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staff and instructors.”

An Army Reserve Troop Program Unit is a unique organization comprised of military personnel who perform their military duty and then return to their civilian jobs and lives. For a reserve unit to function at its best, its citizen soldiers need the support of their families. To assist in the effort to free up the soldiers of the 4th Battalion so they can give their best to their military jobs, Mrs. Denney Dalton, wife of 1st Lt. Gary

Dalton, the unit’s S-4, and Mrs. Brenda Perry, wife of Command Sgt. Maj. Perry, formed the 4/100 Family Support Group.

“It’s important that our husbands know that we support them,” said Mrs. Perry. “But it’s equally important that the spouses and families of our unit members know that we’re here to support them.”

The 4th Battalion Family Support Group has been actively meeting with the 100th Division’s support group coordinator, gathering material and working with their counterpart

sister support groups at nearby Redstone Arsenal. The group is now being looked at brigade-wide as the standard for family support groups. “We’ve gained a lot of experience since 9/11,” continued Mrs. Perry, “and we’re looking forward to getting even better in the year ahead.”

Finally, the unit also excels in extra curricular soldiering events and competitions. The 4/100’s color guard was awarded second place in the 100th Division’s Color Guard Competition, held Aug. 24, 2002, at Fort Knox, Ky.

# Showcase

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serve the country.”

“This is great look at what you do,” said Jennifer Meyer, who works for Sen. Barbara Mikulski, of Maryland. “I got a taste of what reservists do... It’s a special thing to know what goes on here.”

Helping the staffers get that taste of what goes on were several Army Reserve Ambassadors who attended USARAD. Army Reserve Ambassadors are persons appointed to foster relations between the Army Reserve and the government and community that it serves. The Ambassadors present for USARAD were able to interact with the staffers, as well as view the latest and greatest Army technology. The Ambassadors at USARAD played a vital role in helping to educate the staffers throughout the weekend.

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Danny Kistler, representing Sen. Kaye Bailey Hutchinson, R-Texas, powered through “The Tunnel” while negotiating the obstacle course.

we do,” said Tyrone Rowell, an Army Reserve Ambassador from North Carolina. “I think they’ll take back with them the fact that Army Reservists are folks who can produce anywhere but chose to add their challenge to the dual-citizen role,” said Rowell.

While Rowell serves as an Ambassador, he represents the dual-citizen role that he described. Rowell is a retired Army Reserve first sergeant, and serves as an associate vice chancellor at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington in civilian life. It is this type of citizen-soldier example that USARAD is able to showcase to the staffers who represented our nations leaders at the annual event, according to Lt. Gen. Helmly.

“They (staffers) get to interface with Army Reserve Soldiers and see what outstanding people populate our ranks,” said Helmly. “When they walk away we want them to be informed about who we are in the Army Reserve.”