

THE WOLVERINE GUARD



**Not so far from home
Army Guard Soldier on the mend
Air *NATIONAL* Honor Guard Member of the Year**



Spc. Anthony Stokes of the 1072nd Maintenance Company and his daughter Alicia visit with Gen. Cutler and Lt. Col. Klement Caron during the 1072nd's deployment ceremony at the Detroit Light Guard Armory. The 1072nd is headed for one year of "boots on the ground" in Iraq.

Photo by Pfc. Richard Johnson, Joint Force Headquarters, Public Affairs Office



1st Lt. Kristy Hannah-Smith is awarded the Meritorious Service Medal by Maj. Gen. Cutler and Col. Mandi Murray. Mixed emotions were in order as this Soldier, wife and mother of five received her award and prepared to deploy with the 1072nd Maintenance Company.

Photo by Master Sgt. Denise Rankin, Joint Force Headquarters, Public Affairs Office

TAG TALK

*From the desk of
The Adjutant General*



Ready, Reliable and Relevant ... now more than ever

The past four months have been some of the most eventful months I can remember in my nearly 33 years in the Guard. We continue to be deeply engaged in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom and are also involved in peacekeeping operations in Bosnia. As of today, we have over 2,300 Soldiers and Airmen mobilized with approximately 1,600 of them in "harms way" in Iraq and Afghanistan. We're asking a lot from each of these citizen soldiers and they have not disappointed us. They're doing a great job and they make us proud.

While fighting this global war on terrorism, the Air Guard has been busy fighting the Base Realignment and Closure "war" and Operational Readiness Inspections. We were all shocked by the Department of Defense recommendation to close Battle Creek Air National Guard Base. It was a terribly flawed recommendation and after a lot of hard work on the part of the Battle Creek community, the BRAC commission voted to keep the base open. We are all thrilled by that recommendation and look forward to great things for our Air Guard bases. During the BRAC turbulence, the 110th Fighter Wing and the 127th Wing have also prepared for their very challenging Operational Readiness Inspections. I want to congratulate the members of the 110th for the great job they did on their inspection. I could not be prouder of you! The 127th will have their inspection in early October and I know you will do a great job also. I wish you well!

As you know, we recently added more to our plate as we proudly mobilized over 600 Michigan Guard men and women in response to the devastation created by Hurricane Katrina. It was exciting to see the willingness of our Soldiers and Airmen to volunteer to go and make a difference in the lives of their fellow citizens. Our Guard members are serving in Louisiana and Mississippi, providing much needed security and essential services. We also have a great team of Soldiers and Airmen in the Battle Creek area working hard to provide a temporary home at Fort Custer for over 300 evacuees from the Gulf states. This is truly the National Guard at its best!

In spite of all these challenges, or perhaps because of them, we continue to see our overall strength increase. We've had a great recruiting year in both the Michigan Air and Army Guard. We expect to meet our recruiting goals this year and are confident next year will be even better. I want to extend a special thanks to all of you in the recruiting and retention business. You're making a difference and we appreciate it!

As you can see, we are absolutely READY, RELIABLE, and RELEVANT. That's because of each one of you. I am deeply appreciative and I'm honored to serve with you!

The Adjutant General of Michigan



Michigan National Guard ramps up in Homeland Security training

This year has been an exciting one for Homeland Security in Michigan. The Michigan National Guard participated in three major joint exercises in just one week in May, comprised of Operation Bridge Out, Operation Perfect Game and Operation Vigilant State. Our participation in these exercises took various forms, and serve as an indication our ability to respond to the missions of Homeland Security.

Operation Vigilant State was the Michigan Guard's own exercise, and involved players from multiple federal, state and local agencies. This exercise simulated an attack on commercial aircraft from a MANPADS device. This exercise took place at and around the Wayne County Metropolitan Airport in Romulus. Sixteen state, local and federal agencies were involved in this exercise, including the Guard's 210th Military Police Battalion Quick Reaction Force, 110th Fighter Wing..

Vigilant State provided a realistic exigent situation for local, state and federal first responders to test their cooperative agreements and assess their ability to handle a situation with little information, and a large potential impact. The Michigan National Guard's Joint Operation Center, a 24/7 operation, provided command and control for all exercises. National Guard members acted as OPFOR and joint coordination and communication between the 110th A-10 aircraft and the RAID team's OH-58 helicopter. The Wayne County Sheriff's department's SWAT team and the ATF with bomb dogs quickly found Sgt. Roberts Betts, who played the "bad guy," while the 210th Military Police Battalion provided perimeter security to assure his capture. The Michigan State Police Southeast Region acted as Incident Manager.

Currently, the Homeland Security Directorate is hard at work preparing for Exercise Ardent Sentry 2006. This will be a full-scale, multi-day, multi-component exercise with an international border focus. Under the direction of Northern Command, a full complement of forces from Michigan to Maine to Arizona, as well as Canada, will participate in this exercise. The purpose is to test planning of incident management, civil support, air sovereignty, asymmetric air threats, support to law enforcement, and integration of multinational exercise objectives.

All of these exercises serve an important role in the community. In times of natural disaster, such as Hurricane Katrina, community based Guard personnel are entrusted by the citizens to protect them. Shortly after the deployment of nearly 500 Michigan National Guard troops to the Gulf Coast region, Gov. Granholm stated, "Michigan stands ready to assist our fellow citizens in Louisiana and Mississippi who are reeling from the impact of this enormous natural disaster. The men and women of the Michigan National Guard will be on the frontline of this disaster

Response to natural disasters is as equally important for the homeland security role of the Guard as a response to terrorism. By exercising with our state and local first responders, we are increasing our preparedness for either type of event.

Simulation and exercises serve as critical components of Homeland Security's core missions, as well as mitigating the effects of a disaster, whether natural or man-made. As we move forward, the Michigan National Guard's Homeland Security directorate will continue to schedule and participate in exercises for the safety and preservation of this state and the nation.

MICHAEL C. MCDANIEL
Assistant Adutant General for Homeland Security



51st Civil Support Team members Sgt. 1st Class Jason Baldwin and Capt. Philip Rusiecki are assisted by Staff Sgt. Bernard Scheuner as they prepare to head down range to conduct chemical reconnaissance on a vehicle with a suspicious package inside.



Col. Michael McDaniel answers media questions during Operation Vigilant State. Sixteen state, local and federal agencies participated in the Homeland Security training.

Bullets

Veterans

Check out www.michigan.gov/veterans for information about the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund; the Michigan National Guard Family Support Fund; the Tuition is Grant Program; Michigan's two veterans homes; and for direct links to Veteran's Affairs facilities; the GI Bill; home loan information; and much more.

The site is a link to Michigan veterans' employment opportunities

If you're not online, please call (517) 335-6523 for veterans benefits and information.

To the Heroes

The Combat Action Badge was approved by the Army Chief of Staff in May 2005. Eligibility requirements are:

- Soldier must be performing duty in an area where hostile fire pay or imminent danger pay is authorized.
- Soldier must be present and actively engaging or being engaged the enemy, in accordance with rules of engagement.

• Soldier must not be assigned /attached to a unit that would qualify the Soldier for the Combat Infantry Badge or Combat Medical Badge

For more information, contact your unit orderly room.

Change in SGLI

As of Sept.1, 2005, SGLI coverage will increase to \$400,000, with a marginal increase in the premium. Soldiers and Airmen do not need to prepare a new form if their current beneficiary information is still correct and they want to have \$400,000 SGLI coverage. New forms must be prepared for all members that want less than \$400,000 coverage. Reduced elections must be in \$50,000 increments. Army Guard must submit SGLV Form 8286 with changes to the DCSPER, ATTN: JFHQ-SIB. Air Guard members must submit changes through their unit to their Military Personnel Flight.

www.MilitaryOneSource.com

To help bridge the gap of services that guard families miss out on, the Department of Defense has created www.MilitaryOneSource.com, a Web site that offers a variety of services for members and their families.

Michigan Family Relief Fund

In the Fall of 2004, Gov. Granholm signed into law the Military Family Relief Fund Act. The fund provides grants to qualifying families of Guard or Reserve members who are called to active duty as a result of the national response to Sept. 11. Applications for the Michigan Family Relief Fund are available at michigan.gov/dmva/0,1607,7-126--106682--,00.html. For more information call (866) 271-4404 or write:

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Two-year-old Hunter Fuller, son of Spc. Jason Fuller of the 263rd Personnel Services Detachment, reaches up to hug his daddy, who doesn't look as far away as Kuwait, during a family morale video conference.

See story on page 7.

(Photo by Diane Epps)

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From the desk of
The State Senior Enlisted Advisor

TALK

Raising the bar to meet the needs of our nation

“Train for certainty, educate for uncertainty” is a statement endorsed by Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker.

How we develop noncommissioned officers is a continuous and ever changing process that is essential to our core competencies. We must prepare now with vigorous action and dedication to meet the future challenges we face as part of the Total Force.

Have we, as leaders and trainers of our nation’s future military leaders, kept pace with these changes?

It is the responsibility of the noncommissioned officer corps to honestly and intentionally build and influence qualified Soldiers and Airmen to meet and exceed the standards in support of the numerous and sometimes changing missions.

Our continued dedication and

increased emphasis in the NCO Areas of Focus can assist us in accomplishing this goal and raise the bar to prepare tomorrow’s leaders to meet the current and future needs of our state and nation.

I plan to expand on each NCO Areas of Focus in future issues of “The Wolverine Guard.” Yet, this list is not all inclusive.

I encourage you to send me your thoughts and concerns, through your NCO support channel for each of these or any other areas you feel need attention. As your state command sergeant major and senior enlisted advisor for the Michigan Army and Air National Guard, it is my responsibility to keep a close eye on these areas, and all issues involving Soldiers and Airmen. I look forward to being on your team to ensure the Michigan Army and Air National Guard remains a relevant, reliable, and ready force in support of our nation and state missions.



Kenneth L. Slee
Command Sgt. Maj.

NCO Areas of Focus

- Invest in your Soldiers and Airmen through improved mentorship program
- Grow a diverse NCO corps
- Continual improvement in the promotion and recognition programs
- Facilitate strong family readiness groups
- Recruit and retain



Command Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Slee talks with Capt. Steven Gauss at a ground breaking ceremony for the new Michigan National Guard Readiness Center in Jackson, Mich.



Command Sgt. Maj. Slee visits with Staff Sgt. Dennis O'Neill, a member of the Grayling, Mich., 1071st Maintenance Company, while at Fort Bliss, Texas. The 1071st is now serving in Iraq.



Command Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Slee takes time to meet with more Soldiers of the 1071st Maintenance Company while at the mobilization station in Fort Bliss, Texas.

Photos by Staff Sgt. James Downen, Jr., Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs Office, and Staff Sgt. Helen Miller, Joint Force Headquarters, Visual Information

The donations to the Michigan National Guard Family Fund are still coming in!!!



Col. Roger Soldano accepts a check on behalf of the Michigan National Guard Family Fund from Master Sgt. Gary Tucker, president of Laborer's International Union of North America Local 2132.

Photo by Staff Sgt. James Downen, Jr.



Keith Miles (left) and Larry Amprin present a check to Maj. Gen. Thomas Cutler for the Michigan National Guard Family Fund. The money was raised during the AuSable Motorcycle Rally to the tune of \$5,000.

Photo by Staff Sgt. James Downen, Jr.

Snap, Crackle, Pop, Tony the Tiger, TAG, and group....



Children of family readiness group volunteers gathered at the Family Readiness Conference in Kalamazoo with Kellogg's cereal celebrities, as well as (back row from left) Mrs. Chris Cutler, Maj. Gen. Cutler, Spc. Anthony Burch of the 1462nd Transportation Company, and 119th Field Artillery Family Readiness Group presidents, Andrea Vaillancourt and Donna Gear.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Helen Miller, Joint Forces Headquarters, Visual Information

Not so far from home

Story and photo by Diane Epps, Distance Learning Manager

It is 0152 hours. Sitting behind the table in the Video Tele-Conferencing center in Kuwait is Spc. Jason Fuller, a member of the 263rd Personnel Service Detachment. He waits for his wife, Crystal and young son, Hunter. Jason anticipates talking to family at home. He coordinated this morale call himself, and has waited patiently while seven of his comrades visited with their families.

He watched as a Soldier met his 10-day-old son on the VTC device. Four hours later and long into the desert night, his exhaustion turns to joy as he watches his son round the corner of the adjutant general's conference room in the Joint Force Headquarters in Lansing, Mich.

Thanks to technology, Fuller sees his son through the wide range camera that sweeps the conference room. As the boy runs in Fuller calls out, "C'mere buddy! Come see daddy!" Fuller holds out his arms to welcome his boy. Thousands of miles away, he comes running. A broad smile frames the sandy haired child's face as he runs; arms outstretched, to hug his daddy. The only thing that stands between their hug is the device that makes the real-time conference possible.

As Fuller turns his attention to his wife Crystal, Hunter tries valiantly to discover where inside the machine his daddy is hidden. He disconnects VCR wires (not required for the transmission) and proudly shows them to his dad. The parents seem dismayed with his actions, their conversation about household events broken with: "No, don't do that!" and "This isn't yours, put it back." From where I sit in the conference room it seems like a normal routine for the parents of a two-year-old boy.

In Camp Anaconda, Iraq, it is nearly dinner time. 1st Lt. Andrea Mitchell moves around the communication center preparing the setup for the first of many 507th Engineer Battalion Soldiers who will participate in the VTC. At the same time, it is 0845 in Wyoming, Mich. when Maj. Gregory Nordyke's wife moves into the armory distance learning classroom with her young daughter. I tell her we connected early and she will have a few minutes more than expected. This is great news; especially since she has driven for hours from Illinois to see her husband. The connection is established and Nordyke grins broadly, his wife and daughter laugh excitedly. They can see their Soldier stationed thousands of miles from home.

They share ten minutes of simply taking each other in, talking about the VTC, and smiling. The young girl offers to show her daddy something, does he want to see? He smiles and assures her he does. She moves to the middle of the classroom and begins to dance. Within moments, her mother joins her and they do a little dance on camera. When they finish, their Soldier laughs and says wistfully,

"You're so beautiful." Mother and daughter sit again, they are beautiful, and the simplicity of it all is sharing that across 6,300 miles.

This is what it's all about, finding some brief moments of normalcy in a totally abnormal situation, sharing 20 to 30 minutes to bridge the distance between a desert communication center in the Mid-East and home in Michigan.

Video Tele-Conferencing is a training and conferencing tool the National Guard fielded to the states several years ago. In addition to the training opportunities, managers of the DTTP program found another way to use the system and began conducting "morale" VTC's with deployed soldiers and their families. This worked well for locations that were not in an area considered a security risk, but for those that were mobilized to high risk stations, the calls were not available.

In 2004, the military put a secure VTC system in every state headquarters around the country. Referred to as the TAG's VTC, these devices are equipped with encryption tools for conducting conferencing of a classified or secret nature. Though the systems were not intended to serve as a means for morale calls, they have found their place in the realm of family support.

In January 2005, Michigan began conducting VTC's for family morale to our personnel in the Middle East. The conferences take time to arrange and require the member at the deployed location to coordinate with the distance learning manager in Lansing. The deployed member must find the nearest communication center with a VTC system and a contact for coordinating the call. The information should be communicated to the units' Family Readiness Group and the DL manager. Testing is done with the communication center and VTC facility here in Michigan to ensure successful connectivity for the calls. An arrangement for family support personnel to assist with the meetings is essential.

Transmissions to Iraq and Kuwait can be touchy and the lines that move the signals do not always communicate. There have been instances when even after testing, the lines did not connect at all or the connection became so distorted that staying in the call was impossible. When this happens, the results are frustrating for everyone, but when the lines are right, the result is a rewarding 20 minutes of communication with loved ones.

Since the start of the year the Michigan National Guard has conducted many successful family morale VTCs. For more information about conducting family morale VTCs, contact Diane.Epps@mi.ngb.army.mil or 517-481-8004/8049.

107th Engineers take on additional mission in Afghanistan

By Staff Sgt. Jaime Krym, Company B, 107th Engineer Battalion

For the past three months, our platoon of guys from B Company has been working in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Our job was to provide force protection to civil affairs personnel as they run missions into the community, basically trying to rebuild Afghanistan's infrastructure one piece at a time.

Although this country certainly has come a long way, most Afghani people still live in abject poverty. There's garbage in the street, open sewers, dirt and dust everywhere, and very few people really seem to care. Kids run around on rocks and glass with no shoes on.

After seeing child after shoeless child, my squad (2nd squad) decided to do something about it. We started a "Shoes for Kids" program, where we asked our families back home to send shoes so we could donate them to Afghani kids who needed them. We set a goal of 500 pairs of shoes in two months. There was a catch - we were moving out of Kandahar and turning the base over to the Canadians in early August, so the shoes had to be in and out of our hands well before then. Not a problem - there was plenty of time.

Our families began to send shoes here and there. We continued to run missions and handed out shoes when and where we could. One guy in the squad, Spc. Mike Kapusta, decided to tell our Family Support Group about "Shoes for Kids." We figured we'd get a few more packages. The July 4th holiday passed. We heard rumors about a shoe drive at

the parade in Iron River, but nothing came. We soon forgot about it and concentrated on our missions.

Then came a call from 1st Sgt. Doug Weesner, the Iron River full-timer, saying, "The armory is being besieged by shoes!"

Late July rolled around. We heard the shoes had been packaged and mailed. The clock still ticked away. We worried--the mail system from the states to Afghanistan leaves a lot to be desired. Days went by, then weeks. Still no shoes.

We began to pack our things as the turnover with the Canadians approached. The daily mail runs continued to come back shoeless. Finally, we gave up and began making arrangements for the shoes to be stored by the Canadians, should they ever arrive.

Then today, the DAY BEFORE we were moving out, we finally got 715 pairs of shoes!!

Now came the real dilemma, how to hand out 715 pairs of shoes in less than 24 hours? I gathered my guys together and briefed them. We would have to spend the next few hours trolling, looking for spots to distribute shoes. I figured I'd have a rebellion on my hands; it was our last day in Kandahar and my guys were supposed to have the rest of the day off. Their response... "Let's do it!" I have come to expect nothing less from them.

Members of the "Shoe Crew" saw a need and did something about it. These Soldiers passed out enough shoes to make a lasting impression of American goodwill. From left: Spc. Joshua Smith, Sgt. Michael Anderson, Pfc. P.J. Hendricks, Pfc. David Lucas, Sgt. Eric Erickson. Back row: Pfc. Cyle Slater, Staff Sgt. Jaime Krym, Spc. Michael Kapusta, and Spc. Grover Munn.

Photos courtesy of 107th Engineer Battalion





Staff Sgt. Jaime Krym, a 107th Engineer Battalion Soldier from Gwinn, Mich., sizes up the foot of an Afghani youth at Meers Weis hospital in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Krym's squad handed out more than 850 pairs of shoes that were sent to them by friends and family.

We loaded up our Hummers with boxes of boxes of shoes and rolled out of the compound. We must have looked like a mobile Payless store. Every time we stopped somewhere, we left with fewer shoes. One box was donated to the local Afghan National Police and their families. Another box of mostly galoshes was given to the Pashtuns who work on the compound pouring concrete. Five were donated by hand to children in the poorest parts of the city. Two boxes were given to the elder of a neighboring village to disperse among his people. Seven were donated to an orphanage. Two were given out at a nearby hospital. And so on and so on. Our initial goal was to distribute 500 pairs of shoes. We ended up giving out over 850 pairs!

I'd like to thank our Family Support Group. Jeannie King and Hope Schabel did an outstanding job putting the word out in the community and collecting shoes. 1st Sgt. Weesner did a great job as POC, even though he threatened me with physical harm if one more pair of shoes

came through the armory door. Battalion Sergeant Major Mike Floriano was instrumental in securing the funding to actually ship the shoes over to us. Considering the shoes weighed well over 1,000 lbs, this was no easy task. We'd like to emphatically thank all the individuals who provided the funding for sending the shoes over.

Thanks also to the Faith Lutheran Church of Ishpeming for their donations and to Spc. Mike Kapusta and his wife, Sheila, who were the "instigators" in all this.

Lastly, we'd like to thank all those who kindly donated to "Shoes for Kids". You made our last mission in Kandahar a great one and put a smile on many Afghani kids' faces.

Sincerely,
Staff Sgt. Jaime Krym
Company B, 107th Engineer Battalion

Pilot deploys as ground troop

By Senior Master Sgt. John Loser, Joint Force Headquarters Michigan Air National Guard

After years of training as a fighter pilot, helping others to hone their skills as aviator-warriors and leading a fighter squadron, Col. Rick Mattson never expected to find his greatest military endeavor outside of his career field. Instead of zooming through the air in an F-16 Falcon at near-sound barrier speeds and dropping bombs on the enemy, Mattson found his reward on the ground, side-by-side with Army, Air Force and Marine warriors as they worked together as the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Task Force, learning about IEDs used by insurgents, and then training coalition forces how to identify and react to these deadly weapons when discovered.

Mattson is the director of operations for the Joint Force Headquarters, Michigan Air National Guard, but has been on assignment at the Pentagon and at Air Combat Command Headquarters at Langley Air Force Base, Va. His work with the higher headquarters, along with experience gathered when the 127th Wing deployed for Operation Northern Watch, garnered him an invitation to deploy to Iraq for six months as part of the Joint IED Task Force.

The Joint Staff wanted to have Air Force personnel supplement the Army/Marine team already there. "Almost all of the team, except for the Air Force, had some sort of special forces background," said Mattson. They represented the Multi-National Corps Iraq. The commander was a two-star British general who had experience with IED's from Northern Ireland.

The team had two charters. They would respond whenever an IED event occurred. Whether it was a car bomb, suicide bomber or a roadside event, the team traveled to the site immediately to learn as much as possible. They worked with the Quick Response Force, gathered data, interviewed witnesses and documented all they could. The Joint Forces team developed a book of "lessons learned" to

use as a training resource.

"We went out to the field sites, went on patrol with the units and trained them on what we knew about IEDs and countermeasures against IEDs."

They held classes for units - EOD teams, Security Forces, Infantry - anyone who went outside of the wire. "We even set up training in Kuwait to get people before they entered Iraq," Mattson stated.

As he traveled with the task force, Col. Mattson saw Iraq at ground level and met those responsible for keeping it safe for the citizens of this newly emerging democracy.

"My purpose was to save lives and help people come home with all their body parts," Mattson stated.

He said that going out on patrols was especially rewarding. "Overall, this was a tremendous experience.

I learned so much," he said, "I saw things I never thought possible." He said that some of his most memorable patrols took him to places where suicide bombers tried to stop voting. "The Iraqis just stepped over the damage to get to the polls," he said.

During his six months in Iraq, Mattson and the team visited hundreds of units and trained thousands of military

personnel. According to Mattson, they have made a solid impact. "Yes, there are still bombings and IEDs," he said. But their impact is reduced. The trend is that, even though the number of IEDs is about the same, the lethality is dropping.

Mattson has returned to the states, and serving again as director of operations at JFHQ. His experiences on the ground will help our military prepare future peace keepers for the unexpected things they will encounter in Iraq and in other areas of the world where the United States is called to duty.



Col. Rick Mattson is presented a guidon by members of the Joint IED Task Force before leaving Iraq. (Faces blurred for security)

Wounded Michigan Army Guard Soldier on the mend

By Master Sgt. Denice Rankin

With a little help from friends and family, Staff Sgt. James McKelvey is putting his life back together.

It has been more than 18 months since an improvised explosive device detonated and changed his life forever.

Prior to joining the Michigan National Guard, McKelvey served for 11 1/2 years with the U.S. Army as an explosive ordnance disposal technician. While on active duty, he deployed often with his unit to support civilian departments in need of a “bomb squad.” When he finally grew weary of the time away from his wife and family, he left active duty, came to Michigan and was hired by the Oakland County Sheriff Department.

In November 2002, approximately 10 months later, McKelvey decided to join the Guard, enlisting with the 745th Ordnance Detachment in Grayling.

He enlisted on a Sunday and his unit came under alert for activation the following Tuesday. Eleven months later he was on his way to Iraq.

He doesn't remember the day he was injured, but other Soldier's accounts have helped to piece the events together.

It was a cool 40 degrees in Iraq on Feb. 9, 2004. McKelvey and other members of the 745th were called to check out a bomb spotted by a U.S. convoy. With the cool temperature, McKelvey didn't mind wearing the 100-pound armored suit and helmet.

Responding to a bomb was tricky, some of them were duds, some were deadly. Sometimes, they send a robot to check out a bomb, sometimes they checked them manually. This morning, McKelvey stretched out on the ground to get a better look. The bomb that he was preparing to disarm was triggered remotely and exploded.

His comrades knew he was hurt. They picked him up but at 6 foot 2 and 265 pounds, he was too big for the back of the humvee. They laid him on the hood of the vehicle and a Soldier stretched over him to keep him in place. As they were evacuating, another roadside bomb detonated, sending shrapnel into both men on the hood, and injuring the driver. McKelvey and the Soldier holding him down went flying.

What happened next isn't clear, but somehow the convoy made it to a waiting medevac helicopter and McKelvey was carried away to a base near Baghdad.

McKelvey sustained severe injuries, including the loss of his right hand, damage to his left hand, collapsed lungs, perforated eardrums, numerous shrapnel wounds, burns and bruises. His heart stopped at least twice while being transported to medical facilities. He was unconscious for nearly two months.

According to his brother-in-law, Jim Vacca, McKelvey's inner strength and the protective bomb suit he wore are what saved him.

McKelvey's wife, Ruth, was also a key factor in her husband's survival and recovery. After being notified of her husband's injuries, she immediately flew to Germany to be with him. She stayed with him when he was transferred

to Walter Reed Army Medical Center to recover from his injuries. By all accounts, she balanced the roles of cheerleader and drill sergeant, as well as loving spouse.

Ruth was awarded a State Distinguished Service Medal for her support of her husband, and her unconquerable spirit.

Ruth McKelvey is employed at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Macomb. Her supervisor, Sue Check, ensured that Ruth's job at the hospital was waiting for her after her leave of absence.

McKelvey stated he has also “received incredible support” from his civilian supervisor, Sheriff Michael Bouchard. Bouchard organized fund-raisers to support Ruth McKelvey's stay at Walter Reed. Twice, he visited McKelvey at Walter Reed and assured him that he would continue to have a job. Bouchard was presented a State Distinguished Service medal by Maj. Gen. Thomas Cutler, for his exceptional support during McKelvey's recovery.

Today, McKelvey continues the healing process. He just finished a semester of college, but isn't sure if that's for him. He says he's a “hands on” kind of guy and he's not sure if sitting behind a desk is what he's looking for. One thing is certain, this Soldier maintains a positive attitude. It takes a unique individual to work in the explosive ordnance career field, it takes an even more special person to pick their self up and move on when things go south.



Sheriff Michael Bouchard was awarded a State Distinguished Service Medal for his support of Staff Sgt. James McKelvey's after he was critically injured in Iraq.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Mike Kenner, 127th Multimedia

Selfridge Air Show commemorates Vietnam Veterans

By 2nd Lt. Penny Carroll, 127 Wing Public Affairs Office

The biennial air show hosted by Selfridge Air National Guard Base, welcomed approximately 200,000 visitors over a warm Armed Forces Day weekend. The air show commemorated Vietnam Veterans and reminded us that forty years ago, President Johnson sent the first large-scale infusion of combat troops to Vietnam. Ten years later, Saigon fell to the North Vietnamese, and the last American officially left the country.

The Macomb County Veteran's Administration and the Vietnam Veterans Association Chapter 154 were instrumental in assisting with a special memorial service in honor of Michigan's military members who did not return home from the Vietnam War. Retired Col. Roger Donlen, the first Medal of Honor recipient of the Vietnam War, participated in the solemn event at Selfridge's Air Museum, with representatives from all branches of the military laying wreaths in memory of those who served before them.

The Vietnam Veterans Moving Wall, a half-size replica of the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Washington D.C., was on display for thousands of people to view the names and etchings on the wall. The wall reminded many of the selfless sacrifice of our servicemen and women.

Throughout the weekend, veterans from VVA Chapter 154 guarded the wall, night and day. They called the moving wall experience their "Welcome Home."

The 127th Wing sponsored several events on Friday prior to the weekend show, including an Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve "Boss Lift." About 25 civilian employers were given a ride in a C-130 flown by the 171st Airlift Squadron.

"My employee, Master Sgt. Jonai Jones-Renfro, of the 127th Services Flight, recommended me for the boss lift. I had no idea that I would be able to have such an outstanding experience as flying in a C-130," remarked Mr. Charles Franklin, Sr., president of Franklin Heating and Cooling. "I will always remember this."

Headlining the aerial attractions were the U.S. Navy's elite Blue Angels demonstration team and the United States Air Force Academy's Wings of Blue parachute team.

The show featured F-16 "Fighting Falcons," C-130 "Hercules" transports and A-10 Thunderbolts from the Michigan Air National Guard; Air Force Reserve KC-135 "Stratotankers;" Coast Guard HH-65 "Dolphines," a flyover of a B-1 Stealth Bomber, and parachute demonstrations from Michigan-based Army and Air Force units. .

Civilian flying acts included the Collins Foundation McDonnell F-4D Phantom II, Jim LeRoy's Bulldog acrobatics, Greg Shelton's wing-walking, Julie Clark in the MOPAR T-34, Michael Hunter's Flight for Diabetes, Sean D. Tucker's Oracle Challenge and flights with the F-104 "Starfighter," F-100 "Super Sabre," AC-47 "Spooky," MiG-17 "Fresco", and various others.

"We are very excited by the high quality of acts attracted to the show this year," said Larry Nichols senior vice president of Huntington Bank. "This year's air show is a great opportunity for people to see outstanding aerial displays and honor our military veterans."

Even with the small amount of rain and cooler temperatures on Sunday, the show's schedule and the size of the crowd did not waiver. Act after act, the performers wowed Selfridge's sizeable crowd at the largest free air show in Michigan.

Building “strong and ready” families is chaplain’s goal

By Master Sgt. Denice Rankin, Joint Force Headquarters

Chaplain Herbert Heavner, the state support chaplain and a lieutenant colonel in the Michigan National Guard has an agenda to ensure every married Michigan National Guard member who is scheduled to deploy or has returned from deployment receives specialized training. Not all military training is FUN, but this training is an exception!

As National Guard members, we are accustomed to training. We attend unit training assemblies across the state every month; we train to prepare for battle, to be proficient in our specialties, and to be able to respond to crisis situations on instinct. Considering world events, understand the importance of a well trained armed force.

The training that Chaplain Heavner has implemented is called “Building Strong and Ready Families” and involves a weekend retreat for military members and their spouse. Funded by the National Guard Bureau, the weekend getaway includes meals, lodging and reimbursement of travel costs.

According to Chaplain Heavner, “The retreats are designed to help couples brush up on their ability to communicate with each other, and are part of a nationwide initiative that involves all components of the Army and Air Force.”

“Justification for the dollar output is valid; if we help military couples improve their communication skills, they are healthier. Ideally, this will lead to higher job satisfaction and will improve retention.”

In June, Chaplain Heavner, with the assistance of Chaplain (Capt.) Nicholas Chou, of the 126th Armor Division in Wyoming, facilitated a training workshop for 32 couples at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Spc. Chad Maguran, a member of Company F, 425 Infantry, based out of Selfridge, attended the training with his wife Teresa. Maguran was deployed to Iraq for more than one year and said he thought the training was great, and was surprised that there weren’t more couples in attendance.

Staff Sgt. David McCarty of Company A, 1st Battalion, 126th Armor Division, and his wife of 17 years, Lynn Carpenter, agreed that the workshop was helpful in order to build a strong marriage. The couple realized many of the successful tactics they’ve employed over the course of their marriage were reinforced by the training.

The couples interacted with one another and engaged in various communication exercises.

If you are interested in attending a Building Strong and Ready Families retreat, or for more information, contact Chaplain Heavner or the Family Programs office at (517) 481-8325.



Staff Sgt. David McCarty of Company A, 1st Battalion 126th Armor Division and his wife of 17 years, Lynn Carpenter, were in full agreement that the Building Strong And Ready Families Workshop has a lot to offer couples who want to enhance their communication skills.

“The retreats are designed to help couples brush up on their ability to communicate with each other, and are part of a nationwide initiative that involves all component of the Army and Air Force.”

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Herbert Heavner



Attendees, Spc. Chad Maguran, Teresa Maguran, Pfc. Bobby Body, and Delores Body gather for a picture with Chaplain Heavner and his wife Verna at the close of the second day of the workshop.

“Iraqistan,” USA

By Sgt. Rhonda Vance, 126th Press Camp Headquarters

At 5:30 a.m. I wake to the crooning of the Muslim morning prayer and by 10:00 a.m. the searing sun has made its way to 90 degrees. It continually beats down causing sweat to bead and run down my face, past the chin strap attached to the oversized and weighty Kevlar. The once dry, camel colored t-shirt has turned a dark brown and is now wet, sticky, embedded with sand, and clinging to my skin. My camouflage uniform once, neat and pressed, is now wrinkled and has the texture of moist sandpaper. Black, leather boots act as solar panels on my feet, causing them to throb, sweat and swell. With an additional 25 pounds of battle equipment strapped around my shoulders and waist, merely walking is enough to cause fatigue. Sand burns my eyes and nose, and leaves my mouth dry and gritty. Thirst is unquenchable and hunger seems lost in this sweltering heat. The heat itself is enough to kill a Soldier—even more so than one’s enemy. The sound of mortar rounds in the distance cause anxiety and adrenaline to surface. Clasp my weapon in one hand and a magazine in the other, I prepare to face my opposition.

And then it came. At first only a sheet of misty rain, seconds later, the water furiously beats against the muddy ground creating divots in the once sandy area. Ahhh yes, the infantry’s “sunshine” was finally here. It’s then I realize “I’m not in Iraq and this isn’t a war—really.”

Michigan Army National Guardsmen encountered a different kind of Annual Training at Camp Grayling, July 31, through Aug. 13. Some of the changes were immediately noticeable. “Units used to go directly to their staging site, in the field, for ten days and focus on unit, collective and individual tasks. Annual Training became a culmination of all the training done throughout the year,” said Col. Mark A. Cosgrove, deputy chief of staff for Operations and Training.

This year however, upon arrival, Soldiers began operating from a cantonment area as a Forward Operating Base, simulating those overseas.

This change in training was a first for the Michigan Army National Guard. “This year was unique, in that we have never had an AT exercise like this,” said Sgt. Maj. David Weigel, operations sergeant major for Michigan. “We decided it was time to live like we fight by creating a FOB that functions as if we were in Iraq,” he added.

The exercise required Camp Grayling to transform into “Iraqistan” and designated it as a training area subject to enemy activity. The intent of conducting a FOB was to familiarize Soldiers with the day-to-day operations of a FOB and to give them a better understanding of what may be required of them when and if they are mobilized.

“The focus of the exercise was to prepare Soldiers for the possible,” said Cosgrove. “As a reserve component, units do not have enough training contact time to cover all of the necessary skills for deploying. We had to focus on tasks that would be most valuable. This annual training is giving the Soldiers a leg up on activities required of them as they go through the SRP (Soldier Readiness Program) and eventually overseas,” Cosgrove added.

The training began with classroom instruction including an in-country briefing and Islamic cultural sensitivity, instruction for handling detainees, proper troop-leading procedures, media awareness and medical evacuation procedures. Units were taken through a series of lanes training including Entry Control Point and Convoy Defense Operations. Collective training and the state Soldier Readiness Program were also conducted.

The ECP replicates a fixed base in which each unit pulls security for 8-hour blocks. Units are first given classes on proper ECP conduct. Soldiers then complete a right-seat ride, in which they observe another unit during the training. Lastly, a battle hand-off is given and the Soldiers run the ECP. During the last four hours, units must react to scenarios ranging from everyday occurrences for example, host nation workers entering and exiting the FOB, to worst-case scenarios including vehicle improvised explosive devices. Other examples include, suicide bombers, riots and mass suicide, contraband; cell phones, drugs, large amounts of money. These scenarios brought about stress and a taste of experience.

“This training helps Soldiers understand the insanity of what’s over there (Iraq),” said OPFOR player, Staff Sgt. Buck Cutlip, F Co. 425th Infantry Airborne, Long Range Reconnaissance Surveillance, and recent returnee from Iraq. “The stress level during this exercise is extreme. When they (Soldiers) lay a hand on you and you feel them shaking, it’s a reflection of the tension—that is paramount—and realistic,” said Cutlip.

“The ECP lane specifically is some of the highest stress level training and realistic I’ve seen in my experience, it’s definitely not dull and monotonous,” said Maj. Bobby Cain, oppositional forces officer in charge. Once units completed ECP training, Soldiers were given the opportunity to ask members of Company F, 425th Infantry, Long Range Reconnaissance Surveillance questions about their experiences overseas as well as conduct an After Action Review. “The keys to successful security are command and control—knowing what do when you lose control and how to gain it back, the buddy system, communication, awareness and vigilance,” explained Cutlip. “There will be times that Soldiers have to make a decision that dictates if you live or die in a split second, if you hesitate, those around you are dead or injured and that is why this training is important.

Now is the time to get it right-getting to a point where it is second nature.”

Training on Entry Control Point security is not just for Military Police anymore. “Don’t think that just because you’re artillery, that’s all you’ll be doing if deployed, don’t think you won’t be given an area to secure,” said Staff Sgt. Stan Karomol, with Company F, 425th.

Playing the role of OPFOR not only made training more realistic, it also gave members of Company F a sense of pride. “We are grateful to pass on some of the lessons learned. We feel as though we are doing something of value,” said Cutlip. “We really didn’t have anything like this; it would have helped us a lot if we had this kind of training.”

“We wanted to get Soldiers to think about where they are going and how they were going to have to think about how they were going to do things. For example, if a Soldier is allowing one truck to enter the control point and witnesses a detainee trying to get in, he or she may begin to think about what could potentially happen,” said Weigel.

Another area of focus was the Convoy Defense Operations. “This area is where we have taken the most casualties,” Cosgrove explained. During this lanes training, units were to pull convoy security, react to an ambush, civilians on the battlefield (COBs), indigenous crowds, evacuate casualties and react to indirect fire while mounted. This new addition to annual training was also welcomed by Soldiers. “This training is more hands-on than ever before,” said Sgt. 1st Class Delores Venneman with 1462nd Transportation Co. “Soldiers can see what it’s like to “be there”—it’s more real world than conducting CTT (Combat Training Tasks).”

Those who went through the lanes also found this AT much different than drill weekends.

“This is the first time we have got to train firing weapons, using teamwork and tactical skills all at once,” said Spc. Michael Kimble, with the 144th Military Police of Owosso.

Enlisted personnel weren’t the only ones with additional stress during the operation.

“Some company commanders are experiencing something they have never done before,” said Venneman. “Everyone is going through the lane and has to organize transportation, combat lifesavers, operation orders, security teams and manifests.”

“During the training, you had to be more alert and think about safety as well as do your job,” said Pfc. Michael Sagle, 144th Military Police.

Combining numerous Soldier skills, made the training more realistic for many, but also proved there is no substitute.

“For one, it’s too green here and overseas, you have temperature changes of 120 degrees. The lifestyle is difficult to simulate, and we are limited, but this exercise is the beginning of the process to prepare Soldiers,” said Weigel.

This process brought about different attitudes from both individuals and units in regards to mission success.

“This training is the most realistic I have done. It allows us to see the weaknesses and take them a little more serious,” said Spc. Brian Civile, with 144th.

“This year Soldiers are observant and are not taking things for granted. They are paying attention and saying, ‘I could be next, I better pay attention.’

“Soldiers are paying attention to the little things—and these are the things during deployments that keep you and others safe,” said Weigel.

“Sometimes you go through classes again and again and say ‘Why are we doing this?’ This training allows us to see why,” said Kimble.

“The primary difference I have seen in Soldiers this year is interest,” said Cutlip.

Change of tempo and realism may have kept Soldier’s interest during

annual training however; it must also enhance their skills.

“With this training, I want units to recognize where they are weak, begin honing their skills and hopefully enhance their ability to come home alive,” said Capt. Tom Rossiter, Joint Force Headquarters.

“This type of training gives commanders and key leaders an idea of what to expect and what to train on at home. We are just giving them the basics. No one is ever totally ready for mobilization,” said Venneman.

Soldiers also must take home the understanding that what they experienced this AT is real life and possible. “I think because the training is relevant to what is happening overseas and who is conducting the training, the reality of it is high,” said Cosgrove.

Michigan’s first FOB exercise not only brought excitement for next year, but also a sense of pride for the National Guard.

“I think training to this scale shows that we’re committed to being prepared for the war fully. The National Guard is huge in the national picture and we need to realize that we are vital to the success of the mission. This operation shows other branches that we are ready to step up,” said Weigel.

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It's (not) a secret (anymore)

By Master Sgt. Denice Rankin

A hunting jewel of the Midwest is located in Augusta, Mich. Situated on approximately 7,540 acres, Fort Custer Training Center is a haven for wild game.

For the past 18 years, the Fort Custer environmental office has managed a hunting program that gives access to the public to hunt on the post. The program was initiated with the encouragement of the Michigan State Police and Army Corps Foresters because of over-population of deer and the number of deer-vehicle accidents on Interstate I-94 and nearby highways.

The program offers prime hunting on approximately 6,200 acres of Fort Custer's grounds. During deer hunting season, approximately 1,200 men, women and youth apply for the chance to shoot a deer on one of the eight established hunting areas on post. On average, 250 deer are shot in one season. The highest number of deer taken in one season is more than 400.

Hunters are selected by random drawing to participate. There are three sessions of hunting in November and three sessions in May for turkey. For deer hunting season this

year, selected applicants will be assigned a hunting session on Nov. 15, 19-20, or 26-27.

The Fort Custer environmental office stresses hunting safety and consideration. Armed with a group of forty volunteers, the hunt is carefully orchestrated and follows all safety and hunting regulations in accordance with the Department of Natural Resources.

Special accommodations are offered for the disabled and assistance with getting in and out of deer blinds is available. The Fort Custer Deer Hunt has a track record of zero fatalities since the inception of the program. Over the years, there have been only been a few hunters "black listed" from the hunt because of failure to comply with the rules.

To download an application, visit fortcusterhunt.com or call the environmental office at (269) 731-5379. If you do not have internet access and would like an application, send a self-addressed envelope with your request to Fort Custer Environmental Office, Attn: Deer Hunt, 2501 26th St., Augusta, Mich., 49012.



This young hunter appears to be a novice, but don't tell her that. In 2004, she shot an eight point buck, or is it nine? Photo courtesy of John Mitchell, Fort Custer environmental office

Guardsmen earn "Governors 20" marksman tab

By Lt. Col. Alan Lebioda, Joint Force Headquarters

Eighteen Michigan Army and Air National Guard members recently competed in a regional M9mm pistol match held at Fort Custer Training Center in Augusta, Mich.

The match was sponsored by the Indiana National Guard and hosted 33 shooters from Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan. Although the Indiana Guard held the top shooting position of 609 points, Michigan Army Guard's Sgt. 1st Class Wilson Tang of the Recruiting and Retention Command at Detroit Light Guard was our top gun shooter with an aggregate score of 524, and was among the Michigan shooters to earn a "Governor's 20" tab.

Michigan Air Guard's new shooter, Tech. Sgt. Rod Emmons of Alpena's Combat Readiness Training Center, was awarded for a second place regional plaque.

Michigan team members are expected to participate in an upcoming national match this October at Camp Robinson, Arkansas.

Sgt. 1st Class Dave Rottman is the acting Army National Guard state marksmanship coordinator. His help to assist Michigan National Guard shooters has been critical to ensure the Governor's 20 marksman program is active in Michigan

Next year, the regional competition is expected to be held in May at Alpena CRTC. Match details are forthcoming. If interested in competing in the next match, contact Lt. Col. Alan Lebioda at alan.lebioda@mi.ngb.army.mil or 517-483-5809.



Tech. Sgt. Rod Emmons of Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center receives a coin from Lt. Col. Michael Clites of the MTC at Camp Robinson, Ark. in recognition of being the highest scoring new shooter.



On line to open fire at the regional pistol competition are (from left) Emmons, Tech. Sgt. Kathy Smith of the 107th Fighter Squadron, Staff Sgt. Dean Daggett of the 127th Maintenance Squadron and Tech. Sgt. Steve Shore of Alpena, CRTC. Photos by Lt. Col. Alan Lebioda

Air *NATIONAL* Honor Guard Member of the Year

Competing with Air National Guard members from the other 49 states and four territories, Tech. Sgt. Carmen Beck, a member of the 110th Fighter Wing, Battle Creek Air National Guard Base, was selected as the 2005 Air National Guard Honor Guard Member of the year.

Beck has been an honor guard member for six years and considers it a privilege to be one of the team providing final respect and tribute to our veterans and their families.

As Air National Guard Honor Guard Member of the Year, Beck was invited to Washington D.C. for an award ceremony and a week long visit and tour of historical attractions in the Washington D.C. area. At the ceremony, Beck and her daughter Andrea, had the opportunity to meet and dine with Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum, the chief of the National Guard Bureau, Lt. Gen. Daniel James, the

director of the Air National Guard, and Chief Master Sgt. Dick Smith, the command chief master sergeant of the Air National Guard.

As the National Honor Guard member of the year, Beck has been invited to participate in the Order of the Sword ceremony in November for Lt. Gen. James.



"Order of the Sword is an ancient ceremony rich in tradition. The ceremony is conducted by NCO's to honor leaders who have made significant contributions to the enlisted corps. Earliest traditions hold that ancient NCOs would, on occasion, honor a leader and pledge their loyalty by ceremoniously presenting the leader a sword. The sword--a symbol of truth, justice, and power rightfully used--served as a token for all to see and know that here was a leader among leaders. That ceremony was revived among the enlisted corps of the Air Force as the Order of the Sword."

http://public.afca.af.mil/history_pages/sword.htm

Army Guard warrant officer receives leadership award

By Chief Warrant Officer Rhea R. Pruett, Joint Force Headquarters

A new award, the Warrant Officer Leadership Award, has been approved by Maj. Gen. Thomas G. Cutler, the adjutant general of Michigan.

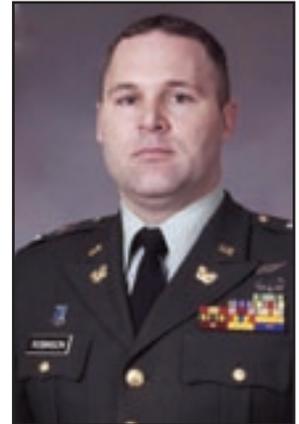
The Warrant Officer Leadership Award will be presented annually to an outstanding leader who exemplifies the definition of a warrant officer.

The first winner of this achievement is Warrant Officer 3 Allen C. Robinson, Jr., of Company A, 3rd Battalion, 238th Combat Support Aviation, based in Grand Ledge, Mich.

Robinson is the state Army aviation safety officer and a UH-60 pilot.

Robinson recently deployed and is training at Fort Hood, Texas in preparation of the 238th upcoming assignment in Kosovo.

“The warrant officer is a highly specialized expert and trainer; who, by gaining progressive levels of expertise and leadership; operates, maintains, administers, and manages the Army’s equipment, support activities, or technical systems for an entire career.”



New Warrant Officer Accessions Manager

By Chief Warrant Officer Rhea R. Pruett

The Recruiting Command recently hired a full-time warrant officer accessions manager. Warrant Officer 2, Debra J. Salters was selected in August 2005 and is available to assess a Soldier’s potential as a future warrant officer and will assist with the appointment process.

The basic warrant officer candidate requirements are:

- High school graduate
- Age 18 to 46 and a U.S. citizen
- Secret security clearance
- GT score - 110 or higher
- Appointment physical
- Pass Army physical fitness test and height/weight standards
- Noted leadership and experience

The following Warrant Officer opportunities are available with the Michigan Army National Guard:

- 131A / Field Artillery Targeting Technician
- 153D / UH-60 Pilot
- 154C / CH-47 Pilot
- 155E / C-12 Pilot
- 250N / Network Management Technician
- 254A / Signal Systems Technician
- 311A / Criminal Intelligence Analyst
- 350B / Intelligence Technician
- 350F / All Source Intelligence Technician
- 351M / Human Intelligence Collection Technician

- 420A / Military Personnel Technician
- 670A / Health Services Maintenance Technician
- 914A / Allied Trades Technician
- 915A / Unit Maintenance Technician (Light)
- 915E / Support Maintenance Technician
- 918B / Electronic Systems Maintenance Technician
- 919A / Engineer Equipment Repair Technician
- 920A / Property Accounting Technician
- 920B / Supply Systems Technician
- 922A / Food Service Technician

The appointment process consists of two steps. Prior to actual appointment, each potential candidate must submit a predetermination packet. Salters is ready to assist interested soldiers through this process. She can be contacted by e-mail at debra.salters@mi.ngb.army.mil.



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Unit commander recommendation
Between the ages of 18 and 38 1/2 years old
U.S. citizen
Pass a Chapter 2 Commissioning physical
Pass an APFT scored by OCS cadre
GT score of at least 110
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Minimum of 90 college credits for the accelerated program
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Letter of recommendation from your battalion commander
Meet height and weight standards of AR 600-9

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Officer Strength Maintenance Team at (517) 483-5575 or osm@mi.ngb.army.mil

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A/O Platoon 107th Engineer Battalion	Iraq
Company B, 107th Engineer Battalion FWD	Iraq, Afghanistan
119 Field Artillery Battalion	Iraq
HHD 1225th Combat Support Battalion	Iraq
Company B, 125th Infantry	Iraq
126th Armor Battalion	Ft Irwin, Calif. (NTC)
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238th Aviation Battalion	Iraq
Company F, 238th AVIM	Ft Hood, Texas, Bosnia
263rd Personnel Services Detachment	Iraq
HHD, 507th Engineer Battalion	Iraq-Kuwait
1436th Engineer Company	Iraq
1461/1463 Transportation Company	Iraq
1071st Maintenance Company	Iraq
1072nd Maintenance Company	Ft McCoy, Wis.
1073rd Maintenance Company	Iraq
110th Fighter Wing	Iraq
127th Wing	Iraq, Kuwait, Andrews AFB, Md.

Conner appears to be making sure his daddy, Spc. Christopher Revels is all squared away before he deploys with the 1072nd Maintenance Company.
Photo by Master Sgt. Denice Rankin

Michigan Army and Air National Guard members, Youth Challenge Academy cadre and cadets, and many civilian agencies joined forces to help Hurricane Katrina evacuees receive a warm welcome to Michigan



Members of the 110th Fighter Wing and medical personnel help bring New Orleans evacuees from their aircraft to a medical screening station at the Battle Creek Air National Guard Base Monday, Sept. 5, 2005. About 250 evacuees were welcomed at the base and provided with medical care and taken to temporary housing at nearby Fort Custer Training Center. Photo by Master Sgt. Dale Atkins, 110th Fighter Wing



Youth Challenge cadre member Yolandra Jones oversees cadets as they assist evacuees at Fort Custer. The cadets pushed people in wheelchairs and were stationed at tables to hand out personal hygiene items and clothing. The table in the rear left of the photo is piled high with neatly folded clothing that was donated for the evacuees and sorted by the cadets.

Photo by Sgt. Rhonda Vance, 126th Press Camp Headquarters



Capt. Aaron Jenkins of the Joint Force Headquarters public affairs office, escorts Tony the Tiger, a Red Cross volunteer, and evacuee children to the church on Fort Custer where they received goody-bags donated by the Kellogg corporation. Photo by Staff Sgt. Helen Miller, Joint Force Headquarters Visual Information Office



Spc. Belynda Fullerton of the 746th Quartermaster Company, based in Lapeer, gives a toy to an evacuee dog. Michigan National Guard men and women enthusiastically responded to Governor Granholm's call to support our fellow Americans who endured the devastation brought by Hurricane Katrina. Photo by Staff Sgt. Helen Miller

Michigan Army and Air National Guard Promotions

From Feb. 1, 2005 through July 31, 2005

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Seeley, Robert A

Captain

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Pettersson, David H

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Salaniuk, Christopher P

Simpson, Erik L

Torma, Bethany A

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Bing, Alvin IV

Black, Kelly W

Drag, Daniel A

Hopp, Bernice K

Horvath, Tracy L

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Medsger, Mareca J

Peek, Lisa M

Stoner, Jeremy H

Wasilewski, Todd J

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Miller, Michelle L

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Monarch, Matthew J

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Wilson, Paul W

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Tolin, John P

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Barriger, Dennis J

Carrington, IVa D

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Frock, Bruce R

Holroyd, Duane L

Lizenby, Brian J

Locke, Richard L

Moss, Sandra

Muszynski, Terry A

Nichols, David L

Pionk, Keith M

Sandoval, Ronald R

Smith, Donald K

Stone, Edward C

Thornsberry, Ronald L

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Arnold, William J

Barberi, Peter M

Bates, Deanna S

Biondi, Paul S

Brown, Sherry L

Canchola, Adrian J Jr

Claerhout, Matthew R

Clemons, Alisa R

Conlen, Timothy M

Doak, Jeffrey A

Feldpausch, Bruce R

Gleason, Laurie M

Heard, Tanya T

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James, Jesse L III

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Emmendorfer, Mark A

English, Adam P

Fires, Chad A

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Frank, Robert W

Gamble, James M

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Harris, Yvette L

Hasfjord, Alan J

Haydo, Sean L

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Kaboni, Tabitha L

King, Kevin I

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Mckendry, Royce R

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Minnick, Bernard A

Neal, Brett M

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Purifoy, Lawrence C

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Scott, Mark J

Shippy, Douglas S

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Vanwormer, James R

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Wiseman, Scott A

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Allerding, Tyler J

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Bagby, Ryan S

Bellmore, Daniel J

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Cadena, Alonzo A

Cassada, Donald J III

Cassini, Daniel M

Cilluffo, Kimberly M

Collins, Jarodd L

Cotterman, Scott D

Daugherty, Daniel

Diegel, Roque E

DIIacovo, Scott J

Erard, Jason B

Fick, Adam W

Gutowski, Anthony D

Haire, Hart S III

Hauck, Gregory R

Henderson, Karanelle E

Hiaeshutter, Denae M

Hollie, Alfred H

Jones, Robert L

Katerberg, Nicholas A

Klapperich, Angela N

Kline, Michael D

Kuehne, Kurt W

Lux, Christina M

Madden, Craig L

Parish, Ronald A

Peterson, Vincent M

Poston, Abraham J

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Staff Sgt. Timothy W. Bender, a bugler with the 126th Army Band plays "Taps" during the A.T. memorial service. Photo by Master Sgt. Denice Rankin

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CHILD AND KITTY REUNION – Tech. Sgt. Nicole Clark, with the 110th Fighter Wing, reunites a child evacuee from New Orleans with her pet cat “Kitty” after arriving at the Battle Creek Air National Guard Base, Mich., Sept. 5, 2005. About 250 evacuees were welcomed at the base and provided medical care. The people were then taken to Fort Custer Training Center for food, temporary housing, clothing and additional care. Photo by Master Sgt. Dale Atkins, 110 Fighter Wing Visual Information

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