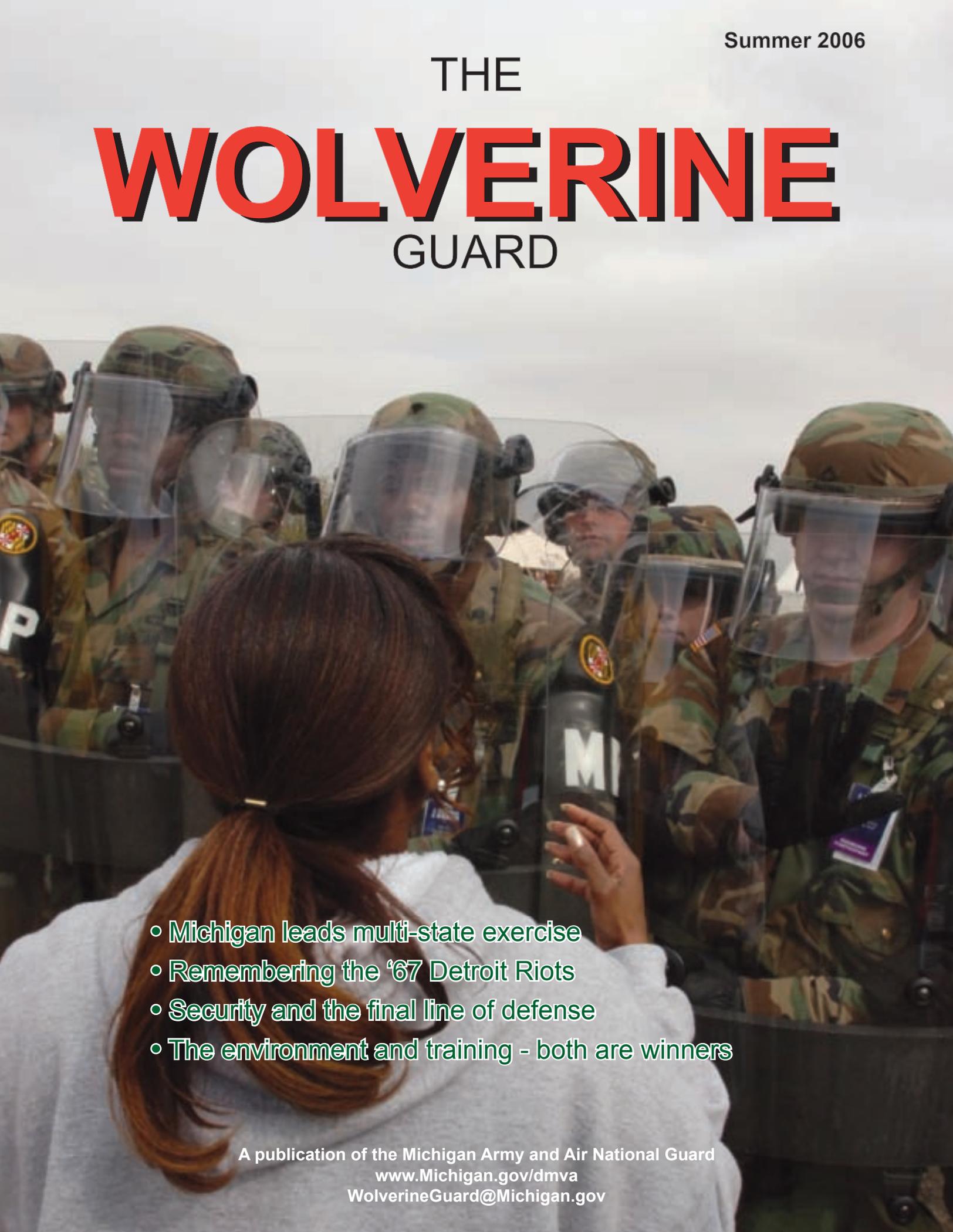


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Gen. Cutler and Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm welcome Hurricane Katrina evacuees to Michigan. In the aftermath of last year's disaster, the Battle Creek Air National Guard Base processed and the Fort Custer Training Center housed more than 300 people—and a handful of pets.



In January, Gen. Cutler and Command Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Slee visited Michigan National Guard Soldiers serving in Iraq. They stand in front of the Euphrates River with Capt. Jason Teddy, commander, 1071st Maintenance Company and 1st Sgt. Mark Surbrook, who was recently promoted to command sergeant major in the 746th Maintenance Battalion.



Gen. Cutler and his wife, Chris, join the festivities during the 2006 Joint NCO Ball, held in Ypsilanti.

TAG TALK

From the desk of
The Adjutant General



The willingness to serve

I have said it before, but I will say it again, I have never been prouder to be in the Michigan National Guard. My role, as your Adjutant General, gives me the opportunity to visit Soldiers and Airmen wherever they happen to be serving. Most recently those visits have taken me to units all across Michigan and to those units serving in Iraq and Kuwait. As I met and interacted with all of you, I have been incredibly impressed with your commitment to serving our state and our nation. Your service requires considerable sacrifice and yet you do it enthusiastically and energetically. All of us who serve in leadership positions know that we are privileged to serve with the very best!

In January I had the opportunity to visit our units serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. While I was there, I visited with Soldiers in the 1071st and 1072nd Maintenance Companies and Soldiers in Company B, 125th Infantry Battalion. I am happy to tell you that our Michigan Soldiers were once again setting the standard in each location they served. Our maintenance companies were significantly raising the operational readiness of the equipment needed to take the fight to the insurgents. Our infantry company, despite the tremendous losses they've incurred, were highly motivated and were exceptionally proud of their accomplishments. They have, as a unit, captured and locked up scores of terrorists and have brought substantial stability to the area in which they serve. All of our Soldiers serving in OIF have also done double duty as they serve as great ambassadors to the Iraqi people. You won't hear about this on the evening news, but I can tell you our Soldiers and Airmen do make a difference wherever they serve!

Service to our nation continues to cost us dearly in lives lost. Since my last article, we have lost four outstanding young Soldiers. We grieve the loss of Sgt. Spencer C. Akers, Spc. Dane Carver, Sgt. Joshua Youmans, and Sgt. Matthew Webber. I've gotten to know each of these Soldiers by getting to know their families. They were clearly outstanding young men and I know each of them were proud to serve their country. Their families have clearly articulated how proud they were of their loved one and how much they admired their willingness and desire to serve. Each family has expressed to me how much they appreciate the outstanding support of their Guard family. On their behalf, I thank you all for that.

I do feel that I spend most of my time with genuine American heroes. Each of you and your families serve as modern day American heroes. That is not only my opinion, but the opinion of citizens across this country. Wherever I go and wherever I speak, I am constantly asked to relay to you how much your fellow citizens appreciate your service to our nation. On their behalf, I once again thank you for serving in our National Guard. It is truly an honor to serve with you!

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Thomas G. Cutler".

Maj. Gen. Thomas G. Cutler

ATAG

From the desk of
The Assistant Adjutant General-
Veterans Affairs

TALK

Continuing the care for our American Heroes

The Veterans Affairs Directorate works everyday to honor those who have served and those who gave the last full measure in defense of freedom. We owe America's best, our fighting men and women, our best. We salute you, the dedicated men and women of today's armed forces defending our homeland and serving around the world. You are preserving and adding to this noble legacy.

A Joint Veterans Council to assist veterans has been established by Veterans Affairs and the State Family Program, along with key stakeholders: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs-Veterans Benefits and Health Administration; U.S. Department of Labor; State of Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth; Management and Budget; Michigan Association of County Veterans Counselors; Veteran Service Organizations; and Michigan Veterans Business Resource Center. The focus of the Joint Veterans Council will be on veterans and their families to ensure they receive the services and benefits they have earned. The Council's Mission Statement is: Coordinate, collaborate, leverage and integrate all resources available to assist all our veterans and their families--past, present and future in the State of Michigan.

A few of the initiatives already implemented include VA benefits presentations; needs assessment questionnaire; PROJECT MOVE (Michigan Opportunities for Veterans Employment); multiple statewide job fairs; a veterans hotline (1-800-455-5228); and the one-stop shopping Web site (www.michigan.gov/vetbenefits).

I would like to recognize the Michigan Association of County Veterans Counselors (MACVC) and the Veteran Service Organizations for their outstanding contributions to Michigan's veterans by supporting the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund and Michigan Veterans Homes.

The MACVC continues to be on the forefront in meeting veterans' needs by offering the full range of benefits from one location. The county counselor's membership encompasses Michigan's 83 counties. These certified counselors work closely with our other state and federal partners to ensure that all Michigan veterans--past, present and future--will have easy access to all benefits and entitlements resulting from their military service.

Veterans Service Organizations in Michigan assist with filing VA claims; provide laptop computers, digital cameras, Web cams and other electronic equipment to deployed Michigan units; assist families with transportation to hospitals to visit injured troops; organize Operation Uplink by providing phone cards for military personnel and hospitalized veterans; and arrange Adopt-A-Unit (assists unit members with goody packages along with their families back home).

"Let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan..." President Abraham Lincoln, Second Inaugural Address, 1865



Brig. Gen. Carol Ann Fausone



Gen. Carol Ann Fausone is joined by members of various Michigan Veteran's Service Organizations for a group photo at Joint Force Headquarters in Lansing.

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*President Abraham Lincoln
Second Inaugural Address, 1865*

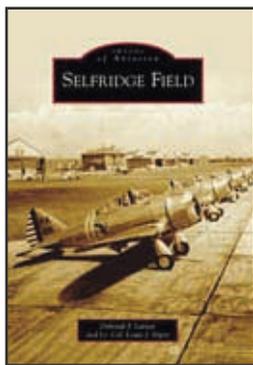


Gen. Fausone accepts a \$5,000 donation for the Michigan Veterans Homes from the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America.

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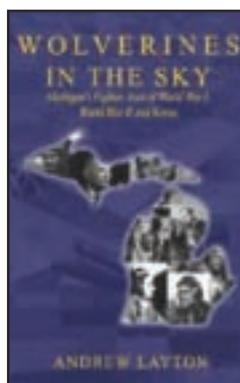
Remarkable Reads

“Living on Tattooine,” by Lt. Col. Christine Cook, Michigan Army National Guard, battalion commander, 263rd Personnel Services Battalion, is a collection of e-mails, stories, and pictures detailing her deployment to Kuwait, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.



“Images of America, Selfridge Field,” by Deborah J. Larsen and Michigan Army National Guard, Lt. Col. Louis J. Nigro (Ret.), is a picture book with nearly 200 captioned photos covering the story of Selfridge Air National Guard Base from its start, to the present.

“Wolverines in the Sky: Michigan’s Fighter Aces of WWI, WWII, and Korea,” by Andrew Layton, is the true story of 56 Michigan fighter aces, who distinguished themselves by shooting down enemy aircraft in aerial combat.



Au Sable Adventure Rally

The Au Sable Adventure Rally will take place June 23-25 at Wellington Farm Park, 6940 Military Road, Grayling, Mich., to raise money for the National Guard Family Support Fund. For more information, visit the Rally Web site at www.ausableadventurerally.com.

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Military police move in for crowd control after a mock terrorist bomb explodes during a homeland security exercise held in Washington D.C. See story on page 8. Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Ron Raffik

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Spring is in the air . . . and so is hope

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Herb Heavner

The thought has occurred to me several times that spring is a very important and popular time of the year. The somewhat bleak days of winter with its long, cold nights and blustery days slowly fade into the new season. Often, even before the official beginning of spring, the renewal of life is seen in the tulips poking through the melting snow. One of the sure signs of spring is the reintroduction of natural sound effects like frogs croaking and birds chirping. Brighter days are ahead!

We are involved in what may seem to be a bleak battle against the forces of terrorism around the world, especially in Iraq and Afghanistan. Critics of the war believe we are mired down in a struggle that has little possibility of a positive outcome. In a very simplistic way, it's a little like suffering through a long winter and feeling like there is no better weather in sight—but there is!

There is hope. There is light on the horizon. There is a new season dawning and it will get better! We will see an

end to the fighting in Iraq; we will see a mission end point in Afghanistan. The doom and gloom of war will give way to the hope of a better day—a day when our friends and comrades will return. The negative battle cry of the enemy will be silenced and the resounding noise of an exploding IED will give way to the sounds of hope.

Now some would say, “Chaplain, you are a dreamer. This war is going to go on for a long time.” Even when it's over, you say, there will still be an enemy to fight. Well, we are both right. There will always be evil in our world and it will always seem to overcome the force of good; but that is only an illusion propagated by the force of evil.

God is the force of good. He will bring hope to the world, beginning with you! He will renew your inner spirit. He will help you hear the sounds of renewal and see the sights of a better world. Whether at home serving as a citizen or whether serving far away as a Soldier, God will provide for your every need and will grant to you peace.

One Team, One Fight

By Chief Master Sgt. Michael R. Dalton

After the Michigan Air National Guard Senior NCO Conference in March 2004, Maj. Gen. Thomas Cutler, the adjutant general, suggested we host a Joint Senior NCO Conference. Two years later, we have successfully completed that concept, with a joint conference held March 3-5 in Ypsilanti. The target audience was NCOs, E-7 through E-9, in key leadership positions. To emphasize the joint nature of the conference, its theme was “*One Team, One Fight.*”

We knew from the beginning it would be a challenge to combine the cultures and logistics of the two services; however, the support personnel faced the hurdles head-on.

Conference planning began in earnest in May 2005 by laying out ideas of what we wanted to accomplish and why these items were important. As the months progressed, each service brought in experts to assist with the planning and development. The team expected upwards of 300 senior NCOs to attend the conference and 450 or more persons to attend the NCO Ball planned for that Saturday night. The results of the planning pointed toward a very productive information exchange and a first class event.

The conference started Friday afternoon, with a Michigan Air Guard First Sergeants' meeting. The main conference kicked off Saturday, with a joint Army-Air session. The NCOs were briefed by the top leaders of the Michigan National Guard: Maj. Gen. Thomas Cutler, the adjutant general; Brig. Gen. Robert Taylor, the assistant adjutant general for Army; and Brig. Gen. Richard Elliott, the assistant adjutant general for Air. The combined members also heard from Command Sgt. Maj. Lawrence Holland, the senior enlisted advisor for the assistant secretary of defense for Reserve Affairs. Each speaker presented their perspective on the state of the Michigan Army and Air National Guard, our contributions to the

Global War on Terrorism, and our response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

On Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, we conducted Army and Air Guard specific breakout sessions. Focus areas for the Army National Guard included Operation Iraqi Freedom lessons learned, military schools, retention, the revised MIARNG enlisted promotion system, and pay issues. Full time subject matter experts were available to answer any individual questions that came up. Focus areas for the Air National Guard were Mission Driven Mentoring, Commander's Expectations of Senior NCOs, updates from the Enlisted Field Advisory Council, and a four-hour block on Leading through Change. The sessions for both services were designed to give NCOs specific tools so they can become better leaders.

Additionally, all NCOs had the opportunity to learn more about their sister service and to meet their comrades in arms. They left with a better understanding of how they fit together: one team, serving and defending our state and nation.

The Michigan National Guard is a true example of the Total Force, with this conference being one of many opportunities for us to work together. The deployment rate of the Michigan Army and Air National Guard since Sept. 11 is unparalleled in our history as well as the quality and success of our mission accomplishment. Our ability to train and fight side-by-side is essential for us to meet the challenges we face while doing our part in the War on Terrorism and providing service to our fellow citizens in times of need. We are proud to say we have taken a very important, first step towards “*One Team, One Fight.*”

Security and the final line of defense

By Senior Master Sgt. Roger Haller

The 110th Security Forces Squadron from Battle Creek Air National Guard Base, provided security support for the Air Expeditionary Force rotation at Ali Base, Iraq (formerly known as Tallil), from September 2005 through March 2006. Their mission was three fold: internal security designed to be the final line of defense; security at entry control points which included vehicle checks to detect vehicle born explosive devices and searching local nationals to ensure nothing illegal was brought on the base; and off base patrolling to secure the perimeter.

There were two types of off base patrols. The first type of patrol coordinated the launch and recovery of aircraft through base operations for every sortie. These patrols looked for criminal activity directed towards the base. To secure the airspace they looked to counter man-portable, shoulder launched, surface to air missiles. The integrated base defense served as one of the many layers of defense that an enemy would have to penetrate to reach the base populace or its resources.

The second patrol force had a more diverse range of missions. They operated further out from the base, with their primary mission to protect the approaches and departures for aircraft. They also had a collateral mission to assist the Army to detect, delay, and destroy any indirect fire attacks aimed

at the base. They protected aircraft from being shot down through deterrence and disrupted and prevented numerous rocket attacks aimed at Ali Base. These teams patrolled MSR (Main Supply Route) Tampa and ASRs (Alternate Supply Route) Boston and Flaminia, to allow safe passage of Army, civilian, and coalition convoys throughout the theater. The teams provided security escort patrols and worked closely with other agencies such as Explosive Ordnance Disposal, Office of Special Investigations, Close Precision Engagement, and Force Protection Air Surveillance.

In addition to the off-base patrols, the 110th Security Forces Squadron manned a few critical posts on base. One individual worked with the Coalition Defense Operations Center, directing patrols and incidents. Another individual was posted at Camp Mittica, the Italian base camp, and served as a liaison with the Italians, ensuring smooth coordination between flights and coalition forces in the area.

The 110th Security Forces Squadron was one of the few off-base U.S. Air Force security patrols in the area. By working closely with the other security forces and coalition partners, they ensured safety for aircraft and those living on Ali Base.



Members of the 110th Security Forces Squadron from Battle Creek line up behind Iraqi children displaying a banner sent by American children. The squadron adopted the Iraqi children's school and donated school supplies. (Photo courtesy of the 110th Security Forces Squadron)

Incentives may wear off but TAG Cup is a different story

Recruiting and Retention Command wins Quality Award

By Cpl. Gabriel Morse

Michigan Army National Guard's Recruiting and Retention Command received a hard earned, but well deserved pat on the back recently from the adjutant general. At this year's Michigan National Guard Leadership Conference, Maj. Gen. Thomas Cutler presented the TAG's Gold Quality Cup Award to the R&R Command's leadership team for significant improvements in both recruiting numbers and mentoring for recruiter's themselves.

"Recognition is an important part of a recruiter's life," said 1st Sgt. David Dunckel, State Retention NCO. "All the 'incentives' sometimes can become redundant and the glamour wears off, but the TAG Cup Award is a different story. It shows that the highest levels of Guard leadership recognize and appreciate what we do."

The long hours, hard work and dedication which earned that "high value" recognition, stood out as increased recruiting numbers, establishment of consistent leadership and mentoring and counseling standards for recruiters.

"Gaining a first place national ranking 16 straight weeks and having the number two ranked recruiter in the nation, shows not only the R&R Command's dedication to the Army and this country, but also highlights their leadership abilities," said Gen. Cutler. "These reasons are why I was pleased to present them the Gold Quality Cup Award. Quality work by quality soldiers needs to be recognized."

Lt. Col. Samuel Dalman, recruiting and retention commander stated, "The recognition is appreciated, but now

is not the time to rest on our laurels; we still have a job to do."

A job they can do much better because of the changes which helped win the Quality Cup Award.

"The most immediate benefit is the new Production Improvement Program, which is like the R&R Command's "No Child Left Behind" policy," Dalman said. "The PIP helps any recruiter who might be struggling. It pinpoints the exact areas they need to improve, helps them focus and provides them opportunities to re-train, as well as positively increase chain of command involvement. These improvements allow the command to develop and retain more MOS qualified R&R NCOs, which equals more enlistments."

These changes also helped the R&R Command fulfill its mission – maintaining and increasing quality recruitment.

"There's always recruits joining for training, education, adventure or money and that will never change," said Dunckel. "But, now we're focused on those interested in service."

Between a dedicated program to better assist recruiters and a pursuit of high quality recruits, the R&R Command is determined to make even more gains in the future.

"This (recruiting) is our job and we, as a team, will continue to do it well, awards or no awards," said 1st Lt. Christopher Stone, R&R specialist. "That doesn't mean we're not looking forward to earning another TAG Quality Cup in the future though."

Michigan takes top marksmanship awards

By Lt. Col. Alan T. Lebioda

Approximately 90 Soldiers from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio were represented at this year's Region IV Pistol Competition, at Camp Sherman, Ohio. Michigan sent ten shooters and two teams.

Michigan performed well during the 9mm pistol matches. Sgt. Steve Lischalk of 3rd Battalion, 238th Aviation, Grand Ledge, won the first place Individual Regional Trophy; placed first in three of the five matches; second place in the other two matches. Staff Sgt. Glen Culbert of the 46th Brigade placed third overall in the region.

Governors 20 State Match Competitions are held every year. These state matches are open to all members of the Michigan Army and Air National Guard. Soldiers attending these matches improve themselves and their unit's marksmanship program by increasing their knowledge, confidence, and safe handling of weapons. These matches and marksmanship courses are designed to increase combat marksmanship skills and to develop future weapons trainers.



EXERCISE - EXERCISE - EXERCISE

Bomb explodes at Springfield Football Stadium

National Guard response

Story by Maj. Dawn Dancer

Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Ron Raflik

It's 8:15 a.m. on a Saturday and the alarm clock has sprung to life. Rather than an annoying "beep, beep, beep," it's singing one of those easy rock songs that I am sure will now be struck in my head all morning.

I promised the kids we'd get up early and bike along the river walk to the football stadium where the Springfield Chamber of Commerce was hosting a "Visit your own Hometown" event. After our PT--as the kids like to refer to any activity that gets your heart beating--I promised them a Mc-breakfast.

As I thought about rolling over to hit snooze, an announcer interrupted the song just as the singer was to hit the high note.

I think his first words were, "this just in," but they only do that in the movies and on Nickelodeon, so I figured I must still be asleep.

"There has been a major explosion at the Springfield Football Stadium," said the announcer. "Initial reports suggest radiation may be coming from the blast site...."

I ran downstairs and turned on the television. I couldn't make sense of the video before my eyes. It felt like 9-11. I sat glued to the television for two hours. When the phone rang, I knew it was my chain of command.

This is not a true story but it is a scenario Guard members can easily picture; while the Springfield bomb scenario is familiar to a Michigan National Guard Joint Task Force that participated in a disaster management training exercise in Washington D.C.

The combined Michigan Army and Air National Guard



A CBRNE specialist comforts a woman pulled from the debris.

JTF was the pivot point for 350 other Guardsmen from eight states all training together in and around the mammoth Washington D.C. National Guard Armory. As the exercise scenario grew, the JTF provided command and control for an impressive myriad of National Guard capabilities ranging from NBC detection and decontamination to emergency medical services, technical search and extraction, and security support to civilian law enforcement.

"It's important to understand the military is not in charge during a disaster," said Brig. Gen. Jerry Cannon, JTF commander. "We backfill and support the local responders when they ask the governor for help."

The Michigan JTF was supplemented with New York Guardsmen trained to perform all-hazard risk assessments on critical infrastructure and South Carolina Guardsmen who linked the various communication systems of the military and civilian responders.

The JTF further directed a Quick Reaction Force of military police from the Maryland National Guard; a Virginia Civil Support Team able to assess suspected weapons of mass destruction; a Chemical, Biological, Radiological/Nuclear and Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package from West Virginia; and a combined Washington D.C. and Wisconsin Counterdrug operation that provided ground and air reconnaissance.

Just as the eight states had never worked together before, the Michigan task force consisted of Soldiers and Airmen from various units across Michigan who would normally not be teamed together.

"We discovered we have a lot of similar experiences and we worked together well," said Col. Mike Stone, JTF



Leaders from every unit participating in a multi-state disaster management exercise held in Washington D.C., listen as Col. Mike Stone, JTF executive officer, leads the battle update brief.

EXERCISE - EXERCISE - EXERCISE



Brig. Gen. Jerry Cannon appears live on the television screen during a press conference.

executive officer. “Many of the Soldiers and Airmen in this task force have served in Iraq or Guantanamo Bay and participated in the Katrina response and the security events of January’s Super Bowl.”

“There’s very positive electricity flowing through us right now,” Stone continued. “The purpose of this exercise was to test our weaknesses but I think we discovered the culmination of our real world experiences have taught us well.”

“I am extremely proud of the way these Soldiers and

Airmen quickly allied together,” said Cannon. “They are a tremendous resource in a disaster situation because they live and work in the communities they serve and bring both civilian and military experience to the table.”

While the Guard members played out the quickly changing scenario, Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum, National Guard Bureau chief, escorted VIPs in and out of the D.C. armory. An estimated 700 U.S. and foreign government officials witnessed Guard medical personnel performing triage and surgery, military police holding back rioters and WMD specialists wearing bright blue fully encapsulated chemical suits collecting possible radiation samples. Across the parking lot, CBRNE specialists wearing brown chemical suits and orange boots used a system of pulleys and ropes to carefully turn over heavy debris and pull survivors from the wreckage.

Real world media moved among the players and the visitors recording the events with photographs, video and sound-bites. Their remarks were all too familiar to the Guard participants, “I had no idea the National Guard was this good.”

The spectators also may not have realized how long citizen soldiers have been performing this mission.

“The National Guard has been defending the homeland since the founding of our nation,” Cannon told reporters. “We are frequently requested to support civil authorities and we have *always* answered the call.”



Lt. Col. John Kajander, operations officer, welcomes the Honorable Paul McHale, assistant secretary of defense for Homeland Security and Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum, National Guard Bureau chief to the Michigan Joint Task Force operations center. A monitor in the background shows live video of the disaster site.

Growing Pains

MICHIGAN FOUND ITSELF ON THE FRONTLINES OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS STRUGGLE AND THE CUSP OF A GUARD EVOLUTION

By Maj. Dawn Dancer

In the 1940s, Michigan's Arsenal of Democracy pumped out thousands of World War II tanks. With this heavy industrial production came the great need for factory workers. As a result, business recruiters combed the South, luring thousands of southerners—many of them black—to Detroit with the promise of high wages and a better life.

As this rapid population increase stressed the Motor City's housing structure, white residents left while black residents coped with widespread housing discrimination and higher rent for lesser accommodations.



Pvt. Fred R. Mahr was hit by a sniper's bullet during the riots. The bullet pierced his helmet but his wounds were limited to a superficial cut to his right temple. Pvt. Mahr and about 30 other Guardsmen had been patrolling Detroit's east side when the incident occurred.

Subdivided apartments housed six to eight families, where two lived before. The city filled beyond its capacity, crime increased and black residents reported instances of police harassment and brutality.

When the war ended, several things happened to the auto industry and the car manufacturing communities in and around Detroit. Without tanks to build, assembly line requirements dropped. Post-World War II automation further reduced employment. In addition, black

neighborhoods bulged when urban renewal bulldozed homes to make way for freeways.

Racial and economic tensions were heading toward the boiling point and continued for years.

Fast forward to 1960s America. Across the country, the growing civil rights movement challenged the legal and societal racism that had oppressed black Americans for years. While the majority of the leadership and rank and file of the civil rights movement sought nonviolent change, emotions sometimes overflowed.

In 1967 alone, there were more than 40 riots and hundreds of other disturbances nationwide. And America was fighting an increasingly unpopular war in Vietnam.

"No phrase, no thought can catch, hold and bind together in one frame all the roaring events, the blood and disorders, the inflation and uprisings," wrote author Theodore White of the 1960s. It was a time "of nightmares rather than dreams."

And the times affected the Michigan Guard as much as any other group.

In mid-July 1967, nearly 6,000 Michigan "weekend warriors" reported for annual field training—an event, back then, fondly referred to as "summer camp." While the Vietnam War raged overseas, Michigan Guardsmen pitched tents at Camp Grayling, Mich., for a tactical bivouac. These men, like Guardsmen from around the nation, fought a reputation as unprofessional soldiers and draft dodgers.

Such an image belies the Michigan Guard's proud past. In fact, the Michigan Guard's history is one of long and honorable service that predates the state itself.

The Michigan Guard was around long before Michigan gained statehood, with its roots in Detroit, one of the state's early settlements. The foundation of the militia in Michigan is in the *Cadillac Papers* in 1708, which included a proposal by Sr. de LaMothe that "called for forming four companies of 'savages' to act as a militia for the colony." Afraid these "savages" would become hardened war fighters, citizens of the area opposed the idea.

But the first evidence of a formal and organized militia is the reference to the First Regiment of Wayne County, which apparently participated in a Detroit parade on May 11, 1803. But an official record of the parade does not exist.

Two years later, however, the act that established the Territory of Michigan took effect with Gen. William Hull as the first Michigan governor. The act called for a militia consisting of 18- to 45-year-old males.

During the 19th century, Michigan National Guard troops received call-up orders for the War of 1812, the Black Hawk War (1832), the Toledo War (1835), the Patriot War (1838), the Mexican-American War (1846), the Civil War (1861) and the Spanish-American War (1898). Michigan

Guard units were also called to serve during World War I, World War II and the Korean War.

But things were very different in the 1960s. Indeed, rather than getting a military haircut, some Guardsmen wore wigs to hide unkempt hair. Additionally, at that point in the war, no National Guard units had been activated for Vietnam, although thousands of individual Guardsmen had volunteered to serve there.

After one week of training at Camp Grayling, Michigan soldiers finished their bivouac to focus on riot training. “Trouble was,” one soldier said, “it was too realistic.”

It was the early morning before Detroit’s 266th birthday. At 12th Street and Clairmount Avenue, two Vietnam veterans were celebrating their homecoming at an inner city “blind pig”—an illegal after-hours bar in a predominately black neighborhood.

The celebration had grown to 82 patrons when police raided the party. The large crowd surprised the small squad of officers, yet they attempted to arrest everyone.

While police waited for transportation assistance, a crowd of protesters gathered. After the last police car left, a group of men, upset because the establishment was closed, broke the windows of an adjacent clothing store. Within a short time, looting and fires spread throughout the city.

Historical accounts differ on how many hours passed before officials requested Guard assistance, but one fact is clear: On July 23, 1967, the majority of the Michigan National Guard was at Camp Grayling, a seven-hour road trip away.

As Guardsmen convoyed to Detroit staging areas, they knew they were a supporting element. A riot-control organization plan—created two years earlier in conjunction with the governor’s office and state and Detroit police—left local authorities in charge while Guard units carried out assignments within a military command structure. Further, the plan called for at least one police officer assigned to each Guard unit.

Officials, however, abandoned the plan almost immediately. Instead, they dispatched Guardsmen in small groups of three to 15 men, often without the required police officer. The piecemeal dispatch destroyed the Guard’s military operational system.

The rapid deployment also precluded a normal shift change. Many soldiers initially went without food, and most were on duty two to three days with little to no sleep before their relief arrived.

In all, about 8,000 Army Guard soldiers mobilized for duty in Detroit. Elements of the Michigan Air Guard joined them as well. The 125th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing flew 35 RF-84F reconnaissance sorties, producing 9,000 aerial photo prints. Other airmen took 400 ground prints.

The governor’s office, military and law enforcement agencies all used the photos. Air Guardsmen also assumed ground posts to protect public utilities and prison compounds. They also patrolled for snipers, narcotics violations, muggings, burglaries and other crimes.

The riots grew, and confusion escalated. Officials questioned the effectiveness of the Michigan Guard and considered using federal troops.

“Detroit sounded like a battlefield during the night and looked like a bombed city in the morning,” described an unnamed Korean War veteran.

While Detroit burned, a more complex situation emerged. Snipers, not seen in previous riots, fired at authorities from rooftops.

One of those hit was a Michigan Guard engineer.

“I thought I was dead,” said Pvt. Fred R. Mahr. He was lucky. The sniper’s bullet pierced his helmet but his wounds were limited to a superficial cut to his right temple.

Pvt. Mahr and about 30 other Guardsmen had been patrolling Detroit’s east side when the incident occurred.

“If it hadn’t been for the Detroit Police, I don’t know if we would have gotten out of there,” he said.



A Michigan Army National Guard Soldier uses a crumbled foundation to protect himself from snipers—something not seen in previous riots. Until the 1992 Los Angeles riots, the 1967 Detroit riots were the largest U.S. racial disturbance ever with 43 people dead; 1,189 people injured; 2,500 stores looted or damaged; 7,000 people arrested; and more than 15,000 military and emergency responders on site.

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Growing Pains

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The soldiers, police officers and firefighters worked together. While police looked out for Guardsmen, Guardsmen protected firefighters.

“We lived in fear for the first four hours as we had no protection from the mobs of people,” said Highland Park firefighter Harold A. Ederer. “After four hours we received several Guardsmen for protection, and I can assure you [we] felt much relieved to know that [they] were there to protect us.”

Detroit Fire Department Executive Chief Charles J. Quinlan agreed.

“Their presence was a positive confidence builder for the men of the [fire] department,” he said. “The Michigan National Guard, from this vantage point, wrote brilliant pages [of history] during this disorder.”

But not everyone was as happy.

“At the onset, the troops of the National Guard were far below the standards of the active Army,” said Cyrus R. Vance, special assistant to the secretary of defense. “It is also clear that riot training for the National Guard should be improved and expanded.”



A Soldier sits behind a .50 caliber machine gun patrolling the streets of Detroit in the July heat, 1967.

Guardsmen, however, were more protective of their training and reputation.

“We consider ourselves to be well trained for the type of disturbances that have occurred up to now,” said Michigan National Guard Col. Warren K. Wells.

“The Guard uses the same training manual and programs as the active Army,” said artillery officer Lt. Col. Howard M. Dryden. “The emergencies of Detroit are completely unlike any disturbances this country has ever experienced, and our officials have been caught by surprise.”

That evening, Michigan Gov. George Romney requested additional troops from President Lyndon Johnson. The first of 5,000 federal troops from the 101st Airborne Division arrived less than 24 hours after the first Guard troops mobilized, despite reassurances from Guard leadership that “the Guard could handle the situation,” and more citizen-soldiers were on the way.

Violence escalated anyhow, and copycat riots erupted in other Michigan cities. The president also federalized the Michigan Guard.

Until the 1992 Los Angeles riots, the 1967 Detroit riots were the largest U.S. racial disturbance ever. After five days of rioting and more than 15,000 military and emergency responders on site, the numbers were tallied: more than 7,000 people arrested; 2,500 stores looted or damaged; 1,189 people injured; 43 dead.

The death of 26-year-old Guardsman Sgt. Larry L. Post was perhaps the most ironic. Three white men in a passing car and Sgt. Post exchanged gunfire, and he was hit. He died two weeks later in a Detroit hospital. He was Caucasian as well.

In the two months following the riots, Guardsmen across the country were required to immediately complete 32 hours of civil disturbance and riot control training.

In late August 1967 at the Midwest Governor’s Conference in Ozark, Miss., governors proposed using Guardsmen from other states as a backup force to quell civil disturbance.

Six months later, the assassination of civil rights leader Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis, Tenn., triggered another round of urban riots. In Detroit, some gangs roamed the city, looting and starting fires. About 9,000 Guardsmen and police quickly imposed a tight curfew and contained the disturbances in a few days.

In spite of heavy criticism, rioting prompted Guard mobilizations again and again across the nation.

As the decades passed, Guardsmen no longer referred to their annual two-week training as summer camp—and you don’t dare ever call a Guardsman a weekend warrior.

DeWitt Man Honors Troops with Fundraising

By Sgt. Kenneth Fahnestock

Jerry Brocker of Dewitt, Mich., knows about service. As a member of the Knights of Columbus, he often takes time out of his day to serve his community. Jerry found out about the Michigan National Guard Family Fund, and decided to expand on his local fundraising efforts to help Michigan troops by contributing to the fund. Jerry baked more than 1,000 cinnamon rolls that were sold at Fowler and Pewamo-Westphalia High School basketball games. The efforts led to a donation of \$1,000. This, combined with an earlier donation from Jerry himself, generated more than \$2,000.00 for the Family Fund, which will go toward helping Michigan Army and Air National Guard families in need.



Jerry Brocker of DeWitt, Mich., receives a big “thanks” from Sgt Kenneth Fahnestock and Maj. Mary Jones, for his large donation to the Michigan National Guard Family Fund, Inc. Photo by MSgt Denice Rankin

The other Super Bowl XL team

By Master Sgt. Denice Rankin

The NFL and the world came to Detroit for Super Bowl XL. The Michigan National Guard also brought a team. While the Steelers and the Seahawks battled it out at Ford Field in Detroit, elements of the Army and Air National Guard played a key security role. This behind the scene mission for the colossal event became “Operation Steelhawk.”

As “coach” and Task Force Commander, Brig. Gen. Nelson J. Cannon was charged with coordinating and interfacing several military units from three states. These players worked from interagency “playbooks” and seamlessly assisted federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies.

Civil Support Teams from the Michigan, Wisconsin, and Iowa National Guard came together to provide communications and support to agencies in the event of a Weapons of Mass Destruction event. They worked from a unified command suite, fondly referred to as their “communication center on steroids.” The team was also equipped with mobile labs to identify hazardous material and a radio communication system that would make most ham radio experts drool.

On the other side of town, the Michigan Air National Guard’s 127th Wing hosted the Joint Airspace Security Operations Center at Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Mt. Clemens, Mich. There, the National Guard, Coast Guard, and FBI jointly monitored the Detroit airspace. They watched pilots assigned to the 107th Fighter Squadron at Selfridge fly in and out of the protected no-fly zone. The 107th was participating in a robust, bi-national exercise between the United States and Canada, designed to test their intercept and identification operations. The exercise

involved the squadron’s F-16s aircraft and Canadian air refueling tankers, Cessna aircraft; a C-21 Learjet; H-65 helicopters and an E-3 Airborne Early Warning and Control System aircraft. They flew at low altitudes above Detroit during twilight hours.

Also on the defensive team the 110th Security Forces Squadron from Battle Creek Air National Guard Base who were on site in Detroit, armed with an Omni-Directional Inspection System (ODIS) robot. The robot is a remote control device used to inspect vehicles for explosives. The 110th and the ODIS inspected vehicles at Detroit’s Renaissance Center and Cobo Hall.

The 210th Military Police, based in Taylor, Mich., were on standby, ready to serve as a first-response Quick Reaction Force, while the 119th Field Artillery Battalion, based in Lansing, Mich. was to serve as a follow-on Ready Reaction Force.

The National Guard played a major role in the security and success of Detroit’s day in the world’s spotlight. However, as Brig. Gen. Cannon acknowledged, “The task of joint coordination was not without challenge.” But, he said “The shared vision of a safe and secure event enabled all involved to leverage their combined experience, resources and operations into a seamless mission that was second to none.”

The total force support of Super Bowl XL provided an excellent opportunity for the Michigan National Guard to hone their skills, learn the language of other agencies—acronyms in particular, and prepare for the future as the U.S. Armed Forces transition to become more of a Joint Force.

The environment and training - both are winners

By 2nd Lt. Corissa Barton

Fort Custer is on the secretary of the Army's list. With all the deployments, down-sizing, and the traditional "hey-you rosters," being on the list may not seem like a good thing. But in this case, it is. When the Honorable Francis J. Harvey announced 2005's environmental excellence award winners, Fort Custer was at the top of the list. After taking first place at the National Guard Bureau level in the Natural Resources Conservation, Small Installation category, this award increased the bragging rights.

"Winning at the Department of the Army level gives credibility to the National Guard as a whole. It shows we are doing as well as or better than the active component installations," said Greg Huntington, environmental manager for the Michigan Army National Guard.

Adding to the success is a third award, a first place state award from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. This recognition, the Neighborhood Environmental Partners Award, is given to a business compliant with all applicable environmental regulations.

To achieve this, the Michigan Army National Guard has committed to:

- Maximize the availability of training facilities to enable soldiers training.
- Continue to improve management of environmental programs and performance.

- Minimize pollution of land, water and air, to the extent the mission allows.
- Consider environmental requirements and impacts early in the force management, training and equipment fielding and construction planning process.

"We are committed to good environmental stewardship and the long-term sustainability of our facilities," said Maj. Gen. Thomas G. Cutler, the adjutant general. "We can't send our Soldiers into harm's way without training them as they need to fight, but we don't need to sacrifice the environment to provide that training. We will continue to use innovation, dedication and hard work to balance our readiness with environmental responsibility."

In the future, Fort Custer has plans for projects such as bird studies, deer research, turtle studies, prairie restoration, and invasive species research, to continue providing data that can be used on community and regional levels to help make decisions that will promote ecological health and diversity.

"Fort Custer Training Center continually demonstrates how a military training base can serve as a laboratory for exploring, testing, and evaluating alternatives for environmental management," said Katharine Gross, director, W.K. Kellogg Biological Station, Michigan State University.



Receiving the Fort Custer environmental awards are (from left to right): Maj. Gen. Thomas G. Cutler, John Mitchell, Jonathan Edgerly, Michele Richards, Gregory Huntington, Tad Davis, Steve Chester, Jim Langerveld, Lt. Col. Dennis Nadrasik.

In good times and in bad

Veteran benefits and services

By Sgt. 1st Class Jim Downen Jr.

Michigan National Guard service members who have deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan or other theaters covered by the Global War on Terror and who have earned the Global War on Terror Expeditionary medal are eligible for veterans' benefits and services through Veterans Administration facilities known as Vet Centers. According to Dr. William Busby, head of the Grand Rapids Vet Center, this information is important because many veterans, often do not know what they're eligible for or who to talk to.

"The Vet Centers were inspired by storefront organizations set up by Vietnam veterans," said Busby. "They needed help with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and help obtaining their veterans benefits. Many Vietnam veterans were dissatisfied with the bureaucratic atmosphere found in Veterans Administration hospitals at the time."

Congress passed legislation in 1979 creating Vet Centers after heavy lobbying efforts by Vietnam veterans.

The Veterans Administration defines Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, or PTSD, as a psychiatric disorder that can occur after experiencing or witnessing life-threatening events such as military combat, natural disasters, terrorist incidents, serious accidents, or violent personal assaults like rape.

Most survivors of trauma return to normal life given a little time. However, some people will have stress reactions that do not go away on their own, or may even get worse over time. These individuals may develop PTSD. People who suffer from PTSD often relive the experience through nightmares and flashbacks, have difficulty sleeping, and feel detached or estranged. These symptoms can be severe enough and last long enough to significantly impair the person's daily life.

Initially, Vet Centers only dealt with Vietnam veterans, but now they provide assistance to veterans of any war who have an expeditionary medal listed on their DD 214 or discharge papers. Michigan National Guardsmen who have earned the Global War on Terror Expeditionary medal are eligible for Vet Center services. The exception to the expeditionary medal requirement occurs if the service member has experienced sexual trauma or sexual harassment while on active duty. The benefits include two years of free health care upon discharge from active duty for the service member. The Vet Center processes the necessary paperwork for the veteran to receive the medical care and directs the veteran to the nearest VA hospital for treatment. The other benefits, which

are life time benefits, include counseling for PTSD, family readjustment, bereavement, and employment services.

PTSD counseling is available individually or in group counseling sessions. Counselor Brandon Lyon observed that some GWOT veterans show up twice a week to participate in group PTSD counseling sessions.

"GWOT veterans have a better understanding for the need to seek help than previous war veterans did," said Lyon. He added that Vietnam veterans were quick to accept the GWOT veterans and were willing to "show them the ropes."

Lyon also noted that many National Guard and Reserve family members of GWOT veterans participate in family readjustment counseling. On average, National Guard and Reserve units tend to have more married service members than their active duty counterparts.

"There's a tendency to not to listen to anyone when you get home from the war," said Busby, a 1st Cavalry Division infantry soldier from 1967 to 1968. "You just want to go home, but you need to listen carefully to what the counselors have to say to you. They have good information. They can help you readjust to civilian life."

The Vet Center also provides employment assistance by inviting a Michigan Works Veterans' employment counselor to the facility twice a week. Michigan Works is a workforce development system that prepares people for work by providing them an opportunity to advance their knowledge and skills to achieve economic self-sufficiency.

The Michigan Works counselor assists veterans with resumes, employment information and information on job fairs and hiring events.

In addition to the Vet centers, the Veterans Administration recently began an outreach program for National Guard and Reserve GWOT veterans. Readjustment Counseling Technician Rebecca Berndt-Downen, an Afghanistan Army Reserve veteran, contacts Guard and Reserve units and their family support groups after they return from GWOT tours of duty and briefs them on benefits they're eligible for.

"I wasn't told about my benefits when I returned from Afghanistan," said Berndt-Downen. "Don't be afraid to take advantage of your benefits. You've done a great service for your country and you've earned those benefits. Feel free to call us any time."

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Homecomings

Company B, 107th Engineer Battalion	Afghanistan
Company B, 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry	Iraq
126th Armor Battalion	Iraq
Detachment 1, Company G, 185th Aviation	Iraq
1071st Maintenance Company	Iraq
1462nd Transportation Company	Iraq

Currently Deployed

107th Quartermaster Battalion	Kuwait
1st Battalion, 119th Field Artillery	Iraq
126th Armor Battalion	Afghanistan
238th Aviation Battalion	Kosovo
1072nd Maintenance Company	Iraq, Kuwait
Company E, 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry	Iraq
1461st Transportation Company	Iraq
110th Fighter Wing	Afghanistan, Dominican Republic, Germany, Iraq, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates
127th Wing	Afghanistan, Diego Garcia, Iraq, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Qatar

Michigan Army and Air National Guard Promotions

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Air Guard

Brig. Gen.

Peplinski, Michael L.

Lt. Col.

Berard, Lisa F.
Dutcher, Anne Marie
Ewald, James C.
Otto, Stephan K.

Maj.

Anderson, Terence C.
Coenen, Julia F.
Durkee, Mark A.

Capt.

Malicke, Gregg T.
Rundell, William E.
Sitterly, Mark W.
Voelker, Leah V.
White, Eric J.

1st Lt.

Frey, Rob W.
Payne, Benjamin A.

2nd Lt.

Bing, Cheryl M.
Conway, Shawn D.
Falster, Christopher A.
Ferrell, Leonard T.
Forbes, Jason M.
Haase, Cheryl M.
Mestelle, Ryan S.
Nagy, Matthew A.
Tennapel, Daniel L.

Chief Master Sgt.

Halt, Charles D.
Hook, Randy S.
Leslie, John S.
Loser, John R.
Middleton, Linda E.
Morton, Carolyn M.
Rhoutsong, David N.
Truran, Warren D.

Senior Master Sgt.

Becks, Brien K.
Dehate, Matthew J.
Hart, James E.
Hayward, Wayne M.
Hunt, Brian S.
Mason, Carrie L.
Person, Kristina R.
Salesman, Kevin A.
Stebbins, James W.
Stevens, Joseph F.
Stone, Edward C.
Vantiem, Richard J.

Master Sgt.

Bedard, Sheri A.
Blanks, Leslie T.
Bobola, Edward A.
Clark, Nicole R.
Corbin, Samuel R.
Curtis, Kenneth B.
Earley, Robert M.
Garza, Rolando

Groner, Steven E.
Hannah, Rebecca M.
Hauff, Thomas R.
Heyart, Anthony R.
Huisinga, David G.
Jerome, Jeffrey C.
Kelly, Steven M.
Kozlowski, John J.
Kozole, Paul E.
Madden, William R.
Manning, John T.
Mckellar, Ronald J.
Melik, Joseph W.
Noble, Benjamin D.
Novak, Mark T.
Obreiter, David J.
Peloquin, Timothy J.
Scott, Eric V.
Shepherd, James J.
Slater, Trevor J.
Smith, Walter E.
Steffens, Walter T.
Stevenson, Lawanda R.
Streasick, Thomas A.
Taylor, Tobin E.
Thurmand, Wright J.
Wade, James P.
Walker, Wells W.
Wilson, Joel M.
Yax, Jay A.
Zelenock, Scott P.

Tech. Sgt.

Bachelor, Brandon T.
Bahleda, Nick
Bailey, Jason A.
Bonnell, Jeff A.
Chappel, Mary M.
Cotton, Tara E.
Cravens, Mark L.
Cregeur, Kevin J.
Debler, Thomas J.
Elliott, John M.
Genier, Jesse C.
Graves, Maurice
Hall, David W.
Hall, Rachel E.
Harris, Antonio L.
Hayes, Harold E.
Hicks, Rachel E.
Irwin, Kimberly J.
Jepsen, Keith A.
Johnson, Michael A.
Kellogg, Brian C.
Kent, Steven R.
Kerr, Michael G.
Kinnucan, Matthew A.
Kober, Marc F.
Koenig, Robert W.
Korotko, Joseph A.
Kurzatkowski, Dawn A.
Logsdon, Henry B.
Lucas, Pamela M.

Matthews, Brian A.
Melton, Felica Z.
Mercer, Melissa A.
Miller, Sandra K.
Morgan, Gerald M.
Palmerston, Aaron J.
Partaka, Leonard A.
Reynolds, Shane K.
Salazar, Daniel A.
Schewe, Ryan S.
Shields, David J.
Smith, Tijuan M.
Struble, Jeffrey M.
Terbush, Michael K.
Thomas, David S.
Tremblay, Brian S.
Vandriessche, Michael R.
Wendell, Rio D.
Wesley, Jeffrey A.
Williams, Shaun B.
Wyatt, Dawn A.
Zawacki, David J.

Sgt.

Alexander, Matthew J.
Anderson, Axel J.
Anderson, Daniel L.
Anderson, Daniel L.
Bainbridge, Jeremy S.
Berger, Sven G.
Bow, Robert J.
Breiler, Bradley C.

Brownell, Randy R.
Brunzman, Kurt P.
Bublitz, Darrell A.
Crocker, Joseph M.
Easter, Todd R.
Fedon, Deborah A.
Fischer, Gary L.
Francart, Paul R.
Freudenburg, Lucas A.
Gault, Mikel R.
Harper, Allan J.
Harper, Allen J.
Hayes, Michael P.
Henry, Amanda J.
Herron, Kevin D.
Hildreth, Antonina G.
Hodge, Sidney R.
Holz, Jaclyn C.
Holz, Jaclyn D.
Jarczewski, Tate J.
Johnston, Kevin D.
Lee, Kinya A.
Lindsay, Jennifer D.
Lindsay, Tracy D.
Mack, James D.
Maskart, Marc D.
Matthews, Michael D.
Mclean, Robert A.
Meade, Howard E.
Mehlenbacher, Jason A.
Morgan, Travis J.

Olmstead, Jesse S.	Oommen, Shawn S.	Sgt. Maj.	Gould, William J.	Cooper, Jones S.	Reiter, Zachary P.
Pearson, Joi A.	Proulx, Michael R.	Wood, Neal J.	Gray, James P.	Corona, Corrina L.	Reynolds, James L.
Pellow, James R.	Rice, Brandon S.	1st Sgt.	Gribble, William J.	Cremonte, Andrew J.	Rhinard, Robert C.
Reed, Sean M.	Sedlow, Ryan M.	Scott, Stephen R.	Harding, Brandon B.	Dennis, Richard R.	Rivard, Matthew P.
Robinson, Sherilyn M.	Sherman, Brian M.	Wren, Jerome	Jennings, Christopher A.	Deuel, Caleb R.	Robins, Matthew A.
Rudolph, Vanessa R.	Shouey, Jared I.	Master Sgt.	Jennings, Jeff A.	Duke, Garret W.	Ruckel, Jeffrey A.
Schneider, Joseph M.	Shouey, Jared I.	Alcook, Lester E.	Johnson, Carl A.	Dunklin, Rolando F.	Sanders, Damario B.
Shaner, Brian J.	Smith, Jeremy S.	Charter, Walter L.	Johnson, Leslie J.	Duvall, Joshua M.	Sangster, Phillip L.
Socia, Steven H.	Snodgrass, Justin M.	Claybaugh, John A. Jr	Kabelman, Andrew L.	Emmons, Brian A.	Schroeder, Tomasz J.
Squier, Michael T.	Vanderkoik, Richard J.	Kelley, Brian J.	Kelley, Sherry L.	Fagan, Timothy P.	Silver, Scott R.
Taylor, Samara L.	Vanderkolk, Richard J.	Lafreniere, Gary J.	Kennedy, Jeffrey A.	Fell, William C.	Skillern, Eric W.
Theis, Andrew J.	Williams, John C.	Long, Bonnie J.	Larson, Jeffrey R.	Foley, Terrance C.	Snow, William P.
Voorhorst, Paul D.	Winstrand, Jason M.	Pratt, Vernon C.	Lavictor, Brian R.	Gallardo, Angela Y.	Squier, Phillip W.
Walters, Mathew A.	Wortley, Jeffrey A.	Roe, Robert J. Jr	Leist, Scott D.	Garvey, Jonathan E.	Stark, Loren J.
Walters, Matthew A.	Yee, Justin D.	Smith, Janice K.	Maples, Tim E.	Gary, Lee G.	Stevens, Matthew J.
Warren, Terri L.	Airman 1st Class	Trembath, Jeffrey L.	Martin, Christopher J.	Gerring, Henry P.	Stimson, Jacob O.
Watkins, Maurice L.	Wilks, Chad C.	Welsheimer, Ronald D.	Maxwell, Russell C.	Gregory, Eric J.	Szczepanski, Douglas S.
Werhnyak, Keith A.		Wylie, William K. Jr	Mcdanielmoore, Giovanna	Hannewald, Richard D.	Tanase, Sorin R.
Whalen, Martin T.	Army Guard			Hayes, Richard L. II	Teeters, James M.
Whalen, Martin T.	Col.		Mcnally, Christopher M.	Herzog, Joshua M.	Travis, Benjamin P.
White, Andrew J.	Feraco, Frank S.	Ayers, Fred E. IV	Palmer, William C.	Huerta, Erika G.	Vanness, Robert J.
Whitfield, David R.	Ivey, Mark J.	Barron, Richard	Parker, Tony A.	Jackson, Dermon D.	Villarreal, Israel T.
Whitfield, David R.	Stone, Michael A.	Bickings, Ronnie D.	Perry, Tammie L.	James, Robert D.	Wasie, David J.
Senior Airman	Lt. Col.	Brown, Esther J.	Philyaw, Vincent B.	Kiger, Steven R.	Wazny, Kyle A.
Baker, Mark N.	Batchelor, Robin L.	Carr, Scott R.	Pitsch, Carole M.	Killips, Frederick P.	Weiss, Brett E.
Bennett, Robert F.	Hill, Peter D.	Dawson, Glenn S.	Plue, Warren S.	Kimber, Michael J.	Wenzel, Brent A.
Bennett, Robert F.	Korneisel, Richard E. II	Downen, James V.	Ramereiz, Lupe J.	Kind, Gene S.	Whittaker, Benjamin C.
Bottone, Rudolph	Wright, Richard M.	Fairbanks, Gregory A.	Rogowski, Randall S.	King, James L.	Wood, Paul D.
Bouwens, Zacheria K.	Maj.	Gibson, Matthew W.	Rouse, Frederick N.	Kish, Chad R.	Workman, Ricardo B.
Cady, Colin T.	Allen, Daniel W.	Haines, Hugh K.	Schnurer, Richard E.	Koenitzer, Roy K.	Wylie, Jerrell M. III
Carley, Timothy B.	Bohl, Brent A.	Maes, Christopher P.	Schultz, Steven A.	Kuehne, Aaron C.	Yager, Jamison G.
Claerhout, Todd L.	Collins, John T. III	Martinez, Roberto J.	Scott, David J.	Lamoreaux, Joel M.	Cpl.
Clark, Christopher L.	Czajka, Gordon L.	Moery, Michael W.	Seaborn, Donald E. Jr	Lange, Andrew E.	Dimock, Derek A.
Cooter, Ryan T.	Gorzynski, Mark A.	Montgomery, Clifford S.	Spalding, Andrea	Large, Darl D.	Spc.
Cooter, Ryan T.	Gust, Steven C.	Parker, Tharasa A.	Standridge, Michael D.	Lizotte, Curtis M.	Abbott, Danielle K.
Davis, Michael M.	Koltvedt, John M.	Post, Eric C.	Stephens, Terry S.	Loftis, Ryan M.	Adams, Jason M.
Ferguson, Chad W.	Wojcik, John J.	Priestap, James D.	Strahl, Sarah L.	Logan, James K.	Adams, Matthew T.
Ferguson, Ryan M.	Capt.	Schultz, Cheryl L.	Tammelin, Daryl R.	Lore, Tara D.	Ahner, Sean R.
Gillespie, Jason M.	Gaffke, Steven C.	Stickney, Leonard J. Jr	Vaillancourt, Kevin D.	Lundquist, Ryan D.	Bable, Cody H.
Gordon, Kenneth M.	Hanson, James D.	Szewczyk, Arthur K.	Vanbuskirk, John R.	Martin, Avid R.	Bates, Lisa S.
Haapala, Jonathan S.	Harden, Russel M.	Waldorf, Matthew A.	Wheeler, Scott J.	Mcgowan, Paul K.	Baxter, David J.
Hartman, Braden R.	Kiersey, Gunnar D.	Staff Sgt.	Wolf, Julia M.	Mcnally, Matthew S.	Bernheisel, Joshua J.
Helse, Amber D.	Mccostlin, Scottie A.	Balderson, Richard C.	Wood, Justin L.	Mitchell, Michelle A.	Boulton, Matthew A.
Herrmann, Wendy I.	Meyer, Angela J.	Barbrick, Erik C.	Sgt.	Mobley, Sean T.	Browne, William R.
Herrmann, Wendy I.	Middaugh, Kenneth H. II	Barrett, Thomas M.	Allen, Michael E.	Moss, Ryan A.	Browning, Travis J.
Hirth, Edward W.	Richardson, Emmett J.	Bird, James N.	Armenta, Alba E.	Myers, Adam D.	Brumbaugh, Christopher J.
Holmgren, Timothy J.	Weise, Kevin L.	Bjorkman, Lindsay A.	Astbury, Yvette M.	Nellis, Jennifer M.	Byl, Maurice W.
Hulett, Thomas M.	1st Lt.	Brisson, Eric D.	Aumick, Angelina A.	Nelson, Ricky	Carter, Ashley R.
James, Nicole M.	Eady, Daniel D.	Buford, Jill M.	Bailey, Bradley A.	Niemi, Sherri L.	Chapman, Gerald L.
Joven, Justin P.	Mcclain, Adam Z.	Burkhart, Joel W.	Balcer, Andrew G.	Orr, Joseph A.	Clouser, Andrew B.
Kindt, Justin D.	Chief Warrant Officer	Capener, Scott R.	Bauman, Arthur W.	Papke, Russell J.	Connor, Jereme K.
Kooi, Randall A.	Filipowicz, Dawn M.	Cook, Christopher L.	Betts, Christopher M.	Patton, Adam J.	Cook, Richard D.
Kowalski, Jared A.	Warrant Officer 4	Crandallmann, Heather A.	Borgeling, Eric P.	Peters, Devin L.	Costner, Derrick W.
Kreger, Bradley A.	Garrett, Michael D.	Crowder, John B. II	Braley, Alan E.	Pierce, Thomas J.	Crandell, Kenneth L.
Licht, Aaron M.	Raynor, Daniel J.	Dubs, Joseph W.	Broom, Jeremy M.	Piper, Tyler R.	Crawford, Jerod D.
May, Erik J.	Warrant Officer 3	Eggenberger, Robert W.	Canfield, Jacob A.	Polen, Charles A.	Croff, Chad A.
Mccusker, Kevin M.	Kettler, Kurt R.	Ellis, Lawrence J.	Childers, Gregory D.	Poling, Jeremy M.	Crumbaugh, Andrew P.
Miller, Brian D.	Warrant Officer 2	Foster, Jeffery J.	Clark, Jonathan R.	Prentice, Phillip E.	Daggs, Eric F.
Ondersma, Mark E.	Huntz, Daretha M.	Franke, Russell L.	Cole, Nathanael P.	Quinn, Joseph A.	Daman, Ronald E. II

Army Guard promotions continued:

Datema, Ryan A.	Montalvo, Lucas A.	Private 1st Class	Joslin, Steven T.	Welch, Jared W.	Mccloud, Julie J.
Davis, Brian J.	Moody, Sean A.	Aernie, Bradley K.	King, Brian J.	Wendt, Matthew L.	McCreary, Billee J.
Davis, Troy E.	Moore, Leilynn N.	Afton, Anthony E.	King, Michael V.	Private 2	McQuade, Mark W.
Earls, Christopher P.	Morkert, Brian L.	Alonzo, Tavita	Kinney, Joseph H. III	Anderson, Alex W.	Mitchell, Gary J. II
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Sgt. Matthew A. Webber, 23, of Stanwood, and a member of Company B, 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry Regiment, died April 27, 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. Webber was a 2001 Morley Stanwood High School graduate. He is survived by his father, Alan, mother, Jane, step-father, Vince, one brother, and one sister.



Spc. Dane O. Carver, 20, of Freeport, and a member of Company B, 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry Regiment, died Dec. 26, 2005, when he was shot by enemy fire while on patrol in Iraq. A former football player and 2003 graduate of Middleville High School, Carver was engaged to be married in August to Karla Holwerda, 23, of Grand Rapids. He is survived by his parents, Don and Candace Carver, of Freeport, Mich., and sisters Ingrid Ivey and Kirsten Jamison.



Sgt. Joshua V. Youmans, 26, of Flushing, and a member of Company B, 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry Regiment, died March 1, 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. He is survived by his wife Katie and daughter, MacKenzie, who was five months old at the time of his death.

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