from Iraq and in early August, the 210th Military Police Company, of Taylor, returned from a one year deployment in Washington D.C.

But it was only a month ago when the 177th Military Police Brigade left Michigan. They are serving at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Two more major deployments are in the planning stages for the first of the new calendar year. A task force from 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry and 1st Battalion, 126th Armor are both preparing for a six-month overseas deployment. The 125th is headed to the Sinai and the 126th to Bosnia.

In the midst of these deployments, the 51st Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team received certification, making them fully qualified to respond to a nuclear, biological or chemical terrorist attack. They have also formed a partnership with the Michigan State Police Bomb Squad making them available to further assist our state during an emergency.

This Fall marks 11 years of partnership with the country of Latvia. We participated in 18 partnership events this year. Their progress is evident by a recent invitation to join NATO.

It's been a busy year and there's no question that current world events will continue to keep the Guard busy.



*The 51st Civil Support Team trains regularly with the Michigan State Police Bomb Squad. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Ron Raflik)*



*The patch is the only way to tell if this soldier is from Michigan or Latvia. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Helen Miller)*

## DMVA adds homeland security to its plate

By 1st Lt. Aaron Jenkins

The Ambassador Bridge in Detroit is the most frequently traveled border crossing in the U.S. In 1995, ten million vehicles crossed between our state and our neighbor, Canada. The Blue Water Bridge in Port Huron is the third most traversed border crossing.

When it comes to homeland security, Michigan's unique challenges also include Bio-Port in Lansing, the nation's only anthrax producer; Battle Creek's Defense Logistic Agency; and thousands of miles of international borders.

To address these challenges, Gov. Jennifer Granholm tasked the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to

lead the state in homeland security initiatives. DMVA, which also oversees the Michigan Army and Air National Guard and state veterans affairs programs, added a new directorate and chose Col. Mike McDaniel to lead it.

In his new role, McDaniel is the chief homeland security advisor to the governor, the adjutant general, the director of the Michigan State Police and other applicable state department heads on policy development, programs and procedures. In addition, he must ensure that executive departments and agencies have the technology that allow interoperability of information and communication relating to terrorist activities or possible terrorist acts.

## Early retirement pay?

National Guard and Reserve members who must currently wait until age 60 to receive their retirement pay would get immediate payments under a bill introduced by Rep. Joe Wilson, R-S.C.

Wilson's Armed Forces Retirement Equity Act would allow reservists to begin drawing retirement checks after 20 years of service, like active-duty members. The bill would not change the formula for reserve retirement pay.

The bill, is identical to a bill introduced by Wilson last year. Although Wilson's bill - and a similar measure allowing retirement checks to begin for reservists at age 55 - was not approved by lawmakers. The proposals

prompted the House Armed Services Committee to ask for a Department of Defense review of Guard and reserve pay and benefits that will include retirement benefits. The General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress is studying reserve compensation and is expected to make recommendations to Congress later this year about possible improvements.

The Defense Department opposed the reserve retirement bills last year, saying the promise of earlier retirement checks would discourage reservists from continuing to serve after they have 20 years of service.

## Partnering program enhances communications

*By Teri Michaelson*

The United States Property and Fiscal Office Purchasing and Contracting Division has introduced a program designed to enhance communications between the National Guard and the civilian contractors it works with. Known as the "Partnering Program," top management and other parties concerned agree to a mutually-developed, formal strategy of commitment and communication. This agreement does not replace the legal contract; instead, the process establishes working relationships.

"This is an exciting and innovative concept in a world of often boring and mundane regulations and not-so-flexible policies," said Chief Warrant Officer Dawn Pardee,

state contracting officer.

Workshops are conducted in the early stages of the partnership and an agenda is utilized to establish the working relationships and responsibilities among the parties. The building of trust and teamwork is imperative in the prevention of problems and misunderstandings.

The particulars of the working relationship and responsibilities between the contracting parties are agreed upon and put in writing. As the project progresses, the stakeholders periodically revisit the agreement to make sure everything is going as expected.



*Eva Lauchie (left), a project administrator and Chief Warrant Officer Dawn Pardee, the state contracting officer, review a "partnering agreement" which establishes communications and outlines responsibilities between the purchasing and contracting division and civilian contractors. (Photo by Sgt. Jonathan Stein.)*

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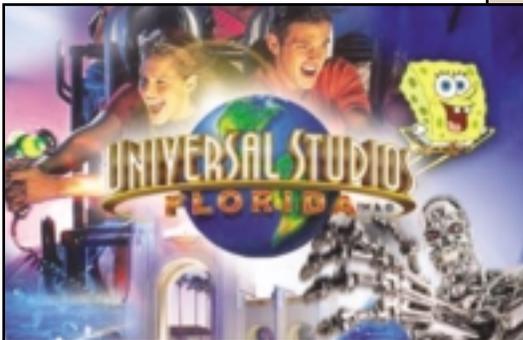
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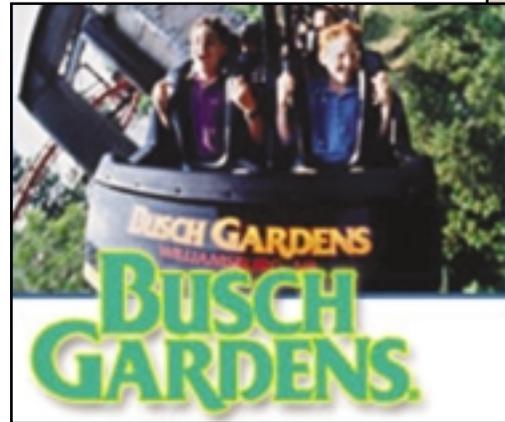
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