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# CG's Corner .....

In his open memorandum to all soldiers and civilians upon his assumption of duties as the new Chief of Staff of the Army, General Eric Shinseki stressed people issues as a priority. He stated that the Army would continue to provide for the well-being of soldiers, civilians and family members, . . . and that we are and we will remain a values-based institution where loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage are the cornerstone of all that we do.

Various efforts throughout the RSC over the last few years have been in-line with that people-priority. Your leaders and I will continue to give emphasis to implementing the Army Values, conducting the *Consideration of Others* program, and redefine the policy on *Relationships Between Soldiers of Different Ranks*.

The seven core Army values are not just words nor do their initials just come together to form an acronym, LDRSHIP. They form the essence of individual character. When we observe things that run contrary to the values themselves or their intent, we must step forward and challenge that behavior, action or deed.

Consideration of others is not just some sort of “touchy-feely,” “feel good about everything” program. The words dignity, worth, and civility cannot be paid lip service. Treating others as they deserve to be treated is like the golden rule with platinum payoff.

The Army’s clarification of policy in regard to relationships between soldiers of different ranks asks us to look into elements of our units concerning good order and discipline. Inappropriate relationships that hinder a commander from exercising command and authority across the unit are not condoned. The bottom line — the Army’s goal has not changed: we must have and maintain a combat ready force. The Army’s standards have not changed: relationships that harm unit cohesion are unacceptable.



By Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Bowden

## .....From the Top

### **T**trained, Ready, and Relevant.

This phrase says a lot about the Army Reserve’s role in today’s Army. The Army Reserve started in 1908 as a pool

of physicians whose professional skills were not needed during peacetime, but were critical during times of war. As the national security requirements have changed, so has the Army Reserve. We have gone from being an untrained, unpaid and seldom-used volunteer force to being the greatest combat support and combat service support asset in the Army.

**Trained:** Training is the bedrock of our purpose. To be successful we must train constantly so that individuals and units perform to standard. For the individual this means physical fitness training, MOS training, and NCOES training. For the unit this means field exer-

cises, staff exercises, and the Superbowl of training: annual training. Training builds self confidence and increases professionalism. It bonds individuals into effective teams and teams into smooth-running units.

**Ready:** As we emerged from the cold war, we rid ourselves of the cold war way of doing things. We have become a leaner, more-ready force tailored to fit a more diversified Army. We are a readiness-based force with the flexibility to adapt to global issues.

**Relevant:** The Army Reserve must be relevant to America’s Army and our country. We have 93 percent of our forces committed to the tactical and operational requirements of the Army. The remaining 7 percent perform critical training missions.

The Army Reserve provides:

- 41 percent of the Army’s total personnel
- 43 percent of the Army’s total combat service support
- 29 percent of the Army’s total combat support

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## On the cover



**Spec. Chris Davenport, 3rd Infantry Division, The Old Guard, spins his weapon as part of a drill performed at the 1999 Minnesota Military Expo.**

*Photo by Staff Sgt. Bill Geddes*

# 'Guardian Angel' saves life



Sgt. Klee was on a flight en route to the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport when a call was made for medical personnel.

Story and photos by Bill Geddes, 88<sup>th</sup> RSC PAO, Fort Snelling, Minn.

**Q**uick action by an Army Reserve soldier saved the life of an elderly grandmother aboard a California to Minnesota flight last month.

Sgt. Daniel J. Klee was 45 minutes out of Ontario, Calif., on a Northwest Airlines flight to the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport on May 12, when a flight attendant's call for medical personnel disturbed the anticipated peaceful flight home. Klee was returning from his Army Reserve unit's annual training at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif.

"I got up and said, 'Hey, I'm a

nurse,'" said Klee, an Active Guard/Reserve (AGR) supply sergeant with the 213<sup>th</sup> Quartermaster Battalion, Wausau, Wis. He had left active duty six months ago after serving 13 years as a combat medic and practical nurse.

"(The flight attendant) asked me to come with her," Klee said, "and as we were walking down the aisle, I noticed an elderly woman slumped down in her seat. Upon my initial assessment she was not responsive to

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*"She had no pulse and was obviously not breathing. At that point I told the flight attendant I needed to start CPR now."*

— Sgt. Dan Klee

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any kind of stimuli. She had no pulse and was obviously not breathing. At that point I told the flight attendant I needed to start CPR now."

Staff Sgt. Maurisio Clarke, a material management sergeant for the 213<sup>th</sup> Quartermaster Battalion, saw what was taking place.

"I could tell something was wrong — all I could do was pray," Clarke said. "I could see in Klee's eyes how serious the situation was; he just had that look in his eyes."

Klee told the flight attendant to get the other nurse who had responded to the call for medical personnel to assist him with CPR.

"It's easier to perform two-man CPR than one-man CPR, particularly in an airplane at 33,000 feet," said Klee.

While waiting for the other nurse, Klee gave the passenger, Virginia Brock, two rescue breaths and then laid her on the aisle floor. After

checking for and finding no pulse, he started chest compressions and gave her more breaths.

At this point the other nurse, Staff Sgt. Eric Tynjala, a combat medic with the 477<sup>th</sup> Medical Company (an Army Reserve unit in Duluth, Minn.) showed up. "I directed him to start chest compressions on her, and I would continue to do the rescue breaths," Klee said. As the two soldiers performed the CPR, Brock began to respond.

"I told (Tynjala) to stop the chest compressions," Klee said. "Then I spoke to the woman. 'Virginia, can you hear me?' She opened her eyes and said, 'Yes, I hear you. What happened?'"

Klee explained they had just performed CPR because she had no pulse and was not breathing. After attaching an oxygen mask to her, he continued to talk to her to make sure she was still responsive.

"I really didn't want to go through this again," Klee said. "I obtained her medical history from her and her husband. She has a history of congestive heart failure, and there were some other things going on."

As he spoke to her, the 74-year-old grandmother was beginning to regain her senses. "When I woke up, I didn't feel anything," Brock said. "I opened my eyes and looked up and there was this beautiful young face looking down at me. I looked into this man's face and thought, 'I think I love you.'"

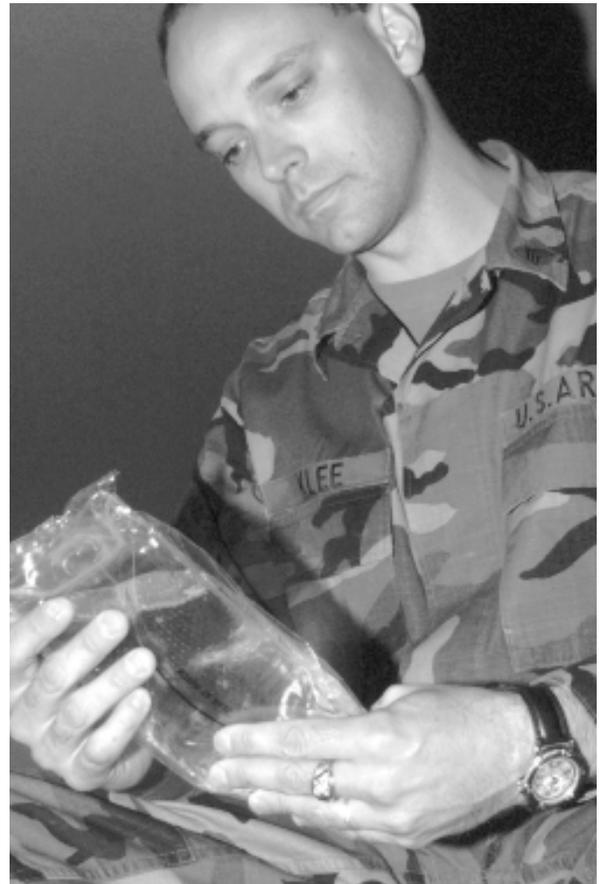
Based on his assessment of the situ-

ation, Klee recommended an emergency landing to the flight attendant so that Brock could be handed over to a higher medical authority. Within minutes the pilots announced that they would be making an emergency landing in Salt Lake City.

"After all was said and done, I felt pretty apprehensive about what had just occurred," Klee said. "You can train for things like that, but until it really happens, you don't know how you're going to do."

Fortunately, Klee had his medical training to draw on. "That helped me," Klee said. "Experience allows a person to be more focused on the job at hand, no matter what the issue may be. Your adrenaline kicks in—fight or flight. Everything else was gone, and we just did what needed to be done. I've been in life-threatening situations working in the hospital in critical care units and labor and delivery, but I've never personally saved a life.

"Looking back, I feel good about what I did. CPR can be learned by



Sgt. Daniel J. Klee, a supply sergeant in the 213th Quartermaster Battalion, examines an IV bag as he inventories a combat medic bag.



Virginia Brock, pictured with her husband Fred, credits Sgt. Dan Klee with saving her life.

anybody. You never know when you're going to need it, it may be for a family member, a loved one, a friend or someone you don't know — and if you do need it, you're going to feel good about it when you're done."

The person Klee saved is certainly glad he knew what to do. "I can't express how neat it was," said Brock, who has been released from the hospital and is doing well. "I know God was looking over me and put Dan there as my guardian angel."

An opinion that is seconded by Klee's coworkers. "If I'm ever in a situation like that, I hope I have someone like Klee around me," said Clarke. "He's an outstanding soldier."





# Never give up

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Story, photos and graphics courtesy of *Flightfax*

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**F**our members of Company F, 158th Aviation Regiment and Aviation Support Facility (Olathe), New Century, Kansas, received Distinguished Army Accident Prevention awards May 2 for their performance during a recent helicopter crash. The cause of the crash was never determined.

Chief Warrant Officers Bric Lewis and Pat Nield, both pilots, and Department of the Army civilians Peter Biessener, a flight engineer and William Gorenflo, an aircraft mechanic, were flying a CH-47D (Chinook) Army helicopter from Corpus Christi, Texas, Army Depot last year when the incident happened. The following is the first-person account, edited for space, which appeared in the May, 1998 issue of *FlightFax*, the U.S. Army Safety Center publication under the headline: 'Lesson learned -- never give up.'

**Chief Warrant Officer Bric Lewis, Pilot**

It was cold, but we couldn't have asked for better weather -- you could see forever.

We were going along at 1,100 to 1,500 feet above the ground, running between 130 and 135 knots indicated, and I was letting it float.

We were about 135, 140 knots when I noticed that the aircraft nosed over. I let it go for a second. And then it yawed. The tail end was coming around the right side. I applied right pedal and a little bit of aft cyclic to stop the descent. But it got worse. It continued on around and Pat, the copilot, grabbed the dash. I didn't hear anything from the guys in the back.

There were no indications on the dash that there was anything wrong, no lights -- nothing.

And then the aircraft got on its side. Pat was screaming, 'Catch it, Bric, catch it!'

The stick wouldn't move; it was like it was in concrete. Just about the time I noticed the stick wouldn't move, the nose pitched UP, and the aircraft rolled over on its back.

I yelled, 'Oh, God!' and Pat got on the controls. I didn't know which way we were going. All I knew was, it's upside down. I was looking through the ceiling, and I could see the ground rushing up towards us. Pat was beneath me -- from where I was, I could see the top of his head below me, and the aircraft was falling upside down. The nose was low, and I knew that the cockpit was going to hit first. I could sense Pat on the controls with me. And they weren't moving.

I saw my wife.

Then the stick hit me in the leg, and I said, 'This thing ain't gonna kill me!'

We were getting fast, real fast. I had that elevator feeling in my stomach. And I thought, 'This is the way it is. They lied. They tell your family it's instant.' But you have that two or three seconds, and you know what's going on. It made me mad.

I remember thinking to myself, 'It's upside down. There ain't nothin' you can do.'

And then it flipped over! I don't know why; I don't have any idea why it did.

Pat was on the controls with me. And we were FAST, fast. I looked at the airspeed indicator, and it said zero. I said, 'No! It's FAST!' And he screamed, '250!' I thought he was calling out airspeed, but he meant altitude. The ground was rushing up.

Something flashed by the window, and I said, 'We're close to the ground.' I honked back on the stick, and Pat was with me.

I felt it lift. And I thought, 'Yeah, we ballooned. Airspeed's coming back.' I looked at the rotor, and it was coming back down through 115 percent. I don't know where it *had* been. And it was SCREAMING.

And I thought, 'I'm gonna MAKE it!' It was slowing down; everything was coming in good. We had back some altitude, and there was nothing in front of us. Just level ground. I thought, 'Yeah, we're gonna make it.'

And then the nose kept coming up. 'No,' I thought, 'we're going to end up stopped, but we'll be 25 feet off the ground!'

So we pushed the stick forward, and the nose came down. We were getting ready to come down. This time it was SLOW; it was REAL slow. I don't know how slow it was.

We got ready to cushion, but I couldn't lift the thrust. With all my strength, I

couldn't lift the thrust. I could feel that little jump you get when it's in the hangar and you move the controls - a little inch or so of movement. Pat was pumping it, and I was pumping it, and it wouldn't move. Finally, I just flared a little bit more with the cyclic, and the back wheels touched. And then the front wheels touched. And it STOPPED. We didn't hit brakes; it just stopped.

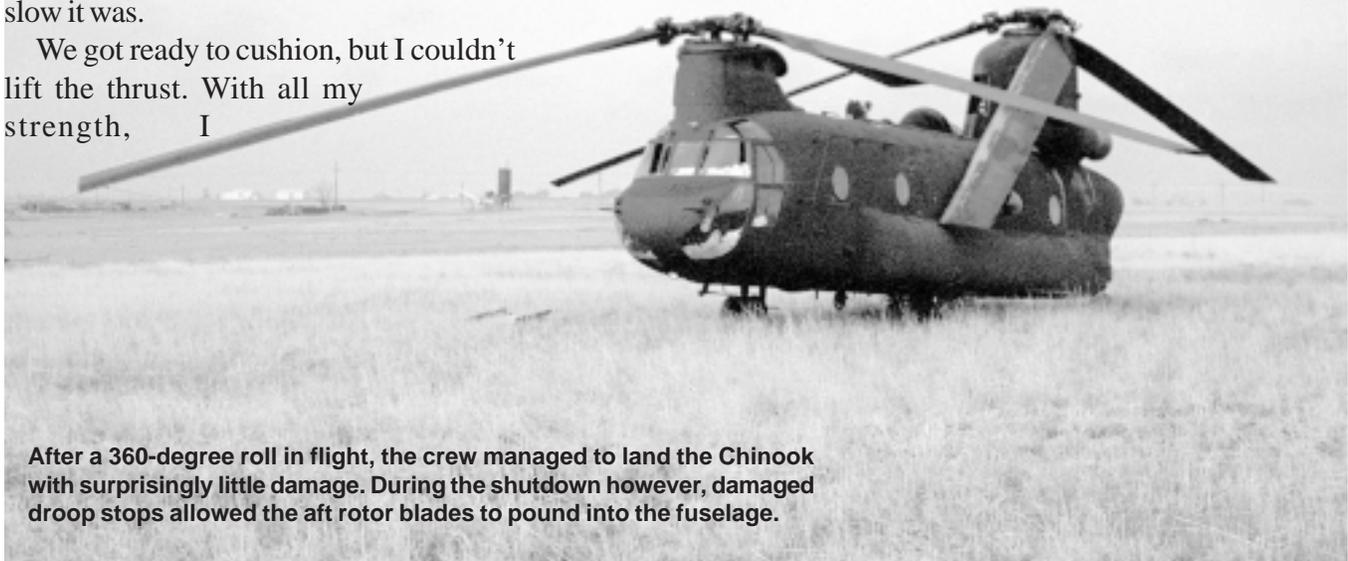
For the first second or two -- and it was SCREAMING -- we sat there. And then WE started screaming, 'We made it! We killed the beast!' And we gave each other the big high-five right there in the cockpit. Pat did the emergency shutdown while I tried to center the controls. And Pat was excited. He was hollering, and the blades were starting to wind down. And then he asked the crew chiefs to see if there was any fire. But we could tell; it wasn't coming apart. I mean, it felt *normal*. Pete, the flight engineer, said, 'I don't see any fire.' That was the first we'd heard from him.

And then there were three real fast bangs. And the whole airframe shook. And then there were three more, not as fast. After the first three, we knew what it was. (It was the blades hitting the body of the helicopter.)

Pat tried to lean down over the console, and I tried to get down between the pedals, but our shoulder harnesses were locked and we were fighting with that. And I was thinking, 'Man, this thing is *still* trying to kill us!'

All of a sudden, it came to a stop. It just -- everything stopped. We didn't holler again. We just shut off the battery. Pat was going to go through the checklist. 'Just leave it like it is,' I said. 'Just leave it. Just make sure we're all okay.'

We got out, and we were pumped. We looked at it; it was torn up, but we were on the ground. ♣



After a 360-degree roll in flight, the crew managed to land the Chinook with surprisingly little damage. During the shutdown however, damaged droop stops allowed the aft rotor blades to pound into the fuselage.

# One-week wonders -- 88th RSC computers up

By Capt. William Rabe, 88<sup>th</sup> RSC  
DCSIM

**T**he 88th Regional Support Command (RSC) recently completed fielding of Fiscal '99 reserve component automation system (RCAS) workstations and switches. The combined team of 88th RSC DCSIM, 212th Quartermaster Company, 302nd Maintenance

mission, the DCSIM and the telecommunications officers (TCOs) moved to Fort Snelling to transition network users to the MIDWEST domain and assist those users having difficulty bringing up their new systems. The 88th RSC Help Desk received more than 1,100 trouble tickets by e-mail and telephone and closed 961 of them.

The effort continues as DCSIM personnel and TCOs scour the region installing frame relay circuits, network switches and fiber optic cables along with upgrading computers and software.

To improve computer service, the DCSIM requests that all recipients of new workstations take the time to complete and mail

in the customer survey card enclosed in the box of each component. This will ensure future fieldings are more successful and less troublesome.

One lesson learned from the fielding was the need for a better recipient list. The DCSIM requests unit personnel begin planning for future fieldings by listing which full time unit support staff still needs new workstations. Critical information includes a correct mailing address with ZIP code and full name. The next fielding effort should occur in late February 2000 through early March 2000.

In closing, hats off to all the units and end-users who have assisted with this monumental effort. Without their patience and enthusiasm, the mission would not have been the huge success it was. ☛



Photo by Sgt. Jerry A. Mikrobets, 88th RSC, DCSIM

**The packing/shipping team in action.**

nance Battalion, 19th Materiel Management Center and 452nd Quartermaster Company, Detachment 1, configured, tested, inventoried, packed and shipped more than 1,500 workstations, monitors and switches to regional level application system (RLAS) end-users across the 88th RSC in less than six days.

Each component was unpacked, inventoried, configured, tested, inventoried again and repacked for shipment. Systems were sent out that same day to ensure delivery to the customer by the next day.

During the second week of the



Photo by Sgt. Jerry A. Mikrobets, 88th RSC, DCSIM

**Maj. Todd M. Friesen discusses check points with the GHOST Team.**

# Flagged

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. David Bennett, 367<sup>th</sup> MPAD, Whitehall, Ohio

Considering all the accolades that 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. DuWayne “Duke” E. Hobson has earned during his 24-year military career, he acknowledges that being “flagged” has never been one of them.

After being recognized recently as a 1999 *Outstanding Service Person of the Year* by the 123<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of Ohio, Hobson was presented an official state flag, which flew over the Ohio State House for a day.

“If I would have thought about it, I would have driven by and told whoever, ‘Look, that’s my flag flying,’” said Hobson.

The Army Reservist also received a plaque and a congressional proclamation.

Hobson, acting command sergeant major for the 325<sup>th</sup> Finance Battalion, was chosen over other candidates from every military Reserve and Guard component in Ohio.

He said being grouped in such company is an honor in itself.

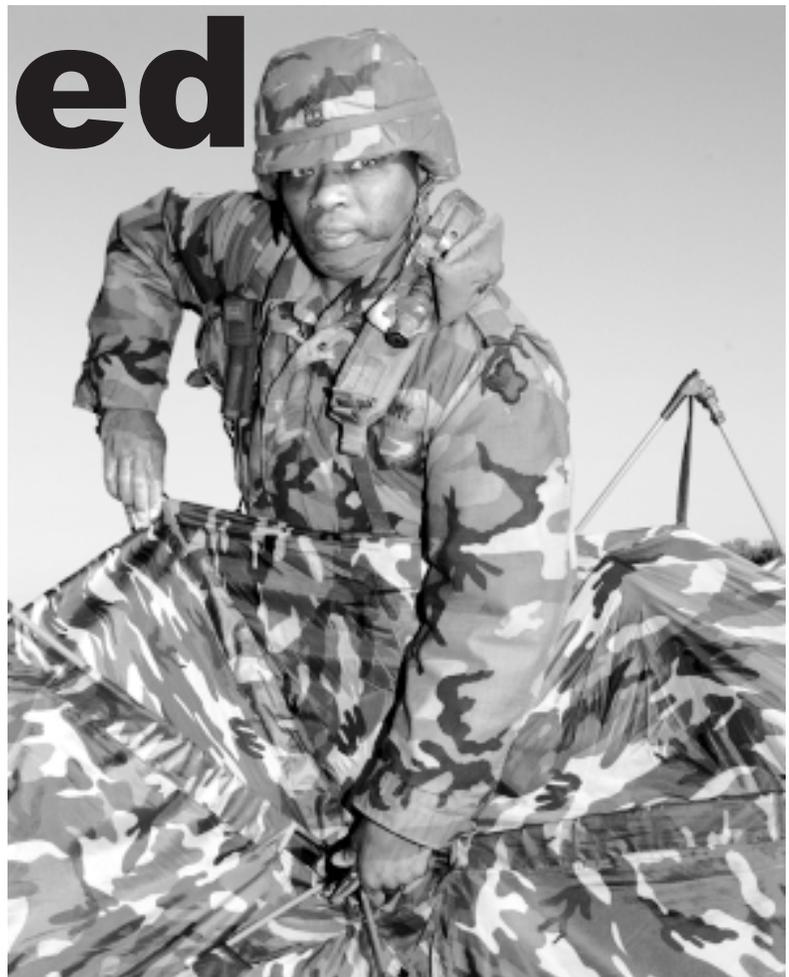
“When they told me I was a candidate, I thought, ‘How lucky can I be,’” Hobson said. “When they told me I was selected, I had to take some sick time.”

Hobson, 50, was nominated by the Armed Forces Community Relations Council, Columbus, Ohio, in collective areas such as military leadership and dedication to service in both the military and civilian sector.

The last category is just broad enough to cover the responsibilities Hobson handles every day.

While acting as the command sergeant major of the 325<sup>th</sup>, he is still assigned as company first sergeant with the 320<sup>th</sup> Adjutant General (Postal) Company in Cincinnati. In his civilian occupation, Hobson is the chief of deputy registrars for the Department of Motor Vehicles in Ohio.

In addition, he is a volunteer with the Franklin County Sheriff’s Department.



1st Sgt. DuWayne “Duke” E. Hobson, designated 1999 Outstanding Service Person of the year by the 123<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of Ohio, tears down a pup tent during a recent field training exercise.

Hobson feels the time involved as a reservist and law enforcement volunteer is time well spent.

“It’s a way of giving back to the community,” he said. “I would like to think in some small way I’m making a difference.”

In addition to his professional careers, Hobson still finds time for family. In fact, he has had the opportunity to combine both.

Among the soldiers Hobson works with at the 320<sup>th</sup> are his 29-year-old daughter, Dana, and son, Shawn, 28.

He said having the opportunity to provide guidance for his children, and for all the soldiers he comes in contact, is better than any award he can receive.

“I think it’s a privilege to mold some of our young soldiers,” Hobson said. “The award was presented to me, but if it wasn’t for all the soldiers I’ve come in contact with in my career, I wouldn’t be where I am.”

# New Horizon challenge

Story and photos by Spec. Melissa Hale, 350th MPAD, Indianapolis

I miss them and wish that I could be with them this summer, but I feel this is a job I have to do,” Chief Warrant Officer Ronald P. Diehl said when he thought of his family and the reasons he volunteered for the duration staff of Operation Nueva Horizontes (New Horizons).

At the invitation of five Central American countries devastated by Hurricanes George and Mitch, Reserve Component units from all branches of U.S. military service are participating in a series of expanded New Horizons exercises. These exercises provide joint readiness training opportunities for U.S. military units working alongside host nation personnel and demonstrates continued U.S. support for the people of the Caribbean and Central America. A significant side benefit of the expanded exercises is the humanitarian assistance and disaster relief support provided to nations hardest hit by the powerful storms of the 1998 hurricane season.

“I had a friend at the U.S. Army Reserve Command who told me they were looking for somebody. My wife and I talked long and hard about it for some time and I decided to take the position,” said Diehl, a member of the 542nd Transportation Company, Kingsberry, Ind.

Diehl has been away from home since February working diligently on the planning and setting up of operations for New Horizons.

“I like doing logistical work like this and having a say in how things go,” said Diehl. “It is a challenge and I like a good challenge.”

Diehl, who is the task force maintenance officer, is in charge of 332 pieces of rolling stock and must maintain more than 1,000 pieces of equipment. Some of his other duties have included meeting with the local

As a member of the advance party, Diehl and the others had to unload five open barges full of vehicles. “It took us two-and-a-half days to unload them and another three days to drive the trucks down the mountain,” said Diehl. “That was a real challenge.”

Diehl currently works full time for the U.S. Army Reserve and is waiting for an AGR position. He believes that Operation New Horizons is something to be proud of doing. “This is not only a good thing for the



Chief Warrant Officer Ronald P. Diehl, 542nd Transportation Company, checks out a piece of equipment while serving on the duration staff of Operation New Horizons.

mayors and arranging community support.

“We have met with several of the local town mayors,” Diehl said. “They know what we are doing and have more than welcomed us. I think that this is something new for the people here. They never expected something so big. We are new and exciting to them. No one has undertaken a project like this for them.”

Reserves, but for the nation. A lot of groups are getting involved. My church is sending donations here as fast as they can get things together. Other churches are doing the same.”

“These kids get to me and I see how much they don’t have and then I think of my kids and what they have. If the children here could just have half of that,” said Diehl. ♣



I honor  
you

Chaplain (Maj.) Kenneth L. Beale, Jr., speaks at the first memorial service of the Japanese-American Veterans of Minnesota at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Bill Geddes

**By Chaplain (Maj.) Kenneth L. Beale, Jr.,  
88th RSC Chaplains office, Fort Snelling, Minn.**

**R**ecently, I had the privilege of offering a meditation and prayer for the first memorial service of the Japanese-American Veterans of Minnesota. Veterans, family members and friends gathered at Fort Snelling National Cemetery to remember those Nisei (second-generation Japanese-Americans) service members who honorably served their newly adopted country of the United States during World War II. The master of ceremonies was Edwin M. Nakasone, a retired colonel of the 88<sup>th</sup> ARCOM and professor of history at Century College, Minnesota. Born and raised in Hawaii, he served in the U.S. Army as an interpreter during the Occupation of Japan (1947-48).

In the course of my preparation, I read Professor Nakasone's 185-page paperback book entitled, *The Nisei Soldier: Historical Essays on World War II and the Korean War*. I was, frankly, overwhelmed by their heartfelt de-

votion to the United States ... and, in turn, their immeasurable value to the victorious outcome of the war. Despite incarceration of themselves and their family members in hasty set-up camps in the deserts, swamps and high mountain plateaus, and being treated as prisoners, they still volunteered or were drafted to serve in combat against their ancestral roots. They were willing to die for America ... their birth land ... fighting for values they believed in: individual freedom, dignity, loyalty, honor and duty to country. They were committed to proving that being an American is not a matter of skin color, but one of character. They served their country not only on the battlefields abroad, but in the battle at home to prove their right to be called Americans. And for their victory on both fronts, I salute them! ❀

## Nisei memorial dedicated

**WASHINGTON, Army News Service, June 17, 1999** – Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera helped in the official unveiling of a memorial dedicated to the heroics of Japanese-Americans during World War II. The 'Go For Broke' monument is located in and was given to the city of Los Angeles June 5. The monument, a polished granite monument, measures 40 feet in diameter and at its tallest peak is 9 feet high. A total of 15,987 names of Nisei veterans are engraved on its curved perimeter wall.

# Minnesota Military

By Staff Sgt. David Bennett, 367<sup>th</sup> MPAD, Whitehall, Ohio

**T**he 1999 Minnesota Military Expo, held July 31 and Aug. 1, was packed with enough “oohs” and “ahs” to last into the next millennium.

The Expo, sponsored by the 88th Regional Support Command, showcased the past and the

present, the historic and the future. Precision drill teams and military gadgetry attracted thousands of visitors to the two-day event.

In an effort to make the joint-service event bigger and better, 88th officials coordinated special events, including The Moving Wall, a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial located in Washington, D.C.

“There are many people who have never had a chance to visit Washington,” said 88th Command Sgt. Maj. Robert H.

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Bill Geddes, 364<sup>th</sup> MPAD, Fort Snelling, Minn.

# y Expo

“We placed it in place by itself and there were no vendors.” Gen. George Steiner, who retired as 88th RSC commander said informing the public is key.

Two words that come to mind is dynamic and entertaining,” Steiner, who chaired the Expo Committee this year. “Static (s) are the old way of doing business. We have to look at better for the people coming out here and acquaint the com- with what the military is doing.”



*Background, an M-60 tank crushes a car at the 1999 Minnesota Military Expo. From top right, clockwise, Kalli Woyda, age three, goes through the obstacle course at the Kids Basic Training exhibit... The Old Guard performs a drill... Sgt. Matt Fenlon, 704th Chemical Company, explains an M-60 machine gun to Spaeth brothers Dean, age seven on left and Casey, age four... Visitors search for names at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Moving Wall exhibit.*

*Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Jim Lowery, 367th MPAD, Whitehall, Ohio*



*Photo by Staff Sgt. Bill Geddes, 364th MPAD, Fort Snelling, Minn.*

*Background photo by Staff Sgt. David Bennett, 367th MPAD, Whitehall, Ohio  
Left photo by Master Sgt. Anmarie Petruzzelli, 364th MPAD, Fort Snelling, Minn.*

# Gas attack hits Twin Cities



An ambulance delivers a patient to Regions Hospital, St. Paul, Minn., during CATEX '99.

**Story and photos by Bill Geddes,  
88<sup>th</sup> RSC PAO, Fort Snelling, Minn.**

It's a weekday morning, and the St. Paul, Minn., courthouse system is crowded. As the man pulls the wheeled piece of luggage through the system, he pulls a release valve, dropping sarin nerve gas on the floor. The gas swirls unnoticed through the crowded corridor, clinging to the shoes of the men, women and children who walk through.

Within seconds many start to feel nauseous. Within minutes, they fall to the ground as their muscles begin to seize uncontrollably.

## **CATEX '99**

This, and a similar situation in the Minneapolis skyway system, were the scene May 23 as the 114<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Hospital (CSH) served as observer/trainers in Catastrophic Exercise 1999 (CATEX '99). The exercise, which involved 11 different hospitals in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area and more than 80 different groups, was this year's version of the biennial series of exercises held as part of a federal effort to determine response capabilities to terrorist actions in the 120 largest cities nationwide.

"What we tried to do in the Twin Cities was simulate a terrorist incident which simultaneously affected

Minneapolis and St. Paul," said Ed Lord, the area emergency manager at the Veteran Administration's Office of Emergency Medical Preparedness. "In addition to the two sarin nerve agent releases, there were also simulated pipe bombs being found and secondary explosions taking place to see the impact that would have on first responders."

## **Tough exercise**

This makes it a tough exercise for the participants. "We're talking enormous numbers (of casualties)," said Capt. John Lapakko, nursing education officer for the 114<sup>th</sup> CSH. "And we're having it occur in both cities so that you can't do a mutual

aid agreement. Normally if you have a big fire in Minneapolis, the Minneapolis Fire Department calls the St. Paul Fire Department and says 'Send me fire trucks.' That wouldn't be possible today. Both cities have to stand on their own."

### **Reserve assets**

Eventually the cities might get some help from the military, but it would take awhile. Most of the medical assets have been transferred from the Guard to the Reserves, according to Lapakko, and with the Reserves a federal call-up would be necessary. With this in mind, the 114<sup>th</sup> CSH's role was to impart their NBC knowledge. "We aren't here hands-on at all," said Lapakko. "We're more technical expertise."

### **Experienced experts**

Which made them quite an asset. "The 114<sup>th</sup> CSH has a number of trained clinical people," Lord said. "And since they have gone through training involving nuclear, biological and chemical incidents, we requested they come to a number of hospitals in the Twin Cities to act as in-house experts.

They're not here to evaluate so much as to be in a position to answer questions from the clinicians."

A fact not lost on the civilians taking part in the exercise. "Our big concern isn't that our military isn't well-staffed and well-educated – they clearly are," said Dr. Kory Kay, a physician at Regions Hospital in



**Capt. John Lapakko** observes **Laura Lundell**, a registered nurse at **Regions Hospital, St. Paul, Minn.**, treating **Micah Olson**, a patient in **Catastrophic Exercise '99**.

St. Paul. "Our big concern is being able to handle the first several hours of an incident like this on our own."

### **Outstanding performance**

And the 114<sup>th</sup> CSH did their best to make sure that could happen. "It's clear (the 114<sup>th</sup> CSH soldiers)

have been well-trained and they understand what their role is," said Col. Virgil Patterson, Chief of the North Atlantic Region Medical Command Stress Management Rapid Response Team. "They've been very helpful, they've interacted very well with the staff – I've been very impressed." ❀



# Sling load

Soldiers from the 192nd Quartermaster Company (Petroleum Supply) work on a sling-load training exercise, assisted by a helicopter crew from Company B, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 224th Aviation Regiment, Virginia National Guard.

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**T**he silent breeze of the mild Virginia summer afternoon is interrupted suddenly by a low, increasingly loud, rumbling sound coming from the nearby forest. Dust swirls rise from the dirt trails and the dry grassy fields straddling the main road running through Fort A. P. Hill.

A summer storm or tornado? No, just some high-intensity training by the 192<sup>nd</sup> Quartermaster Company (Petroleum Supply) of Milan, Ohio.

The rumbling was a Black Hawk helicopter flying in low over the trees and skillfully maneuvering over a group of four 192<sup>nd</sup> QM Co. soldiers positioned around a large piece of military equipment in the center of a wide grassy field. The soldiers, part of a sling-load training exercise, are assisted by a helicopter crew from Company B, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 224<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Virginia National Guard.

As the helicopter hovers about eight feet from the ground, the Reservists use a 10,000-pound-maximum-load cargo sling to hook a 350-gallon-per-minute fuel pump to the underside of the Black Hawk.

“This is not a simple mission,” said Staff Sgt. James A. Young, sling-load team supervisor and full-time training NCO for the 192<sup>nd</sup> QM Co. “Each of these soldiers taking part in the sling load has a critical task to perform.”

One soldier guides the helicopter into the proper position, Young explained. Another soldier removes the dangerous static electrical charge, created by the helicopter, by connecting a grounded static probe to the clevis that hooks onto the underside of the Black Hawk.

“There is enough static electricity given off by the helicopter to seriously injure or kill a person if the clevis is not properly grounded,” said Young. “We take safety very seriously and follow all proper procedures to make sure we do it right, and we do it safe.”

When the grounding connection is made, another soldier hooks the sling harness to the aircraft.

“This is not an easy job considering the helicopter is

always moving around as it hovers,” said Young. “We have to move quickly, but must be very careful when attaching the sling.”

Once the sling is connected properly, the supervisor gives the sling-load team the signal to safely clear the immediate area. That done, the supervisor gives the “thumbs up” to the helicopter crew, meaning the load is properly hooked up and clear to take off.

The vibration intensifies as the Black Hawk slowly ascends and carefully applies tension to the sling until its cargo hangs steadily below.

Final checks are made and the Black Hawk effortlessly moves forward and up into the air, clearing the trees as if the 350-gpm pump is not there.



After a successful load hookup by the 192nd Quartermaster Company (Petroleum Supply), a Black Hawk flies the fuel pump away.

The helicopter flies out of sight beyond the trees to the north then returns to the same field moments later, coming in from the southern end.

The sling load team stands by as the Black Hawk crew gently maneuvers into a clear landing position for the pump and gently places it on the ground. Once the helicopter crew is given the signal, they release the sling, allowing the equipment to rest firmly on the ground, then fly off to the north once again.

The 192<sup>nd</sup> QM Co. and the helicopter crew continued the training throughout the afternoon, giving the entire unit,

including the unit commander and members of supporting units, an opportunity to perform the sling load hookup mission.

“This is very exciting training for me as well as the other soldiers of the unit,” said Staff Sgt. Kimberly S. Bailey, a petroleum supply specialist and squad leader with the 192<sup>nd</sup> QM Co. “It helps us develop our skills and increases our readiness.”

“This is excellent training for our soldiers,” said Capt. Kenneth Fox, commander of the 192<sup>nd</sup> QM Co. “It gives our soldiers a chance to train on tasks that we could never perform on a normal drill weekend.”

“Being able to get the equipment into place quickly so that we can set up and begin supporting the forward units is critical to mission accomplishment,” said Fox.

The 350-gpm pump is an organic piece of equipment used by the 192<sup>nd</sup> QM Co. in petroleum supply operations to pump fuel products from incoming bulk supply trucks to 50,000-gallon fuel storage containers and to pump the fuel from the storage containers to outgoing bulk supply trucks.

Safety is stressed throughout the training process. Although a sling-load team normally consists of only three soldiers, an additional member is included as a safety benefit.

“Safety is our primary concern,” said Fox. “We provide safety briefings prior to any training mission and our NCO leadership enforces strict safety rules.”

Fox added that the NCO leadership of the 192<sup>nd</sup> QM Co. did an exceptional job, ensuring that the soldiers received the best training possible.

“Training events like these are not only a benefit for our soldiers to train on critical tasks, they give others, such as the helicopter crew, an opportunity to perform their real world mission while interacting with supported elements,” said Fox. “Working with these dedicated soldiers of the Virginia National Guard is a fine example of the ‘Total Army’ concept.”

# Public presence

By Sgt. David Boe, 364<sup>th</sup> MPAD, Fort Snelling, Minn.

It's the weekend and Staff Sgt. Eric Johanson couldn't ask for better weather. Normally on summer days like this he has one thing on his mind:

"Golf, golf, and more golf," said Johanson. "If the sun is shining, it's golf; if it's raining, I'm sleeping."

This weekend, Johanson is doing neither. A combat engineer with Company A, 397<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion, Johanson spent most of the day in a Humvee, driving through the backroads of Wausau, Wis., looking out for marathon runners.

Johanson, along with about a dozen other reservists from the 397th Engineer Battalion, the 213th Quartermaster Company, the 376th Finance Company and the local recruiting station were spending June 26 helping the Wausau Boys and Girls Club during the first Kimberly's Run, a memorial run comprised of three runs: a half marathon, and 5- and 10-kilometer races. Their mission: set up water points along the routes, monitor the race, and provide transportation.

Johanson and his partner, Army Reserve recruiter, Sgt. Daniel Rogne, pull their Humvee off the road at one of the points and assist in handing out water. One of the marathoners runs past, barking, "Six-three-two armor, hooah!" As they hand out the water, Johanson, Rogne and the civilian volunteer encourage the runners.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Bill Geddes

Sgt. Jeffrey Beever, the unit administrator for the 376th Finance Battalion, talks up the Army Reserve to civilians at the Gus Macker tournament in Wausau, Wis.

"You're doing great, keep it up!" yells Rogne.

As a full-time recruiter, Rogne works with Reserve unit representatives in participating in events like Kimberly's Run as part of a nationwide Army recruiting project called Alert '99.

"With Alert '99 you get community presence so you can be seen and heard," said Rogne. "Plus, you have a recruiter at events with the Reserve unit to hand out information and possibly make an appointment or at least a contact."

Rogne said he and other soldiers have been spending the summer working at a number of events, such as parades, fairs, picnics and sporting activities. Last week, he participated in the two-day-long Gus Macker three-on-three basketball tournament. Unlike the local Kimberly's Run, Gus Macker is a national event, held throughout the year by communities. However, it also focuses on community involvement, with no stipulation on age.

"The Gus Macker involved a lot of basketball players, from 8- and

9-year-old kids to the old people," said Rogne.

The 213th QM Co. played a key role in the Gus Macker tournament, with two soldiers using an Army trailer to haul the hoops used in the tournament from its last location in New Mexico to Wausau.

Basketball or marathon. It's a job. It's a personal choice. But Rogne's community efforts in and around Wausau, as well as the efforts of the reservists, are appreciated.

"It's nice to have the availability of the citizen soldier to help out in an event like this, as it is such a large project," says John Barth, a former National Guardsman who handed out water at one of the first points.

"It's pretty important to get out and get in touch with the people in the community," says Johanson. Of course, this may mean less golf for him, but Johanson shrugs it off.

"Just about every weekend this summer I have something going on," he says. "Fairs, parades, concerts. Wherever the Army Reserve is welcome, that's where we will be this summer." 



*Photo by Spec. Jennifer Trautwein*

**Spec. Anthony R. Smith stands at attention as his father and mother pin his new rank on.**

“There has not been a job yet that Smith has been given which he has not accomplished,” said Sgt. 1st Class John F. Hensley, Smith’s NCOIC. “I expect him to be a sergeant within the next twelve months.”

After the ceremony had ended and everyone began to head home, Smith said “I wish every promotion could be this special.” ♣

## Mother’s attendance makes it a... **Special promotion**

By Spec. C. Roger Shiltz, 367th MPAD, Whitehall, Ohio

**P**fc. Anthony R. Smith stood firmly at attention while his mother, with help from his father, placed his new rank of specialist on his uniform. Tears fell from his mother’s eyes as she whispered the words “I love you” and “I am so proud of you” as the orders were read.

What normally would be a routine promotion ceremony became unique when soldiers from the 325th Finance Battalion traveled to the Regency Manor Rehabilitation and Subacute Center in Columbus, Ohio, June 13.

Smith’s mother, Sharyn A. Smith, has been at Regency Manor since late May because of health problems caused by diabetes including multiple heart attacks, kidney failure and amputations below the left knee and the right arm.

“Diabetes impairs the bodies ability to heal itself,” said Smith. “People who meet her see the physical problems, but do not know what she has really been through.”

Smith was an airborne fire support specialist at Fort Bragg, N.C., when he received a hardship discharge because of his mother’s changing condition.

Smith applied for a hardship discharge December 1998, and was discharged Jan. 15. Once home, Smith enlisted in the Army Reserve so he could serve his country while taking care of his mother. He is waiting to go to Fort Jackson for finance training.

“I can’t repay my mom financially for everything she has given me, but I can do little things like this to let her know I am thankful,” said Smith. “My mom loves the fact that I am in the military.” At the age of 20, Smith has a full-time job as a cash vault teller at National City Bank and attends Columbus State Community College, majoring in financial management. Even with this busy schedule, Smith finds time to help take care of his mother and fulfill his requirements in the Army Reserve. “It’s stressful to meet everyone’s needs,” he admits.

# Bits & Pieces . . . . .

## Convert your jacket

Starting Oct. 1 we embark on a new transformation at the 88<sup>th</sup> Regional Support Command. That's when the U.S. Army Reserve's mission to convert the Military Personnel Records Jacket (MPRJ) for each soldier to a Military Personnel File (MPF) and the establish the Official Military Personnel Record (OMPR) begins at the 88th RSC. The MPRJ will be placed on the Personnel Electronic Records Management System (PERMS). In a nutshell, we are going to a paperless system, as the active component did when they started this conversion seven years ago.

Currently, the soldier's MPJR is maintained at the unit. This process of converting your MPRJ will consist of three actions. First, the PERMS records of all Troop Program Unit (TPU) soldiers are converted by sending copies of all permanent documents to AR-PERSCOM for placement on PERMS files. Next, units send copies to AR-PERSCOM, and convert the MPRJ to an MPF. The MPF will be a manila folder with label and will contain only action-pending documents critical for the day-to-day administration of soldier's careers. Finally, regional level application system (RLAS) computer systems will be fielded to all units so you can have access to PERMS. This will allow you to sit at your unit's computer and review your permanent records electronically.

The MPJR will no longer be maintained, but stored separately from the MPF. Units will be notified after we are absolutely sure the conversion was a success and your PERMS contains all of your information to give the MPRJ to the soldier. The deadline for the 88<sup>th</sup> RSC to complete this project is Jan. 31, 2000.

This conversion project must be given priority by you and your unit. This will affect every possible aspect of your military career in the future. Promotion boards will become centralized paperless promotions for TPU soldiers. What is placed on your PERMS now will be important in your consideration for selection for promotion.

It is your responsibility to ensure your PERMS is up-to-date and contains all the important documents affecting your career. Become involved in this conversion to keep your military records current and up-to-date. A

little effort now will reap benefits down the road.

For further information, contact James Anderson, 88<sup>th</sup> RSC DCSPER, at 1-800-THE ARMY, ext. 3059.

## Dead at 87, Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Hennen 88th ARCOM's first CG

Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Norbert J. "Chick" Hennen died July 27 at the age of 87. Hennen was the first commanding general of the 88th Army Reserve Command (ARCOM), and served in that position from December 1967 through September 1971.

## SRIP list published

The new Selected Reserve Incentive Program (SRIP) list has been published. See your retention NCO or UA for details.



## 88th Retention NCO of year

Staff Sgt. Thomas Thompson, an Ellsworth, Wis., resident, was named NCO of the year for the 88th Regional Support Command (RSC). A member of

the 652nd Engineer Company, Thompson has been in the Army since 1982.

## First class graduates

The Practical Nurse Course (MOS 91C) Program in the 88th RSC's area of responsibility graduated its first class May 21. The six graduates are: Sgt. 1st Class Michael Anderson; Sgt. 1st Class Robert Beale; Sgt. Timothy Bertrand; Staff Sgt. Jaime Derga; Sgt. Michael

Enderby; Sgt. 1st Class James Koberg; Spec. April Miller, and Sgt. Julia Westrich. These soldiers participated on inactive duty training (IDT) weekends and annual training for a total of 33 months.

The course is taught at four locations: Moraine Park Technical College in Beaver Dam, Wis. (first graduating class); Triton College in River Grove, Ill.; and at Miami Valley Career Technology Center at the Dayton and Cleveland Ohio locations. Classes are projected to start in Southfield, Mich., Indianapolis, and Western, Ill.

If you have the desire to serve in a dual role supporting professional nursing and medical professionals while functioning as an NCO, call (414) 438-6164 and register for the PNC 91C10 Reserve Component today.

## **88th RSG Change of command**

**By Sgt. J. Craig Pickett, 350th MPAD, Indianapolis**

Brig. Gen. James L. Bauerle stepped down as the commander of the 88th Regional Support Group (RSG) at a ceremony held at the Fort Benjamin Harrison Reserve Complex June 5. Bauerle passed the colors to Col. Wayne M. Erck who officially took command June 1.

Maj. Gen. John M. O'Connell, commander of the 88th Regional Support Command, spoke about the ever-changing role of the Army Reserve. "Gone are the days of the weekend warrior," O'Connell said. "We are citizen soldiers, ready to deploy at a moments notice."

Bauerle followed by speaking of the commitment and continued responsibility of commanders to their soldiers. He stressed his philosophy of the customer based - customer driven army. The Army Reserve and the 88th RSG play an integral role in today's Army. Without satisfied customers/soldiers, the Army Reserve inevitably loses effectiveness; which, in effect, hurts the overall readiness of the military.

Erck's closing statements conveyed excitement and enthusiasm about the Blue Devil connection, and commented on the RSG's past successes and his commitment to its future success.

"This was a magnificent event," said Bauerle. "I had

goosebumps as I walked the line in review. I was very, very proud to be the commander of this unit."

"Anytime you can be a commander, it's the best time in the world; and this has been no exception," said Bauerle.

## **Linguists needed**

If you are fluent in one or more languages the 306th Military Intelligence Company, Fort Sheridan, Ill., needs you. The 306th MI Co. sends linguists and translators all over the world to support operations and organizations.

Language proficiency will be determined through administration of a Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT). Those qualified are eligible for foreign language proficiency pay.

Available enlisted personnel positions include 97L; 986; 97E; 96B. Positions available for officers include military intelligence officers (35D) and warrant officers.

Interested personnel may contact 1st Sgt. Matson or Miss Johns, unit administrator for the 306th MI Co., at 1-800-USA-USAR or (847) 266-3780/81.

## **Need points?**

The 5051st Readiness Training Unit (RTU) in Milwaukee, Wis., is looking for individual management augmentee (IMA) and individual ready reserve (IRR) soldiers who need or want retirement points. The 5051st trains IRR and IMA U.S. Army Reserve soldiers. Personnel attached to the 5051st RTU take part in volunteer nonpay training where they receive retirement point credit only. Positions available are 0-2 through 0-6, all warrant officers and E-2 through E-9 (Branch/MOS immaterial). The unit meets Monday evenings. For more information call Col. Dean P. Orley at (414) 247-3591 or Lt. Col. Tim Lubinsky at (608) 267-9334.

## **Cooking's final four**

The 256th Combat Support Hospital (CSH) Nutrition Section has advanced to the "Final Four" of the U.S. Army Reserve Command's Philip A. Connelly award competition, having won the Midwest Region.

The 256th CSH will compete in the finals this fall.



## 114th CSH part of solution

By Cpl. William Coker, 363rd MPAD, St. Louis, Mo.

One of the biggest problems affecting the people of El Salvador is the lack of medical care among some of its residents.

As part of the solution, 35 members of the 114th Combat Support Hospital (CSH), Fort Snelling, Minn., conducted a medical readiness training exercise (MEDRETE) recently at an elementary school in the town of Perquin, El Salvador. The MEDRETE was part of Operation New Horizons being conducted by Task Force New Hope, a joint effort between the governments of the United States and El Salvador to help repair the damage of Hurricane Mitch.

Area residents of the region of Morazon are among the poorest in the nation of El Salvador. Most of the area residents have little or no income, making their living as subsistence farmers. Because of this lack of money, the expense of medical care is often forgone.

“The people of this area have not seen medical care this good since the late ‘60s when the last U.S. Army MEDRETE was here,” said Spec. Carrie J. Norine, licensed practical nurse for the 114th CSH.

A MEDRETE is a clinic of sorts set up by U.S. Army soldiers to administer basic medical care to patients from the local population. Patients are looked at to diagnose what ailments they have, sent to see a doctor for treatment, and finally, given medicine to either help their affliction



or ease the pain of their procedure.

Among the sites set up for the patients were a preventive medicine

section to illustrate basic hygiene practices, a dentist, a pediatrician, a deworming station, and a pharmacy for the patients to pick up their medicine. The patients went through free of charge. All medical supplies for the MEDRETEs were provided by Task Force New Hope and the 88th Regional Support Command. The Salvadoran army provided security, Salvadoran doctors and nurses helped with patients, and five Peace Corps volunteers from the area offered their services as translators.

“It is a good training opportunity to do a real-world mission,” said 1st Lt. Doug R. Medd, operations officer for the 114th CSH and the officer in charge of the MEDRETE. “It’s nice for us to work in a limited resource environment so we can be more able to adapt.”

When the members of the 114th CSH opened the MEDRETE to the public on Monday afternoon they were met with a line stretching down the road.

“They (the local area residents) were apprehensive at first, but became enthusiastic as the word got out to others about what was being done,” said 1st Lt. Emma I. Rodriguez, training officer for the 114th CSH. Rodriguez, a native Spanish speaker, was also invaluable to the exercise as an interpreter.

Approximately 300 patients, mostly children,

were seen in an hour and a half on the first day, with an estimated 6,000 patients expected to be seen in the four days at Perquin, a community in the far north province of Morazan. According to Rodriguez, the most common problems seen among the patients were colds, parasites and dehydration.

To determine what medicine was needed for the exercise, the 114th took a census of the local population before they left for El Salvador. Once in the country, the supplies were divided into 10 equal parts, one part to be used each day of the exercise. Perquin was the first stop

of three towns in the exercise. A day of the MEDRETE is over when the supplies allotted for that day have been exhausted.

A MEDRETE is designed to remedy minor health problems and to give patients medical advice toward better personal care. After 30 years, area residents are once again getting necessary medical attention to solve current problems and to help prevent them in the future.

“We are giving a nation in need as much as we possibly can,” said Spec. Carrie Norine. 



*Top left, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. John Zweber, a nurse with the 114<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Hospital, Fort Snelling, Minn., dispenses medication to clinic visitors during one of three Medical Readiness Training Exercises in Perquin, Morazan, El Salvador. Far left, Two Salvadoran children wait patiently in line. Left, Col. Hal Copple of Rick Hill, South Carolina, performs a check-up on a Salvadoran girl in Perquin, Morazan, El Salvador during a Medical Readiness Training Exercise with the 114<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Hospital. In the first two days of the free clinic, the medical staff saw more than 1,000 people. This is Copple’s third MEDRETE. Prior to this two-week deployment, he served in Morocco and Guatemala for similar free clinic operations.*

*Photos by Sgt. Bob Berlin, 363<sup>rd</sup> MPAD*



A young “soldier” throws a water balloon during kids basic training at the Minnesota Military Expo held July 31 and Aug. 1.

*Photo by Sgt. Albers, 367th MPAD, Whitehall, Ohio*

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