

THE WOLVERINE GUARD

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THIS MONUMENT IS DEDICATED
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
MICHIGAN NATIONAL GUARD
WHO GAVE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE
WHILE SERVING IN SUPPORT
OF THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM

THIS TRIBUTE STANDS BEFORE US
AS A PERMANENT REMINDER OF THEIR
SERVICE TO OUR STATE AND NATION



Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm, Maj. Gen. Cutler, and Maj. Gen. Cannon review the troops during the annual Camp Grayling Review and Memorial.



Staff Sgt. Rita Ferguson, a member of the 238th Aviation Battalion receives a visit from Gen. Cutler while recuperating from foot surgery at Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo.



Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum, chief of the National Guard Bureau, and Gen. Cutler discuss the future of Battle Creek Air National Guard Base. While the base survived the BRAC recommendation to close, it was decided the A-10s stationed there were to be moved to Selfridge, leaving Battle Creek without a mission. At the invitation of Gov. Granholm, Blum toured the base, later committing to a Joint Cargo Aircraft mission there.

TAG TALK

★ ★ *From the desk of The Adjutant General* ★ ★

As we enter the fall season that we all love here in Michigan, I am again amazed at how quickly the summer has passed. It seems like we were just enjoying the Memorial Day events and now Labor Day has come and gone. It has been a very busy summer full of events and accomplishments.

Since last spring, we have welcomed home several of our units and personnel that had been deployed over the past year. Each one of them did an outstanding job and we are proud of their service. At the same time, we were busy preparing several other units for deployments to Iraq and Kuwait and visiting our aviation unit that is performing the peacekeeping mission in Kosovo so magnificently. This year's annual training was another banner year for just in time, real world combat readiness training. This was a great team effort and I am deeply appreciative of everyone's contributions to this very important mission. Our Army National Guard has never been more ready and you continue to do an outstanding job!

This has also been a great summer for our Air Guard. We were pleased to show Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum, chief of the National Guard Bureau, the outstanding facilities we have at the Battle Creek Air National Guard Base and at the Fort Custer Training Center. It was a great visit. He left exceptionally impressed with both facilities and fully committed to placing a Joint Cargo Aircraft mission in Battle Creek. We will continue to move this issue forward in the months to come.

I want to also congratulate our team at Selfridge. You had a tremendously eventful summer and you can be proud of all your accomplishments. Congratulations on the successful completion of your Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI). This was a major accomplishment and you did it exceptionally well!

As we all continue to meet our nation's call, we are continually reminded that we do so at great cost. We again lost one of our own on July 10. Staff Sgt. Duane Dreasky was hit by an improvised explosive device (IED) on Nov. 21, 2005 and bravely fought to survive his wounds for nearly eight months. He was an outstanding soldier and truly loved his country and his Army. We are honored to have known him and to have served with him. Mindful of his sacrifice, we were all honored to dedicate the Fallen Heroes Memorial, at Camp Grayling, to him and the ten soldiers we had lost before him. It will certainly be a lasting tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in our nation's global war on terrorism.

I want to close this article by thanking Brig. Gen. Robert Taylor for his outstanding leadership of our Michigan Army National Guard. Gen. Taylor will retire Sep. 30 with 40 years of service. He has served as the commander of the Michigan Army National Guard for the past 13 years and has done a magnificent job of preparing us to answer our nation's call. He has also done an outstanding job of building an exceptionally strong leadership team of officers and NCOs. Bob, you've done an outstanding job and on behalf of all of us in the Michigan National Guard, I thank you! We all wish you and Cindy the very best as you begin this new chapter in your lives!

Maj. Gen. Thomas G. Cutler

ATAG TALK

★ From the desk of
The Assistant Adjutant General-Army ★



I appreciate the opportunity to write one last “Wolverine Guard” article to the Soldiers, Airmen and families of our Michigan National Guard. As I prepare for retirement, I leave 40 years of Guard service as proud as the first day I swore my allegiance.

I told someone the other day I could not have scripted a better career scenario: I swore in as a PV1 with the Military Police Company of the 46th Infantry Division and I depart as the commanding general of the 46th Military Police Command. I have seen a lot of positive changes between those two landmark dates in my life and I value the opportunities I’ve had to help make those changes.

Between PV1 and BG, I’ve served in many capacities, starting as a temporary employee at the Combined Support Maintenance Shop to Director of Army Personnel (G1), Director of Operations and Training (G3) and Chief of Staff.

My ties to 1st Battalion, 119th Field Artillery will be forever lasting.

That’s where I “cut my teeth” into the collective and individual readiness priorities we all seek for the Soldiers we lead.

Being one of the chief architects of what is now the 63rd Troop Command while serving as the training officer for the 72nd RAOC was a personal milestone. This was my first of hundreds of inactivations and reorganizations that have become part of our Army culture.

I recall being offered the position of recruiting and retention manager, which I initially turned down. It was December 1977 and Michigan was on the “anchor list” with the poorest strength efforts in the nation. There was no full time recruiting force at that time. The adjutant general asked me to reconsider the job offer. I decided to take on the challenge. Working with the National Guard Bureau, I helped craft what is now the AGR Recruiting Force. Today, as many of you know, the Michigan Army National Guard is number one in the nation for recruiting/strength.

What I took away from this assignment was a passion I’ve never lost: taking care of Soldiers! I quickly learned the Soldiers who join our formations expect the best from their leaders. They expect to be trained, equipped and promoted. And when deployed, they expect us to take care of their family. This is the least we should do for Soldiers willing to be put into harm’s way.

Since those early days, I’ve added to my list of how to take care of Soldiers. We must communicate with our Soldiers and listening is often more important than lecturing. And we must thank our Soldiers. Awards and coins are great motivators but it’s amazing what a simple pat on the back will do to increase dedication and morale...it’s about taking care of Soldiers.

Serving these last 13 years as the commander of the Michigan Army National Guard has been extremely gratifying. My father also served as the Army ATAG and following in his footsteps was pretty unique. Thanks to the staff members who served with me. Your professionalism and expertise has been instrumental to the readiness of our organization. Our collective efforts are being realized today in Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan and Kosovo. It’s all about taking care of Soldiers.

To commanders at every level, thank you. You have one of the toughest jobs in the military. Remember, you got to where you are by being who you are....don’t change. Never forget to ask Soldiers wearing E-2, E-3 and E-4 stripes, “How long have you held that grade?” You will learn much about the unit climate by their answers. Taking care of Soldiers.

To the respected members of the non-commissioned officer corps, thanks for training me and being there when needed. You truly are the backbone of the U.S. Army.

To my wife, Cindy, you are the reason I was able to take care of Soldiers. You deserve much of the credit for my success.

Finally, to those members of the Michigan Army and Air National Guard who are currently deployed around the world, to those getting ready to deploy, to those who have deployed and to those who expect to be next, I simply say this...it has been a privilege to lead you and an honor to serve with you. God bless you, your families and this great organization which we serve.

Brig. Gen. Robert V. Taylor

Bullets



During annual training the Fallen Heroes Memorial was officially dedicated to family and friends of the fallen. Photo by Staff Sgt. Helen Miller

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G-Rap

YOU CAN become a Guard Recruiting Assistant through a short online process located at www.guardrecruitingassistant.com

Take the first step towards earning additional income while assisting the Army National Guard in meeting future force structure requirements.

The Guard Recruiting Assistance Program (G-RAP) is a contracted program designed for individuals who voluntarily apply to become eligible to serve as a part-time Recruiter Assistant. The RA applicant will be verified and hired by a contractor, not the ARNG.

Each RA will generate quality potential Soldiers from within their communities, schools and other areas of influence. Once a potential Soldier is pre-qualified, the RA will coordinate a meeting with their local Recruiting and Retention NCO. The RRNCO, RA, and potential Soldier will then work closely together to process the potential Soldier and get them towards accession.

Upon enlistment, the RA will receive an initial payment of \$1,000, with a second \$1,000 payment upon successful shipment of a Non Prior Service soldier to Basic Training. As for a Prior Service recruit, the RA will receive the initial payment of \$1,000 upon enlisting in the Army National Guard and the second \$1,000 payment upon successful drilling of 6 months in their unit.

If you have further questions on the program or the process, contact your unit RRNCO or Retention NCO.

Fort Custer Hunting

Fort Custer will select participants to hunt deer on the Training Center during three hunt periods. These hunt periods will run concurrently with the 2006 Michigan Firearms Deer Season. Participants will be selected by random drawing. The three hunt periods for 2006 are:

Period 1- Nov. 15, 2006

Period 2- Nov. 18-19, 2006

Period 3- Nov. 25-26, 2006

Applications for the hunt are available on line at: <http://www.fortcuster-hunt.org>

Hero Act

On May 29, President Bush signed the Heroes Earned Retirement Opportunities

(HERO) Act. This act amends the Internal Revenue Code to allow service members to still exclude their military compensation from federal income tax, but also contribute to an Individual Retirement Account while serving in a combat zone tax exclusion area.

Military pay and imminent danger pay earned by members of the armed forces while serving in a combat zone is excluded from federal income tax. Enlisted members and warrant officers exclude all such military pay. Commissioned officers may exclude up to the maximum enlisted pay, plus imminent danger pay. This applies only for the months they serve in a combat zone tax exclusion area.

The HERO Act is retroactive to tax year 2004. Members, who did not make an IRA contribution during 2004 or 2005, have until May 28, 2009 to make a contribution for those years.

Memorial Monuments at Camp Grayling

The Camp Grayling Chapel Fund is responsible for the monuments that are being built in memory of fallen Soldiers. Individuals interested in contributing to the fund may mail their donation to Chief Rhea Pruett, 3411 North Martin Luther King Blvd., Lansing, Mich., 48906.

Federal Tuition Assistance:

Effective Oct. 1, 2006, all Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA) request forms must be submitted prior to the class start date in accordance with the National Guard Bureau online requests.

All (FTA) applications for FY 07 will follow National Guard Bureau online request form cut off date guidelines.

Symbols of the chaplain collar; law and grace

By Chaplain (Col) Raymond E. Moore

I approach the end of my 27-year career as a U.S. Army chaplain in the Michigan National Guard; I pause to reflect upon significant events that have shaped it.

As a pastor of the First Missionary Church in Lansing from 1971 to 1978, I was often recruited by a parishioner, Master Sgt. Charles Mohundro. I finally gave in and on June 8, 1978, the first day of annual training, State Chaplain (Col.) Ted Verseput issued my direct commission with these additional words of advice, "Chaplain Moore, the rank that I am pinning on your right collar carries with it a respect mandated by the UCMJ. However, the respect received from the branch symbol (Christian cross) that I am placing on your left collar, must be earned for yourself." I have often referred to those two collar symbols as "law and grace." As a military chaplain, I have sought to balance these twin sources of authority.

I will forever remember my first AT as a 1st Lt. chaplain walking across the parade field following the memorial parade and review. The pride I felt wearing the uniform of my country's military was further enhanced by what seemed to be the presence of my deceased father, who had been a Navy Sea-Bee, walking by my side.

After serving five years in the Guard, I decided I'd had enough and didn't want 15 more years of drill weekends, ATs and absenteeism from home and family. It seemed that I was always gone and the pained expression on my wife's face as I walked out the door each month, betrayed a fear that during my absence something was going to break down or that our small children would wear her out by the time I returned.

After two years in the Inactive Ready Reserve, Col. Peter Injasoulian (now Brig. Gen., Ret.) became our public school superintendent and began urging me to return to the Guard. In a discussion with my wife Judy, I learned she never had a problem with Guard involvement but with every other good cause to which I couldn't say no. With this valuable lesson learned, I reactivated my Guard status and

Loyalty

By Command Sgt. Major Thomas W. Foster

The first Army value is loyalty; to bear true faith and allegiance to the U.S. Constitution, the Army, your unit, and other Soldiers. This seems simple enough, but what happens when loyalty is misplaced; when a Soldier's loyalty to fellow Soldiers, their team and squad members, is stronger than their loyalty to the United States or the Army?

I'm sure you heard of the Abu Ghraib prison incident in Iraq, where several Military Police Soldiers were found guilty of mistreating prisoners. An MP squad allowed their loyalty to their fellow Soldiers and their squad, override their loyalty to the Army. I've heard several civilians state that the prisoners at Abu Ghraib prison deserved what happened to them because of what they did to our Soldiers or their fellow Iraqi citizens. They didn't deserve to be tortured-- they deserved to be protected by those Soldiers.

Last month, allegations of the deliberate rape and murder of an Iraqi girl and her family were made of a squad in

have never regretted that decision.

It has been my privilege to serve with some of the finest Soldiers ever to have worn our nation's military uniform. We have worked and played together sharing laughter, tears, defeats and victories, and will be life-long friends. But perhaps the most defining moments for me as a chaplain have been when I stood at the flag draped coffin of a fallen hero and shed tears of grief and gratitude and resolved to be a better Soldier and person.

I have known commanders who have inspired the kind of loyalty and courage in their Soldiers that, should they say, "Today we are going through hell," they would say, "Lead on sir, we are right with you."

I have been the beneficiary of a great supporting cast of Soldiers, and a military education that has helped me fulfill my military mission as well as my civilian mission as a pastor and prison chaplain of twenty-four years. A special thanks goes to Master Sgt. Roger Claypool, my state chaplain assistant of six years.

Proverbs 16:9 says "In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps." I can testify to the absolute truth in that verse. It goes well with another statement made by that famous author anonymous, "Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely, in a pretty and well preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and proclaiming, 'Wow, what a ride!!!'"

To my wife Judy, son Joe, and daughter Becky, I say thanks for your support and personal sacrifice over these many years. You deserve a share in any credit that may have come my way.

Finally, I thank my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for allowing me to serve Him and America in the greatest military on the face of the earth. My prayer and sincere desire is that God will continue to bless America and keep us free and strong.

the 101st Airborne. In one Soldier's testimony, he stated that the constant fear of death and the boredom of living on remote outposts in Iraq led to a loss of discipline. If his fellow squad members did these crimes, then Soldiers allowed their loyalty to their squad to override their loyalty to the Army.

The war began because we hold different beliefs and values than our enemy. They attacked us because of our beliefs. If we behave like our enemy, then we have lost the war. If we become like the enemy, they are the winners. To prevent Soldiers from becoming like our enemies, we teach the Army Values. We teach honor so that we hold to our core beliefs in the face of the many dangers and hardships in war. We teach, that loyalty to the U.S. Constitution is the primary loyalty of all Soldiers.

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Post deployment care

By Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Maes

As part of ongoing efforts to safeguard the health of our Soldiers, the Michigan Army National Guard has implemented the Department of Defense Post Deployment Health Reassessment program.

PDHRA is part of a health protection program designed to extend care for Soldiers with deployment-related health concerns. It provides education, screening, assessment and access to care for a wide variety of health and readjustment questions and concerns.

Although Soldiers are screened during their demobilization for deployment-related health issues, problems may go unnoticed or unreported because Soldiers often hurry through the screening. They want to get home and put their deployment behind them. Also common are problems that do not surface until months after the homecoming.

Under PDHRA, units returning from a combat zone will undergo a Post Deployment Health Reassessment 90 to 180 days after their REFRAD date, ideally during their first drill back from transitional leave.

Response to the program has been generally positive. "The personnel who run the screening had great attitudes. You could really tell they put the importance on the Soldiers' well being. There was no sense that they were hurrying to get you done and out of the way," said Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Hooker, 1073rd Maintenance Company.

"The Battlemind training was great and it would have been helpful to our families," said Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Whitmoyer, 1073rd Maintenance Company. "Take your time to answer all questions honestly. Don't fly through the form to get it done. It is there to help you."

The Post Deployment Health Reassessment does not replace the pre-deployment and post deployment assessments, but instead adds an additional checkpoint along the continuum of care.

For additional information, go to www.pdhealth.mil or contact the Michigan Army National Guard PDHRA team at (517) 481-8254/8255/8240.

USPFO wins national level awards

Story and photo by Master Sgt. Denice Rankin

"A unique and great honor," is how Harvey Jones, an Evaluator with the United States Property and Fiscal Office, Internal Review Division, summed up receipt of his award as "National Guard Bureau Evaluator of the Year." Unique is just one way to define this milestone in Michigan National Guard history.

Jones was the first individual from Michigan selected by NGB for this national level award. Evaluators from the 54 states and territories can be nominated for the award, yet only one is fortunate enough to receive it.

In August 2006, Jones's supervisor, David Milligan and the USPFO, COL Steven Barner, traveled to Washington D.C., to accept the award on Jones behalf because he was unable to attend.

Jones' nomination and final selection was based on many endeavors, which he completed during 2005. His accomplishments varied from recouping large sums of money for the federal government, to a review of

Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) funds, resulting in enhanced Soldier morale.

Jones is a 26-year veteran of the military and has more than 12 years of service in the USPFO-IR office.

In addition to Jones' award, the USPFO Internal Review staff was awarded the NGB-IR 4-Star Award for supporting NGB-IR programs. It is the highest level Star award recognizing a state for supporting NGB-IR initiatives such as serving on committees; participating in Army-wide reviews; providing instruction or training; and writing articles for the DA-IR Journal.



Harvey Jones, awarded in August as the NGB-IR Evaluator of the Year.

Sexual assault is a crime

By Sgt. 1st Class James V. Downen

To help educate the force and discourage sexual assault among the ranks, the Michigan National Guard has adopted the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program. The SAPR program provides victim-centered support and intimidation free reporting thorough investigation and accountability of those who commit sexual crimes.

Additionally, the Michigan Guard has assigned two Sexual Assault Response Coordinators at the state level: Army Chief Warrant Officer 2 Andrew Mosciski and Air Force Maj. Alice Niedergall. Additional SARCs will be assigned at brigade, battalion and wing levels.

"Service members making sexual assault reports will be treated confidentially and with respect," said Mosciski.

"Sexual assault is never the fault of the victim," added Niedergall. "You

are not to blame for what another person has done to you."

Sexual assault is defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, physical threat or abuse of authority, or when a victim does not or cannot consent. Sexual assault includes rape, indecent assault (unwanted, inappropriate sexual contact), or attempts to commit these acts. Sexual assault can occur without regard to gender, spousal relationship or age of victim.

Consent is not the failure by the victim to physically resist. Consent is not given when the victim is asleep, incapacitated, or unconscious.

Any Soldier or Airmen who is a victim of sexual assault is encouraged to call the SAPR hotline at 517-749-9806 or e-mail Maj. Niedergall or Chief Mosciski at alice.niedergall@mibatt.ang.af.mil or andrew.mosciski@us.army.mil.

Avian Flu-you can prepare

Photo and story by Sgt. Gabriel Morse

“Once again nature has presented us with a daunting challenge: the possibility of an influenza pandemic,” stated President George W. Bush. “. . . We have an opportunity to prepare ourselves, our nation, and our world to fight this potentially devastating outbreak of infectious disease. . . While your government will do much to prepare for a pandemic, individual action and individual responsibility are necessary for the success of any measures.”

Thus begins the opening salvo—a declaration of war—against a new enemy on a new battlefield, from the president to the American people Nov. 1, 2005.

The presidential letter describes a dangerous enemy which the world has often ignored—disease, virus, and bacteria. The battle lines have moved back and forth; sometimes disease gaining the upper hand and killing millions of people, and at other times, halted with the sword of a Louis Pasteur, an Edward Jenner, or a William Gorgas.

And now, the world holds its breath, awaiting the next act in this recurring drama. Americans know about seasonal influenza which affects hundreds of thousands every year. But, according to world health officials, few are prepared for the H5N1 avian virus; a strain affecting domestic and migratory birds in approximately 50 countries.

Although this strain hangs like a sword over the world’s neck, simple measures can hold off this threat. Active participation in infection control measures such as frequent hand washing, staying home when ill, and covering mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing reduces the spread of infectious diseases such as H5N1.

Yet, according to Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services Alex Azar, there are new monster strains which recently reared their ugly heads. Azar stated that the last great pandemic which swept Michigan in 1918 reported 21,541 influenza cases and 922 deaths in approximately one month. Although scientists make astounding leaps in progress, constant genetic changes in viruses require ongoing time and research to try and keep up.

In the mean time, individual cleanliness as well as cooperation and communication on local, state, national, and international levels, may be the immediate medication needed to make this lion of a problem whimper out like a lamb.



During the homeland security exercise, Ardent Sentry, MSU livestock pavilion veterinarian, Dr. Steve Halstead and his deputy, Dr. Nancy Frank, give an overview and functional exercise to volunteer Michigan Vet Corps members about Avian influenza.

America’s next top model?

Photo and story by Staff Sgt. Helen Miller

Michigan Army National Guard produces America’s next top model. Well, maybe not, but 13 Michigan Army National Guard soldiers got to be models for a week at a photo shoot in Camp Grayling, Mich., held by the National Guard Bureau, LM&O Advertising, and the Michigan Army National Guard Recruiting and Retention Command.

The National Guard Bureau is currently working on replacing some of its advertising material, and chose Michigan as the location to shoot its Army Medical Department (AMMED) and chaplain photos. Michigan Army National Guard Soldiers were chosen as models for the event and Camp Grayling, Mich., was chosen as the location for the shoot.

It was a several month process getting everything together for the shoot. The sites had to be chosen, the models had to be picked, and the equipment and props needed for the event had to be requisitioned. 1st Lt. Christopher Stone, Michigan Army National Guard Recruiting and Retention Command was in charge of this mission and a big mission it was. Stone made sure that Michigan was up for the task with the help of his marketing team, which consisted of Lori Stone, Sgt. 1st Class Sherri Berry and Spc. David Aumick.

After several months of planning and preparing, the shoot was a great success. Michigan Army National Guard Soldiers posed as doctors, nurses and medical professionals and chaplains to provide photos for the Recruiting and Retention Command to use in advertising media to recruit for the National Guard.

The Michigan Army National Guard may not have discovered America’s next top model, but the Michigan Army National Guard Soldiers used in the National Guard Bureau AMEDD/Chaplain photo shoot did represent Michigan and their photos will be seen all across the United States.



Dave Nagel, a photographer hired by NGB, shoots photos of Michigan National Guard Soldiers. The photos will be used in national advertising for the Army National Guard. Some of the photos can be seen on the 1-800-GoGuard Web site.

Bravo Company, 125—Courage under fire



1st Battalion, 125th Infantry performs a cache sweep.
Photo courtesy of the 125.

By 1st Lt. Corissa Barton

Company B, 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry Regiment was mobilized in February of 2005. Before they could deploy to Iraq, they spent five months doing mobilization training at Camp Shelby, Miss., including one month at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, Calif. Once their mobilization training was over, they spent time staging and preparing in Kuwait, which included final marksmanship training, weapons qualification, traffic control point operations, and blue force tracker training.

Michigan's Company B was attached to the 1-110th Infantry Battalion, 2-28th Brigade Combat Team from Pennsylvania, which was attached to the 2nd Marine Division while in Iraq. The 125th arrived at Camp Shelby approximately one month after the 1-110th but trained faster than expected, catching up to and passing the 1-110th in its training in roughly three weeks.

"The most beneficial aspect of our training at Camp Shelby was the fact that we learned how to work together and build a team. Other than that, our training did not really reflect what we faced in Iraq. In fact, we really only saw one incident that remotely mirrored our training the whole time we were in Iraq," said 3rd Platoon Leader, 1st Lt. Ryan Senn.

Once in Iraq the unit was stationed at Camp Habbaniyah, which lies east of Ramadi and Fallujah in the Sunni Triangle, along route Michigan. While in country, the unit conducted multiple combat missions to include: focused area patrols, presence patrols, targeted raids, cache sweeps, cordon and search, main supply route security, information operation, civil affairs, counter-intelligence, psychological operations, convoy escort/security, observation post operations at remote sites, base defense operations, tank sup-

port, and joint patrols with the Iraqi Army. Many soldiers received certificates of training as loaders and drivers of the M-1 series tank.

Company B had another purpose during their tour. While another unit trained and prepared the Iraqi Army for battle, Company B was responsible for taking the Iraqi Soldiers on patrols.

"We never really knew how many Iraqi soldiers were going to be attached to us until right before the mission started, but we always liked taking them with us," said Senn, "I would have taken them on every mission if I could have. The Iraqi civilians were significantly more receptive towards the Iraqi soldiers than the US Soldiers. Not to mention the fact that having the Iraqi soldiers meant that 15 to 30 soldiers could verbally interact with the civilians as opposed to the one or two interpreters we would normally have on our missions."

Though there is a lot of doubt about whether or not the military is making a difference, there was no question that the Iraqi Army is better for having trained with Company B.

"We saw a significant improvement in the Iraqi Army from the first missions to our last missions we conducted with them. During most of our initial joint missions, we basically took them along for the ride while we conducted our missions but towards the end of our tour, we accompanied them, letting them conduct their missions while we did our missions as well," said Senn.

Senn tells a story of a time when one of the attached Iraqi sergeants was allowing his squad to be very relaxed at a security halt waiting for an adjacent element to catch up. They were sitting around with their kevlar off and talking with one another. Senn approached the sergeant and explained to him that he needed to get his squad suited up and

a little more disciplined. The sergeant immediately fixed the problem and profusely apologized to Senn for letting his guard down. Shortly after that halt, one of the adjacent elements began receiving indirect and small arms fire. The Iraqi sergeant approached Senn and told him he understood why Senn wanted them to keep their guard up.

Training with the Iraqi Army was one challenge, but there were others. The area in which Company B conducted missions had historically been an area with a high number of improvised explosive devices as well as mortar, sniper, rocket, and small arms attacks.

The 125th served in a ground combat role, conducting multiple missions daily, as well as 24 hour outpost operations. The unit was targeted by anti-coalition forces and as a result, has received the largest number of casualties of any Michigan unit deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan. Company B lost seven Soldiers, and suffered an additional amount of injured Soldiers.

Those who died are:

- Spc. Timothy D. Brown, 23, Cedar Springs, Nov. 4, 2005.
- Pfc. John W. Dearing, 21, Hazel Park, Nov. 21, 2005.
- Sgt. Spencer C. Akers, 35, Traverse City, Dec. 8, 2005.
- Spc. Dane O. Carver, 20, Freeport, Dec. 26, 2005.
- Sgt. Joshua V. Youmans, 26, Flushing, Mar. 1, 2006.
- Sgt. Matthew A. Webber, 23, Kalamazoo, Apr. 27, 2006.
- Staff Sgt. Duane Dreasky, 31, Novi, July 10, 2006.

Dreasky was the first Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom casualty from the Michigan National Guard to be buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

In March 2006, the American Red Cross of Saginaw County honored Company B, in its Everyday Heroes Celebration. The unit was recognized for its unwavering courage through all of the hardships endured.

When the unit came home in June 2006, the auditorium of Delta College in Saginaw was filled with friends, families and loved ones of the returning Soldiers. There wasn't a dry eye in the auditorium as everyone was anxious to be reunited. They also received a heartfelt welcome from Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm who said "I want to thank you for fighting for us...and for making this world a safer place."

First female brigadier general in Michigan Army National Guard

By 1st Lt. Corissa Barton

On August 10, in front of her loved ones and fellow Soldiers, Mandi A. Murray accepted her promotion to brigadier general.

Murray has a few firsts under her belt, to her previous selections as the first female battalion commander, brigade commander, and now, the first female general officer for the Michigan Army National Guard.

"While I am not unmindful of the historic moment of being the first woman in the Michigan Army National Guard to be a general officer, if I do this right, I will be remembered as a Soldier who was lucky enough to be a general, and just happened to be a woman," Murray said.

Murray began her military career when she enlisted in the Michigan Army National Guard in 1981. She received a commission as a second lieutenant from Northern Michigan University through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program in 1984. Prior to her current assignment as the deputy commanding general of the 46th Military Police Command, she has served as a maintenance platoon leader, auditing officer, disbursing officer, personnel service company executive officer and commander, battalion S1, personnel service battalion commander, state headquarters human resource and equal opportunity officer, and troop command brigade commander.

In civilian life, Murray works for Trinity Health Care as assistant general counsel.

Murray and her husband, Marty, have two children, Matthew and Mitchell. She is the daughter of Merry Meredith of Grayling, Mich., and Michael and Dolores Stillwagon of Gaylord, Mich.



Brig. Gen. Mandi A. Murray receives her 1-star flag from Command Sgt. Maj. Dan Lincoln, as her family stands by.

Photo by Sgt. Susan James

Selfridge, not Hollywood

A LOOK BACK AT 9-11

By 1st Lt. Penny Carroll

On the morning of September 11, 2001, many full-time members of the 127th Wing started their day with a cup of coffee, checking e-mail and attending Commander's Call. (Then) Brig. Gen. Thomas G. Cutler, 127th Wing commander, held this hour-long meeting at Vandenberg Conference Center on Selfridge Air National Guard Base. About the same time, 150 wing members and six F-16s were arriving at Prince Sultan Air Base in support of Operation Southern Watch to enforce the no-fly zone over southern Iraq.

Master Sgt. Sam Corbin had begun his day earlier than most, meeting recruits at the Troy Military Entrance Processing Station at 5:45 a.m.

At 8:50 a.m., two 107th Fighter Squadron F-16s took off from Selfridge and headed toward Grayling Range.

As Gen. Cutler finished his meeting, a commander from an Air Force Reserve unit stationed at Selfridge came in and said there had been an accident at the World Trade Center.

At Prince Sultan Air Base, Master Sgt. Thomas Stephanic, 127th Maintenance Squadron armament specialist, was on the flight line with his crew loading live weapons and getting F-16s ready to patrol the no-fly zone when their commander came out to tell them the news.

Senior Airmen George Farrell, 127th Logistics Readiness Squadron, was at his civilian job at DaimlerChrysler when his co-worker announced, "A plane just hit the World Trade Center." Farrell assumed it was a small Cessna. "How many people were killed?" The man in the cubicle next to him replied, "It was a passenger jet."

Lt. Col. Rolf Mamman was also at his civilian job. He was on the last day of a six-day international trip departing London Heathrow to arrive mid-morning at New York's JFK International Airport. As his United Airlines 767 approached the Canadian coast a data link message appeared. "Are you ok?" This was followed by others, slowly revealing the seriousness of what was happening.

It appears an airplane has hit the World Trade Center...

It looks like a United 737 and possibly an American 757 have hit the World Trade Center...

These are two separate crashes, this is hi-jacking...others may be in progress...secure your cockpit.

As air traffic controllers at Boston Center, New York Center and the Federal Aviation Administration tried to make sense out of what was happening, it became apparent to the world through televised media coverage it was unlike anything Americans had ever experienced before.

"I got back to wing headquarters about 9:15 and turned on a news channel," said Cutler. "We had jets airborne and the FAA asked if they had enough fuel or ammunition to intercept a flight in Pennsylvania. I realized then our country was under attack and we could be asked to provide F-16s to protect our part of the country."

The F-16 mission to Grayling was "uneventful" until the return trip to base when the crew heard strange instructions

from Cleveland Center concerning East Coast flights. As the two jets approached Saginaw, Cleveland Center notified them of a "demon watch," which meant the pilots were to contact their operations center.

"The Operations Group commander asked if we had expended all our munitions and specifically asked if we had strafed," said (then) Maj. Doug Champagne. We replied that all ordnance was gone. I assumed we had strafed without clearance and had injured someone down range. We had no idea what was happening on the Eastern seaboard."

But Col. Mamman did and immediately assumed the worst. He notified the flight attendants, disabled the "air phone" telephone system, turned off the "air show" and asked the third pilot to come to the cockpit. "We were diverted initially to Syracuse and finally to Halifax International Airport. All the while, one of us was sitting on the cockpit jump seat with the crash axe guarding the cockpit door. Our procedures up until that morning would have been to comply with a hijacker's demands. Knowing what was happening, it was clear to all of us that we would defend the cockpit at all cost."

The F-16s were directed to return to base. About 15 miles past Saginaw, another aircraft was waiting to take off. Cleveland Center announced an aircraft had run into the Pentagon. No aircraft would be heading for the east coast. "That was the only indication we received that other aircraft and buildings were involved," said Champagne.

The F-16s landed about 10 minutes later. "Capt. (now major) Sean Campbell, approached my aircraft and I remember distinctly, he mouthed the words, 'It's bad, really really bad.'"

Contrary to recent Hollywood and television movies surrounding the events of the attacks, Selfridge F-16s were not launched to intercept United Flight 93 that eventually crashed in Pennsylvania. "Due to the timing of the contact, by the time it was sorted out who and where we were, Flight 93 had already turned back to the southeast and we did not have the fuel to chase them down," said Champagne.

"It was a helpless feeling," said Stephanic, deployed to Prince Sultan Air Base. "We were overseas, armed to the teeth, surrounded by tanks, machine guns and God only knows what else and the war was brought to our country. I will never forget that feeling to the day I die."

At Selfridge, the 127th Wing quickly established its priorities and went to work. "We secured the base, built live missiles and by early afternoon had six jets fully prepared to do whatever was asked of us," said Gen. Cutler.

"We ended up loading all the jets with missiles and putting them all on alert without a real defined objective or mission," said Brig. Gen. Robert Johnston, (then) 127th Wing vice commander. "We just knew we needed to protect the airspace over Detroit.

"Our leaders had a plan," said Crew Chief Tech. Sgt. Rick Carroll. "Once it was communicated to us, everything

started to click. We turned a peace-time flying operation into a 24/7 insurance policy with the best-of-the-best at the control.”

Security Forces implemented vehicle and identification card checks that slowed traffic to a crawl. Although the base had practically shut down the gates with such stringent security checks, wing members flooded to Selfridge regardless of a recall.

“More and more people started to filter in,” said Tech. Sgt. Bran Jackman, an F-16 maintenance technician. “Several traditional Guardsmen did just like I did and walked away from their civilian jobs, some never to get them back.”

“I don’t think we made a single call to call folks in,” said Johnston. “Maintenance folks and pilots just showed up. They had every plane fully configured and ready on the ramp, and they did it very quickly.”

Some of those who reported for duty had recently retired, like Senior Master Sgt. Chris Koch, 127th Command Post controller.

“I was formally retired on August 16, 2001. I was pretty sure that, despite my recent retirement, I would be hearing from the Command Post. There was no one left who had experience with the alert mission, a mission we had given up around 10 years earlier.”

“The tempo at the base was intoxicating,” said Carroll. “Everyone from the pilots to the fuel truck drivers and all in between did what they could. Sixty percent of our unit was deployed and we had limited resources and experience. Another unit from Springfield, Ohio, was returning from training at the Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center and offered their crew chiefs and weapons personnel. Everyone just did it. No matter what it was, it just happened.”

As a 24-hour alert mission was developing, personnel were adjusting to new roles in facilities that were not yet equipped to handle them. “On that day we built what would become our home for months at the end of the runway using first a school bus, then eventually putting up tents,” said Jackman.

“The actions of the wing members was a tremendous source of pride to me as our citizen soldiers did what historically they have always done,” said Cutler. “By the time

we were asked to launch [by NORAD] we were ready.”

Gen. Johnston and Col. Champagne were the first to fly the live-loaded combat air patrol flight over Detroit.

“It was very different than the old air defense mission where there was a build up, wartime posture, knowing exactly the rules of engagement and what the potential targets looked like,” said Johnston. “At that time we didn’t have a procedure for shooting down an airliner. We were up there to re-establish air sovereignty – because that day we lost it.”

“It was an eerie feeling to be the only ones airborne in the mid-west,” said Champagne. “Normally when flying at night you literally see hundreds and hundreds of lights from other airline traffic. That night there was not a single light to see, not one. Just me, Gen. Johnston and the tanker.”

The 127th Wing’s F-16s kept a 24-hour presence in the air the rest of that week. It seemed the community came to welcome the jet noise, knowing the sound of F-16s was the sound of freedom and the sound of an air presence keeping them safe.

The recruits at MEPS joined in spite of their fears of what happened that day. “As I drove home that somber evening, I could not help thinking how difficult it must have been to stay in line to join the service with the uncertainty that we all knew the day would bring,” said Corbin. “Not a single applicant was lost. I commend the men and women who put their hand in the air that day.”

Since Sept. 11, the 107th Fighter Squadron has flown almost 1,000 air defense missions. The wing’s Airlift Group (C-130s) and Operations Group (F-16s) have been deployed to Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. The C-130s have supported Operation Coronet Oak and provided airlift to the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. Both are scheduled to deploy again in the coming months.

As for how Hollywood depicted the 127th Wing’s involvement that day, the real story is one of commitment and service. “I still think, and have always thought, that whatever help I can give to aid others to enjoy the freedoms we have is worth my life, your life, and all the precious lives of those individuals who served before us,” said Champagne.

Let us not forget.

177th Military Police Brigade participates in historic Command Post Exercise

By 1st Lt. Lynn Chapp

During annual training this year, the 177th Military Police Brigade played a major role in training their new Michigan Army National Guard counterpart, the 46th Military Police Command. It was a fast paced 24-hour operation that lasted five days. The goal was to improve on lessons learned, improve capabilities, and simulate the stress rigors of a theater level command post.

For this scenario, the 177th was tasked to support and assist the “Host Nation” to regain control of a local prison. All aspects of injected mini-scenarios were made up of actual events happening in Iraq.

The 46th is new to the force structure of the Michigan Guard and this was their first exercise with “real time” in-

teraction with subordinate commands. The 177th has conducted numerous war fighting exercises and recently deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. In an after action review, Maj. Gen. Jerry Cannon, former commander of the 177th, and current commander of the 46th, stated, “When I go to war, this is the brigade I want to go with.”

The theme of the after action review was ‘experience is the best teacher.’ Learn from the mistakes and get information and resources to the lowest level as soon as possible. Brig. Gen. Mandi Murray, deputy commander of the 46th, relayed the message; “Soldiers lives depend on you executing your jobs now, not tomorrow.”

Two Faces in the crowd

By Staff Sgt. Jaime Krym, 107th Engineer Battalion

A story about two mechanical geniuses from the Yooper Platoon, 107th Engineer Battalion, Upper Michigan National Guard, deployed to Afghanistan with the 864th Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy), Task Force Pacemaker.

Being in the National Guard can be a double-edged sword. On the plus side, you only have to don the uniform and “play Army” one weekend a month, two weeks in the summertime. On the negative side, as an NCO, you are only allotted two days out of any given month to get to know your new troops. For the most part, and unfortunately so, they rarely get past being just names on your alpha roster, each Soldier barely distinguishable from the next. And so, each month for months on end, you find yourself utilizing the Soldiers around you as mere tools to fetch this or do that, never really having the time to get to know the human beings inside until annual summer camp rolls around.

But then you get deployed to Afghanistan, and all that changes. Individuals soon emerge from the masses, distinguishing themselves from their peers within their chosen areas of expertise. Such is the case with Spc. Ben Fleming and Spc. Josh Smith, Yooper Platoon’s 20 year old “gear heads.” Fleming, a tall, lanky guy, is the louder, more boisterous of the two. At night, you can hear him from two Quonset huts down. Smitty, on the other hand, rarely speaks if not spoken to. His sideburns constantly teeter at the limits subscribed in AR 670-1, as if in some kind of silent protest. Although Fleming is assigned to 1st squad, and Smitty’s assigned to 2nd squad, my squad, the two are never far from each other. Over the course of the deployment, their names have become inexorably intertwined, like “peanut butter and jelly” or “cream and sugar.” Fleming-and-Smitty, Smitty-and-Fleming. Both are mechanical geniuses. They are car guys, grease-monkeys, proud rednecks who come from long lines of proud rednecks—Smitty tells me that if you drive past his old man’s house, you’ll see about fifty cars in the yard.

And without them, Yooper Platoon would be lost.

We have a mission tomorrow. My .50 cal is acting up. The bolt won’t go all the way forward—it’s getting hung up on something, but we can’t figure out what or how to fix it. After a half hour of trial or error, my gunner’s given up. So have I. Smitty, my driver, stares intently at the weapon.

“Smitty,” I ask, “can this be Smittied?”

The slightest smile crosses Smitty’s face. His very name has become an action verb, defined as fixed, repaired, solved. Kind of like “Smurfed,” only more specific.

“Smitty, can you Smitty this?”

Smitty reaches behind him, lifts the back of his DCU blouse, and deftly extracts his Gerber.

“I can Smitty it.”

Most days, you can find Fleming-and-Smitty under one M-1114 Humvee hood or another, expertly cranking away on something, their DCUs streaked with the grease of their trade. They have become walking DA 638 citations, two young combat engineers who have been tasked to work in an infantry role who have tasked THEMSELVES with

maintaining Yooper Platoon’s entire fleet of 1114’s and crew served weapons. They know their self-appointed jobs and they do them well, having corrected vehicle and weapons malfunctions on the spot on countless occasions. I’ve seen them solve problems that have baffled the Task Force mechanics. E-6’s and E-7’s over twice their age with over ten times their time in service defer to their judgment.

Soldier: “My power steering pump is shot.”

Sergeant: “Have Smitty-and-Fleming look at it.”

Walk into hooch K-31 at FOB Sharan after darkness falls and you’ll find them both there, huddled together, speaking reverently of “trannies” and “turbos” and arguing whether Ford or Chevy produces the better truck. They will sit there and meticulously pore over the latest issue of Dirt Bike Magazine, their language, a mix of obscure terminology and engine sounds, as strange and foreign as that of the Afghanis. Predictably, one of the other Joes will soon stand up and begin loudly gesticulating, mimicking Flemings thick Yooper accent. “Yah, you betcha, Smitty. That 250’s got a lot of guts in ‘er, ‘ey?” Fleming-and-Smitty will just smile, their eyes locking in a moment of understand nobody else is privy to. They’re used to getting ripped on. It happens A LOT.

Until something needs to be fixed, that is.

There’s a mission to KAF tomorrow. Fleming is on



Spc. Benjamin Fleming and Spc. Joshua Smith in Afghanistan while deployed with the 107th Engineer Battalion. The two earned the title of “gear-heads” by their comrades and formed the “Smitty and Fleming” glue that helped hold the 107th Engineer Battalion’s vehicles together.

his way back from the showers when he happens to peek inside one of the vehicles. He notices purple liquid snaking out from underneath the SINCGAR radio mount. By the time my LT walks by, the entire SINCGAR mount has been pulled off and Fleming is on his hands and knees inside the vehicle, working by light of a red lens flashlight.

“You know we have time to do that tomorrow right?”

Fleming doesn't even look up. “May as well do it now, sir.”

The thing is, this truck isn't even Fleming's—it's assigned to some other guy, a guy who at that very moment is sitting in his hooch playing Halo. Fleming doesn't mind, doesn't complain, doesn't even ask the driver for his help. He doesn't look at it like most of us would—as an encumbrance.

He looks at it as an opportunity.

Earlier that day, I'd tasked Fleming-and-Smitty with changing the oil on four of the vehicles, replacing computers on two of them, and installing a heater on yet another. I decide to check up on them at lunch to see how they're doing. Smitty-and-Fleming meet me outside. Their shoulders are slumped, their faces deflated balloons.

“They're kicking us out of here, Sergeant Krym,” Fleming says. “They said they need the bay this afternoon. We've still got two vehicles to do.”

I almost tell them to go to lunch, but the look of disappointment on their faces is too much for me to bear. I go and talk to some people. Rank has its privileges. Within a minute and a half, I've secured them another bay.

I watch as they pull the next truck into the new bay and

pop the hood, goofy grins now draped over their mugs. It's at that moment that I finally understand—this work ethic isn't some show they put on for their senior leadership. It's not something they do because of any external pressure or reward. It's as ingrained in them as blue eyes and blond hair. They are like the sled dogs of the Iditarod, forever unhappy unless they're running, unsatisfied unless they feel the comfortable load of the sled on their shoulders as they surge forward.

This is cathartic for them. It is their release.

We're on a mission to Lagman—a draining, day-long journey undertaken in the dead of winter. We arrive just as darkness is falling, then quickly refuel and park the vehicles, eager for the warmth of the transient tents. Smitty shuts the driver's side door, and for some reason, the perfect end to the perfect day, the door latch comes apart. Parts fall everywhere. Smitty looks at the ground and shakes his head.

“That's alright Smitty,” I say. “Grab your stuff. We'll get it tomorrow.”

Smitty kneels down and scoops up the parts.

“Better do it now, Sergeant.”

Before I can open my mouth in protest, Smitty's multi-tool is out and clamped onto the door. Fleming soon joins him, holding a spring while Smitty tightens a nut, the two looking like cardiologists desperately trying to save a dying patient. I try to offer them another out, but they are tunnel-visioned—oblivious to me and to everything else that is not within the length of a Gerber. Mortars could be coming down all around them and there they'd be, still wrenching away.

126th Armor in Afghanistan

By Capt. Wesley G.W. Smith

April 22, 2005 began Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 126th Armor Forward 7 mission to support Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. The



The 126th Armor are on patrol in Afghanistan and fortunate to have a camera on hand to shoot the beautiful morning sunrise as well as a caravan of nomads passing through at the time of the Afghan Parliamentary elections.

Photo courtesy of 126th Armor

team consisted of 13 personnel coming from the 126th Armor and two from the 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry. Our mission was to enter the OEF theater as a Mobilized Training Team, specializing in mechanized infantry using M113 as the delivery system.

The 15 member team mobilized to Fort Benning, Ga. to train and prepare for the fluid battlefield. The entry-level training lasted three weeks and then we went to Camp Dodge, Iowa for approximately

30 days for continued training specific to our mission. After training at Camp Dodge, we returned to Fort Benning and awaited our movement to Afghanistan.

We arrived in Kabul, Afghanistan in early June 2005. We found out how fluid the battle rhythm was. As soon as we touched down and got settle into our temporary quarters, a nice tent, our mission had changed. We were no longer MTTs but now Embedded Tactical Trainers, our mission; to train the Afghan National Army.

The two missions were very similar with one exception; the ETT is very much a part of the battlefield in a mentor status. We went from strictly teaching, to teaching and completing the lessons with a practical exercise in the form of tactical missions. We completed various missions, from simple patrols to more complex offensive missions.

The ANA are great students and eager to learn. We taught to U.S. Army standards and they would adapt what they had learned to better fit into their culture and protocol. Overall, it worked and they had many successful missions.

Our mission had many various experiences. We learned what war was like, how gratifying teaching a foreign nation's army was, that they meant it when they said not to eat the food or drink the water, and how important our own training is to survival. Many other experiences made the 15 of us more complete as soldiers and citizens of Michigan. And the scenery wasn't that bad either.

Annual 2006

A CH-47 Chinook transports soldiers and their employers during "Boss Lift" to various locations throughout Camp Grayling.

Inset Left: Soldiers from the 119th Field Artillery unveil a new memorial displayed next to the chapel at Camp Grayling.

Inset Middle: Soldiers from the 107th Engineer Battalion, simulate pulling a wounded soldier off the front gate of a Forward Operating Base .

Inset Right: Governor Jennifer Granholm and her family clap in salute as soldiers "pass and review" during the annual Memorial Review.



Training



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Operation Summer Shield III

Michigan Soldiers prepare Latvian brothers for war

Story and photo by Sgt. Gabriel Morse

The heavy snap of 7.62 mm rounds, the dull throaty roar of humvee engines and excited voices exploded violently against the sound of falling rain, in what otherwise would have been a serenely peaceful Eastern European pine forest.

Just moments before, Michigan National Guard observers watched as Latvian soldiers dressed in faded green BDUs and armed with Swedish manufactured G-3 rifles and MG-3 automatic weapons carefully patrolled several crumbling Soviet era buildings, imitating an Iraqi village in Adazi, Latvia during Operation Summer Shield III, a joint Michigan Army National Guard and Latvian Land Forces exercise. Around them, soldiers dressed as village headmen squatted on their haunches and smoked, while several women mourned at fresh graves, and young men kicked a soccer ball. All of that changed as a terrorist role player opened fire through the broken doorway of his hideout, setting off the MILES gear worn by several approaching soldiers. Hard hit by surprise attacks from inside the building and from the group of mourners, the Latvian NCOs and their teams were tested on their ability to respond correctly to various situations.

The Latvian NCO who took over after the “death” of his squad leader was able to silence opposition from the mourners, then direct a counter attack using a maneuver called the “Israeli stack” to end the conflict.

“Wow! That was incredible,” exclaimed Michigan Guardsman Sgt. 1st Class Don Derryberry as he watched the Latvian team change tactics. Minutes later, positive actions like this one were brought up during the after action report when Michigan and Latvian soldiers discussed how the mission was received, planned, and executed.

The AAR--a new concept for the Europeans--was well received by the Latvians. It deepened the relationship between the soldiers from the two countries as the Latvians realized the Michigan Soldiers were not going to use it to beat them up. Instead the Michigan team used it as a platform to praise their counterparts.

The two week exercise began under the direction of Michigan Guardsmen from the 125th Infantry Battalion and the 126th Armor Battalion; but, once the actual field ex-

ercise commenced Latvian soldiers directed the operation while members of the Michigan team moved into observer/facilitator roles.

The OSS III exercise was the last step in a long process before the Latvian Coy (battalion) deployed to Iraq to join the Polish Brigade as part of an international force.

“They’re showing a commendable ability in their physical searches of both suspects and vehicles and a great deal of enthusiasm and determination when under fire,” said Staff Sgt. Dan Thomas.

The joint Michigan National Guard and Latvian Land Forces exercise built on a solid foundation from two previous Operation Summer Shields. This deepening relationship, promoted by the State Partnership Program began in 1991 when Latvia gained its independence from the former Soviet Union and increased momentum as the tiny European nation joined the NATO alliance in May 2004.

The success and importance of that relationship was reiterated to the Michigan Soldiers multiple times during the two week exercise. “I commend each one of you gentlemen for earning a place on this team and I have no doubt each of you will give our Latvian broth-



A Latvian Soldier guards a “wounded” protestor during one of the many training scenarios outside Camp Charlie forward operating base in Adazai, Latvia, during OSS III. The armed Soldier is part of the 2nd Latvian Coy (Battalion), which deployed to Iraq two weeks after the exercise. Latvian Soldier from the 1st Latvian Coy recently returned from Iraq.

ers-in-arms your very best as they head into combat here in a couple of weeks,” said Maj. Greg Durkac, 125th Infantry Battalion commander and OSS III commander. “You are assisting them in the very final phase of training before they actually hit the ground in Iraq. They trust us to be straight forward with them. At the same time we’ve got a lot to learn from them, now and in future joint operations.”

At an informal farewell ceremony, Durkac presented his Latvian counterparts with battle axes, then, addressing Capt. Edmund Svencs, 1st Coy company commander, he said, “Captain, every single one of my men would serve under your command if he could. You and your men have proven yourself as soldiers. You are an honor to your country and to the military. We salute you.”



1st Lt. Steven Dawson, of Company B, 125th Infantry, serves as observer and controller during OSS III.

Vice President Cheney visits Selfridge Air Force Base 107th Weatherflight member awarded the Purple Heart

By 1st. Lt. Penelope Carroll

More than 500 military and family members from Selfridge Air National Guard Base were present for a “Troop Rally” held July 10 in the 927th Air Refueling Wing’s Hangar 36. Vice President Dick Cheney addressed the crowd for approximately 20 minutes, noting each branch of service at the unique joint-service installation and thanking the troops for their service.

“When people do good work I think it’s important to look them in the eye and let them know it,” the vice president said.

Brig. Gen. Michael L. Peplinski, the 127th Wing commander, introduced the vice president to the cheering crowd. The U.S. Air Force Band of Flight, on tour from Wight-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, played numerous patriotic songs, including a medley of service hymns that allowed the crowd to proudly rise when their particular anthem was played.

After his speech, Vice President Cheney presented the 107th Weather Flight’s Master Sgt. Henry Christle with a Purple Heart, awarded for wounds sustained in Afghanistan in 2004.



White House Photographer David Bahrer

Master Sgt. Henry Christle is awarded the Purple Heart by Vice President Cheney during his August visit to Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

Deuce Training Deuce

By Master Sgt. Robert J. Stewart

In December 2005, 145 Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 182nd Field Artillery, “The Deuce,” returned home from Operation Iraqi Freedom. Six months later in May, the battalion was notified that 160 Soldiers may deploy to a mobilization site and then on to Iraq by the end of 2006.

In response, the battalion developed, resourced, and executed a radically different training plan for Annual Training in August. The battalion operations officer, Maj. Edward Koledo, brought together returning Soldiers to determine what tasks should be trained for the next deployment.

It was decided that preparing the unit for convoy operations would best prepare them for training success at the mobilization site, and for combat operations in Iraq. Integral in that plan was the use of returning Soldiers to train the deploying Soldiers. The lessons learned from the mobilization site and Iraq were as important as training to the established standards.

The 182nd was deployed to Iraq as a Security Force from January 2005 to December 2005 and returning Soldiers were not required to attend Annual Training. When asked to train their fellow artillerymen, over 30 volunteered to attend as SECFOR trainers.

Battalion Commander Lt. Col. John Sullivan, credited the returning SECFOR Soldiers for the unique training plan, “The dedication and professionalism exhibited by our returning SECFOR enabled the battalion to develop a comprehensive and engaging training plan which will ensure mission success.”

The training plan consisted of a Risk Management class, Preparing Operation Orders, conducting convoy movement briefs, troop leading procedures, rules of engagement, and recognizing combat stress. All Soldiers received weapon training with the M16 rifle, M9 Pistol, M249 Squad Automatic Weapon, MK19 Grenade Launcher, and M2 .50 cal Machine Gun. As the Soldiers developed



Photo courtesy of the 182nd Field Artillery

Staff Sgt. Michael Oswald, 182nd Field Artillery, offers food to a passing patrol, but readies water balloons. Oswald is role playing during a convoy lane exercise at Annual Training. Previously deployed Soldiers from the 182nd shared their experiences and trained other Field Artillery Soldiers in preparation of the battalion’s upcoming deployment to Iraq.

proficiency in basic tasks, they progressed to learning convoy operations and immediate action drills during a convoy.

Using Camp Grayling as a staging area and Forward Operating Base North, located at the Jones Lake Base Camp, as a training site, the deploying unit leadership practiced coordinating and scheduling convoy movements and conducting pre-combat checks and inspections.

The seven-day training event culminated in a practical exercise where the platoon convoyed along a route where they incorporated all the tasks trained. The purpose of the exercise was to evaluate the platoon leadership and to build teamwork and confidence within the platoon.

The practical exercise began with a safety brief and rock drill using a sand table to explain the evaluated tasks. After the platoon was briefed, the platoon leadership was given an order to depart the FOB in two hours in order to patrol a given route.

As the platoon leader received an intelligence brief from the tactical operations center, the platoon sergeant and squad leaders began troop leading procedures and convoy pre-combat checks. The Soldiers were evaluated on their ability to follow a load plan, properly load a radio, conduct radio checks, and conduct a convoy brief and load weapons as they left FOB North.

The scenario described Route Spartan as a heavily populated road with numerous local nationals in a marketplace. SECFOR trainers dressed in civilian clothes and acted as local nationals along the route.

As the platoon drove the route, they encountered a local national complaining about coalition forces destroying his car. A rusted car chassis found along the route added realism to his claim.

The SECFOR trainers lined their privately owned vehicles along the route to simulate a car market and Glen's Supermarket in Grayling donated fruit and vegetables to replicate a local food market.

The local nationals were briefed to act both pro-coalition and anti-coalition. Paper bags filled with flour simulated rocks thrown. A food vendor offered food to the convoy vehicles, if they refused to buy his food; he threw a water balloon at the gunner and driver. The purpose of the car market and food market was to increase the convoy's anxiety level and to evaluate proper use of the rules of engagement.

As the convoy proceeded down the route, SECFOR trainer Spc. James Lyles, dressed in a dishdasha (a traditional Iraqi garment), ran to the lead vehicle to warn them of a possible improvised explosive device.

The convoy leader was evaluated on how he interacted

with a local national and his ability to react to a possible IED. After sending an unexploded ordinance report, five artillery simulators were employed to simulate an IED attack.

Another leader was evaluated on reacting to an IED, treating a casualty and sending a nine-line MEDEVAC report. The rear vehicle was engaged with small arms fire and a rocket propelled grenade after the MEDEVAC was submitted. The trail vehicle leader was evaluated on his ability to react to direct fire and submit a report containing size, activity, location and time the enemy was contacted.

The entire platoon was brought together for a comprehensive after action review. Facilitated by the SECFOR Trainer NCOIC, 1st Sgt. Kevin L. Day, the trainers identified the platoon's training strengths and weaknesses and compiled them for the deploying unit commander.

1st Sgt. Day summarized his SECFOR trainer's experience, "I could not have been happier with how this training was executed. It meant a lot to me that over 30 Soldiers that had an AT exemption volunteered to train deploying Soldiers. The trainers did a tremendous job training the deploying Soldiers to the Army standard on all the tasks and they shared their lessons learned from Iraq. I feel we really set this unit up for success as they head to the mobilization site."

The deploying Soldiers appreciated the quality training and sacrifice the returning Soldiers gave. "Training was very realistic. Veterans of the first SECFOR made it essential that we learn everything from their experiences," said Spc. Ellison Cooper IV, "Their experience was some of the most important training I have ever received in my life."

Among the deploying Soldiers, there are 20 previous SECFOR Soldiers volunteering to return to Iraq. Returning SECFOR Soldier, Sgt. 1st Class Bryan Jacobs compared the training he received two years ago to the training at Annual Training this year, "Training conducted this year was far and above what we had two years ago, because we didn't know what to expect then. Now we do and we started the mind set that we will need at the mobilization site for the training we will receive."

Maj. Koledo credited the trainers and also the deploying Soldiers for their motivation to learn, "The knowledge base and demonstrated abilities of our prior SECFOR trainers allowed them to talk about their experiences first hand creating training opportunities that were second to none for our new SECFOR. Our new SECFOR took the training serious, practiced their tasks nightly, and feel they have had the best preparation possible. I have never been more proud to be a member of the Deuce."

Loyalty *(Continued from Page 5)*

Army Values:

Loyalty: Bear true faith and allegiance to the U.S. Constitution, the Army, your unit and other Soldiers.

Duty: Fulfill your obligations.

Respect: Treat people as they should be treated.

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

Honor: Live up to all Army Values

Integrity: Do what's right, legally and morally.

Personal Courage: Face fear, danger or adversity.

107th Purple Heart recipient runs bridge with governor

Story by Master Sgt. Denice Rankin

This September, the crowd at the annual Labor Day Bridge run between St. Ignace and Mackinaw City was a little lighter than years past, but the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs was there. For the third year, representatives from the different state departments were invited to run the Mackinaw Bridge with Gov. Jennifer Granholm and her family. But as it turned out, the representatives from the different state departments were given a head start, and began the run 20 minutes before the race was scheduled to begin.

Sgt. William A Jannausch Jr., a member of Headquarters Support Company, 107th Engineer Battalion, Michigan Army National Guard, and an Ishpeming, resident, accepted the invitation to represent the DMVA. He is an Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran and a recipient of the Purple Heart.

Jannausch was one of 40 Soldiers from the 107th who mobilized as an assault and obstacle platoon in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The 107th A&O arrived at Camp Duke, Iraq in January 2005. They stayed there for about one month and then relocated to Camp Ramadi, Al Anbar province, Iraq for the remainder of their tour.

While deployed to Iraq, Jannausch was a gunner and track commander of an M-113 armored personnel carrier. His element would go out at night and drive slowly through the streets of Ramadi, using high beam flashlights to find improvised explosive devices.

In July 2005, the day after his birthday, Jannausch was working out at the gym at Camp Ramadi, enjoying some “R&R”, when a 122-mm rocket hit the roof. He was injured in the explosion and was awarded the Purple Heart.

He was able to rejoin his platoon to participate in convoy security missions through the summer months. In September, they took over route clearance missions for Alpha Company’s 1st platoon. This time, they put away their flash lights and did mechanical route clearance. Jannausch was assigned to operate a Buffalo Mine Protected Clearance vehicle; a 26-ton wheeled vehicle that is armored against mines and IEDs. It has 3 inch thick ballistic glass for windows and is the “preferred” primary route clearance vehicle. Off the front of the vehicle is a hydraulic arm that



Photo by Master Sgt. Denice Rankin

Sgt. William A. Jannausch Jr. and Sgt Jason Wallner, both members of the 107th Engineer Battalion in Ishpeming, stand with the Mackinaw Bridge in the background, following the third annual Mackinaw Bridge run on Labor Day. Jannausch represented the DMVA in the run and Wallner was part of the 107th’s security mission on the bridge.

extends out and rotates. The end of the arm is fork shaped with tines. When they found IEDs, the “arm” operator would dig the IED up and pull the initiator off. Once the site was cleared, EOD and 107th platoon member, Sgt. Dennis Latowski, would go to work to neutralize the bomb. Most of the time, the “rounds” that made up the IED would be placed in the back of Latowski’s vehicle where they would be disposed of back at camp.

Jannausch doesn’t know the exact number of IEDs that his company found, but estimates more than 200. Thankfully, he was the only member that was injured from the Michigan National Guard A&O platoon. However, the company that they were assigned to lost three Soldiers to IED’s and had a total of 17 wounded.

Looking back on the mission, Jannausch stated, “I’d have to say that we had one of the ... [least favorable] jobs in Iraq at the time. It was exciting and a once in a lifetime experience, but every time we go camping and I take out my little SureFire flashlight, I can’t help but think about those long nights in Ramadi.”



Photo by 107th Eng BN

A Buffalo is the soldiers preferred vehicle for finding and disarming IEDs.

Fort Custer's cultural resources

By Nathan Krupp

This article will concentrate on cultural features still remaining at the fort and does not attempt to be a comprehensive history. Seven archaeological surveys have been conducted within the current Fort Custer boundaries and one historic linear landscape assessment (Territorial Road). During an Army Corps of Engineers survey the buildings in the cantonment area were also surveyed. Although all of the resources at Fort Custer tell a story of its past, to date only Territorial Road has been deemed important enough to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. During the fall of 2004 all of the farmstead/homestead sites on the post were surveyed and during the summer of 2005 those that had good potential were archaeologically tested in more detail. The results of this survey are still unknown.

The land within the current boundaries of Fort Custer is thought to have been utilized by prehistoric people primarily for hunting and collecting food and raw material. No evidence of large settlements has been found. Historic sources place a Native American settlement and cemetery to the north in the Fort Custer Recreational Area, closer to the Kalamazoo River.

Seven archaeological surveys at Fort Custer have discovered stone flakes at eight sites where tools were manufactured although no complete tools such as spear points or arrowheads have been found, supporting the theory suggesting that the camp area was utilized mainly as a pass-through area or hunting ground.

The Treaty of Chicago was signed in 1821 with the Ottawa, Potawatomi and Chippewa tribes giving the state rights to the southwest Lower Peninsula. However, the Native Americans weren't forcibly removed to lands west of the Mississippi River until 1840 and the early settlers report seeing them. Some Native Americans remained in the region despite removal and are recognized today as the Nottawaseppi Huron Potawatomi, the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, and the Match-e-be-nash-she-wish (Gun Lake) Band of Potawatomi.

In 1830 William Harrison became the first settler in Charleston Township (western two-thirds of the post) and rapid settlement followed. Territorial road was improved each year and in 1834 a line of stagecoaches ran from Detroit all the way to St. Joseph.

Territorial Road was not only important in the early settlement of southern Michigan but was an important transportation route and allowed farmers to get their crops to market before the railroad came through. The segment of the road on Fort Custer is the last undeveloped section in the state and retains many of the features that make it historic. The planted rows of sugar maple and walnut trees, the original alignment and right of way, the homestead foundations, its continuous use since its historic period (1830-1917), Territorial Road Cemetery, and the open vistas of farm fields and wetlands are still intact and are elements contributing to its eligibility to the National Register.

In 1917 the War Department authorized 16 canton-

ment areas built for the recruitment and training of soldiers. The Battle Creek Chamber of Commerce lobbied for the Harmonia site. On June 11, 1917, the site was agreed upon. A contract with the Detroit-based Porter Brothers, general contractor, was executed on June 17 and construction continued until February of 1919. Harmonia was a very small town located near the intersection of Harmonia and Hill roads (now Hill-Brady Road). It began as a settlement occupied by the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), then the center of a Quaker school and later as their national headquarters. A few buildings and houses were retained for military use. In the end, 140 tracts of land owned by 110 different people were purchased yielding 9,139 acres north and south of the cantonment area.

Most of these buildings were designed as temporary structures and after WWI, structures fell into decay. In 1921 the Buffalo House Wrecking and Salvage Company received a contract to demolish more than 2,000 buildings. More buildings were demolished in 1925.

Beginning in 1939 additional land was acquired through conscription and the camp grew to about 14,000 acres. Camp Custer was designated a permanent facility on August 17, 1940 and its name changed to Fort Custer. The contractor Owens-Ames-Kimball of Grand Rapids was chosen to nearly totally rebuild the camp, including the entire infrastructure, and the cantonment area grew to nearly 4 miles long. Only the mule barns (present-day UTES and cold storage) have survived from the WWI building period. The mule barns have been evaluated for their historic value but have undergone too much modification to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The last building from the town of Harmonia, the schoolhouse, was demolished during this expansion. As most of the WWII structures built in 1940 and 1941 that still remain on the post were also temporary buildings built from standard Quartermaster Corps plans, they have also been determined not eligible for the National Register.

Currently, a historical area is being created at Fort Custer where a Series 700 barracks, a chapel and a theater are being restored. There are plans to turn the theater and barracks buildings into instructional space for groups and a Michigan military museum.

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By Sgt. Gabriel Morse



Dewitt High School football players race each other to the top of the mobile rock climbing wall during Operation Fired Up at Camp Grayling July 9 – 11. About 50 varsity football players and Panther coach Bob Acer, and assistant coach Rob Zimmerman participated in the MIARNG R&R Command sponsored event, which included classes on goal setting, success, motivating yourself and others, leadership, team building, several team challenge events, and a canoe trip.



Crowds gathered respectfully the morning of July 4th in St. Johns, Mich., for a War Memorial dedication highlighted by a 105 howitzer salute and UH-60 Blackhawk flyover by members of the Michigan Army National Guard. Members of the local VFW, provided a color guard and M-1 rifle salute.



Sgt. Ted Buxton and his peers compete in an Independence Day contest while serving in Afghanistan and win first place for their cakes that show their patriotism.

Operation Iraqi Freedom Operation Enduring Freedom Operation Jump Start

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46th Military Police Company
HHD, 107th Combat Support Battalion
Company E, 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry Regiment
144th Military Police Company
146th Medical Evacuation
238th Aviation Battalion
363rd Personnel Service Detachment
1072nd Maintenance Company
1171st Area Medical Command
1461st Transportation Company
110th Fighter Wing

127th Wing

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Camp Shelby, Miss.
Iraq
Fort Dix, N.J.
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Fort McCoy, Wis.
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Staff Sgt. Duane J. Dreasky, 31, of Novi, a member of 1st Battalion, 119th Field Artillery, Lansing Mich., died July 10, 2006 at Brooke Army Medical Center from injuries he sustained on Nov. 21, 2005, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle in Habbaniyah, Iraq. Dreasky was deployed with Company B, 125th Infantry Regiment. He also deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, before volunteering to go to Iraq. Dreasky loved the military and martial arts. He is survived by his wife Mandeline, his parents, Cheryl and Rodger Dreasky, and a sister, Dawn Harvey.



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Members of the Old Guard give Michigan Army National Guard Soldier Staff Sgt. Duane Dreasky last honors at his funeral July 25, 2006 at Arlington National Cemetery. Dreasky's wife Mandeline, and his parents, were joined by Maj. Gen. Cutler and his wife; Brig. Gen. Taylor, and more than 100 friends, family and soldiers from 1st Battalion, 119th Field Artillery and Company B, 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry. Brig. Gen. Taylor presented the flag to Mrs. Dreasky and offered his condolences on behalf of his country and fellow soldiers.

Honoring Those Who Served

1st Lt. Corissa Barton

The rendering of Military Funeral Honors is a way to show the nation's deep gratitude to those who, in times of war and peace, have faithfully defended our country. This ceremonial paying of respect is the final demonstration a grateful nation can provide to the veteran's families.

The core elements of the Funeral Honors ceremony are the folding of the flag, the presentation of the flag, and the playing of Taps. Any Soldier who passes away on active duty gets full honors, which includes a firing detail for the 21-Gun Salute.

Every day in Michigan, details of two or more Soldiers attend funerals at the state's two national cemeteries; to present honors: Fort Custer cemetery in Augusta and the Holly cemetery in Flint, to present honors. There are over 100 Soldiers who volunteer to present these Honors and invest a great deal of their own time and effort.

"When I am at a funeral and I listen to the obituary and hear the things these veterans did in the service, and compare them to what I have done, I haven't done anything compared to them," said Sgt. 1st Class Bryan Merkel, NCO in charge of operations for Military Funeral Honors.

The following veterans are eligible for military funeral honors.

- Any military members on active duty or in the Selected Reserve.
- Former military members who served on active duty and were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.
- Former military members who completed at least one term of enlistment or period of initial obligated service in the Selected Reserve and departed under conditions other than dishonorable.
- Former military members discharged from the Selected Reserve due to a disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty.

"Funeral Honors provide closure for the families, which is extremely important. It is really the country's way of saying thanks," said Lt. Col. Albert Boyce, state coordinator for Michigan Military Funeral Honors.

To request a military funeral, the family must notify their funeral director, who will take the steps necessary to ensure their loved one is honored.

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