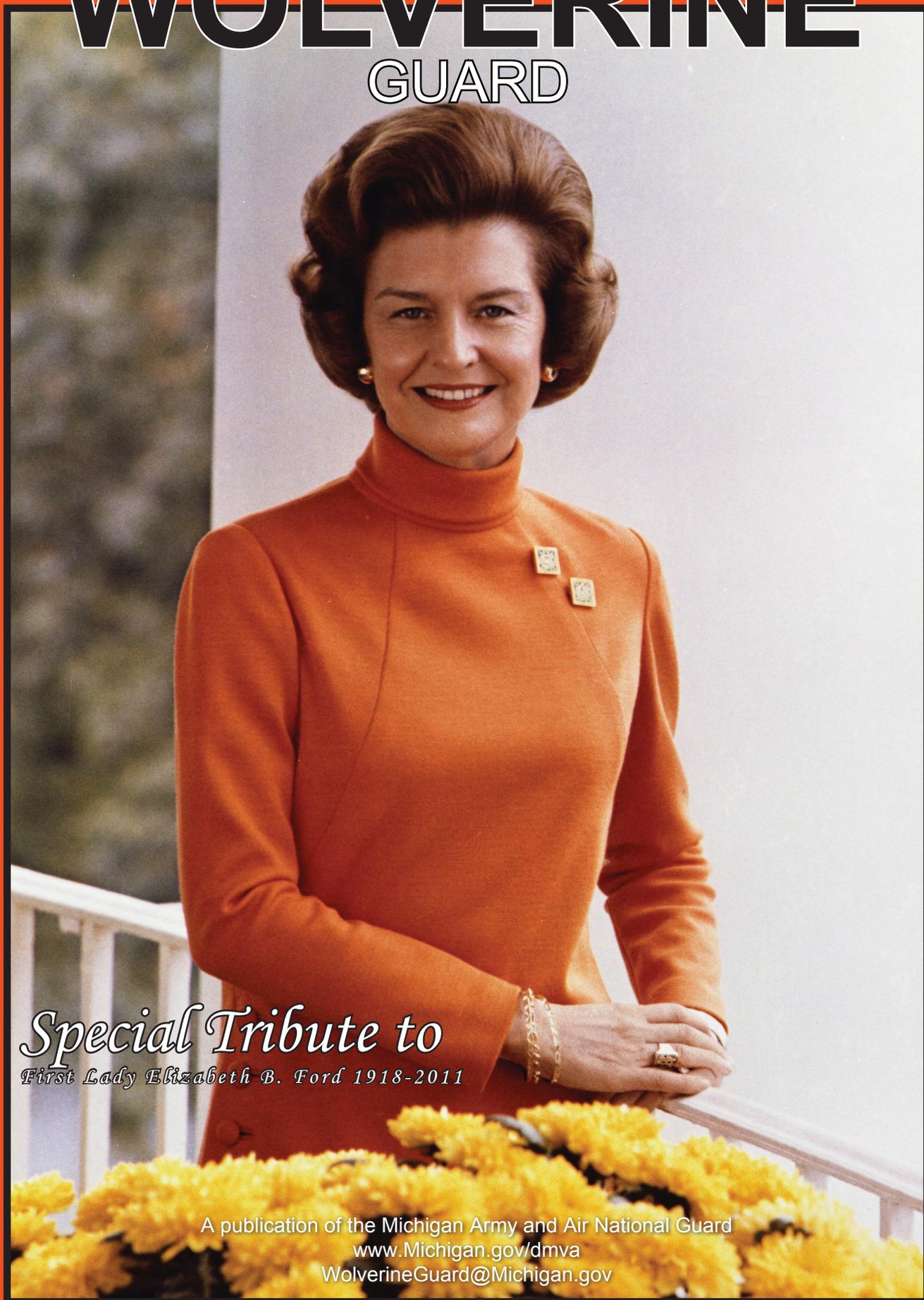


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Special Tribute to
First Lady Elizabeth B. Ford 1918-2011

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*From the desk of
The Adjutant General*



TAG
TALK

I wrote in my first TAG Talk a few months ago I that I was honored to be back in service as a Soldier and leader of this outstanding organization and I truly meant it. Just six months into my command I witnessed the remarkable quick reaction of more than 125 Guardsmen, mobilized under a variety of work classifications (Technicians, AGRs, DMVA State employees), prepare for the funeral events of Mrs. Elizabeth Bloomer Ford - an incredibly amazing woman. The team spirit I saw among our workers stationed at the Amway Grand hotel operations hub in Grand Rapids moved my heart. Folks who had never worked together before were whole-heartedly assisting not only each

other but local law enforcement agents, Ford Foundation members, representatives of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Museum, and hundreds of media members from across the country. I could not have asked for a better group to work with and I often felt like a proud father watching his kids shine in their skill sets or a school teacher with a room full of A+ students! The security detail, standing patiently, respectfully, in that humid heat for hours and hours in full dress uniform was one of the most impressive, groups of Guardsmen I have ever seen brought together. Bravo my friends, bravo. I am proud of each and every one of you who gave a small slice of their life to a very sad, but very wonderful, set of events.

I would like to especially thank the 63rd Troop Command for smoothly coordinating administrative procedures at the Grand Valley Armory. Guard workers checked in at GVA, were given a duty list and reporting instructions along with a media-security-safety brief and were sent out on their respective missions. Team members were empowered to figure out the fastest, safest, most professional way to accomplish even some very unexpected tasks (making photocopies, hanging stage bunting, answering random questions from the public) and from what I could see, they handled each hurdle with grace and calm dignity.

I close with a smile remembering a special woman, Betty Ford, and the wonderful Ford family, and for the memories we are building together as Michigan National Guard family members. God Bless You.

Maj. Gen. Gregory J. Vadnais

Bullets

Employment

If you are a veteran looking for a job, the following links can help!

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Michigan:

www.vfwmi.org

Employer Partnership of the Armed Forces:

www.employerpartnership.org

Job fairs and veteran job boards:

www.recruitmilitary.com

U.S. Department of Labor - veterans employment and training:

www.dol.gov/vets/

The Office of Personnel Management:

www.usajobs.gov/veterans.asp

In partnership with job search tool, Monster.com try:

www.veteranemployment.com



National Guard Empowerment Act

The bill includes a provision to give the Guard's senior officer a seat on the Joint Chief of Staff. The House approved a similar provision in May, meaning that only Senate approval is required to send it to the president for signature. Given that the National Guard provides a significant proportion of mobilized forces it is reasonable to allow Guard leadership a voice in budgetary and mission-related decisions. The bill would amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the National Guard, enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and improvement of Federal-State military coordination in domestic emergency response, and for other purposes. For more information about the National Guard Empowerment Act visit www.ngaus.org or www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=s112-1025

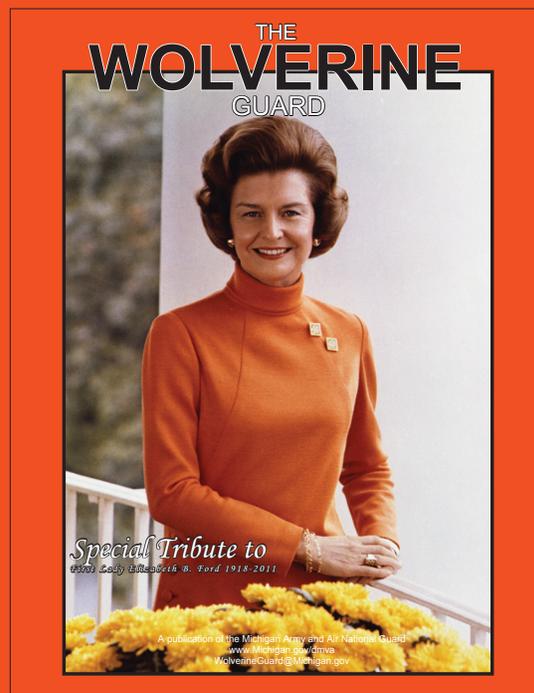


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Leaving Behind

a Life of Legacy

Story by Sgt. Brandan Hodges

The late first lady Betty Ford, wife of the late Gerald Ford, the 38th President of the United States, was laid to rest on July 14, 2011 at the Ford museum in Grand Rapids, Mich. Betty Ford was a pioneer in promoting awareness of the plight of prescription drug addicts as a result of her own battle with addiction. She established the Betty Ford Center for Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation in Rancho Mirage, California in 1982.

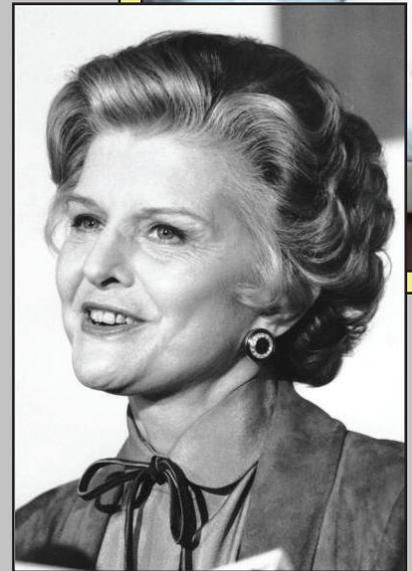
Betty Ford was born April 8, 1918 in Chicago. Betty, born Elizabeth Ann Bloomer, was the only daughter of William S. Bloomer and Hortense Neahr. Betty had two older siblings, both brothers. By her second birthday, Betty and her family were living in Grand Rapids, the city she always considered her home. The family lived at 717 Fountain Street in the city; however, until 1932, the Bloomers lived for the three months of summer at a family cottage on Whitefish Lake, Michigan.

Betty attended Grand Rapids Public Grammar School and Central High School. Besides a traditional education in grammar school and high school, Betty Ford pursued the specialized study of dance at the Calla Travis Dance Studio. Under the direction of a local instructor, then eight-year-old Betty Ford studied tap dance, ballet and modern movement. Dance became her great passion and one which she intended early on to pursue as a profession. Betty studied dance with the legendary Martha Graham at Bennington College School of Dance, Vermont, in the 1930's. She also studied dance in New York City.

At age 24, Betty married her first husband, William C. Warren in Grand Rapids. Betty was married to the insurance and furniture salesman from April 23, 1942 until they divorced on December 15, 1947. Betty was married on October 15, 1948 to Gerald R. Ford for 58 years. Betty and President Ford had four children: Michael born in 1950, John, also known as Jack, born in 1952, Steven born in 1956, and Susan born in 1957.

After marrying Gerald Ford, Betty supported her husband's political career. Betty Ford became both a wife and political spouse practically at the same time, moving to Washington only two months and two weeks after her wedding, so her husband could begin his congressional career. She immediately began a self-education in the political process, attending hearings, learning and remembering the names and positions of powerful legislative figures, even once following the entire process of how a bill becomes a law. She also assumed responsibility as tour guide in the nation's capitol for those of her husband's constituents who

visited the city. She joined The Congressional Club, a social organization of fellow female spouses of current and former house members. It was in that club where she met lifelong friends and fellow future First Ladies Pat Nixon and Lady Bird Johnson.



Betty Ford had also assumed commitments expected of her as a congressional spouse, which were believed to aide her husband's status among his colleagues, including active membership in the 81st Congress Club, and the National Federation of Republican Women. She often posed for newspaper publicity photographs and worked as a clothing model at charity fashion shows. Finally, Betty Ford took

on a third level of unpaid work, that of a local volunteer for various charitable organizations such as program director of the Alexandria Cancer Fund Drive.

As one who drew great strength from her faith, though she kept it a private aspect of her life, she also became program director of a Congressional Wives Prayer Group. Gerald Ford assumed the presidency on

August 9, 1974 after the impeachment and resignation of President Richard Nixon. Betty held the Bible as Gerald Ford was sworn in as chief executive in the east room of the White House, as he repeated the oath. In his inaugural address, Ford became the first president to ever make reference to his wife: "I am indebted to no man and only one woman, my dear wife, Betty, as I begin this very difficult job."



on painkilling drugs and alcohol that she entered a California hospital in 1978 to kick the addictions. Betty was inspired by her experience at the hospital, which led her to found the Betty Ford Center. The Betty Ford Center for Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation in Rancho Mirage, California was one of America's first prominent centers devoted solely to drug and alcohol recovery. The center drew numerous high-profile clients, including the late Elizabeth Taylor.

Betty was well known for her humility, which included confronting her own drug and alcohol addiction publicly. Fifteen months after leaving the White House, Betty revealed her longtime addiction to both alcohol and pain killers. Rather than seek to conceal the true reasons for her hospitalization or to treat it with shame, Betty Ford decided to fully disclose the details of her addictions and treatment. In support of her, the former president also permanently quit drinking. After establishing the Betty Ford Center for Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation, it was common for Betty to welcome new groups of patients to the drug and alcohol rehabilitation center by saying, "Hello, my name's Betty Ford and I'm an alcohol and drug addict."

For many years, Betty Ford actively participated in helping individual patients and counseling those for whom she could provide special perspective.

Beyond the Betty Ford Center, she became an activist for improving the nation's attitude, education, and treatment of chemical dependency. Thus, she further helped to engage a national dialogue on the issue. Betty received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1991 and the Congressional Gold Medal in 1999 for her years of dedication and efforts.

Betty also published two autobiographies titled: *The Times of My Life* in 1978 and *Betty: a Glad Awakening* in 1985. In the 1987 TV movie *The Betty Ford Story*, the role of Betty was played by actress Gena Rowlands.

Betty is survived by her children and numerous grand children.

The Ford presidency went on to deal with a terrible recession, defeat in Vietnam and the aftermath of the Watergate incident, which damaged the credibility of the office of President of the United States.

Betty was diagnosed with breast cancer and underwent a mastectomy shortly after becoming the nation's first lady. The suffering induced from the stress of her public role and the after effects of her illness led to her addictions. Betty became so hooked

"A successful marriage cannot thrive on simply a mutuality of interests, important as that ingredient is over the years for compatibility. There must be understanding, compassion and emotion which fits under the umbrella of love. A marriage that has these attributes can weather the storm clouds that are inevitable in an intimate relationship ... There must be a belief on the part of both that there is nothing of a higher priority than the sanctity and continuation of the relationship."

~President Gerald R. Ford.

Dual-missions for 119th Field Artillery

Story by Sgt. 1st Class David Whitehead and Sgt. 1st Class James Downen

Photos by Sgt. 1st Class James Downen and Staff Sgt. Helen Miller

Michigan Army National Guard Artillerymen of 1st Battalion, 119th Field Artillery performed two missions simultaneously in two different parts of the world. The deployed element served in Kuwait, running convoy security in support of the troop drawdown in Iraq. The rear detachment of stateside artillerymen assisted the Ford Foundation with the funeral of the former first lady Elizabeth B. Ford in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Michigan Army National Guard Sgt. Thomas Pierce, the training non-commissioned officer for the 119th served as a driver for Ford family members and official guests during the funeral. Pierce said, "The Michigan Army National Guard had six vehicles tasked to funeral support. I drove one dedicated to transporting family and guests from the airport when they arrived, to events in Grand Rapids before the funeral, and back to the airport after the funeral's conclusion."

The Ford funeral was supported by the Michigan Army National Guard, state and federal officials and law enforcement agencies. Pierce said, "We had to be flexible and we did a lot of inter-agency coordination. We had many late nights, but the mission was a success because of constant coordination between the different agencies."

Many family friends and distinguished guests attended Betty Ford's funeral. Pierce said, "I met Lillian Fisher. She was a fascinating person and was a childhood friend of Betty's from the age of five onwards. They stayed in constant contact with each other the years. I also saluted and shook hands with former President Bill Clinton."

Pierce gave his parting thoughts on the Betty Ford funeral, "My wife Hillary and I were invited as honored guests to President Ford's wreath

laying ceremony last July and now I am part of Mrs. Ford's life celebration. I am honored to have served the Ford family and the nation as a Soldier in the Michigan Army National Guard."

The majority of the 119th is presently serving in Kuwait and Iraq. The field artillery Soldiers assisting with the Betty Ford Funeral are assigned to the rear detachment element. Master Sgt. Miguel Sanchez, NCO in charge of the rear detachment said, "We accomplished our assigned mission with a minimal number of Soldiers. Our Soldiers are 'Red Leg' artillerymen who are used to heavy lifting and are up to challenges like these."

The 1-119 FA, headquartered in Lansing, Mich., consists of three firing batteries and a support company located in the following Michigan communities: Battery A in Port Huron, Battery B in Alma, Battery C in Albion, and a Forward Support Company in Augusta. The rear detachment is made up of Soldiers from all of the above listed units; they are organized into a mission support platoon that performed security for the Ford Presidential Museum, Gerald R. Ford International Airport and the Grace Episcopal Church where services will be held. They also provided processional drivers for the internment service.



Experience is Key

Story by Sgt. 1st Class James Downen

Many Michigan Army National Guard Soldiers were called to State Active Duty in support of the funeral for former first lady Elizabeth B. Ford. One Soldier, Lt. Col. Scott Doolittle, deputy commander of the 177th Military Police Brigade, Taylor, Mich., was called to serve as the law enforcement liaison.

Doolittle was selected for this duty based on his previous experience as the law enforcement liaison during President Gerald R. Ford's funeral and his civilian career as a sergeant in the Grand Rapids Police Department. Doolittle said, "Working as a Grand Rapids Police Officer and serving in the Guard gives me contacts in both organizations. The contacts allow me to serve as a conduit between both organizations for the ceremony. The GRPD and the Michigan Army National Guard are going to provide the support needed to make this ceremony proceed smoothly and allow the Ford Family and Grand Rapids community to pay their final respects to the first lady for her services

to the nation." Doolittle also had a vast knowledge of the plan and drew on his experience from the president's funeral.

Pulling all of the agencies together from the Grand Rapids Police Dept., Kent County Sheriff's Dept., Michigan State Police, Gerald R. Ford Airport Police, Secret Service, Michigan Army National Guard, Military District of Washington, and The Ford Foundation is no simple task. "Working with Chip Emery and the Ford Foundation to support the funeral has been an outstanding experience. It has allowed us all to work together and serve the community," said Doolittle. "Col. Pablo Estrada, commander of the 63rd Troop Command and his Soldiers are doing a great job performing funeral support duties."

Doolittle, a 15-year

veteran of the GRPD and a Soldier with 23 years of service in the Michigan Army National Guard, said "I am proud of having membership in two organizations that are working hard to ensure that the former first lady, Elizabeth B. Ford, is given a dignified funeral ceremony before she is laid to rest."



Lt. Col. Scott Doolittle (center) and Col. Pablo Estrada review a street map and processional routes for the funeral of former first lady Betty Ford. Michigan National Guard photo by Sgt. 1st Class Jim Downen

Two Funerals, One Big Honor for Soldier

Story by Sgt. 1st Class James Downen

The Michigan Army National Guard provided the bulk of military support and assistance for President Gerald Ford's



Sgt. David Sheehan (Left) briefs Fox News about his participation in the security operations of first lady Betty Ford's funeral. Michigan National Guard photo by Sgt. 1st Class Jim Downen

funeral on Jan. 2 and Jan. 3, 2006. Many Michigan Guard Soldiers participating in first lady Betty Ford's funeral took part in her husband's ceremony. One such Soldier is Sgt. David Sheehan; a mechanic assigned to the Wyoming based, Company D, 237th Forward Support Battalion.

During President Ford's funeral, Sheehan performed security on the bridge at the Gerald R. Ford center. Sheehan said, "One of the secret service agents assigned to the Ford funeral paid me a compliment and said I was vigilant in performing my duties because I challenged everyone, including a secret service detail assigned to President Bush."

Sheehan said, "I am confident in my abilities to handle my duties for first lady Betty Ford's funeral. My responsibilities this time are to ground guide vehicles in the parking area, I'm more than qualified to do this; my first tour in Iraq was conducting convoy security operations."

Sheehan said, "If I could share my thoughts with the Ford family and friends I'd tell them we're all sorry for your loss. We are honored to be a part of this and would like our assistance to be a tribute to everything the Ford family has done for a grateful nation."

That's What She Said

Noteable Quotes From Mrs. Betty Ford

On Being the First Lady

“I was an ordinary woman who was called onstage at an extraordinary time. I was no different once I became first lady than I had been before. But, through an accident of history, I had become interesting to people.”

On Women's Rights

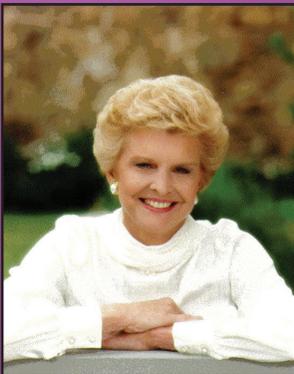
“The search for human freedom can never be complete without freedom for women.”

On Addiction

“I'm delighted that I can carry a message. I think that's what we're here on this earth for, to help others and if you can you ought to do it.”

On Life

“I've learned a lot about myself. Most of it is all right. When I add up the pluses and subtract the minuses, I still come out pretty well.”



On Family

“It's always been my feeling that God lends you your children until they're about eighteen years old. If you haven't made your points with them by then, it's too late.”



Flawless Funeral Detail

Honors Former First Lady

Story and photo by Sgt. 1st Class James Downen

The Michigan Army National Guard Honor Guard unit provided seven Soldiers to serve as sentries for first lady Betty Ford when her casket laid in repose at the library of the Gerald R. Ford center in Grand Rapids, Mich., on July 13, 2011.

The Honor Guard non-commissioned officer in charge is Staff Sgt. Patrick Wright, a 14-year veteran with one tour of duty in Iraq behind him. Wright said, "We have a selection process for Soldiers wanting to serve in the Honor Guard unit. A candidate must face a selection board, pass an Army Physical Fitness test and successfully complete a 40-hour training course to be accepted."

Wright said, "We perform military funerals, provide color guards for patriotic parades and honor guard functions for events across the state. We are often tasked to perform color guard duties at the start of sports events, and this is a treat for Soldiers who are sports enthusiasts, because we get to watch the game after we perform our duties."

The Honor Guard is comprised of qualified Soldiers from different units around the state. Soldiers accepted into the

Honor Guard drill with their home unit, but work full-time with the Honor Guard. The seven Michigan Army National Guard Soldiers performing casket guard for first lady Betty Ford come from the 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry, the 1st Battalion, 126th Cavalry and the 1462nd Transportation Company. The casket guard detail stood watch for 16 hours over first lady Betty Ford when she was laid in repose from 7 p.m., July 13, 2011 through 11 a.m., July 14, 2011.

The mission of a military honor guard during a state funeral is to provide a dignified, ceremonial presence to the conduct of the funeral. Wright said, "The Honor Guard's goal is to perform our duties in such a manner that we help the Ford family and their friends pay their respects to first lady Betty Ford in a calm, peaceful atmosphere protected by our participation. This funeral is the first for a national level figure that my Soldiers or I have participated in and we intend to do our utmost to bring credit to the Michigan Army National Guard by performing our duties in a flawless and military manner. First lady Betty Ford deserves this based on her service to our nation."



Staff Sgt. Patrick Wright (Left) vigilantly stands guard over the casket of first lady Betty Ford. Michigan National Guard photo by Sgt. 1st Class Jim Downen



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Betty Ford



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Airman of the Year
Sgt. Kevin C. Paulson
110th Communications Flight

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NCO of the Year
Tech. Sgt. Serge J. Allan
Alpena, Combat Readiness Training Center

3

Senior NCO of the Year
Master Sgt. Jennifer M. Buehner
110th Operations Support Flight

4

First Sergeant of the Year
Master Sgt. Charles M. Cressell
110th Missions Support Group

5

Honor Guard Member of the Year
Tech. Sgt. Luke D. Wimby
110th Civil Engineers

6

Recruiter of the Year
Tech. Sgt. Guadalupe D. Cruz
110th Force Support Squadron



Guard's Finest Airmen of 2010



Big Awards for Big Audits

Story by Harvey Jones

The Michigan National Guard Internal Review Office received the 2011 Office of the Year Award and the Excellence in Auditing Award from the National Guard Bureau, Internal Review Office at the annual training conference held in Bloomington, Minn., in June. The Office of the Year award is based on several performance measures, which include: total number of audits completed; return on investment; number of engagements per auditor; percentage of available time used as direct time; and the percentage of follow-ups completed and recommendations implemented. It is presented to the office with the highest overall standing from all 54 states and territories.

This was not the first time the office received the awards. While the office has gone through changes since last receiving the award, it continues to operate at a high level of effectiveness. Maj. Gen. Gregory J. Vadnais, the adjutant general of the Michigan National Guard, also recognized the office for receiving these awards during a ceremony held at the United States Property and Fiscal Office.



In the picture are (L to R): Harvey Jones, Supervisory Auditor; Derrick Miller, Director of Internal Review (NGB); Ryan Taber, Auditor; Mary Jo Hayes, Auditor; and Terri Michaelson, Auditor. Not in the picture was team member Janet Weber, Auditor. Photo courtesy of Harvey Jones

First All Black KC-135 Crew

Story by Capt. Donald Davenport

The first all black aircrew ever to fly as a primary crew aboard an aircraft in the Michigan Air National Guard set flight Thursday, July 21, 2011. Five black aviators, three from Detroit, one from Flint and one from Pennsylvania

flew a local training mission, refueling four aircraft over Alpena, Mich. This flight was also an orientation flight for local civic leaders. The aircrew is as follows:



Aircraft Commander - Capt. Donald W. Davenport- native Detroit and graduate of Ben O. Davis Aerospace Technical High School (DPS)

Co-Pilot - Capt. Mark Vaught- native Detroit and graduate of Henry Ford High School (DPS)

In-flight refueler - Senior Master Sgt. Anthony Liggins - native Detroit and graduate of Mumford High School (DPS)

Instructor in-flight refueler - Master Sgt. George Hall - native of Flint, Mich., and graduate of Flint Academy High School

Flight surgeon - Maj. James Howell- Pennsylvania

Michigan Army and Air National Guard Promotions

January 1, 2011 through August 1, 2011

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Bierenga, Robert
Potter, Stephen
Randall, Erich

Lt. Col.

Dancer, Dawn
Gorman, Albert
McLellan, Donald
Simonis, Robert

Maj.

Fulker, Michael
Sims, Karen

Capt.

Anderson, Nicholas
Barnard, Jeremy
Brey, Herman
Corner, Jason
Daniels, David
Falls, Chasity
Garrett, Michael
Gualdoni, Alexander
Halleaux, Douglas
Hathaway, William
Hendriske, John
Knowles, Bradley
Mendoza, Joel
Mong, Jacob
Moore, John
Randall, Marshall
Rogers, Quin
Rookus, Joshua
Simpson, Michael
Sluhan, Diana
Smith, Scott
Strong, Brent
Toevs, Robert
Willson, Alek

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Bishop, Dmario
Burnett, Matthew
Cech, Brian
Clise, Daniel
Collins, Reginald
Davidson, Keith
Gikas, Neil
Hoover, Shane
Hughes, Thomas
Jennings, James
Keller, George
Kraus, Mark
Lemke, James
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Vibbert, Brent

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Olatunji, Olayemi
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Young, James

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Leffel, David
Roe, Robert

Master Sgt.

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Jackson, Randy
Knight, Christopher
Perez, Luis
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Williams, Roberta

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Armstrong, Douglas
Billman, Craig
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Gessner, John
Golab, Katrina
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Montgomery, David
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Sisson, Russell
Snelling, Linda
Spalla, William
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Swiastyn, Stephen
Watkins, Scott

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Beamon, Terrance
Berryman, Daniel
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Burgdorf, Russell
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Chiping, Kuir
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Colby, Amy
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Cummings, Andrew
Debano, Daniel
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Deroso, Shane
Diaz, Gustavo
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Domine, Robert
Ehrke, Justin
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Forquer, Joseph
Fournier, Joseph
Frizzell, Jesse
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Gazzeny, Darryl
Gillett, Timothy
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Herrera, Flora
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Jenkins, Anthony
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Modak, Salem
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Nyland, Debra
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Odonnell, Daniel
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Oldham, Djuan
Osborn, Robert
Owens, Jenna
Papenfuse, Gillen
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Pyles, Zachariah
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Reed, Steven
Robinson, Brent
Roerink, Jason
Ross, Todd
Sanford, Steven
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Schrader, Kenneth
Scott, Casey
Smith, Matthew
Stahl, Derrick
Stitt, David
Stott, Eric
Strauss, Mark
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Taisto, Nathan
Taylor, Keoni
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Uhl, Daniel
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Wood, Sean
Wright, Trevor
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Barone, David
Beattie, Dinielle
Beaty, Dariet
Bentley, Joshua
Bilbrey, Andrew
Blakely, Joshua
Blakney, Andrew
Bofenkamp, Joseph
Bowen, Jonathan
Braddock, Amy
Brownlee, Alexander
Bullock, Ryan
Byl, Philip
Campbell, Michael
Card, Johnathan
Cech, Robert
Chace, Samantha
Christie, James
Clark, Scott
Cobb, Andiago
Cook, Brandon
Coon, Kyle
Copeland, Derrick
Couillard, Mara
Cpak, Krzysztof
Cressey, Calvin
Csernai, Jarred
Dannard, Demetrius
Dent, Robert
Diaz, Alfredo
Ducham, William

Michigan Army and Air National Guard Promotions

January 1, 2011 through August 1, 2011

Dunn, Brandon	Oswald, Nathan	Funari, Steven	Jenney, William	Corrado, Chandra	Huisinga, Daniel
Ellison, Aaron	Palmateer, Eric	Hendrick, Justin	Nichelson, Broc	De, La	Johns, Froilan
Erichson, Patrick	Parham, Joel	Jones, Branden	Toth, Joseph	Deno, David	Johnson, Jonathan
Erickson, Justin	Pauli, Andrew	Leiter, William	2nd Lt.	Diciuccio, Charles	Juozapaitis, Robert
Fields, Adam	Pearson, Thomas	Lewis, Michael	Hartsfield, Allison	Earl, Stephen	Layton, Andrew
Fletcher, Holly	Peet, Matthew	Lopez, Elisha	Hubbart, Mark	Farley, Michael	Lyons, Kathleen
Frens, David	Pember, Christopher	Mccormick, Jack	Mclean, Robert	Ferguson, Ryan	Majewski, Robert
Frye, Jeremy	Perkins, Nicholas	Mcginnis, Carl	Stein, Jonathan	Ganzie, Kenneth	Manning, Cecil
Gary, Kimberly	Peterson, Jonathan	Mcnutt, James	Chief Master Sgt.	Gerlach, Daniel	Masters, Joseph
Gaus, Joshua	Piche, Daniel	Mehler, Jami	Bigelow, Keith	Godinez, Ricardo	McClelland, Jamiee
Gray, Jonathan	Poore, Corey	Monger, Steven	Dehate, Matthew	Haas, Brett	Mcdaniels, Robert
Gray, Kimberly	Pop, Monroy	Parsons, Jason	Trainor, James	Harvey, Bryon	Nowicki, Casey
Green, Kimberly	Potter, Danny	Potter, Christina	Senior Master Sgt.	Herrick, Daniel	Pineau, Ryan
Griffes, Gary	Prieur, Richard	Rogers, Tyreque	Bealore, Gerald	Houchins, Tina	Preston, Michael
Griswold, Frederick	Pruitt, Alexas	Spear, Garrett	Cummings, Jeffrey	Jacobs, David	Rebar, Heather
Groat, Austin	Richardson, Amanda	Stewart, Nicholas	Davis, Kevin	Johnson, Andrew	Russell, Bryan
Grunden, Stephen	Riley, Donald	Sullivan, Blaine	Hubbard, Benjamin	Kaarlela, Robert	Siegler, Melissa
Hammond, William	Robbins, Nicholas	Symons, Joseph	Kaufmann, William	Keimig, Joseph	Spaans, Jordan
Harrington, Christopher	Rodriguez, Manuel	Teixeira, Dustin	Keller, Chad	Kettlehut, Kevin	Stitzlein, Michele
Hawkins, Kimberly	Rowden, Tyler	Ussery, Erica	Melnyczenko, Kerry	Kowalski, Travis	Szyska, Larry
Heckroth, Matthew	Russell, James	Vidlund, Joshua	Nicholls, Mark	Lewis, Richard	Vandriessche, Elizabeth
Hill, Derek	Schott, Terry	Webb, Timothy	Smathers, Karl	Mack, James	Vandriessche, Robert
Hoffman, Christopher	Scott, Myrissa	Weedon, Megan	Stosick, Benjamin	Maher, Jacob	Wade, James
Hofmann, Christina	Seavolt, Ryan	Pvt.	Voelz, Thomas	Matheison, Tracy	Watson, Dennis
Holt, Kayla	Shankster, Alexander	Davis, Eli	Master Sgt.	Molinari, Vincent	Young, Maurice
Horvath, Nicholas	Sigafoose, Michael	Langolf, Brittany	Forche, Kenneth	Motycka, David	Zellers, Robert
Howe, Nicholas	Smith, Andrew	Lewis, Jenna	French, Daniel	Muscato, James	Senior Airman
Howell, Damien	Smith, Charles	Col.	Gagneur, David	Myers, Albert	Bouck, Jennifer
Huckabay, Jane	Snyder, Corey	Crawford, Mac	Gonzalez, Stephen	Rodriguez, Joseph	Burke, Travis
Jezeck, Jesse	Songer, Dane	Dutcher, Anne	Hartshorneshafer, Linda	Ruzzin, Audra	Dandron, David
Johnson, Alex	Spear, Matthew	Ely, Eric	Keller, Christopher	Schrader, Jeffrey	Denny, Jade
Jones, Robert	Spoelman, Timothy	Wolfe, Michael	Ley, Jason	Short, Zachary	Droptiny, Nathan
Kass, Kyle	Stefan, Charles	Lt. Col.	Madden, Craig	Taliaferro, Daniel	Ellis, Daniel
Keimer, Frank	Stroh, Casey	Carlson, Sean	Marshall, Dionn	Tournaud, Robert	Eyster, Charles
King, Shannon	Strom, Ryan	Durkee, Mark	Mccarty, Jeffrey	Tremonti, Paul	Furnas, Christopher
Kipen, Jason	Sutton, Christopher	Mansfield, David	Milligan, Robert	West, Shaun	Green, Zackary
Kreft, Taylor	Tabares, Oscar	Porter, Scott	Modock, Andra	Staff Sgt.	Hall, Zachariah
Krol, John	Taylor, Colvin	Routhier, David	Mullins, Joseph	Arnold, Elisabeth	Jackson, Robert
Kuntzman, Nicholas	Trowbridge, Jamie	Shay, James	Noble, Amanda	Barna, Jeffrey	Kokx, Adam
Labonte, Christopher	Vanbronkhorst, Lee	Thompson, Phoebe	Olson, John	Barnabe, Anthony	Malik, Richard
Lafleur, Paul	Vang, Michael	Winn, Frederick	Sellers, Steven	Bastow, Alexander	Nelson, Derek
Latendresse, Tyler	Villareal, Alejandro	Maj.	Smith, Kathy	Bice, Misty	Perry, Matt
Lee, Jeong	Wagner, John	Evenhouse, Ross	Tear, Christopher	Bowles, Daniel	Petry, Sean
Leung, Stephen	Walker, Cody	Gawrych, Thomas	Vanrhee, Karla	Bowles, Matthew	Reinhardt, Nicholas
Longthorne, Steven	Washington, Kenneth	Holtz, Brian	Wiseman, Scott	Brewer, Matthew	Sierawski, Matthew
Mammoser, John	Welburn, Daniel	Thompson, Mary	Yelencich, Jeffrey	Bursott, Danielle	Vannortwick, Glenn
Mcguire, Joseph	Wentzel, Joseph	Capt.	Technical Sgt.	Butterworth, Michael	Vantol, Huelan
Mcnichol, Michael	Wiggers, Bryan	Chapman, Matthew	Adkins, Kelly	Carey, Clifford	Whittaker, Adam
Milner, Dustin	Wilhoite, Keith	Devries, Brett	Ahrens, Joyce	Clifford, David	Zomerlei, Branden
Morgan, Ashley	Williamson, Gerald	Overton, Russell	Baird, Michael	Cochran, Dale	Airman 1st Class
Morgan, Bryan	Winkelmann, Timothy	Perez, Ignacio	Bell, Kevin	Drallette, Brendan	Duhart, Tevin
Mosley, Jarvis	Wirth, Dustin	Turner, Monique	Black, Lyle	Easterling, Joseph	King, Malachi
Nelson, David	Zyngier, Ryan	Warn, Craig	Bublitz, Darrell	Ellison, Scott	Raska, Christopher
Newell, Austin	Pfc.	1st Lt.	Chapman, Jason	Emery, Thomas	Airman
Nunez, Christopher	Austin, Daniel	Curtis, Kenneth	Coats, Kevin	Frazer, Randi	French, Justin
Oleary, Rebecca	Carter, Rodney	Gibbs, Morgen	Coleman, James	Gartrelle, Daniel	Garshott, Jonathan
Oneil, Brian	Ellis, Eric	Helton, Michelle	Conniff, Austen	Griswold, Scott	Land, Christopher
			Cook, Ronald	Groll, Phillip	Meredith, Keandres
				Huff, Franklin	

Currently Deployed

Army

777th MP Det
1436th Engineer Co.
119th Field Artillery Bn.
182nd Field Artillery Bn.
1430th Engineer Co.
1776th Military Police Co.
1775th Military Police Co.

Iraq
Kuwait
Kuwait/Iraq
Kuwait
Afghanistan
Afghanistan
Afghanistan

Air

127th Wing Group
49 Airmen deployed worldwide

110th Air Wing
33 Airmen deployed worldwide



TAPS

1st Lt. Kenneth Dean, 74, Dec. 3, 2010
Master Sgt. Allen Malmquist, (ret), 76, Jan. 2, 2011
SP6 John Sheppard, (ret), 81, Jan. 6, 2011
Master Sgt. Joseph Laforge, 91, Jan. 20, 2011
Sgt. Vincent Sanders, 82, Jan. 25, 2011
Spc. Chad Cardwell, 27, Jan. 28, 2011
Spc. Harlan Bouchey, 83, Feb. 2, 2011
Senior Master Sgt. Jesse Keesling Sr., (ret), 90, Feb. 6, 2011
Master Sgt. Warren E. Mak, (ret), 77, Feb. 6, 2011
Chief Warrant Officer 4 Robert Moots, (ret), 83, Feb. 9, 2011
Capt. George Anderson, (ret), 93, Feb. 15, 2011
Master Sgt. Hugh Allen, (ret), 77, Feb. 18, 2011
Lt. Col. Hildegard Grysh, (ret), 81, Feb. 21, 2011
1st Sgt. Jack Nissen, (ret), 81, Feb. 22, 2011
Staff Sgt. Charles Brennan, (ret), 82, Feb. 25, 2011
Sgt. 1st Class Albert Nemetz, 79, Feb. 26, 2011
Col. Melvin(Pat) Nunn, (ret), 74, March 4, 2011
Tech. Sgt. John Fries, (ret), 71, March 16, 2011
Staff Sgt. James Olson, (ret), 62, March 24, 2011
Command Sgt. Maj. Ernest White Jr., (ret), 86, March 31, 2011
Staff Sgt. Michael Williams, (ret), 61, April 2, 2011
Master Sgt. Anthony Cushing, (ret), 73, April 3, 2011
Col. Versel Case Jr., (ret), 92, April 5, 2011
Staff Sgt. Mathias Modert, (ret), 68, April 10, 2011
Chief Warrant Officer 3 William Sheldon, (ret), 81, April 11, 2011

Sgt. Richard Plowman, 66, April 12, 2011
SP6 Harold Ring, (ret), 81, April 14, 2011
Staff Sgt. Robert Jones, (ret), 48, April 29, 2011
Col. Joseph Saad, (ret), 89, May 6, 2011
Master Sgt. Stefan Budurowich, (ret), 55, May 8, 2011
Staff Sgt. Jerald Wright, 47, May 11, 2011
Chief Warrant Officer Jack Hughes Jr., (ret), 70, May 13, 2011
Lt. Col. Robert Boerger, (ret), 85, May 17, 2011
Chief Master Sgt. Joseph Huston Jr., (ret), 91, May 22, 2011
Tech. Sgt. Gregory Kirwan, 69, May 22, 2011
Master Sgt. Robert Reese, (ret), 87, June 2, 2011
Spc. James Wilde, 56, June 9, 2011
Maj. Edward Oshaben, (ret), 85, June 17, 2011
Chief Warrant Officer 4 James Sorenson, (ret), 68, June 21, 2011
Staff Sgt. James Sheppard, (ret), 55, June 24, 2011
Master Sgt. Danny Jore, (ret), 66, June 27, 2011
Sgt. Clarence Hashley, 75, July 5, 2011
Spc. Richard Dolenga, 76, July 16, 2011
SP6 Leonard Ford, (ret), 75, July 21, 2011
Master Sgt. Robert Hines, (ret), 85, July 22, 2011
Spc. Nathan Meier, 21, July 27, 2011
Sgt. 1st Class Fredrick Sholtz, (ret), 73, July 29, 2011
Master Sgt. Cleatis Batten, (ret), 86, July 31, 2011
Capt. Rodney Runner, 41, Aug. 2, 2011
Sgt. 1st Class Clive Peabody, (ret), 65, Aug. 8, 2011

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