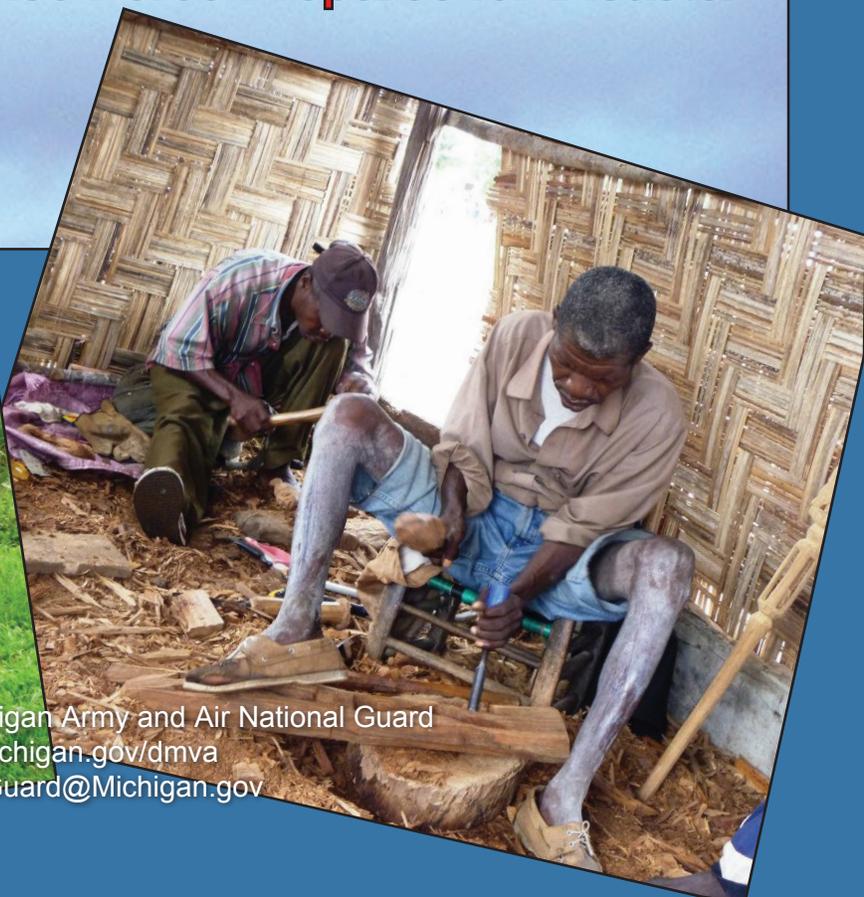
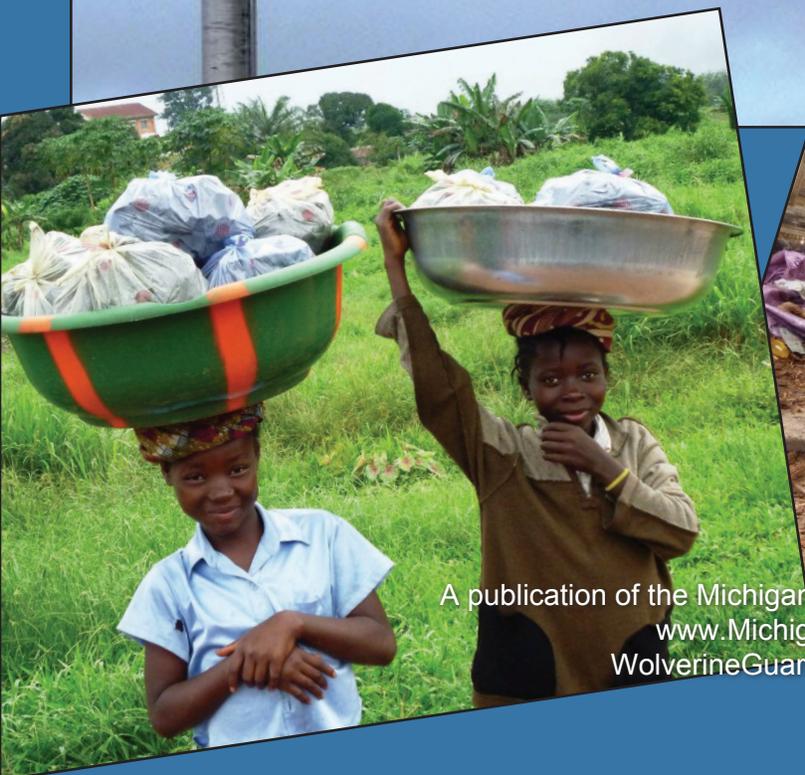


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-Maj. Gen. Gregory J. Vadnais



Governor Rick Snyder and Maj. Gen. Gregory Vadnais stand with the leadership of the 125th Infantry Battalion and the 126th Cavalry Squadron as they prepare to deploy to Afghanistan. The Soldiers are currently training at Camp Shelby, Miss. They are scheduled to deploy after the first of the year.



*From the desk of
The Adjutant General*



TAG
TALK

Soldiers, Airmen, and Retirees, as I conclude my first year as your Adjutant General and Commander, I find myself awed by your accomplishments and humbled by the selfless dedication you display to one another, to your families, and to our family, the Michigan National Guard. My top priorities for the coming year center on building your strength individually, and our strength as a family and organization. Michigan’s unemployment rate within the National Guard is currently third in the nation. It is my intent to make providing jobs for our soldiers, airmen and veterans a top priority.

Last weekend we kicked off the national *American Jobs for America’s Heroes* initiative to connect unemployed National Guard members, Veterans and spouses with small and mid-sized businesses looking for workers. The significance of this effort is the specific focus on military members who often have spectacular skills that are obscured by MOS soldier-speak and not readily interpreted by business owners. One goal of the AJAH program is to translate those skills into employer-friendly terminology so that employers better understand how a particular MOS skill set fits with their business functions. We will be working collaboratively with ESGR to provide the link between employers looking for Guardsmen and Veterans to fill their positions. As I write this message, we are working to provide a single link on our web site. You can go to www.centerforamerica.org, www.msccn.org, or www.mitalent.org to find all the available links for employers, veterans and military members, and their spouses.

In other significant news, the National Guard Empowerment Act passed with the 2012 defense authorization bill giving the Guard a voice with other military branch leaders among the Joint Chiefs of Staff advisors. The importance of this seat cannot be stated enough! When the Guard supplies a significant portion of the fighting force at a small portion of the budget it only makes sense that leaders from our organization have a say in mission assignment and policy-making efforts.

I am deeply grateful to each and every one of you for your innovative work, your adaptability to meet mission needs, your warm collegiality and for your patient, positive, team-based attitudes as we learn together how best to serve our country, our state, and each other in the years to come. May the holidays find you at peace and please remember that you and your families are always in my heart and on my mind. We will keep our deployed and deploying soldiers, airmen and families in our thoughts and prayers throughout the coming year.

I leave you with a reminder of the attitude and perspective that made this country great, “We can do it” and “Get it done”! It captures the essence of the National Guard and Veterans Affairs.

Maj. Gen. Gregory J. Vadnais

Bullets

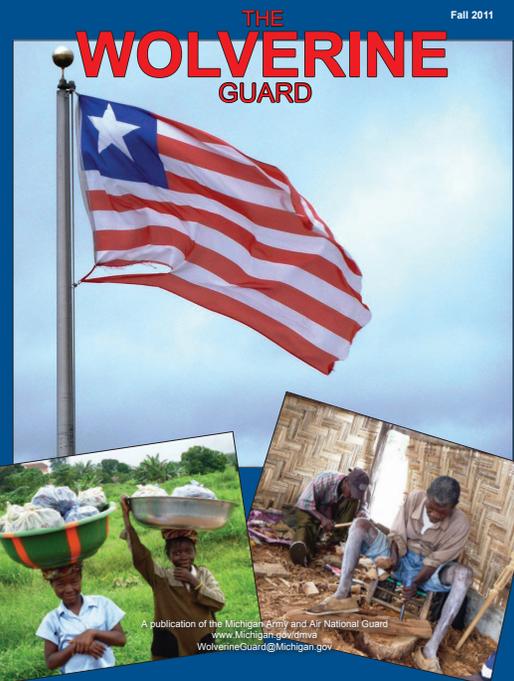
American Jobs for America's Heroes Employment Initiative

Kick-off events begin in Michigan! Matching Soldier skills with employment opportunities is one of our top priorities. Events are being held around the state to gather small and medium-sized business owners' job postings in one web location with a special section just for Veterans. Michigan department leaders with the unwavering support of Governor Snyder recently showcased www.centerforamerica.org, www.msccn.org, and www.mitalent.org, new launch pads for jobs, career and talent.



Happy 375th Birthday National Guard!

The National Guard celebrated their 375th Birthday December 13, 2011. "It is my personal and professional privilege and honor to serve with each and every one of you. Thank you for your selfless service, sacrifice and commitment to State and Country." - Maj. Gen. Gregory J. Vadnais, The Adjutant General of Michigan



The front and back pictures depict the daily lives of men, women and children in Liberia. The Michigan National Guard has formed a partnership with Liberia as part of the National Guard Bureau's, State Partnership Program. The first training deployment to Liberia occurs this winter. Photos courtesy of Sgt. Maj. Dave Dunckel

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From the desk of
★ The Assistant Adjutant General ★
Installations
TALK

I am proud to serve as the first Assistant Adjutant General-Installations; responsible for Camp Grayling and Fort Custer, as well as the group leader for Veterans Affairs and State Operations. Maj. Gen. Vadnais is following through with his plan to make our installations one of the Michigan National Guard's top priorities and for good reason. A top issue for my team is to secure the resources necessary to maintain our Armories. I am well aware of their condition and the Installations Team is tackling this issue head on.

Another paramount issue being undertaken; Camp Grayling is a premier, world class training site that is significantly underutilized. That will change quickly. As federal budgets dwindle, everyone in the Department of Defense is looking to improve efficiencies and make better business decisions. It

just makes good common sense to increase the utilization rate of an asset that is not being used very much.

We are excited that the Department of the Army recently named Grayling one of its 27 CONUS based Regional Collective Training Capability, RCTC, Installations. Only 11 National Guard Installations made the list and these sites will receive funding to support the Army's rotational readiness model to generate trained and ready forces for Combatant Commanders. This funding is already in the POM (Program Objective Memorandum) for Fiscal Years 2014-2018.

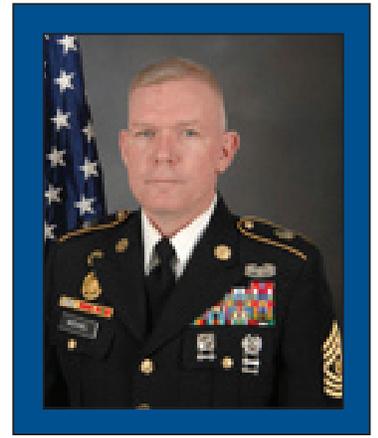
So, what does this mean for Grayling? Grayling will receive additional resources to support Active Duty, Army Reserve and National Guard training. Active Duty units are directed to conduct Company level maneuver and live fire at RCTC sites. This will not affect the training of Michigan Army National Guard units. What it will do is increase the training throughput at Grayling and it ensures that Grayling is a relevant Installation for the U.S. Army well into the 21st Century. Col. Erich Randall and his staff at Camp Grayling are publishing new business rules for the utilization of ranges and facilities to support all customers of all branches of the military.

One current utilization success story is the collaboration between Grayling and the Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center as more Air Force sorties are conducting Air to Ground Operations at the Range 40 complex. Also, Maj. Gen. Vadnais recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center (TARDEC) in Warren, Michigan. TARDEC reports to the U.S. Army's Research and Development Command. TARDEC has a requirement to utilize Ranges and Grayling is an ideal fit for a number of their Program Managers. We expect Grayling to continue to be a relevant installation well into the future as we support the training requirements of the Michigan National Guard.

Brig. Gen. Michael A. Stone



CSM TALK



Greetings to all! It has been a while since I have had the opportunity to address everyone in this forum. I am extremely proud of the force and our continued service to the state and nation. We continue to prove that Michigan produces some of the best trained and capable Soldiers in the force. With the holidays fast approaching I wanted to take a minute and remind everyone about the importance of safety; especially while travelling during this busy time. Through my experience in law enforcement I know that each year too many happy holidays are tarnished with the tragedy of someone getting severely injured or killed in what could have been an avoidable accident. Everyone must be mindful of the increased risks of alcohol-related incidents, reduced daylight hours, and decreasing temperatures which could lead to needless accidents or losses. Everyone must ask themselves what can go wrong and what can be done to prevent it from happening. Honest answers to these questions will help all of us avoid disaster and truly enjoy these holidays.

One topic that continues to plague us is the problem with suicide. Too many of our Warriors are choosing to end their lives and we have struggled to get a handle on this epidemic. I was recently at the Joint Senior Leaders Conference and listened to Command Sgt. Maj. Brunk Conley speak about the initiative undertaken in the state of Oregon to fight this problem. The concept may seem simple, but it will require all of the leaders within the Michigan Army National Guard to get the message out.

#1 – We are a problem solving organization. In order to become part of this organization each of us faced a series of hurdles that had to be overcome. We faced entrance tests, physical exams, and rigorous training to become part of an organization and a member of the National Guard family. We are all volunteers who make these sacrifices freely just to belong. The Michigan Army National Guard is a problem-solving organization. Think about this for a minute. When the state or nation has a problem to solve, they turn to the National Guard. We solve problems. It may be a fire, flood, tornado, or ice storm; the public looks to the National Guard to solve and overcome these problems. When the nation seeks to solve a problem of global proportion the Army turns to the National Guard to fill critical missions around the world. So when you raised your hand to become part of this organization we agreed to accept you as you are and you agreed to become a problem solver.

#2 – Suicide is not part of our culture. The mere idea of suicide goes against rule #1. Problem solvers do not kill themselves. From an organizational perspective, suicide is not authorized and is not an acceptable problem-solving technique. Once again, you agreed to be a part of this organization; therefore you agreed to be a part of our culture of problem-solving that we have built and of which are very proud. When you chose to become a Citizen-Soldier you accepted the responsibility to help your neighbors, your state, and your nation. Let's face it – you can't do that if you are dead. Everyone has problems in life. There is not one member of our organization who has not faced some sort of problem in relationships, careers, education, or finance.

There is no shame in asking for help. Every member of this organization will drop whatever they are doing if you tell us you need help. In some cases you won't even need to tell us; we may just notice simple changes and ask if we can help because we are looking out for your welfare. The Army has created numerous programs designed to help Soldiers through the problems that they may be facing. There is no excuse for not finding the right program and working through the issue. The problem with suicide is you are making a permanent decision to remedy a temporary problem and that is not what a problem-solver does. Let me be perfectly clear - **SUICIDE IS NOT AUTHORIZED IN THIS ORGANIZATION.**

#3 – The Warrior Ethos.

Stand in front of the mirror and say to yourself:

I AM AN AMERICAN SOLDIER

I WILL ALWAYS PLACE THE MISSION FIRST

I am part of something bigger than myself.

The American public has high expectations of me when they are in need.

I must be in a state of readiness so I can solve problems when I am called upon.

I WILL NEVER ACCEPT DEFEAT

I may get knocked down, but I will always get back up.

I may get beaten occasionally, but I don't have to like it.

My persistence will keep me moving forward to accomplish my goals.

Learning from my mistakes is what will make me victorious in the end.

I WILL NEVER QUIT

Simply put – I will NEVER quit.

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I will NEVER quit.

I WILL NEVER LEAVE A FALLEN COMRADE

I must know my buddy.

Personal problems do not show like flesh wounds – you have to ask questions and have discussions to uncover the issues.

We don't see each other on a daily basis so when we do – Leaders must be engaged, Battle-Buddies must be vigilant, and we all need to have the fortitude to ask the tough questions.

Always remember that the Michigan Army National Guard stands ready to assist you in any manner possible. We are problem solvers. Have a safe and happy holiday season. Enjoy this special time with your families and reflect on your importance to this organization.

Command Sgt. Maj. Richard C. Michael



Historical Society Museum in the Making

Story by Capt. Aaron Jenkins

In 2002, Lt. Col. Michael Benson, Fort Custer Training Center's installation commander, decided to establish a museum to tell the story of the military post's rich history. Next year and almost a decade later, the fruit of his labor will be realized with the establishment of a non-profit organization called the Fort Custer Historical Society.

The inception of his dream began to materialize with the renovation of an original World War II barracks on post; construction began on building 2631. Retired Michigan National Guard Col. James Spackman was selected to lead the campaign to build the museum and gather the various artifacts and memorabilia which are on loan or have been donated over the years. The museum will showcase the facilities' contributions to the state and nation since the post was built in 1917. In the 1800's, the site was the community of Harmonia, founded by Quakers. The area was once the home of Sojourner Truth, the famous Abolitionist, former slave and women's suffrage advocate. Unknown to many is the fact that Camp Custer (as it was called in 1917) served as a training facility for more than 100,000 American Soldiers during World War I. The site was chosen because of the geographical location, size and availability of labor and materials. The camp was named after Gen. George Custer who hailed from Michigan, was a West Point graduate, and went down in history with the battle of Little Big Horn fame.

In 1940, Camp Custer was designated Fort Custer and became a permanent military training facility. With the onset of World War II, Fort Custer ramped up training operations for U.S. troops. Although no official numbers are available,

it is estimated that more than 300,000 Soldiers made their way through the camp.

During the war, more than 425,000 prisoners of war were held in the United States. From 1943 to 1946, Fort Custer housed approximately 5,000 German POWs. The POWs often worked as farm laborers or aided in war-induced labor shortages due to the lack of male laborers in the U.S. In October 1945, 16 of the German prisoners were killed or later died as a result of their injuries when their truck crashed into a train as they returned to the fort from working at a sugar beet farm close to the small town of Blissfield, Mich. These German prisoners of war, along with 10 others who died of natural causes during their incarceration at Fort Custer are buried at the Fort Custer National Cemetery. A memorial plaque was dedicated in 1991 by German and American citizens in recognition of *Volkstrauertag* which is a national day of mourning and a public holiday in Germany, and rests at the grave site.

A Veteran's Administration Hospital, state park, national cemetery and an industrial park have reduced the facilities acreage but add to Fort Custer's legacy. The museum will spotlight the history and accomplishments of the post over the past century, including Michigan's military legacy and involvement in the Civil War, Spanish American War and more. Fort Custer invites all military identification card carrying members to discover all of this and more when the doors of museum open--tentatively scheduled in 2012.

The Society and Museum is accepting uniforms, artifacts, personal military memorabilia, military equipment and new members. Contact the Col. Spackman at 517-651-9101 or spackmanj@yahoo.com.

Suds and Soldiers

Story and photo by Sgt. 1st Class James Downen

The Michigan Army National Guard, Lapeer-based, 464th Quartermaster Company recently acquired the Laundry Advanced System 2, or LADS-2 as it is called. The LADS-2 is a new computer operated laundry washer and dryer trailer with shower unit. The LADS-2 can provide Soldiers with clean clothing and has potential to help with humanitarian relief missions requiring laundry and shower services.

Spc. Simon Kenwabikise, a 92 S laundry service specialist assigned to the 464th explained how the LADS-2 operates as he trained other 464th Soldiers in its use. "The LADS-2 is a computer controlled industrial strength washer with two washing drums that can handle 200 pounds of wash per drum. They are run in a staggered configuration to offset the vibrations that occur with each wash and rinse cycle. The operator initiates the wash cycle by making entries into the system computer which powers up the pumps and initiates the air pump system," said Kenwabikise.

"The LADS-2 has a low environmental impact when in use. Each washing drum, tumbler A and tumbler B uses about 70 gallons of water per cycle. On a busy day, we use almost 400 gallons of water and are able to reclaim 350 gallons for use. Our waste output is minimal; the amount of detergent we use for a cycle won't fill a styrofoam cup. The system also has an anti-foam agent, which cuts down on waste water," said Kenwabikise. "We don't produce much waste water, but disposing of it safely is an issue. Camp Grayling has the facilities necessary for disposal, so annual training is the only time we get to run the LADS-2 and we make the most of the training opportunity."

The LADS-2 also has a modular shower unit. The 464th Soldiers set up the shower unit and checked the hoses for functionality and repacked the unit. Spc. Donnell Sampson commented on the importance of sanitation and clean clothing for his fellow Soldiers. "As quartermaster Soldiers, we provide clean laundry and showers to Soldiers in remote locations. Our work boosts their morale and since we provide showers and clean clothing, our services help keep disease at bay. We are glad to provide these services to our fellow hard working Soldiers and that's the reward of being a QM Soldier."

Kenwabikise trained Pvt. Nicole Jenkins and discussed key points of LADS 2 operations. "Spc. Kenwabikise did a great job breaking down what I needed to know to get the LADS-2 operational. The computer system startup function is self correcting. The computer will not let you do any steps out of sequence. I've learned that the air system is critical. You must keep an eye on the display screen to keep abreast of the system status. The LADS-2 will not work if the air system is in-operational," said Jenkins.

The final step of the LADS-2 operation is manual; the 464th Soldiers sorted, folded and re-packed the laundry and

sleeping bags deposited by Michigan Army National Guard Soldiers undergoing annual training at Camp Grayling. This task being completed, the 464th Soldiers formed a human chain and stacked the laundry bags for pick up by their owners.

The 464th Soldiers worked as a team to complete the day's training and attained proficiency in the use of their primary equipment, the LADS-2. The benefit of the 464th training went out to other Michigan Army National Guard Soldiers conducting annual training at Camp Grayling; they received laundry and sleeping bags washed and dried by hard working 464th quartermaster Soldiers.



Michigan Army National Guard Soldiers of the Lapeer, Mich., 464th Quartermaster Company, wash clothing and sleeping bags for Michigan Army National Guard Soldiers using the Laundry Advanced System-2 at Camp Grayling on July 31, 2011.

PURE PATRIOTISM

The Michigan Volunteer Defense Force stands ready to assist in the case of a state emergency or disaster

Story and photos by Sgt. 1st Class James Downen

The Michigan Volunteer Defense Force was established on April 17, 1917 by Act Number 53 of the Public Acts of Michigan, which created the Michigan State Troops. Act 53 formed two organizations, the Michigan State Troops Permanent Force, which evolved to be the Michigan State Police, and the Michigan State Troops, a home guard designated to serve in place of the Michigan Army National Guard when the Guard is called into federal service. The Michigan State Troops are the predecessor of the MIVDF, a non-federally recognized organization that is part of the authorized military forces of the state of Michigan.



Michigan Volunteer Defense Force Soldiers attend annual training at Camp Grayling, Mich., on Aug. 20, 2011. The MIVDF is an all volunteer organization authorized under Title 32 of the U.S. Code and the Michigan Military Act 150 of 1967.



Members of the Michigan Volunteer Defense Force salute one another after completion of basic training. The members undergo numerous hours of training for disaster preparedness, emergency response and recovery, among other things.

The MIVDF is a completely voluntary organization, MIVDF Soldiers drill, yet receive no pay, unless called to serve by the Governor under Title 32 of the U.S. Code for state emergencies. Despite this lack of pay, most members attend MIVDF drills, purchase their own uniforms and participate in training such as the Community Emergency Response Team program on their own time and dime. Recently, MIVDF Soldiers from the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions participated in the U.S. Northern Command, June 2011 Region 5, Vigilant Guard exercise. The MIVDF Soldiers performed a receipt, store and stage mission where they received a shipment of simulated anti-virus medication to distribute to

local and state first responders after an outbreak of a virus.

The MIVDF consists of seven battalions of troops organized to serve in the same areas as the seven districts administered by the Michigan State Police. Many MIVDF members have prior service with the Michigan Army National Guard and of other branches of military service, but not all have prior service.

MIVDF Soldiers bring many skill sets to the table. Community Emergency Response Team qualification is common amongst MIVDF members; those who have completed the CERT course wear a CERT tab on their uniforms. In addition to the CERT tab, a number of MIVDF troops wear one of the three Military Emergency Management Specialist

Academy training badges ranking from basic, senior to master level; the badges indicate proficiency in emergency management training areas such as mitigation, preparedness, emergency response and recovery. Several MIVDF Soldiers hold emergency medical technician and other life saving skill ratings as well.

Many MIVDF Soldiers are Ham radio operators and bring this skill along with their own radio equipment to the table also. The definition of Ham is obscure; according to the National Association for Amateur Radio, the radio was an insult against amateur telegraph operators who would block transmissions by government or commercial operators. These operators referred to the amateurs as “hams” and

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Donna Bench, Basic Trainee

the name carried over once telegraph was replaced by radio. During a weather emergency, it is common for cell phone towers to be blown down or put out of operation. The 800 MhZ radio emergency band that many police and other first responders use can be overwhelmed or put out of commission by natural causes, too. Ham operators aren’t affected by these natural upsets. As long as the Ham operator has a radio, battery and antenna, transmissions can be made and emergency communications maintained using amateur radios.

Capt. Charles Pfister of 4th Battalion, which covers South West Michigan, said, “Many of us are Ham operators with ratings from basic to technician. We even have members who have national disaster credentials through the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service. A Ham operator who has this level of training gets an identification card recognized by FEMA and state agencies that allows them to participate in disaster relief operations. The civilian emergency radio net is vulnerable to disruption, but we Hams can set up field relay sites, enabling Ham to fill gaps in emergency radio coverage that could occur in the event of a natural disaster.”

The MIVDF held its annual training at Camp Grayling on Aug. 20, 2011. The MIVDF commander, Col. William Ewald, kicked off the annual training with a speech congratulating his troops, “I’d like to thank each of you for committing to something larger than

yourselves, the MIVDF.” The MIVDF performed two missions during the August AT; the first mission was to conduct basic training for new, non-prior service members. The second mission was a staff exercise, testing the abilities of evaluated battalion staffs to support military and first responder requests for material support and crisis information. The battalion staffs were evaluated from a cadre drawn from across the MIVDF who presented the staffs with different scenarios to solve and provided feedback as each scenario was addressed.

MIVDF non-prior Soldiers receive a brief, but instructive basic training that stresses drill and ceremonies so they understand the need for organization and have the ability to function as a unit. Gaylord resident and basic trainee Donna Bench said, “I joined because I wanted to help my community in time of need, especially since the National Guard has units deploying to Afghanistan and Iraq. This is a way for those of us back in the states to take care of things that the Soldiers abroad won’t be able to help with. The prior service MIVDF are helpful and don’t exclude us non-prior service Soldiers in any way. The camaraderie in this organization is excellent.”

The staff exercise was conducted with each battalion given a headquarters barracks to operate out of and taskings to support National Guard and MIVDF units responding to natural disasters. Maj. Linda Oswalt, the executive officer of 2nd Battalion said, “We have

two shifts per day of staff personnel who receive taskings and requests for information from our communications element. This information is given to our operations section, processed and then given to our commander. A decision is made on how to respond and this is sent out by the communications section to our sub-units.”

Many MIVDF members are former prior service veterans and see the MIVDF as a means to continue uniformed military service. Sgt. 1st Class David Conklin said, “I served 31 years in the Army and in the Michigan Army National Guard, serving my fellow citizens is in my blood. The MIVDF allows me to continue this service. We’re receiving some great training this AT and our people do a lot of training on their own time. We fall under the Michigan Army National Guard 46th Military Police Command and we’d like to work alongside our Guard teammates in the future.”

The MIVDF AT concluded on Aug. 21, 2011. Col. Ewald congratulated his Soldiers on their hard work and a graduation ceremony was held for the basic training graduates. The MIVDF accomplished their training goals, sacrificing their personal time to serve the State of Michigan and received no pay for their efforts. The MIVDF has a personnel budget that is paid in full with pure patriotism from its members and all MIVDF Soldiers expressed the desire to give more training time to the State of Michigan for free.



Learning By Doing

Story and photos by Sgt. Matthew Smallish

The Michigan Army National Guard 210th Military Police Battalion and its subordinate companies; the 46th, 144th, 1775th and 1776th MPs conducted two weeks of annual training in July at the Muscatatuck Urban Training Center, Indiana. The training area used to be an Indiana state sanatorium, the Muscatatuck State Development Center. Some MP Soldiers speculated that the former sanatorium might be haunted by former inmates; the possibility adding to the tension of the training environment.

The Michigan Army National Guard 210th MP Battalion convoyed to the training site; the area surrounding the facility was littered with Federal Emergency Management Agency trailers, smashed cars and other detritus from a recent tornado. The 210th MP Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Scott Hiipakka said, "Upon our arrival to the Training Center the burnt out cars and rubble buildings scattered around the site made our training environment realistic." The buildings of the Muscatatuck State Development Center were intact, however they were surrounded by half-demolished buildings and mock-up structures designed to look like Iraqi and Afghan huts. During annual training, the daily heat index averaged 120 degrees, the heat and conditions of the facilities added realism to the MP Soldiers' training.

The first phase of training consisted of individual warrior tasks and a two-day squad-level competition between the companies of the battalion. Each squad had to demonstrate proficiency in basic warrior skills and complete a two-mile rucksack march. The battalion commander, Lt. Col. Scott Hiipakka and battalion Command Sgt. Maj. Jon Sawyer supervised the training; ensuring tasks were executed to Army standards. A 46th MP Company squad led by Sgt. Len Lieffers took first place in the competition, achieving the best overall score out of the competing squads of the 210th MP Battalion. Sawyer said, "The Soldiers were challenged and honed skills during the squad competition and this training was used again during platoon lane evaluations."

The next phase of training evaluated the readiness of the Michigan Incident Response Force. The MIRF has a quick reaction force that must have Soldiers on site at a state or regional emergency within eight hours. The MIRF exercise ran for 48 hours and tested the abilities of squad leaders from the 144th and 46th MP Companies to react to several domestic and civil disturbance scenarios. These scenarios ranged from peaceful neighborhoods trying to function without water and food to rioting college students attempting to bully a local mayor and rioters breaking into condemned buildings. The tactical operations centers of the 144th MP Company and 210th MP Battalion were evaluated

on their abilities to monitor and assist the ground forces during the exercise. The 1775th and 1776th MP Companies provided officers and senior non-commissioned officers to serve as exercise evaluators while their junior NCOs and enlisted Soldiers role played as local law enforcement, displaced civilians and violent criminals. 210th MP Battalion staff officers and staff non-commissioned officers took part in a weekend 28-hour exercise where they were removed from their staff positions and reorganized into MP squads. They executed troop leading procedures and were assigned squad level missions such as establishing patrol bases, conducting reconnaissance patrols in the outskirts of the training area, cordons and searches, recovery of priority intelligence requirements and clearing buildings. The missions completed by the staff squads gathered the intelligence needed for battalion units to conduct a riot control action securing the city hall that Sunday.

While the staff officers and NCOs were working as MP squads, MP Soldiers of the 46th and 144th MP Companies prepared to secure the city hall. Soldiers performed vehicle and equipment maintenance and conducted classes on the riot control measures they would need to complete the upcoming mission. The Soldiers received instruction on riot control formations, less than lethal munitions and working with local government and law enforcement. This instruction was combined with lessons learned from the battalion's 2005 deployment to support Hurricane Katrina recovery operations.

The battalion completed its preparations to assist a civilian government re-establish law and order after a tornado damaged its infrastructure. The 46th and 144th MP Company Soldiers faced a 24-hour exercise conducted in lanes that had them providing site security, assisting displaced civilians, working with non-English speakers, supporting local law enforcement, conducting roving patrols and quelling rioting college students. The role players for these scenarios were provided by the 1775th and 1776th MP Companies, being MP Soldiers themselves and understanding the missions their comrades in the 46th and 144th MP Companies were expected to carry out made these role-playing MP Soldiers a force to be reckoned with.

The culminating event of the 24-hour exercise was a riot control operation to secure the city hall. The 46th and 144th Soldiers undertook this mission in full riot gear and battled rioters in earnest because the scenario put one MP platoon in the city hall building, surrounded by a mob of rioters. The quick reaction force of the two MP companies battled rioters, apprehended many criminal role players and rescued their trapped fellow MPs in the city hall building.

The two-week annual training scenarios and physical



Left: Soldiers from the 210th Military Police Battalion practice quelling a riot of college students during training at Muscatatuck Urban Training Center. The Soldiers are part of the Michigan Incident Response Force. Right: Military Police Soldiers practice squad missions such as establishing patrol bases, conducting reconnaissance patrols, and cordons and searches.

conditions at Muscatatuck Urban Training Center gave the MP Soldiers of the 210th Military Police Battalion a hands-on evaluation of their warrior skills and a test of their abilities to plan and execute Military Police operations in a natural disaster environment. Lt. Col. Scott Hiipakka said, "The training we conducted guarantees we can fulfill our quick reaction force mission and help the civilian authorities we will encounter in such circumstances and work with them to re-establish law and order within the community." Citizens of Michigan can rest assured that their Michigan Army National Guard 210th MP Battalion will be quick to help any Michigan regional or local government and its respective law enforcement agency re-establish law and order if a natural disaster strikes the state at any time.

New Partnership, New Opportunities to Help

Story by Sgt. 1st Class James Downen

Photos courtesy of Sgt. Maj. David Dunckel



Army Training is often interrupted for a variety of reasons, but rarely does a three-foot lizard come into the equation. That is exactly what happened on August 8, 2011 as two members of the Michigan Army National Guard trained members of the Armed Forces of Liberia (AFL) on basic military records management.

“There was a commotion outside of the 1st Battalion administrative office,” said Sergeant Major David Dunckel, sergeant major for the state personnel office, and one of the instructors chosen by United States Africa Command (AFRICOM) to conduct the training mission. “A group of AFL Soldiers had gathered around a huge mango tree and were building a fire around its trunk trying to smoke out an iguana that had run underneath it.” It was getting close to lunchtime, and Dunckel said the Soldiers were looking forward to adding the lizard to a rice pot cooking nearby. The resulting hunt proved unsuccessful, he added. “I think they may have cooked him right up under that tree.”

The Michigan National Guard’s involvement with the Armed Forces of Liberia is part of a rapidly growing “State Partnership Program” developed by the National Guard Bureau and the Department of Defense. The Michigan-Liberia connection is one of 62 global partnerships the National Guard currently maintains, all in an effort to support the DOD’s National Security Strategy. When the Michigan National Guard provides trainers for these important missions it contributes greatly to building enduring civil-military relationships and long-term international security.

Liberia offers a distinct set of challenges to our Soldiers who have participated in the State Partnership Program. The country has been torn apart by a 14-year-long civil war and infighting amongst the 16 indigenous tribes that inhabit the West African nation. A fragile

peace was formed in 2006 when Ellen Johnson Sirleaf was elected as president. The years of conflict left the country with more than 100,000 dead, a complete lack of reliable electricity, clean water or waste disposal, and a large refugee population. Poverty is rampant and shocking, and the United Nations World Human Development Index ranks Liberia 174 out of 175 countries when it measures health and living conditions.

“These people have nothing,” Dunckel said. “It looks as though when the war ended everybody just quit running and built a shack wherever they happened to stop.”

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Debra Salters, personnel services branch chief for the MIARNG, was the lead instructor on this latest Travelling Contact Team (TCT) requested from Michigan by the newly formed U.S. AFRICOM. Her efforts, as well as those from Dunckel are part of a larger contribution from a joint service effort labeled “Operation Onward Liberty.” Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines – all under the command and control of the Unified Combatant Command – train the AFL on everything from drill and ceremony to basic infantry tactics. The Records Management TCT was developed to assist the AFL in maintaining personnel records for their 2,000 Soldiers.

“It was a challenge, to say the least,” confessed Salters. “The AFL Soldiers want to learn – they have the capacity – they just don’t have the basic tools they need to get the job done.” Salters went on to describe a situation where personnel services offices maintain files on bookshelves, in broken or undersized file cabinets, or sometimes in cardboard boxes on the floors. “They have no paper, no pens or pencils let alone computers,” she said. “There is no standard format for what is in a Military Personnel Record Jacket or how they are filed. Some of the Soldiers we worked with didn’t even know how to alphabetize. It can prove difficult to file things if you don’t know the alphabet!”

Salters and Dunckel spent the majority of their one-week mission “rolling up their sleeves” and assisting the various AFL formations in developing basic record keeping procedures.

“The AFL currently uses a system developed by the Nigerian Army,” said Salters. “Unfortunately, the Soldiers are sent off to train in China, Sudan, and Ghana . . . some to the U.S. They return to duty with conflicting doctrines and business practices. What we need to do is help them develop the Liberian way of doing things.”

Dunckel and Salters plan on doing exactly that by taking the lessons that they learned during their visit to Liberia and developing a one-week training program that combines the best practices from all the different doctrinal approaches. U.S. AFRICOM has expressed interest in using this training in a future TCT.

The “highlight” of the trip came as the pair headed to Roberts International Airport on their way home. They stopped and visited “Live Village” – or “The Michigan Orphanage” – as it has become known. Live Village is a sanctuary that houses, feeds and educates 41 children, most of them orphaned by war. The orphanage was “adopted” by members of the Michigan National Guard and has been a regular stop for the MIARNG full-time Liberia State Partnership Coordinator, Capt. Ross Bettis. Bettis accompanied Salters and Dunckel on their visit and sat with them as the children sang songs, played the drums and danced for their welcome visitors. “I know I will be blessed each time a Soldier from Michigan visits us,” said Pastor Tiah, who runs the orphanage. “We are very grateful that you have come to see us.”

During the airplane ride home Dunckel shared some pictures of the orphanage with a travelling sales executive from the Jennie-O Turkey Company. Upon deplaning the executive, Mr. Brandon Kopacek, pressed a one-hundred

dollar bill into Dunckel’s hand and asked him to get it to the kids in the orphanage.

“I was able to take that money and combine it with a little more we raised in the personnel office,” Dunckel said. “Pastor Tiah was able to buy enough food to last a week.”

The 2012 TCT is undergoing pre-deployment training in Lansing, Mich., and will move to Camp Grayling for field training and weapons qualification in mid-December. The 2012 TCT will build on the accomplishments of the 2011 TCT. Col. Pablo Estrada, TCT commander said, “We will work with the AFL 23rd Infantry Brigade down to the company level and with their new Military Police and Engineer companies as well.”

Col. Estrada said, “Sgt. Maj. Dunckle and Chief Salters briefed about the training level of the AFL, Liberian culture and conditions we’ll be facing. It will be austere as far as amenities, but many of our Soldiers have deployments under their belts and have experienced third world conditions first hand.”

Sgt. 1st Class Eric Sturgis said, “Chief Salters told us that the AFL has a mix of doctrine influenced by different Armies. We’re not going to tell the AFL how to run their affairs, but we’re going to help them find a way to get business done that works for them.”

“We’re also going to continue helping the Live Village orphanage,” said Sturgis. “The Wyoming chapter of Veterans of Foreign Wars is gathering materials for Live Village for our TCT to distribute. We’re coming to Liberia to help and our TCT is determined to help the AFL improve itself.”

For more information on Live Village contact Capt. Ross Bettis, 8800 Monrovia Place, Dulles Va., 20189.



Air Guard Deployments Take I

Part I of II

Story by Tech. Sgt. Dan Heaton

The Airmen of the 127th Air Refueling Group have begun a series of rolling mobilizations that is anticipated to keep dozens of members of the Michigan Air National Guard on duty at least for the next year. The new mobilizations are in addition to two ongoing taskings that are keeping local Airmen busy both at home station and abroad.

The Airmen, who fly, maintain and support the KC-135 Stratotanker aircraft based at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, will begin rotating aircraft, aircrews and support personnel to the 340th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron, which operates in southwest Asia, in support of U.S. Central Command. From there, the Selfridge Airmen will be called upon to fly missions in and around Afghanistan and other areas in the Central Command Area of Responsibility - a region that covers about 20 countries. The KC-135 can be used for a variety of missions, most notably, as an air-to-air refueler.

“The Airmen of our refueling group are among the best trained and most highly-motivated people in our military,” said Col. Michael Thomas, 127th Wing commander at Selfridge, a KC-135 pilot and former commander of the 127th ARG. “I have no doubt that they will continue to make all of us proud as they represent the very best of our home state of Michigan.”

To support the needs of CENTCOM, the 127th ARG will be sending an aircrew and various support personnel to the 340th EARS for two-month deployment rotations. The rotations will include anywhere from 10 to 25 people and will often include an aircraft from Selfridge. The first rotation begins in early November. The rotations are expected to continue at least through the end of 2012.

Tanker air crews and maintenance personnel from Selfridge have been on day-to-day call by the Air Mobility Command’s Tanker Airlift Control Center (TACC) since the unit began flying the KC-135 mission in 2008.

“It is pretty rare for us not to have a crew on the road somewhere to support the TACC,” said Lt. Col. David Brooks, commander of the 127th ARG. “This is a good tasking for us, because it keeps our air crews sharp, flying a variety of types of missions and it is a benefit for the Air Force because it increases the capabilities available to our senior leaders.”

Generally, about a dozen and a half members of the Michigan Air National Guard are on active duty status at any given time operating from Selfridge to support TACC taskings domestically and globally. Many of the TACC missions flown by Selfridge crews and aircraft are in support of aeromedical evacuations. In those missions, the KC-135s pick-up a specially trained Air Force medical team and related equipment and then are used as essentially a cross between an ambulance and a flying hospital to moved wounded or injured military personnel from one location to another. The aeromedical evacuation missions can range from transporting wounded warriors from Afghanistan to locations in the U.S., to helping injured personnel relocate from one U.S. location to another.

“There are few things that are more satisfying than flying the med-evac mission,” said Lt. Col. Jim Rossi, director of operations for the 171st Air Refueling Squadron at Selfridge a KC-135 pilot. “It is an important mission that ensures that we are providing the best possible care for our wounded warriors.”

In yet another deployment tasking, the 127th ARG will be sending aircraft and about four dozen people to a forward location in the U.S. Pacific Command region in March 2012 for about a month. The 127th completed a similar mission for PACCOM in March of this year.

From the Pacific Command location, the Selfridge tankers



A KC-135 Stratotanker takes off from Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mich., April 14, 2011. The Air National Guard provides about half of all the air refueling capability in the Air Force. This aircraft is operated by the 127th Air Refueling Group of the Michigan Air National Guard. Michigan National Guard photo by John S. Swanson

support a variety of flying missions all around the Pacific Rim.

“When you start adding up a dozen people here, a couple of dozen people there, people who have to get their regular training accomplished and maintain our aircraft for any possible additional missions, it gets to be a complex puzzle with lots of moving pieces,” Rossi said.

The 127th ARG begins to serve in this new series of deployments even as another major unit of the Michigan Air National Guard is already serving in Afghanistan. About 300 Citizen-Airmen of the 127th Operations Group and 127th Maintenance Group, which flies and maintains A-10 Thunderbolt II attack aircraft at Selfridge, deployed in late September for a roughly four month period. A smaller contingent of that group will be working on a six-month deployment. Michigan Air National Guard security forces, civil engineers and services personnel have all been forward deployed at various times over the past year, in various-sized groups.

The unit began flying KC-135s in 2008 as a result of new missions instituted by the 2005 Base Re-alignment and Closure Commission. Prior to taking on the KC-135 mission, the 127th ARG was known as the 127th Airlift Group and flew C-130 Hercules tactical cargo aircraft for about 15 years. The unit’s final major deployment with the C-130 came when most of the group spent the last six months of 2006 in Afghanistan.

The KC-135 is based on a Boeing 707 aircraft and has been in use by the U.S. Air Force since the late 1950s. It generally flies with a crew of three Airmen and can carry a load of up to 200,000 pounds of fuel for aerial delivery.

The flying unit of the 127th ARG, the 171st ARS, traces its history back to World War II. In 1943, the 374th Fighter Squadron was created to fly the P-47 Thunderbolt in the European Command. In 1946, after the conclusion of the war, the unit was redesignated as the 171st and assigned to the Michigan Air National Guard. In the 1970s, the unit flew the F-106 Delta Dart and picked up a distinctive nickname - the Michigan Six-Pack. The 171st flew fighter aircraft from the time of the unit’s inception through 1994, when it made the transition to the C-130. The Six-Pack nickname - and the unit’s black and yellow checkerboard tail markings - continue to be used by the 127th ARG.

The 127th ARG is a component of the 127th Wing. Composed of approximately 1,700 Citizen-Airmen, the 127th Wing of the Michigan Air National Guard is the host organization at Selfridge, flying the KC-135 Stratotanker, an aerial refueler, and the A-10 Thunderbolt II, also known as the Warthog, which is an air-to-ground attack fighter. In addition to the Wing, Selfridge is home to numerous other military and federal agencies, which fly a variety of helicopters and small, light fixed-wing aircraft.

More information on the 127th Wing and Selfridge Air National Guard Base is available at www.127wg.ang.af.mil.

Next Issue: Largest Deployment to Afghanistan for Michigan Air National Guard

The A-10 Thunderbolt II Aircraft are also currently deployed to Afghanistan. The deployment to Kandahar Airfield is the largest deployment for the group since they converted to the A-10 aircraft. They deployed in similar size with F-16’s to Iraq in 2004/2007. “Some of the finest men and women in Michigan will call Afghanistan home for the next several months and will play an integral role in bringing peace and stability to the Afghan people,” said Col. Michael Thomas, commander of the 127th Wing at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, the home station for the more than 300 Airmen who deployed. The next issue will focus on their deployment preparations and their departure.



A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft flown by pilots from the 107th Fighter Squadron head toward Afghanistan after departing Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mich., Sept. 26, 2011. The aircraft, pilots and about 300 support personnel are scheduled to operate in Afghanistan through early 2012. Michigan National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Dan Heaton

Michigan Air and Army National Guard Promotions

August 2, 2011 through December 1, 2011

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127th Wing Group
289 Airmen deployed worldwide

110th Air Wing
39 Airmen deployed worldwide



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