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Maj. Gen. Cutler introduces Lt. Gen. Craig McKinley, director of the Air National Guard, to Maj. James Rossi, a C-130 pilot from the 171st Airlift Squadron based at Selfridge ANGB.

Photo by John Swanson, 127th Multimedia

“We were tremendously impressed with the professionalism of every Soldier we met.”

-Maj. Gen. Thomas Cutler



Michigan Army National Guard Master Sgt. Kimberly Beauchamp recites the oath of enlistment as Maj. Gen. Thomas Cutler officiates the ceremony at Joint Force Headquarters.

Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Jim Downen



*From the desk of
The Adjutant General*



TAG
TALK

On Nov. 26, media outlets around the country reminded us that we have been engaged in Operation Iraqi Freedom longer than we were in World War II. When we deployed our first units, I suspect we all thought our involvement would be similar to what we experienced during Desert Storm; we would go, win the war and come home.

Needless to say, OIF has demanded much more from us, yet we have met every challenge. In addition, we have deployed Soldiers and Airmen all over the world in support of peacekeeping and humanitarian operations. Today we have more than 1,600 Guard members deployed, proudly doing our nation's business.

As your adjutant general, I have the privilege of traveling worldwide to see our men and women in action. Most recently, I had the opportunity to take a group of senior leaders to Camp Bondsteel, in Kosovo, to visit our 238th Aviation Battalion. (The 238th deployed approximately 160 personnel in support of peacekeeping operations.)

We were tremendously impressed with the professionalism of every Soldier we met. They were dedicated to their mission and were truly leading the way in every task they undertook. They also adopted a local elementary school. Their investment in that facility and the children is just one example of the many ways they left Kosovo better than they found it! They are now home and we are exceptionally proud of the sacrifice they made and the service they provided.

As we continue to sustain this very aggressive operations tempo, we are always mindful of the tremendous sacrifice made by our families. We're thankful that our fellow citizens are also very aware of this sacrifice and anxious to do what they can to support each of you who serve.

As an example, I was recently contacted by an individual representing a group of Iraqi and Afghani Americans who wanted to help families of Soldiers and Airmen supporting OIF/OEF. After much conversation, this group donated \$250,000 and plan to do the same next year because they appreciate what you are doing for their country and for peace and freedom around the world!

We were recently reminded, once again, of the tremendous cost of this war. During November and December five of our Michigan National Guard Soldiers made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of our country and our freedom. We lost Spc. Brad Shilling of Company E, 125th Infantry on Nov. 18; and Sgt. 1st Class Jim Priestap, 46th Military Police Company on Nov. 23; and Sgt. Chad Vollmer, Spc. Bobby Mejia II, and Spc. Wilson Algrim, all of Company E, 125th Infantry on Dec 23.

They were outstanding Soldiers and have wonderful families who are tremendously proud of their loved one's service and thankful for the support they've had from their Guard family. For all of you who have provided that support, I thank you from the bottom of my heart!

My wife and I extend our best wishes for a wonderful Christmas and an outstanding new year. It is an honor to serve with you.

Maj. Gen. Thomas G. Cutler

ATAG TALK

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

My first year as Assistant Adjutant General for Air has been very exciting!

I did not know what to expect; coming from a wing and dealing directly in the operational area with predominately Air Guard members, to a joint environment working in the strategic area with predominately Army members. What I found was an organization with professional and dedicated men and women who gave me a warm welcome.

I have learned and grown as leader as a result of my day to day interaction with the Army Guard members and this will remain top in my memory as I reflect on my first year in this position.

Early in 2006, the Air Guard was experiencing the after shock of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission's actions. BRAC placed Battle Creek ANGB in an "enclave" status without a mission, and two aircraft conversions at Selfridge Air National Guard Base. What happened for the remainder of 2006?

A plan and strategy was developed to bring new missions to Battle Creek. Throughout the year we had many opportunities to showcase the resources and capabilities Battle Creek offers to Air Force and National Guard senior leaders. As a result of these visits and strong support from our governor, congressional delegation, wing, and community, this TAG led team effort resulted in bringing new missions to Battle Creek.

The Joint Warfighting Headquarters is a new Air Force mission that will position Michigan well for the future. In addition, we have received positive indications that the Joint Cargo Aircraft flying mission will be coming to Battle Creek ANGB. As President Dwight D. Eisenhower said: "Neither a wise man nor a brave man lies down on the tracks of history to wait for the train of the future to run over him." We certainly did not let the train run over us; we were driving the train!

In 2007, the first of Michigan's BRAC actions will retire the 127th Wing's C-130s and convert to the KC-135 and air refueling mission. The 127th Wing Airlift Group has a history of top performance and participation in the war on terrorism. The final C-130s will return from the war in January 2007, marking the end of the airlift mission and beginning of the air refueling mission.

This holiday season, I hope you enjoy special time with your families. What we accomplish in the National Guard could not be done without their support. Being in the Guard is hard work and our members readily give their time in the name of duty; however, this work is probably not as hard as being a family member who remains at home while their beloved Guard member performs state and national missions across the globe. My gratitude goes out to you.

Thank you.



Brig. Gen. Richard G. Elliott



Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Brig. Gen. Richard Elliott await the arrival of Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum, Chief, National Guard Bureau, at the Battle Creek, Mich. Air National Guard Base. Lt. Gen. Blum is touring National Guard facilities to brief the Base Realignment and Closure Commission on the merits of each facility. Photo by SFC James Downen Jr.

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-Brig. Gen. Richard Elliott



Adam Huska is promoted to staff sergeant by Brig. Gen. Elliott during the Joint Force Headquarters drill weekend.

Photo by Master Sgt. Denice Rankin



Cover: During this holiday season, as well as throughout the year, the Michigan National Guard Soldiers and Airmen are serving to maintain and establish freedom at home and abroad.

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Bullets

National Guard celebrates birthday

On December 13th, the National Guard celebrated its 370th birthday. As part of that celebration, Director of the National Guard Bureau, Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum reminded everyone how America's first military service grew from its founding at the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1636 to currently more than 450,000 Citizen-Soldiers and Airmen serving across America and around the world as part of the Global War on Terror.

Lt. Gen. Blum honored the 430 Guard members killed in the GWOT and thanked the families, employers and Governors of the National Guard.

"Without their support, our service would be impossible," he stated.



Letters to veterans:

Brighten the day of lonely veterans by writing and thanking a vet in a veterans home in Grand Rapids or Marquette.

Address letters:

To A Veteran
Grand Rapids Veterans Home
3000 Monroe Avenue, N.W.
Grand Rapids, Mich., 49505-3313

or
To A Veteran
D.J. Jacobetti Veterans Home
425 Fisher Street, Marquette, Mich.,
49855-4595.



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Guard Retiree Benefit Information

National Guard and Reserve personnel who enroll in the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) within 120 days after retirement are eligible to skip the 12-month waiting period. This starts from the retirement effective date, not when the person reaches age 60. New enrollees seeking waivers should submit a copy of retirement orders with their enrollment application. Register at www.trdp.org or call 888-838-8737

Marriage enrichment retreat

The Michigan National Guard Joint Forces Headquarters is hosting a Marriage Enrichment Weekend retreat May 4 - 6 for demobilized married Soldiers, Airmen and their spouses.

The retreat assists couples with reintegration and reunion after deployment by enhancing communication skills and blends instruction with practical exercises.

Although sponsored and presented by the MING State Chaplain, it is not a religious program, nor intended for troubled marriages, but designed to improve positive communication in every marriage.

Register at www.strongbonds.org or contact the State Family Programs Office at 517-481-8356 or e-mail Sandie Wojcik, at sandie.wojcik@mi.ngb.army.mil.



NGAM Scholarship Award

Twice a year, the National Guard Association of Michigan awards a \$500 scholarship to selected Michigan National Guard members to assist with education expenses.

The NGAM scholarship committee awards grants based on available funds and completeness of the application. Applications must be submitted by June 15th for the Fall term/semester and November 15th for the Winter term/semester and can be downloaded from <http://ngam.org/edgrant.html>.

The following Michigan Army and Air National Guard members received \$500 scholarships for the Fall 2006 term:

Spc. Nadir J. Akbar, HHC 156th Signal Battalion

Pvt. Chad Eickhoff, 1438th Engineer Detachment

Spc. Amir M. Fawzy, HHC 156th Signal Battalion

Technical Sgt. Amber Gregg, 127th Services Flight

Staff Sgt. Daniel J. Heaton, 127th Wing Headquarters

1st Sgt. Stephen Russell Scott, 1st Battalion, 182nd Field Artillery (MLRS)

Senior Airman Shannon Suckow, 127th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Watchmen--

Some with tools, some with supplies, some with weapons

By Chaplain (Maj.) James R. Chapin

My experience as a Michigan National Guard chaplain has taken me to different parts of the world. I've deployed twice to the Middle East; the first time with the 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry to support the Multi Force and Observers mission in the Sinai, and then with the 1st Battalion, 198th Armor out of Mississippi, to Karbala and An Najaf, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom III. Soldiers are frequently asked what is it really like there and are we really making a difference. My response is always that it depends on the location of your mission. And yes, we are making a difference.

As a chaplain, I have a unique perspective on some activities. I remember standing on the balcony of one of Saddam Hussein's palaces overlooking the banks of the Euphrates River, and located just behind me was the ancient city of Babylon, near the city of Al Hillah. I was thinking of the Hebrew prophet Nehemiah during his exile to Babylon and his experiences after being allowed to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the destroyed temple. The story is that while many were rebuilding the temple others were standing guard with spears to protect the workers rebuilding the walls. Our Soldiers involved in rebuilding Iraq are doing the same thing. While some are helping to rebuild the country, others are providing the necessary protection.

My involvement as a Chaplain not only included religious

support to our Soldiers, but also providing humanitarian assistance to the surrounding areas around Karbala and Najaf. Let me share with you just a few of my own personal experiences.

Located at Forward Operating Base Duke, near Najaf, I had three tents full of supplies that included food, clothing, blankets, school supplies and sporting equipment. One unit received an entire supply of tennis equipment including the net. We delivered those items to an all girl high school. Other schools were refurbished and supplied with paper, pencils, pens, and even computers, as well as other items sent to us from caring people in the U.S.

Working closely with Civil Affairs, we also traveled the countryside, providing 80 pound bags of sugar, flour, rice, beans, and canned tomatoes. Our medical personnel frequently provided necessary medical examinations and handed out medications until our supply was gone. In addition to this, we regularly allowed families with sick children to come onto our FOB for better medical treatment.

One other thing I was privileged to be involved in was the ribbon cutting of two water treatment units along the Euphrates River, capable of supplying some of the poorer cities with a million gallons of fresh water per day! Are we making a difference? Well, you decide.

Mentoring – Critical to Success

By Command Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Slee

An article endorsed by the Secretary of the Army, the Chief of Staff of the Army, and the Sergeant Major of the Army states "Mentorship is an extremely powerful tool for personal and professional development; it improves technical and tactical competence, leadership skills, self-awareness, and morale." Mentoring is not a new concept to the military. As Senior NCOs we have always been expected to mentor those subordinate to us. It takes a concerted effort and commitment to pass along the lessons we have learned to keep others from making the same mistakes we may have made.

The Army definition of "mentorship" is "the voluntary, developmental relationship that exists between a person of greater experience and a person of lesser experience that is characterized by mutual trust and respect." The objective of mentorship is to improve readiness, retention, support, and professional development of Soldiers and to enhance and accelerate leader development conducted daily by the chain-of-command.

Each Soldier is ultimately responsible for their career and personal development. It is the responsibility of those in senior positions not only to seek out the "fast trackers" but to develop Soldiers personally and professionally as their follow-on. An effective mentorship program will increase commitment and retention, improve performance and information flow, while providing Leader development and succession.

Mentors coach, pass along information, provide candid feedback, point out opportunities to develop and demonstrate capabilities, encourage and motivate, and serve as a sounding

board. Mentors imbedded with the Army Values and Warrior Ethos result in a combat multiplier that will accelerate our forces toward improved readiness and responsiveness for future missions. Most importantly a mentor provides a role model for success by transitioning a Soldier from a relatively narrow focus on technical skills to a more complex field of leadership through self-awareness, self confidence, adaptability, and advice on how to deal with real or perceived road blocks. Soldiers who are mentored gain confidence and encouragement, and grow beyond their usual expectations. They have higher performance and productivity, and generally have greater career satisfaction - all pluses for our force.

Senior NCOs can get more involved in mentoring their replacements by logging on to the AKO Mentorship Community (listed under "Personnel" on the AKO Communities list) that includes references, guidance, tools, links, and Points of Contact. Get involved as a mentor or seek out a mentor by selecting from a number of mentorship sub-communities that offer new venues to assist you. This website offers tailored mentorship networks and a database of profiles and biographies of available mentors and those seeking mentors.

As President George W. Bush put it, "... it is the men and women of America who will fill the need. One mentor, one person, can change a life forever. And I urge you to be that one person."

Get Involved – be a mentor – improve and prepare our Armed Forces for tomorrow's challenges.

Lt. Gen. Craig R. McKinley at Michigan Air Guard Bases

By Master Sgt. Denice Rankin

The Air National Guard Director, Lt. Gen. Craig R. McKinley, visited Battle Creek Air National Guard Base, Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center, and Selfridge Air National Guard Base recently. Gen. McKinley visited two days at the invitation of Maj. Gen. Thomas G. Cutler, the adjutant general of Michigan, and received tours and mission briefings at each base.

While here, the general met with Airmen and community members and was able to hear and sense unit pride as well as concern for the future.

The visit to the Air Guard bases highlighted Michigan's capabilities and the challenges ahead as Base Realignment and Closure initiatives are implemented.



Lt. Gen. Craig McKinley shakes hands with Tech. Sgt. Skatch Peruski, who stands next to Senior Airman Mark Martus and Staff Sgt. Kenneth Miller, all from the 127th Maintenance Group, during the general's tour of the 127th Wing. The Maintenance Group will transition from F-16 aircraft to the A-10 aircraft which is currently assigned to the Battle Creek Air National Guard Base. Photo by John Swanson, 127th Wing Visual Information

Michigan Army National Guard's Finest NCOs



Soldier of the Year

Pfc. Trevor Clough of the 1071st Maintenance Company at Camp Grayling, Mich. is the 2006 Soldier of the Year. He has been a member of the Michigan National Guard since March 2005.

Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Jim Downen



NCO of the Year

Sgt. Brian Tolan of the 1775th Military Police Company (Combat Support) of Pontiac, Mich. is the 2006 NCO of the Year. Tolan has been in the Michigan Army National Guard since March 2005.

Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Jim Downen



Recruiter of the Year

Sgt. 1st Class David Leffel is the 2006 Michigan Army National Guard Recruiter of the Year. Leffel has served 23 years in the Michigan Army National Guard and recruited for one and a half years. Leffel was also selected as Rookie of the Year.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Helen Miller

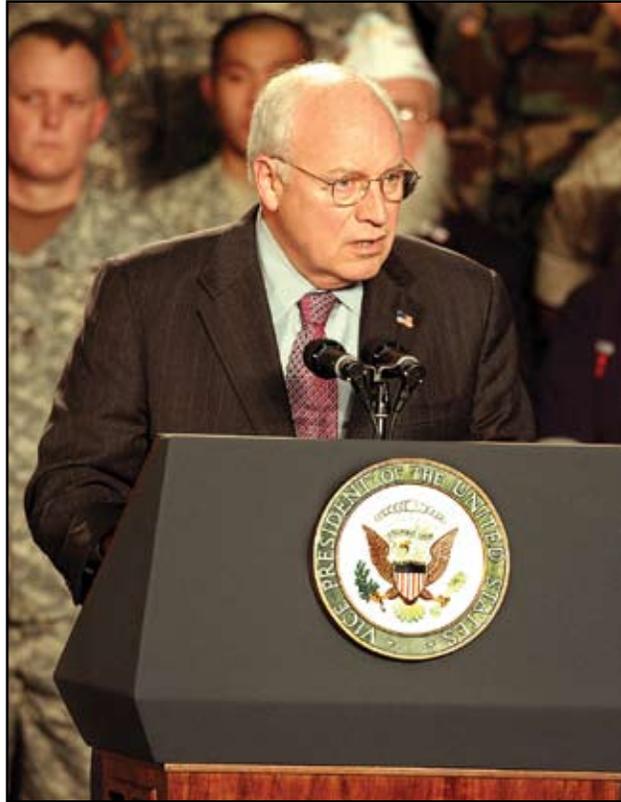
126th Armor's Service Recognized by Vice President Cheney

Story and photos by Sgt. Gabriel Morse

Vice President Dick Cheney visited the Grand Valley Armory in Wyoming, Mich. on Sept. 25, 2006 to honor members of the 1st Battalion, 126th Cavalry for their duty in Iraq. The Vice President took time to shake Soldier's hands before and after his speech.

His speech focused heavily on the positive gains made in the Global War on Terror and his administration's resolve to stand firm and not pull out of the war too early.

The Vice President took time to read a "laundry list" of attacks against the United States and her people preceding the attack on the World Trade Center. The list of attacks began with the April 1983 bombing of the U.S. Embassy which killed 63 Americans, and is seen by some as the beginning of anti-U.S. attacks by radical Islamic groups.



Vice President Dick Cheney visited the Grand Valley Armory in Wyoming, MI on Sept. 25, 2006 to honor members of the 1st Bn, 126th CAV for their duty in Iraq.

Ten MYCA Graduates Enlist in the MIARNG



In December 2006, the fifteenth class graduated from the Michigan Youth Challenge Academy. Of the 89 students that endured the 22 week academic, physical, and life changing program, ten enlisted in the Michigan Army National Guard. Pictured left to right are Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Thomas Cutler, Assistant Adjutant General for Army Col. James Anderson, Pvt. Dustin Russell, Pvt. Daniel Gage, Pvt. Matthew Tripp, Pvt. Patrick Yonker, Pvt. Maxwell Fonti, Pvt. Bocephus Hayes, Pvt. John Andreas, Pvt. Brandon Haines, Pvt. Michael Barker, Pvt. Travis Wright, MYCA Director Brig. Gen. Roger Allen (Ret) and Sgt. Michael McNees of the MIARNG Recruiting and Retention Command.

Photo courtesy of Sgt. Michael McNees

ETT -- Tip of the Spear

Michigan Soldiers train Afghani's to take over

Story and photos by Sgt. 1st Class James Downen Jr.

President George W. Bush discussed Afghanistan on Sept. 29, 2006 and described how U.S. Forces are training the Afghan National Army to fight the Global War on Terror. Bush said "As Afghans have braved the terrorists and claimed their freedom, we've helped them, and we will continue to help them. It's in our interests that we help this young democracy survive and grow strong. We helped them build security forces they need to defend their democratic gains. In the past five years, our coalition has trained and

of the ETT will be to mentor the ANA battalion in refining tactics, and using U.S. doctrine starting at squad, platoon, and company level.

Michigan's ETT will also assist with the professional development of the ANA as well as accompanying them on combat operations and serve as liaison between the ANA and U.S. or allied forces. One commissioned officer and one noncommissioned officer will attach to each ANA Rifle Company or "Kandak".



Michigan Army National Guard Soldiers conduct a road march at Camp Grayling, Mich., as part of training for an upcoming deployment to Afghanistan to serve as an Embedded Training Team with the Afghan National Army.

The ETT is composed of Soldiers from Joint Forces Headquarters, Recruiting Command, and the 177th Regional Training Institute. The team is tentatively scheduled to mobilize in February, and has begun its own training cycle because it has never trained together as a unit. This early train up period is to solidify the team building process and to train Soldiers to Army standards on Infantry tasks they will perform in Afghanistan.

The first training event for the ETT was a three mile road march with rucksacks and body armor at

equipped more than 30,000 soldiers in the Afghan National Army."

The National Guard assumed this mission on October 6, 2006 from Forces Command and will perform it until the Secretary of Defense determines it has been completed.

According to Maj. Shawn Harris, an officer in the Michigan Army National Guard, part of that coalition to assist Afghanistan in fielding a competent Army is Embedded Training Teams. Harris, who has both an artillery and infantry background, is team chief of the second ETT fielded by the Michigan Army National Guard.

Sgt. Maj. David Marshall, the ETT Senior Noncommissioned officer in charge, stated that the mission

Camp Grayling, Mich. Many team members have been away from tactical units for a significant length of time, so the road march was done to promote a sense of urgency to get in shape for the mountains of Afghanistan. Sgt. 1st Class Wilson Tang observed that much of Afghanistan is high elevation mountains and said that he would do more road marches on his own time because "Due to the altitude and terrain in Afghanistan, it's a form of life insurance for the infantry [to get in shape before deploying]."

After the road march, the ETT Soldiers immersed themselves in weapons, tactical air support, and Afghan cultural training provided by 177th RTI instructors and two 1st Battalion, 126th Armor NCOs that deployed to

Afghanistan in April, 2005 with the first Michigan Army National Guard ETT.

First Sgt. David Schneider and Staff Sgt Jeremiah Harlan, the 2005 Afghan ETT veterans, added a much needed “boots on the ground” perspective to the training. The NCOs gave input on the structure, training, and weapons used by ANA. Mid-way through the training, Staff Sgt. Harlan donned Afghan “Shalwar Kamez” clothing and a “pokol” hat and held a typical Afghan tea social with sweets. They also trained the team on close air support request techniques used in Afghanistan.

The Afghan ETT veterans related challenges and solutions that would be encountered in Afghanistan. One challenge was learning Russian weapons systems such as the 12.7mm DSHK machinegun. Schneider stated there aren’t many examples of this machinegun in the United States, so the Afghan veterans advised the outgoing ETT to get training from U.S. Special Forces or their ANA counterparts on this critical weapon. The Afghan ETT vets said the ANA soldiers loved to share their knowledge and give weapons classes.

Another challenge the outgoing ETT will face is radio communications between Afghan and U.S. forces. The ANA has a functioning communications system that allows long range transmissions down to the platoon level, but this system is unable to communicate with the U.S. radio net because it is incapable of frequency hopping.

Both Schneider and Harlan stressed the need for the ETT to be proficient with the U.S. “Spitfire” radio and SATCOM telephone procedures so they could serve as liaison between Afghan and U.S. or Allied forces. Radio proficiency is also a key component to calling for artillery or air strikes and medical evacuation.

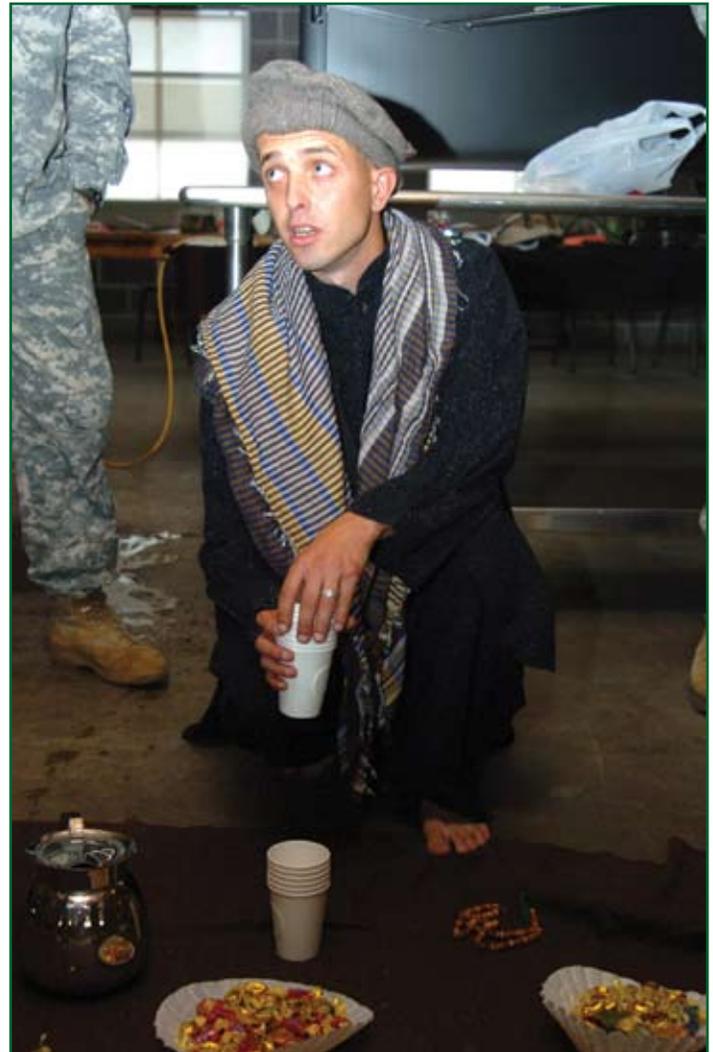
The team qualified with their M4-A1 carbines and M9 pistols, and conducted close quarters instinctive shooting techniques because previous ETT units had to clear buildings in Afghan villages.

ETT Company Team Chief Maj. Mark Bidwell gave this insight while waiting for his turn on the M9 firing line: “This is an excellent mission. We will embed with the Afghans and enable them to stand up and take over the fight and the Army will be doing more of the same. The best way to win the Global War on Terror is by empowering the people most affected by terrorism with the means to defeat them.”

Upon conclusion of the seven day training event, Maj. Harris reiterated to his Soldiers the importance the ETT will play in the Global War on Terror and the need to be in top physical shape to succeed in the mission. “Gentlemen, we are the tip of the spear, never forget that!”

The ETT Soldiers departed Camp Grayling at the end of the training session with many lessons learned, strengths

and weaknesses assessed, and the knowledge that the level of intensity to train for the ETT mission is going to steadily increase as the deployment date nears.



Michigan Army National Guard Staff Sgt. Jerimiah Harlan teaches fellow Soldiers about Afghan social customs in preparation of the upcoming deployment of an embedded training team. The ETT has the mission to train the Afghan National Army in U.S. doctrine and tactics to enable the ANA to take over military operations in Afghanistan from U.S. and NATO forces. Once the ANA is capable of defending Afghanistan independently, U.S. and NATO forces can be withdrawn and the mission of creating a viable Afghanistan will be accomplished.

Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Jim Downen Jr.

Purple Heart Monument Dedicated

Story and photo by Sgt. Gabriel Morse

On Sept. 14, 2006 a group of decorated veterans, their families, Guardsmen, two Michigan senators, and representatives from the governor's office gathered at the Veteran's Memorial Park in Lansing for a Purple Heart Monument dedication.

Moments prior to the ceremony, Lansing resident, Roger Robinson, received his Purple Heart Award from the Military Order of the Purple Heart Michigan Commander, Dell Turner and Assistant Adjutant General for Veterans Affairs, Brig. Gen. CarolAnn Fausone. Robinson, was injured by shrapnel and harpooned in the shoulder during the Vietnam conflict.



Roger Robinson takes a moment to reflect on Lansing's new Purple Heart monument after the dedication ceremony at the Veteran's Memorial Park in September 2006.

Michigan National Guard OIF Purple Heart recipients:

Rank	Name	Unit/Flight
SGT	Cook, David	1/182 FA
1SG	Day, Kevin	1/182 FA
CPT	Meyers, Scott	1/182 FA
SPC	Richardson, Jerome	1/182 FA
SGT	Szczepanski, Douglas	1/182 FA
SPC	Albaugh, Shane	1/182 FA
CW3	Peterson, Johnny	1071 Maint Co
SGT	Craig, Paul	1073 Maint Co
SGT	Notestine, Christopher	1434 Engr Co
SSG	Alvesteffer, Anthony J	1436 Engr Co
SPC	Hoeker, Aaron J	1436 Engr Co
SPC	Mervyn, Anthony A	1436 Engr Co
1LT	Beelen, Gary	1440 Engr Det
PFC	Pelham, Justin	1461 Trans Co
SGT	Backus, David	1462 Trans Co
PFC	Bottone, Rudolph	1462 Trans Co
SSG	Bridge, George	1462 Trans Co
SPC	Burch, Anthony	1462 Trans Co
SSG	Capatina, Joseph	1462 Trans Co
SSG	Cleveland, Brian	1462 Trans Co
SSG	Courington, Steven	1462 Trans Co
SPC	Farlin, Shane B	1462 Trans Co
SGT	Fry, Greg	1462 Trans Co
SGT	Garcia, Adelle	1462 Trans Co
SSG	Gessler, Andrew	1462 Trans Co
SPC	Godbey, Greg	1462 Trans Co
SGT	Gooding, Wendel	1462 Trans Co
SSG	Larsen, Steven	1462 Trans Co
SPC	Michalik, Patrick	1462 Trans Co
SSG	Plotts, John	1462 Trans Co
SPC	Serrano, Lynmarie	1462 Trans Co
SPC	Thomas, Timothy	1462 Trans Co
SSG	Turbin, Jeffrey	1462 Trans Co
SSG	Valenzuala, Alejandro	1462 Trans Co
SFC	Venneman, Jeffrey	1462 Trans Co
SFC	Williams, Anthony	1462 Trans Co
SGT	Boley, Donald W. Jr.	1463 Trans Co
SSG	Yankowski, John	156 Sig Bn
SPC	Doerr, Jeremy	1775 MP Co
SGT	Frank, Craig	1775 MP Co
SGT	Kasbohm, Nicholas	1775 MP Co
SPC	Kier, Amber	1775 MP Co
SPC	Eberhart, Jason	46 MP Co
PFC	Hord, Jason	46 MP Co
SSG	Hughes, Donald	46 MP Co
SFC	Priestap, James	46 MP Co
SSG	McKelvey, James N	745 EOD
SSG	Sutter, Michael	745 EOD
SGT	Akers, Spencer	Co B 1/125 Inf
SSG	Bennett, Eugene F	Co B 1/125 Inf
SPC	Brown, Timothy	Co B 1/125 Inf
SSG	Burch, Shawn	Co B 1/125 Inf
SPC	Carver, Dane	Co B 1/125 Inf
SPC	Cherry, Jason	Co B 1/125 Inf
PFC	Dearing, John	Co B 1/125 Inf
SSG	Dunbar, Brian	Co B 1/125 Inf
1LT	Eichler, Jason R	Co B 1/125 Inf
SPC	Hays, Joshua B	Co B 1/125 Inf
SPC	Hoger, David A	Co B 1/125 Inf
SSG	Light, Edwin	Co B 1/125 Inf
SGT	Mcquiston, Lawrence	Co B 1/125 Inf
SPC	ONeal, Michael W	Co B 1/125 Inf
SPC	Tuzas, Brett	Co B 1/125 Inf
SGT	Webber, Matthew A	Co B 1/125 Inf
SPC	Winowiecki, David	Co B 1/125 Inf
SGT	Youmans, Joshua	Co B 1/125 Inf
SPC	Shilling, Bradley	Co E 1/125 Inf
SGT	Austin, Rodney	Co F 425 Inf
SGT	Fox, William	Co F 425 Inf
SGT	Heiden, Chad	Co F 425 Inf
1LT	Maciolek, Robert	Co F 425 Inf
SSG	Mason, Gary	Co F 425 Inf
MSG	Popp, Terrence	Co F 425 Inf
SGT	Dreasky, Duane J	HCB 1/119 FA
SGT	Jannausch, William A	HHC 107 Engr Bn
SPC	Valade, Dustin	HHC 126 AR
MSG	Lamphere, Timothy P	HHD 507 Engr Bn
MSGt	Christle, Henry	107 Weather Flight

156th Signal Battalion Signs Off For The Last Time

By Sgt. Gabriel Morse

It's said that change is inevitable. And in this modern age, these days of war, change is a common denominator for many of the men and women of the Michigan National Guard. No longer must these citizen soldiers look only to serving close to home. In the Global War on Terror, Michigan Guardsmen currently represent their communities while serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Bosnia, Kosovo, and the American-Mexican border. And, as part of fighting what President George W. Bush calls a determined enemy, change becomes the one constant factor. One of the many changes is the inactivation of the 156th Signal Battalion.

Organized and federally recognized Mar. 15, 1959 in Detroit and headquartered in Ypsilanti with four signal and one headquarters company from various units in southern Michigan, its members served in the Cuban Missile Crisis, Detroit riots, Desert Storm, and the current Global War on Terrorism.

The 156th stands among a long line of Michigan National Guard units bringing honor to southern Michigan communities. Units drawn into the 156th Signal at its creation, brought with them honors and lineage dating back to the Civil War, World War I, and World War II. Now the 156th Signal Battalion passes its honors to those following it.

"The lineage and honors stay in the community from which the unit's drawn, which is the opposite of the active duty force" explained Force Integration Readiness Officer, Maj. Andrew M. Roman. "This is because, over time, units change within a geographic area; and it's the citizens of those communities who gained the honor by their service. That's why the senior National Guard decision makers work so hard to make sure the community doesn't lose that identity."

In the 156th Signal Battalion's case, as with other Michigan Guard units, changes in technology and modern warfare are causing its inactivation; yet they're also its future. Although the 156th Signal officially says goodbye Aug. 31, 2007, three new signal companies reform and split among other battalions like a younger, stronger Phoenix rising from its own ashes.

"It's sad to see the battalion go," said Directorate of Information Management's Assurance Network Manager, Capt. Joseph Nelson, (156th Signal Battalion, Delta Company Commander), "but now we've got signal companies with new equipment and training out there representing us in this war. We used to communicate line of sight about every 30 miles, but we're transitioning to a

satellite based system where soldiers communicate from pretty much anywhere in the world."

"Technology's driven the old system out of the Army's requirements," said Roman. "You may have someone saying, 'Oh, it's never going to be like it used to be. But war continues to morph all the time, and the Army transforms to stay ahead of it.'"

DOIM System Administrator, Staff Sgt. John Goodrich, (156th Signal Battalion, Company A team chief) added, "Army communication started out with semaphore flags, jumped to laying phone line with wire dogs, progressed to radio, and now its fast paced computer data with 'eyes on' capability that more directly supports the combat units."

"This Joint Network Node Communication System we're moving to, opened the door and gives every soldier from the highest leadership down, the best and most important

information possible," said 126th Network Signal Company's Battlefield Spectrum Manager, Sgt. 1st Class Jeromie Golab. Golab is a member of one of the three new companies formed from the 156th Signal Battalion.

Golab added, "This gets rid of the huge differences between garrison and field communications, and allows commanders at every level to communicate in much the same way as if they were in

their office."

According to Golab, the signal companies reforming from the 156th Signal Battalion will receive the best communication training available, including at schools like the Satellite Communications and Information Systems school.

"We're transforming and making things more efficient," said Roman, "so the Army can field more war fighters. As organizations like the 156th Signal Battalion go out of service, we gain new ones with the newest war fighting doctrines, training and equipment."

Roman and Golab both stated that this is the beginning, not the end for units like the 156th Signal Battalion.

Nelson summed it up by saying, "I've got a feeling the guidon will be unfurled and used again as the Army finds new ways to communicate."

And maybe Ivy Baker Priest, a former U.S. Treasurer said it best when she said, "The world is round, and the place which may seem like the end may also be the beginning."

So long 156th Signal Battalion, and thanks for your service.

"The signal companies that are reforming out of the 156th Signal Battalion are going to receive the best communication training that's ever been available. Examples of that are the Satellite Communications and Information Systems schools. "

-Sgt. 1st Class Jeromie Golab, 126th Network Signal Company

Air Force Anniversary Up and Coming

By Sgt. 1st Class James Downen

America's youngest branch of the military, the U.S. Air Force, will celebrate its 60th anniversary in 2007. The U.S. Air Force, established on Sept. 18, 1947, was created from the U.S. Army Air Forces. The U.S. Army Air Forces were the result of Army Aviation Service evolutions dating back to Aug. 1, 1907-- the birth date of the Aeronautical Section of the U.S. Army Signal Corps, the first Army aviation unit.

The Aeronautical Section's first pilots were Lieutenants Frank P. Lahm and Frederic E. Humphries. These aviators began their flight training at College Park, Md., on Oct. 8, 1909 and flew their first solo flights on Oct. 26, 1909.

Army National Guard Aviation got its start with the New York National Guard. The first aviation squadron was formed in 1908 by New York Guard Signal Officers, the bulk of their funding was internal and most aircraft were Privately purchased! The first National Guard Aviator was Pvt. 1st Class Beckwith Havens, of the New York National Guard. Havens first flew his Curtiss plane in joint National Guard and Army maneuvers in Connecticut in 1912.

The Army Aeronautical Section became the Aviation Section on July 18, 1914. The Aviation Section served along the Texas-Mexican border during the Pancho Villa crisis of 1916, and saw combat in World War I. National Guard Aviation units did not serve in World War I.

The first American aviators to serve in World War I arrived at Toul, France in April 1918. They served for eight months in combat and went from novice aviators to performing complex missions involving 1,500 aircraft. The U.S. Aviation Section shot down 773 aircraft, flew 35,000 hours, dropped 275,000 pounds of bombs, and took more than 18,000 reconnaissance photographs in World War I.

After World War I ended, the Aviation Section was reorganized as the U.S. Army Air Service. This reorganization was the result of World War I aviation technology advances, notably in the areas of fighter and bomber aircraft. In 1920, Congress passed the Reorganization Act to improve National Guard training and equipment. National Guard Aviation benefited from the Reorganization Act because it provided each Army National Guard Division with an aircraft observation squadron. Nine years later, all Army National Guard Divisions observational squadrons were operational.

The Army Air Service became the U.S. Army Air Corps on July 2, 1926. During this time, aircraft were considered just another supporting element of the Army and the aviation units were under the operational control of local ground force commanders. Brig. Gen. Billy Mitchell fought to get the Army to accept the doctrine of strategic bombing, which involved using heavy bomber formations to attack an enemy's industrial base. After facing courts martial,



Pvt. 1st Class Beckwith Havens, of the New York Army National Guard flies his Curtiss plane in joint National Guard and Army maneuvers in Connecticut in 1912. Havens was the first Army National Guard aviator to fly an airplane.

Mitchell's doctrine gained acceptance.

In 1935, the Army Air Corps set up General Forces Headquarters, Air Force. GHQ Air Force took the Air Corps units out of local control and concentrated them into one command. This enabled the advocates of strategic bombing to develop the theory and tactics that would be put to use in World War II.

The Army Air Corps was reorganized on June 20, 1941 and renamed the Army Air Forces. The Air Corps became a subordinate element of the Army Air Forces. Prior to the outbreak of World War II, President Franklin D. Roosevelt activated the National Guard to prepare for the immanent conflict with the Axis alliance of Germany, Italy, and Japan. Army National Guard Observation Aviation units had most of their personnel taken to bolster the Army Air Forces.

America entered the war on Dec. 7, 1941, as the result of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The Army Air Forces contributed to the Allied victory in World War II by the use of Strategic bombing to destroy Axis weapons production factories, which crippled the Axis war effort by eliminating their materials to wage war.

Although the Army National Guard had no dedicated aviation units, individual Guardsmen played key roles in the World War II Army Air Corps. One such National Guard aviator was Lt. Col. Addison E. Baker, commander of the 93rd Heavy Bombardment Group. On Aug. 1, 1943, Baker lead his bomber pilots on a daring low altitude raid against oil fields in Ploesti, Romania. The raid was costly and Baker was killed leading his bomber pilots; earning

him the Medal of Honor posthumously.

Prior to World War II, there was debate about forming a separate Air Force branch by removing the Army Air Forces and making them an independent Armed Service. The accomplishments and the lessons learned by the Army Air Forces in World War II guaranteed this concept would be put into effect.

After the war, the National Security Act of July 26, 1946 made provisions for a separate U.S. Air Force, Air Force Reserve, and Air National Guard. On Sept. 18, 1947 the

National Security Act was put into effect and the U.S. Air Force was born.

In the next publication of *The Wolverine Guard*, we will focus on the Michigan Air National Guard's origination on May 7, 1926.

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Jewish War Veterans Thankful for Troops

By Master Sgt. Denice Rankin

In November, members of Company A, 1st Battalion, 182nd Field Artillery, who are at their mobilization station in Fort Dix, N.J., were fondly remembered and treated to a holiday dinner with all the trimmings by veterans from New Jersey.

Members of the Jewish War Veterans Post 126, of Cherry Hill, N.J., know how to serve their country and fellow troops. With a crew of about 50 Jewish War Veterans and another 30 or so volunteers, the group sponsored the third annual Thanksgiving dinner for deploying military members.

For Thanksgiving 2007, year, the Michigan Soldiers pulled up to the table for dinner with Soldiers from the Missouri National Guard who is also at Fort Dix pending deployment to Iraq.

Hundreds of people gathered in the parking lot of Baron's Steakhouse in Clementon, N.J., to greet the soldiers as they arrived for the dinner. They also volunteered to assist with the dinner.

According to Nelson L. Mellitz, a retired Army colonel with more than 30 years of service to include "tours" to Vietnam and Iraq, and a member of Post 126, they had to turn volunteers away because they didn't have enough room in the Steakhouse to support all of the Soldiers and the volunteers.

Mellitz stated, "JWV Post 126 members got as much enjoyment in feeding the National Guard troops as I believe they did in eating the turkey. It was a pleasure for us to help in this little way to support the warfighter of the Global War On Terrorism."

"These people are away from their families," said Eric Spevak, a New Jersey lawyer who organized the event for the third time with members of the Jewish War Veterans Post 126. "Even though they are from out of state, they're

in South Jersey and we want them to know we care about them."

Capt. Damean McDowell, Company A commander, expressed his gratitude for the dinner and warm reception. "We're not with our families, so whenever we get to go out in the community, it feels really good," stated McDowell. "It's a big morale boost."



Pfc. James D. Mack, Spc. David R. Huff, and Sgt. Donald B. Armour Jr., all members of Company A, 1st Battalion, 182nd Field Artillery are welcomed to New Jersey and thanked for their service by Jewish War Veterans National Commander, Norman Rosenshein, Miss New Jersey USA 2007, Ashley Harder and a South New Jersey patron who stopped by to say thanks.

Photo by Bob Richter

Operation Sandbox Santa

By 1st Lt. Corissa Barton

In the spring of 2004, Sgt. 1st Class Doug Brinker was sent home from Iraq with a severe staph infection in his left leg. Brinker, a member of the 1461st Transportation Company from Jackson, deployed with the 1462nd Transportation of Howell. Doctors told Brinker he would lose his leg and not return to military duty. Surprisingly, Brinker did not lose his leg, but the injury caused him to be medically discharged from the military.

Brinker felt like he still needed to contribute to his brothers and sisters still serving overseas. This feeling was the beginning of Operation Sandbox Santa (O.S.S.).

Brinker, who lives in Jackson, speaks to student organizations and in classrooms throughout his area. The response from the schools was great from the beginning.

"I have 250 kids on board to participate and I haven't even touched the surface yet," he said.

During his presentations, Brinker talks to children of all ages about his time in Iraq. Then he asks the students to participate in O.S.S by sending letters of thanks and encouragement to Soldiers currently serving overseas. Some classes send care packages with their pictures in them.

"My goal is to get as many youth as possible involved in supporting the troops that are deployed right now," he said.

Recently, while Brinker was making a presentation to 20 students from Mark Pride, a student government organization at Jackson High School, several students declared they were ready to jump on board with the project.

"It was definitely worth coming this morning, because I have an aunt who is a drill sergeant now, so I will be getting



Former Michigan Army National Guard Soldier, Sgt. 1st Class Doug Brinker tells Jackson High School students about his Iraq tour of duty with the Howell based 1462nd Transportation Company. Brinker started a program called "Operation Sandbox Santa" to provide letters and care packages to Soldiers serving in Iraq, and speaks at schools, community organizations, and with local media about the program. Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Jim Downen Jr.

the information to send a care package," said Semaj Taylor, a sophomore at Jackson High School.

After Brinker's most recent presentation, several schools and members of the public are participating in O.S.S. He attributes the success of his program to the various Public Service Announcements he's placed on local television and radio stations.

In the works for Brinker is a nonprofit greeting card line called *Trenches*. Proceeds from the cards will help families of deployed Soldiers in need of financial assistance.

"This is just my way of helping, since I can't be in the fight anymore," Brinker said.



Former Michigan Army Guardsman, Sgt. Doug Brinker tells Jackson, Mich., television host Bart Hawley about his Iraq tour of duty as well as "Operation Sandbox Santa," a program he's started to provide Christmas gifts and cards to Soldiers serving in Iraq.



Barb Apley (center), poses with daughters Shelly (left), and Kelly, at a party honoring her retirement. Barb, along with several family members, operated the NCO Club at Camp Grayling for 17 years.

A photograph of a soldier sleeping on top of a military vehicle. The soldier is lying on their side, covered with a green blanket, and resting their head on a pillow. The vehicle's metal frame and various mechanical parts are visible in the background. The scene is set outdoors during the day, with a clear sky and some distant structures.

Operation Iraqi Freedom
Operation Enduring Freedom
Operation Jump Start

Currently Deployed

46th Military Police Company
HHD, 107th combat Support Battalion
Company E, 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry Regiment
144th Military Police Company
146th Medical Evacuation
Company A, 182nd Field Artillery
363rd Personnel Service Detachment
1171st Area Medical Command
1461st Transportation Company
Joint Force Headquarters
110th Fighter Wing
127th Wing

Homecoming

1072nd Maintenance Company
238th Aviation Battalion

Location

Iraq
Kuwait
Iraq
Iraq
Iraq
Kuwait
Iraq
Iraq
Operation Jump Start
Operation Jump Start
Afghanistan, Operation Jump Start

Iraq / Kosovo
Kosovo

A Michigan Army National Guard Soldier from the Jackson, Mich., 1461st Transportation Company, (Heavy Equipment Transportation) gets a little sleep Oct. 16 on top of his vehicle after a long night on the road. The 1461st deployed to Iraq in August 2006.

Photo by U.S. Army Sgt. Antonietta Rico, 25th Infantry Division, Light

WWII Veterans Receive Awards

By Sgt. Gabriel Morse and Master Sgt. Denice Rankin

Two former veterans of World War II recently received long overdue awards, thanks to the efforts of current and former Michigan Army National Guard members.

Eugene Kapala, a former Army Tech. 5 Sgt. who served with the 658th Amphibious Track Battalion from April 1943 to January 1946, participated in many landings in the southern Philippines. He earned the Good Conduct Medal, WW II Victory Medal, American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon with three bronze battle stars and a bronze service arrowhead, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two bronze battle stars, and two overseas service ribbons.



Eugene Kapala, a World War II veteran, stands between Lt. Col. Pablo Estrada and Command Sgt. Maj. Jody Arrington, both of HHB, 1st Battalion, 119th Field Artillery, after they present him his awards that he never received upon his discharge from the U.S. Army in 1946. Photo courtesy of Lt. Col. Pablo Estrada

Michigan National Guard Soldiers, Lt. Col. Pablo Estrada, Command Sgt. Maj. Jody Arrington and Staff Sgt. Scott Cortese were integral in seeing that Kapala was properly recognized for his service to his country.

Cortese's coworker, Chris Wrobel, had mentioned his Uncle Eugene Kapala's had proudly served his country but never received his medals upon discharge. This was communicated to Arrington who went to work contacting the Veteran's Administration and obtaining the awards. The nephew had them encased and surprised his Uncle at a family picnic, when the two uniformed Soldiers, to wit, Lt. Col. Estrada and Command Sgt. Maj. Arrington, presented Kapala with his awards.

The family of Lee E. Simpson of Lansing received his long overdue awards Sept. 22, from retiring Brig. Gen. Robert V. Taylor, Assistant Adjutant General for the Michigan National Guard, for Simpson's participation in the European-African and Middle Eastern Theaters of World War II. The Simpson family received these awards due to the efforts of retired Michigan Army National Guard Col. David Ratajick, former 46th Infantry Brigade commander, who currently works with Simpson's son Terry.

Simpson served June 1943 to Jan. 1946 with the 3398th Quartermaster Truck Company, an all African American unit, and received the Good Conduct Medal; European-African, Middle Eastern Medal with Silver Star; and World War II Victory Medal.

While attached to the 6th Armored Division during the breakout of Brittany, it was reported that the 3398th encountered over two hundred enemy troops and came under heavy bombing by eight German aircraft. Two 3398th officers and two enlisted men captured a pilot from one of three downed aircraft. The 6th Armored Division's breakout in Brittany became a textbook example of the value of armored units.

The Quartermaster Truck Companies were integral parts of their Divisions. When needed, these men joined infantry or armor units and fought as riflemen, dug foxholes, and worked long, hard days with little or no training. Many of these unit members were not recognized, nor did the units receive recognition they deserved.



The family of Lee E. Simpson displays the awards he receives posthumously at the Joint Force Headquarters, Lansing, Mich., for his participation in World War II. Photo by Sgt. 1st Class James Downen, Jr.

Michigan Army and Air National Guard Promotions

From August 17, 2006 through November 16, 2006

Air Guard

Lt. Col.

Brock, Timothy S.
Ely, Eric K.
Macritchie, Bruce I.
Shaw, Jannette S.

Maj.

Leavelle, James P.
Schaupeter, Ronald S.

Capt.

Devers, Chani J.
Fradl, Lisa M.
Leski, Janet L.
Nelson, Kelli S.
Niese, Janet L.
Stockwell, John A.

1st Lt.

Carroll, Penelope J.
Finfrock, Nathan D.
Prichard, Jennifer M.
Richard, Jennifer M.

2nd Lt.

Alex, Timothy J.
Axe, Andrew J.
Foti, Stephen G.
Hendrickson, Matthew
Vaught, Mark D.

Command Sgt. Maj.

Burl, Richard C.

Senior Master Sgt.

Cape, David A.
Carroll, Raymond M.
Escoe, Walter M.
Joarder, Munnaf H.
Jonesrenfroe, Jonai E.
Jurczak, Ronald M.
Magiera, Matthew W.
Matson, Randall C.
Sarver, Mark W.
Scott, Phillip W.
Storey, Scott J.
Thomson, Roger S.
Tucker, Tommy N.
Vrba, Scott R.
Yuhas, John
Master Sgt.
Barnabe, Fred D.
Boyd, Ethan S.
Butcher, Ricky L.
Cabanting, Stephanie A.
Capoccia, Christopher
Clark, Jerry L.
Clark, Michelle M.
Creek, Thomas J.
Dark, Kenneth J.
Dieringer, Paul A.
Donohue, Hillary E.
Fay, Daniel C.
Fineis, Steven M.

Fitch, Todd R.
Grabinski, Lawrence N.
Greenleaf, Carey R.
Hilyer, Donald R.
Jakle, Stephen J.
Johnson, Brentnell G.
Jones, Jerry C.
Kane, James A.
Lavengood, Devon T.
Mcgowan, David P.

Oneal, Matthew O.
Rose, Michael T.
Selon, Thomas R.
Sims, John C.
Smith, Brian L.
Southern, Jonathan C.
Staffield, Michael S.
Stroud, Lisa A.

Tapert, John W.
Thompson, Chad D.
Vogel, Hillary E.
Warren, Gary G.

Tech. Sgt.

Allen, Michael C.
Beronja, Peter E.
Brown, Jodi L.
Brown, Kristie L.
Cain, Charles W.
Carley, Jason D.
Cottle, Michael A.
Daggett, Dean P.
Finn, Michael N.
Freemire, John P.
Glover, Jerry A.
Gonzalez, Daniel
Hansen, Katrina M.
Heinzelman, Jamie J.
Hidalgo, Gene R.
Holt, Annette I.
Holt, Van E.
Hubbart, Mark S.
Hubbart, Mark S.
Hyde, William J.
Kiewski, Michael D.
Ley, Jason J.
Mason, Benjamin D.
Mitchell, Charlie
Newman, Bruce H.
Olsen, Christopher M.
Orlando, Dominic J.
Probyn, Patrick D.
Quentinsawyer, Beverly
Romanosky, Daniel R.
Sawyer, Beverly A.
Schneider, Danniell J.
Seely, Jodi L.
Taylor, Carlotta J.
Taylor, Henry B.
Torres, Jerome A.

Tousignant, Bradley B.
Vanlaan, Joshua R.
Vanwormer, Gene G.
Wagner, Richard W.
Walton, Michael D.
Weatherbee, Patrick A.
Wilson, John M.
Wohlford, Jeremy S.

Staff Sgt.

Allan, Serge J.
Atkins, Gregory B.
Babcock, Kenneth D.
Badgero, Scott R.
Barr, Tanisha T.
Bastien, Richard T.
Bouwkamp, Matthew R.
Bowlring, Kevin B.
Bradley, Kasey K.
Brenner, Lacy D.
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Briggs, Dale A.
Brunsmann, Sarah A.
Bruski, Matthew L.
Bustraan, Kristi A.
Charlebois, Jay A.
Charlebois, Jay A.
Clayton, Anthony A.
Cone, Mark E.
Conniff, Austen D.
Corrado, Chandra A.
Croy, Jacquelyn M.
Dejohn, Paul C.
Devries, Bryan J.
Dewitt, Sarah A.
Donaldson, James A.
Galbraith, Joseph T.
Glisson, Ryan P.
Harvey, Bryon D.
Hill, Tanisha T.
Holtz, Timothy M.
Howard, Andrew M.
Huska, Adam D.
Jackson, James R.
Jenney, Christopher G.
Johnson, Andrew G.
Johnson, Andrew G.
Jonkman, Benjamin J.
Kelly, Timothy S.
Kettlehut, Kevin W.
Knoblock, Craig A.
Kroswek, Jordan P.
Krowsek, Jordan P.
Kurzawa, Kimberly M.
Luts, Jeffrey T.
Magers, Adam T.
Massey, Stephen J.
McCormick, John A.
McCormick, Nathan M.
Mercer, Ronald M.

Merkerson, Michael P.
Mills, Devin L.
Morgan, Chandra A.
Padgett, Kerry L.
Peplinski, Michael L.
Pfeiffer, Joseph M.
Pomorski, Andrew G.
Reid, Benjamin J.
Renkowski, Jeremy J.
Rodriguez, Joseph J.
Royer, Adam D.
Ruzzin, Audra D.
Salem, Christina L.
Sanchez, Raymond J.
Smith, Jeffrey A.
Spreeman, Erik G.
Squires, Kimberly M.
Starks, Gordon C.
Torma, Jesse D.
Treat, Linda M.
Treppa, Leslie A.
Underwood, Jessie F.
Voss, Thomas S.
Wasson, Harold D.
Wessel, Joshua J.
Wood, Randy L.
Worden, Benjamin R.

Senior Airman

Archangeli, Alison C.
Bice, Misty S.
Bird, Jason S.
Brown, Nathan A.
Bruinsma, Andrew J.
Buda, Justin A.
Burch, Kevin J.
Cadle, Joshua D.
Cain, Lajuan R.
Carlson, Michael A.
Craker, Danielle A.
Dalton, Nicole M.
Davenport, Megan L.
Dinser, Kyle T.
Estrada, Kevin G.
Fenn, Mark A.
Fenton, Craig A.
Furnas, John J.
Gross, Kenneth J.
Hilborn, Robert T.
Jones, Cory L.
Loghin, Elena
Mccall, Henry F.
Mcgilpin, Brian P.
Mcwright, Sean A.
Miller, Akio J.
Moehlig, Bradley M.
Mohundro, Matthew M.
Noel, Sabrina M.
Palmeri, Kenneth D.
Schwab, Kimberly J.

Sheehy, Mallory D.
Shinn, Brad T.
Shinn, Brad T.
Smith, Michael J.
Solis, Aaron J.
Szwet, Alex A.
Tarquinio, Christopher
Thomas, Jason R.
Watson, Peter C.
Whitlow, Lajuan R.
Zimmerman, Sabrina M.
Airman 1st Class
Butters, Keegan C.
Carley, Jason M.
Fostergoodrich, Jessica
Kurowicki, Christopher
Kurr, Katilyn L.
Mcdaniels, Robert E.
Neil, Ryan B.
Newsted, Aric D.
Phairas, Stacy J.
Pretzel, Michael W.
Roland, Jessica M.
Whipple, Matthew T.
Airman
Lovelace, Elliott D.

Army Guard

Col.
Heavner, Herbert B.
Lt. Col.
Boyce, Albert A.
Johnson, William M.
Kajander, John E.
Larson, Scott R.
Schloegl, Lawrence E.
Maj.
Babcock, Kevin L.
Cooper, Gregory S.
Golden, Thomas W.
House, Scott E.
Kuhn, Douglas E.
Meyers, Scott L.
Wilcox, William K.
Capt.
Bernhard, William G.
Caverly, Calvin J.
Cipriano, Vincent J.
Pratt, Mark L.
Swanson, Alvin E.
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Blocker, James A.
Browning, Peter R.
Greenwood, Danny L.
Jean, Josue J.
Laforest, Joseph S.
Mieras, Margaret L.
Rogers, Quin M.

Rolling, Jason J.
Seddon, Christiane A.
Spina, Adam J.
Suarez, Robert M.
Wallington, Daniel J.
2nd Lt.
Baker, Robert L.
Hooker, Gabriel L.
Kidd, Jared M.
Marshall, Kelly K.
Michelfelder, Gary S.
Oconner, Demille H.
Perez, Ignacio E.
Sawyer, Matthew T.
Sheneman, Mark M.
Snook, Brian J.
Toevs, Robert E.
Trumbull, Jonathan M.
Wayman, Martin J.
Zimmerman, Courtney
Warrant Officer 4
Lubeski, Michael S.
Warrant Officer 2
Bebee, Randolph S.
Warrant Officer 1
Altz, Michael F.
Anderson, David H.
Cheramie, David M.
Hansen, Kurt D.
Strock, Douglas J.
Sgt. Maj.
Rosas, Estanislao A.
Master Sgt.
Doremire, Michael A.
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Minix, Jonathan S.
Winter, Frank C.
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Earls, Summer K.
Geiger, Paul H.
Glumm, Richard E.
Marks, Scott A.
Nobert, Philip G.
Rhead, Paul T.
Staff Sgt.
Allen, Linden E.
Blakemore, William O.
Bogoski, Timothy S.
Buckley, David J.
Bunce, Jessica A.
Conrad, Alishia C.
Cool, Kenneth R.
Hagan, Mark G.
Heim, Christopher J.
Hobbs, Brandy M.
Horton, Duane R.
Kubicki, Keith A.
Larsson, Christopher L.
Lewis, David M.

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Lovell, Danny L.
 Oraziotti, Adam R.
 Philpott, Bruce M.
 Pietrantonio, Danny J.
 Riley, Joel P.
 Ruzzin, Raymond J.
 Vansyckle, Benjamin J.
 Venneman, Jeffrey A.
 Warner, Benjamin L.
 Wilkinson, Kenneth E.
Sgt.
 Adrian, Jonathon P.
 Badger, Darnell L.
 Bradley, Zackery A.
 Bretz, Joseph M.
 Brun, Jacqueline A.
 Burns, William H.
 Cappell, Keith E.
 Christian, Michael J.
 Clough, Keil F.
 Frantz, Tasonja L.
 Gikas, Neil A.
 Hathaway, William D.
 Hernandez, Andres C.
 Hughes, Ronald J.
 Johnson, Brian K.
 Johnson, Jerred D.
 Knedgen, Bryan M.
 Knuth, Erick J.
 Laliberte, John C.
 Leiter, Thomas S.
 Martinez, Lanette M.
 Mason, Peter C.
 Mattson, Matthew J.
 Morris, Adam C.
 Mosley, Emanuel I.
 Nagel, Susan J.
 Otis, David K.
 Palacios, John M.
 Pauley, Steven E.
 Poddig, Thomas L.
 Robson, Jeffrey J.
 Sanders, Kenneth J.
 Shantz, Sean E.
 Sweet, Ty A.
 Thorpe, John D.
 Vaneerden, Michael J.
 Vincent, Burt J.
 Wiest, Emily J.
 Zeeryp, Nathan L.
Spc.
 Addison, Antoine Q.
 Alflen, Darcy J.
 Baker, Alexander C.
 Barber, Nathan D.
 Bataineh, Abdullah F.
 Brooks, Stephen D.
 Brown, Gabriel B.
 Brown, Shenandoah S.
 Brownridge, Ira B.
 Burton, Shre D.
 Campbell, Jeremy R.
 Carlisle, Crege J.
 Carter, Todd J.
 Castillo, Lupe J.
 Cazzola, Andrew J.
 Clifford, Benjamin M.
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MIARNG has Two Fallen Heroes in November 2006



Spc. Bradley N. Shilling
Company E, 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry Regiment

Spc. Bradley N. Shilling, 22, of Stanwood, Mich., died Nov. 18 in Baghdad, Iraq, of injuries suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle during combat operations. Shilling was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry Regiment (Mechanized), Big Rapids, Mich.

He was expected home for Thanksgiving, but offered his seat on the flight to a comrade.

Shilling is survived by his wife Dorothy J., daughter AbbieRose, 3, and son Jordan, 5 months old.



Sgt. 1st Class James D. Priestap
46th Military Police Company

Sgt. 1st Class James D. Priestap, 39, of Hardwood, Mich., died Nov. 23 in Baghdad, Iraq, of injuries suffered when he came in contact with enemy forces using small arms fire during checkpoint operations. He was assigned to the 46th Military Police Company, Kingsford, Mich.

A graduate of North Dickinson High School, the former Navy diver was among 60 members of his unit who deployed July 2006.

Priestap is survived by his wife Connie, daughter Franchesca, 10, and son Brody, 9.

(Sgt. Chad Vollmer, Spc. Wilson Algrim, and Spc. Bobby Mejia II died Dec. 23, in Iraq. They will be featured in our next issue.)

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