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Flood relief a joint effort

By Larry Sommers
At Ease Staff

Wisconsin Army and Air National Guard troops battled floods brought on by storms over the southern half of the state June 5-13.

Tornadoes, thunderstorms and heavy, soaking rains caused Governor Doyle to declare state emergencies, and 31 Wisconsin counties ultimately received federal disaster declarations.

On June 9, water broke through a causeway near an endangered dam, causing 245-acre Lake Delton to drain into the Wisconsin River, completely emptying itself in a couple of hours; Gays Mills on the Kickapoo River was completely inundated for the second time in a year; and dams, highways, cities and farm fields were threatened by rising waters across much of the state.

The National Guard Joint Operations Center and the State Emergency Operations Center, located side-by-side at Joint

Force Headquarters in Madison, coordinated a wide-ranging civil and military response. The Wisconsin National Guard, like those in neighboring states, went into action.

One of the Guard's most effective assets, an RC-26 aircraft with real-time video downlink capabilities, was deployed overseas in the Global War on Terror, so the Mississippi Air National Guard sent one just like it. Wisconsin Army and Air Guard troops installed a special antenna on the roof at state headquarters, allowing emergency managers in Madison to see what the RC-26 saw as it overflew endangered dams and other flooded areas.

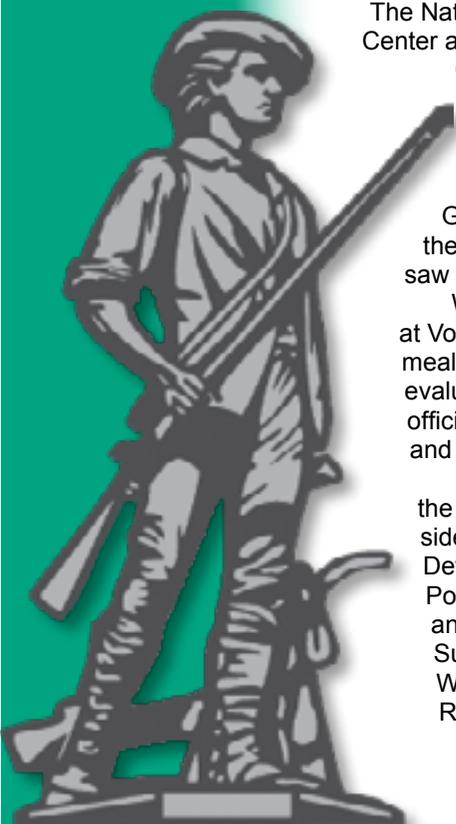
Wisconsin Guard members also delivered more than half a million sandbags from storage at Volk Field to endangered sites; helped fill and place some of those sandbags; brought cots, meals and drinking water to citizens displaced from their normal lives; assessed flood damage and evaluated the stability of threatened dams and highways; flew UH-60 helicopter missions to give officials an overview of the flooding; re-routed traffic when highways were closed by flood waters; and repaired washed-out roads.

Wisconsin Air Guard units participating in the response were the 128th Air Control Squadron, the 115th Fighter Wing, and Volk Field Combat Readiness Training Center. On the Army side, members of the 229th Engineer Company, the 106th Quarry Team, the 924th Engineer Detachment, the 257th Brigade Support Battalion, the 832nd Medical Company, the 32nd Military Police Company, the 107th Maintenance Company, the 147th Aviation Battalion, the 105th Cavalry and the 132nd Brigade Support Battalion provided timely assistance. In addition, the 54th Civil Support Team and the Counterdrug Program, both joint organizations, took part. From outside Wisconsin, the state also received assistance from the Mississippi Air National Guard's 186th Air Refueling Wing. ■



Master Sgt. Paul Gorman

Spc. Jeremy Smith stands by as Spc. Jesse Ruegsegger drives a Humvee through a traffic control point at the intersection of Highway 30 and Interstate 90/94 near Madison June 13. The Soldiers are members of Troop B, 1st Squadron, 105th Cavalry, tasked with diverting northbound traffic on the Interstate because of high waters during the June 2008 flooding.





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From the TAG

As the Wisconsin National Guard continues a level of mobilization and deployments unseen for more than a half century, the need for frequent and effective communications — with our Soldiers and Airmen, our families, our employers, our elected officials and with the people we serve — has never been more important.

There's so much to communicate.

The Wisconsin National Guard in 2008 is far different from the organization that existed even a decade ago. We've been a nation at war since September 11, 2001, and our National Guard Soldiers and Airmen have been deployed around the world, across the nation and throughout Wisconsin.

But we are much more than warriors.

We are also peacekeepers — as in Kosovo. We are humanitarians — as in post-Katrina New Orleans. We are emergency responders — as on snowbound Wisconsin highways and in flood-soaked Wisconsin communities.

It is vital that our Soldiers and Airmen see how they fit in to the important work of the Wisconsin National Guard, so we are developing new tools to communicate with them, their families, our retired members and all of Wisconsin.

The *At Ease EXPRESS* newsletter you are reading on your computer screen or holding in your hands is a natural step forward in the evolution of communication products for the National Guard in the first decade of a new millennium. As our Soldiers and Airmen embrace new technologies it is important for us to reach them in new ways. The ink-on-paper magazine delivered by conventional mail is becoming an artifact of previous centuries.

This newsletter, carrying our well-known *At Ease* brand twice a year, will be distributed electronically (mostly, but see below) to our Soldiers and Airmen by e-mail or on the Web. Our printed magazine, *At Ease*, will continue as an annual publication each January, beefed up with extra pages and new content, that will serve as kind of a "yearbook" of our Wisconsin National Guard.

When important issues arise between the scheduled dates for the annual magazine and the *EXPRESS*, another publication — called *At Ease EXTRA* — will fill the void. We expect issues of *At Ease EXTRA* to be published only in electronic form and distributed exclusively by e-mail.

We haven't completely abandoned the traditional mailbox, though. *At Ease EXPRESS* will be printed and mailed to our Guard retirees for now; but we plan to reduce the number of printed copies gradually, as retired members gain e-mail and Web access.

These three examples of the *At Ease* brand all aim to continue and improve effective communication with our Wisconsin National Guard members and their families — a top priority of this command. ■



Don P. Dunbar

Brig. Gen. Don Dunbar
The Adjutant General

See more on the 32nd IBCT in the 2009 At Ease Annual...

2008 Annual Training preps Soldiers for war

By Maj. Jackie Guthrie and Larry Sommers
At Ease Staff

Wisconsin Army National Guard Soldiers rolled into Fort McCoy for an extended, *three-week* Annual Training, Aug. 2-22, in a run-up for the Wisconsin Guard's largest operational deployment since World War II.

Approximately 3,500 Soldiers of the 32nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team and six other units are scheduled to deploy to Iraq in early 2009. The six other units are the 32nd Military Police Company; 108th Forward Support Company; 1158th Transportation Company; 257th Brigade Support Battalion, 829th Engineer Company; and Battery A, 1st Battalion, 121st Field Artillery.

"Our focus right now is on Army Warrior Tasks," said Col. Steve Bensed, commander of the 32nd BCT. The training includes fundamental skills such as weapons proficiency, tactical communications, urban operations and combat lifesaving. In addition, the troops work and live in simulated forward operating bases, conduct offensive and defensive lane exercises, qualify on individual weapons, and get in the battlefield mindset.

"Being able to shoot, move and communicate" is the main point, said Lt. Col. Brad Anderson, commander of 2nd Battalion, 127th Infantry, a 32nd Brigade unit.

To keep deployments to a reasonable length for reserve component Soldiers, much pre-deployment training is now rolled into units' routine weekend and annual training prior to mobilization, with unit NCOs and officers doing the training and evaluation. And that's just fine with commanders like Anderson.

"I think my guys do a better job of training their own Soldiers than having somebody else training them," he said. Wisconsin National Guard units are rich in combat veterans who have already served one or more tours in Iraq or Afghanistan and can train other Soldiers based on their personal combat zone experience.

Getting Wisconsin's Soldiers ready for battle is everyone's responsibility, said Lt. Col. Dan Pulvermacher, operations



Sgt. Emily Yttri

Spc. Brian Espinoza, Headquarters Company, 132nd Brigade Support Battalion, guards a mock Iraqi prisoner, portrayed by Staff Sgt. Brian Varn of Company G, as members of the unit practice urban combat at one of Fort McCoy's military urban training sites Aug. 12.

officer for the 157th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, tasked by the Wisconsin Guard for logistics and sustainment support throughout the 32nd's AT.

"We provide support and services so the deploying Soldiers can focus on their battlefield training," he said.

In addition, a 53-Soldier Pre-mobilization Training and Assistance Element serves as "eyes and ears" for the adjutant general, says its commander, Lt. Col. Richard Borkowski. "We don't do the evaluation," Borkowski said; "we do the certification of training to ensure that it was done according to Task Condition Standard."

Deploying units, logistical support units and the PTAE work together to provide the best training for Soldiers.

"They're picking it up quickly — a lot of very bright people," said Sgt. 1st Class Todd Smrz, Wisconsin Rapids, a 132nd Brigade Support Battalion member who has already served two combat tours.

Deploying Soldiers will continue training at their local armories while getting their personal and civilian lives in order and completing military education requirements. They head to Camp Blanding, Fla., for another extended AT in January before mobilization station training at Fort Bliss, Texas, in February and deployment to Iraq in early Spring. ■



Larry Sommers

Humvees of the 32nd Military Police Company halt in a defensive formation to check out a disturbance in the road ahead, as they practice convoy operations at Fort McCoy Aug. 12.

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Badgers in Iraq: The 115th Fighter Wing answers the call of duty

By Tech. Sgt. Don Nelson
115th Fighter Wing

Approximately 350 members of Madison's 115th Fighter Wing set aside their civilian lives from January to March and temporarily said goodbye to their families as they set up shop at Balad Air Base, Iraq.

It was the wing's third full-scale deployment for Operation Iraqi Freedom. In addition to the unit-wide deployments, smaller contingents of 115th members have deployed to many locations in support of current operations.

Specific preparation for the Iraq deployment culminated with a November 2007 deployment to Arizona.

"The Snowbird deployment was our opportunity to go to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, where they have a facility set for Air National Guard units from northern regions to go and prepare for their wartime tasking in a desert environment," said Brandemuehl.

To fully prepare for the Iraq mission, the wing deployed more than 165,000 pounds of equipment and nine F-16s to the Arizona base, and dropped over 100,000 pounds of munitions on its ranges.

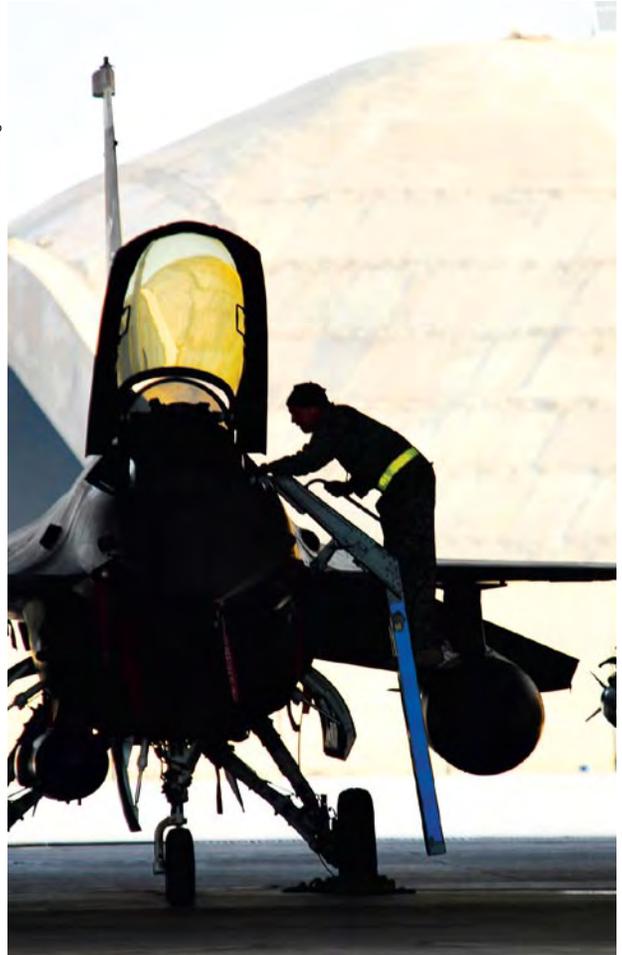
While in Iraq, the wing's primary mission was to provide air support for ground forces, including reconnaissance flights, weapons delivery to specific targets and monitoring vehicle movements.

The 115th Fighter Wing's unique capabilities were an asset to the overall mission shared with other units, Brandemuehl said.

Since returning from Iraq, the wing continues to hone its skills to be ready for the next Air Expeditionary Force deployment that comes its way. ■

An F-16C fighter aircraft, at Balad Air Base, Iraq, is maintained for combat missions while in a hardened aircraft shelter. Maintenance crews work around the clock to ensure these aircraft are ready to support operations in Iraq.

Staff Sgt. Katherine Kane



New Defense personnel system coming soon

By Larry Sommers
At Ease Staff

Get ready: The Defense Integrated Military Human Resources System — DIMHRS — is scheduled to replace current Army personnel systems on March 1, 2009, with implementation by other services to follow.

To reap its benefits and ensure a seamless transition, Army Guard Soldiers must scrub their own personnel records before Dec. 1, 2008. Meet with your administrative NCO to review your records and verify your information is both current and accurate. Special attention should be paid to items that relate to pay and benefits — entry date, promotion date, home address, dependents, etc.

An "eyes on" effort now will ensure successful data conversion from existing legacy systems to DIMHRS and prevent any interruptions or miscalculation of your pay, said Lt. Col. Joane Mathews, deputy director of Army personnel at Joint Force Headquarters — Wisconsin.

DIMHRS is a congressionally-mandated effort to provide the Department of Defense with a multi-component, web-based, fully-integrated personnel and pay system available 24/7. It's intended to make pay and other transactions more accurate and efficient, and to provide better accountability in a paperless environment.

DIMHRS will provide Soldiers with a single, comprehensive record of service that will feature self-service capabilities that allow Soldiers to update portions of their personal information. Personnel records will be available to human resource professionals, combatant commanders, personnel and pay managers, and other authorized users throughout the Army.

The three Army components will be the first to convert to DIMHRS, with other services expected to migrate at a future date.

For further information, go to <https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/armydimhrs/index.html>. ■

See expanded coverage of this story in the At Ease Annual, due out in early 2009.

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Troop E and 332nd ROC home from Iraq

By Lt. Col. Tim Donovan
At Ease Staff

Two Wisconsin Army Guard units brought all their Soldiers home safely in April from 8-month deployments to Iraq.

The 180 Soldiers of Troop E, 105th Cavalry, accomplished more than 360 combat missions. They conducted convoy security operations throughout Iraq using 19 M-1117 "Guardian" armored security vehicles and about 30 up-armored Humvees. The troopers drove more than half a million miles and engaged repeatedly in combat, receiving 31 Bronze Star Medals, one Purple Heart, and numerous other awards.

But the commander's ultimate goal wasn't achieved until the unit arrived at Volk Field April 19: Everybody came back from Iraq safely.

"I have never commanded better Soldiers in my life," Lt. Col. Mike Murphy told troopers and family members. "I'll tell you, every time we left the gate the insurgents threw everything they could at us, but we were blessed because we brought everyone home."

Soldiers of the Berlin-based 332nd Rear Operations Center returned home on four different flights over the course of a very long day. The 332nd left Wisconsin June 19, 2007, for two months of training at Fort Hood, then deployed to Iraq in August 2007. While deployed overseas, the 332nd was stationed at Q-West, a forward operating base about 50 miles south of Mosul. The unit operated the "mayor cell" at the base, responsible for base administration, logistics and security, plus humanitarian and other missions.

The Iraq of 2008 was different from the country both units found when they got there in 2007.

"Unfortunately the public doesn't see it," Murphy said, "but when... you see water being turned on or read about the schools that are opening up or the teachers that are being trained over there... things are definitely changing."

"We are extremely proud of all that you have done," Brig. Gen. Don Dunbar, the adjutant general, told the troops on their return. "You continue to take the Wisconsin reputation as having a National Guard second to none and move that bar even higher." ■



U.S. Army Photo by Cpt. John Samuels

Maj. Lisa Loomer, operations officer of the 332nd Rear Operations Center, hands school supplies to Iraqi students on a humanitarian mission in northern Iraq. The supplies were donated by Wisconsin citizens.

Calendar OF EVENTS

Relationship workshops for Guardmembers

The Wisconsin National Guard Family Program and chaplains have teamed up to offer couples a Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program (PREP) at locations statewide. Premarital Interpersonal Choices and Knowledge (PICK) is also offered for single Soldiers and Airmen.

Dates and Locations:

- Oct. 17-19, Appleton — PREP/PICK
- Jan. 16-18, Door Co. — PREP
- Mar. 20-22, Door Co. — PREP
- Apr. 17-19, Door Co. —
Christian PREP/PICK
- May 15-17, Stevens Point — PREP

For more information visit

www.wingfam.org. To register, call
Caroline Morgan at 1-800-292-9464.

Mobilization briefings being held for 32nd IBCT Soldiers and their families

The Wisconsin National Guard is holding mobilization briefings around the state for Soldiers deploying with the 32nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team. Families are highly encouraged to attend and Soldiers are required to attend one of the scheduled briefings. Soldiers are responsible to sign themselves and their family members up through their unit. Certified child care will be provided for children ages 4 and under, and the State Child and Youth Coordinator along with a trained staff will provide appropriate activities for the youths.

Dates and Locations:

- Oct. 10, 6:00 – 9:30 p.m., Tomah
- Oct. 11, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.,
Eau Claire
- Oct. 17, 6:00 – 9:30 p.m., Appleton
- Oct. 28, 6:00 – 9:30 p.m., Wausau
- Nov. 7, 6:00 – 9:30 p.m., Tomah
- Nov. 12, 6:00 – 9:30 p.m., Kenosha
- Nov. 13, 6:00 – 9:30 p.m., Sussex
- Nov. 15, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.,
Madison
- Nov. 15, 2:30 – 6:00 p.m., Madison
- Nov. 18, 6:00 – 9:30 p.m., Eau Claire
- Dec. 7, 1:00-4:30 p.m., Wausau
- Dec. 9, 6:00-9:30 p.m., Appleton

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Same mission, different battlefield

By Sgt. 1st Class Vaughn Larson
JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

Coconut palms sway in the Caribbean breeze. It would be a great place for some relaxation, but the 112th Mobile Public Affairs detachment has a job to do.

The unit's mission is to help the public



JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

Sgt. Mary Flynn, helps New Mexico TV reporter Michael Herzenberg tape a "stand-up" at Guantanamo Naval Base.

understand the role played by Joint Task Force Guantanamo, on a U.S. Naval Base situated only a couple hours' flight from the United States, in the Global War on Terror.

The 20-person unit, based in Madison, began a year-long deployment in April in support of Joint Task Force Guantanamo and Operation Enduring Freedom.

"If there ever was a deployment to be forced to go on, this was it," said 1st Lt. Adam Bradley. "My last deployment overseas was a long, hot year living in tents in the middle of the desert."

Sgts. Sara Roeske, Gretel Sharpee and Mary Flynn, and Staff Sgt. Brian Jopek — all of whom spent a year with the unit in Mosul, Iraq — agreed this was a different kind of deployment.

"I am not wearing a flak vest or Kevlar," Roeske said, "carrying a weapon and 270 live rounds, riding in up-armored Humvees and wondering if I will live to see another day."

But if life at Guantanamo Bay is different from Southwest Asia, so is the battle.

The war here is cerebral, and advances or setbacks are measured in increments of information. Intelligence gained from detainees held here, for example, can aid, and has aided, the United States.

Likewise, information about those detainees — their treatment, their legal status, their threat potential — shapes public opinion about the mission here and those who conduct it.

"We work in such a political environment that anything we write or say is subject to being taken out of context or misconstrued," said Staff Sgt. Emily Russell.

Jopek, NCOIC for the public information team, said he has developed a real appreciation of the Soldiers and Sailors who make up the guard force in the detention camps here. Roeske agreed.

"No matter their individual political stance or feelings toward the controversy over this place, they all get up each day and do their jobs honorably," she said. ■

Wisconsin National Guard engineers build schools and friendship in Trinidad

Story and Photo by Sgt. Ann Benson
Texas Army National Guard

The 829th Engineer Company came to Trinidad, a small island in the Caribbean Sea, to help construct a clinic and a two-room schoolhouse at St. Mary's Home for Children.

All three elements of the company — the main body from Chippewa Falls and two detachments, from Richland Center and Ashland — were part of Task Force Beyond the Horizon, in support of a joint humanitarian training exercise of the same name. The company supported the exercise in two rotations, from March 31 to April 12 and from April 12 to April 26.

The second rotation helped build the schoolhouse from the ground up, working on floor bracings and walls, using the Royal Building System, a patented PVC-concrete composite system with forms for the walls.

"It has been a lot of fun building this type of building," said Staff Sgt.

Ron Isola, Verona. Isola called it a change of pace from his civilian job as an industrial mechanic at a retail warehouse.

Likewise the weather.

"We had a dramatic climate change," said Pfc. Adam Collins, Rhinelander. When the engineers left Wisconsin April 12 it was snowing.

"The first couple of days were rough," said Staff Sgt. Jean Sackmann, Solon Springs, "but we have acclimated to the heat."

The engineers built friendships as well as buildings, working with engineers from Trinidad and Tobago. The Soldiers even sampled some of the local food.

"My favorite part is when the kids come out (to play)," said Collins. At break time on the work site, the Soldiers enjoyed playing football and rugby with the children at the school.

"It is all for the kids. That is why I volunteered for the mission," said Sackmann. ■



Staff Sgt. Jean Sackmann and Spc. Adam Collins, cut support braces for the schoolhouse.

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Factory fresh: 147th getting Mike models

Story and photo by Lt. Col. Tim Donovan
At Ease Staff

Wisconsin Army Guard aviators met the future of Army rotary-wing aviation in June — and the future's name is "Mike."

A dozen pilots and crew chiefs from Madison's 147th Aviation Battalion traveled to the giant Sikorsky helicopter plant in Stratford, Conn., to see the unit's first UH-60M, or "Mike" model, in the beginning assembly stage. The 147th will receive 15 new aircraft beginning this fall — the first time a Wisconsin Army Guard unit has ever received a brand-new helicopter direct from the factory. In fact, the Wisconsin Guard will receive the new Mike models before most aviation units in the active Army.

The 147th's commander, Lt. Col. Joni Mathews, says the battalion is eagerly awaiting the new aircraft.

"With the latest technology and capabilities this helicopter has, it will put our unit on the cutting edge of Army aviation," Mathews said. "All of our flight personnel are enthusiastic about the challenges and opportunities that this new aircraft will present."

Improvements over the unit's current fleet of UH-60A model aircraft include:

- Active vibration control system reduces vibrations by generating vibratory loads that are out-of-phase with main rotor vibrations.
- More powerful T700-series engines.
- Foldable stabilator allows aircraft to be more quickly prepared for transport or storage.
- 16 percent increase in chord width provides 500 pound increase in lift.
- Ballistically tolerant airframe structure, flight control



Wisconsin Army National Guard officers visit the Sikorsky helicopter factory to observe the assembly of new UH-60M Black Hawk helicopters. The Madison-based 147th Aviation Battalion will be one of the first units in the nation to receive the new "Mike" models.

system, and drive system improve survivability.

- Integrated "glass cockpit" flight instrument system.
- Vehicle health management system monitors aircraft systems and alerts crews of out-of-tolerance conditions.

Other than these improvements, the new Mike model looks a lot like the Alpha models flown by Madison's 147th since the mid-1990s and a lone UH-60L ("Lima") the unit received in 2006.

The new UH-60M models will join more than 2,300 other Sikorsky Black Hawk aircraft variations in service since 1978. All of the original UH-60A aircraft are being rebuilt as upgraded UH-60L models. ■



Senior Master Sgt. Jeffrey Rohloff

Country singer observes refueling mission

The 128th Air Refueling Wing, Wisconsin National Guard, hosted an orientation flight for several country music artists aboard a KC-135 Stratotanker in Milwaukee July 16. Among the passengers was "the new voice of the Air National Guard" Laura Bryna. Also pictured are Wisconsin Guardsmen, Tech. Sgt. Pete Gauerke and Master Sgt. Rob Trubia. The passengers were invited to accompany the unit on the scheduled refueling mission to gain an understanding of the role the 128th Air Refueling Wing and the Wisconsin National Guard play in the nation's defense.

Kolb receives MacArthur Leadership Award

By **Larry Sommers**
At Ease Staff

“When I won the award and began reading more about others who had won, I was truly humbled,” said Capt. Douglas Kolb.

He is the third Wisconsin Guard officer in as many years to receive the General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award.

The award recognizes company grade officers who demonstrate the ideals for which MacArthur stood — duty, honor, country. In winning the 2007 award, Kolb follows Capt. Josephine (Jerome) Daniels, a 2006 recipient, and Capt. Scott Southworth, who won for 2005. Each year, only seven National Guard Soldiers are chosen for the national honor, along with seven from the Army Reserve and 14 from the active Army.

The award was presented by Gen. George Casey Jr., U.S. Army chief of staff, at a Pentagon ceremony May 14. Kolb and his family traveled to Washington, D.C., for the ceremony.

“We took time to visit monuments, Arlington National Cemetery and a couple of museums,” Kolb said. “I believe my children really grew to understand the sacrifices many Soldiers make, and the larger role that the military owns in the lives of everyday Americans.”

Kolb was also pleased to renew his acquaintance with Gen. Casey, whom he met in Iraq while serving as U.S. liaison officer to the UN mission there from August 2005 to July 2006.

Kolb, a resident of Lyndon Station and formerly a guidance counselor at Mauston High School, joined the Guard in 1999

at the age of 29 and was commissioned through the Wisconsin Military Academy in 2001. He is currently the full-time assistant training officer at state headquarters in Madison and commands Company B, 132nd Brigade Support Battalion.

“I strive to put Soldiers first in everything I do, and to be honored as a leader is something I really appreciate,” he said. ■



U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Angel Thompson

Wisconsin Army National Guard Capt. Douglas Kolb receives the MacArthur Award from Gen. George Casey, U.S. Army chief of staff.

Retiree Roundup: New GI Bill for Veterans

There's a new, "Post-9/11" GI Bill — but Wisconsin Guardmembers and veterans should not rush to make plans based on it, advises the Pentagon.

Defense Department and Veterans Affairs officials are ironing out the details of how to implement the new Post-9/11 GI Bill passed by the Congress and signed into law by President Bush.

The new plan goes into effect in August 2009 and provides payments for tuition, housing, books and supplies, tutoring, and one licensing or certification test. Eligible troops or veterans will be able to use the benefits up to 15 years after separation from the service, with the level of benefits depending partly on the servicemember's total active-duty time since Sept. 11, 2001.

Retiree Activities Office

The Retiree Activities Office provides information to retirees and widows of retirees, of all ranks and services. The RAO provides information on military status, TRICARE, military ID cards, survivor benefits, death reporting and much more.

Retirees may provide an email address, name, retired military grade and branch of service to widma.retiree@wisconsin.gov to be added to the RAO's email distribution list.

The RAO is located at Joint Force Headquarters, 2400 Wright Street, Room 160, Madison, Wis., 53704. The RAO is open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:30 – 11:30 a.m, except on holidays. Please contact the RAO with questions or for assistance at **608-242-3115** or toll-free at **1-800-335-5147**.

Army Guard Hall of Honor accepting nominations

Nominations are being accepted for the 2009 Wisconsin Army National Guard Hall of Honor program. Instructions and nomination forms are available at the state Public Affairs Office (Room 209, 2400 Wright St., Madison) or online at: <http://dma.wi.gov> — on the "Retiree" page.

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