

Inside
this issue...

THE
OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

Oregon Sentinel

OF THE
OREGON NATIONAL GUARD



**Brig. Gen. (Ret.)
Rosenbaum to
receive Minute-
man award,
pg. 8**



**ORANG unveils
new HQ patch,
pg. 4**



**Medic puts train-
ing to real-world
use in Kuwait,
pg. 6**



**TAG visits
ORARNG troops
on A/T in
Yakima and
Redmond, pg. 7**

**Plus Letters to the
Editor, National
Guard community
involvement, and
more.**

Vol. 1....Issue No. 2

Fall 2003

Guardmembers help change the lives of Oregon's youth Camp Rosenbaum gives Oregon youngsters the ability to dream

By Maj. Mike Allegre
Public Affairs Officer, HQ, ORANG

¡Rosenbaum rocks!¡

It was a cheer heard all week long from campers and counselors at the 33rd annual, Guard sponsored, Camp Rosenbaum Youth Citizenship Camp, July 27 to Aug. 1 at Camp Rilea. And it was heard many times in six days from a record 162 campers, ages 10-11, and their 67 counselors — both military and civilian.

Reaching out and making a difference to youth at risk has been the hallmark of the camp since it was founded by the former commander of the Oregon Air National Guard, Brig. Gen. (ret.) Fred M. Rosenbaum. Police officers, firefighters, guard members, and civilians from many backgrounds volunteer their time to reach out and help the kids.

A camper's activities are many and structured to teach and model good citizenship. Counselors share ways of avoiding substance abuse and gang activity while adding fun field trips, swimming, arts & crafts and other outdoor activities in a camp setting.

¡We became aware of what was missing in so many of their lives and wanted to change that,¡ Rosenbaum told the visitors group. Many of these youngsters, then and now, don't know what it means to be without poverty, abuse in their lives, enjoy three meals each day or even to see the ocean.¡

Col. Bruce (¡Big Dog¡) Prunk, the camp's director and an 18-year volunteer said once again that this was the ¡biggest and best camp to date.¡ He strongly emphasized that the camp enjoys tremendous support from Oregon Guard leaders, businesses and agencies



Photo by SRA Tim Warren, 142nd Multimedia

Tech. Sgt. Jon ¡Chandler Bing¡ Dyer pumps up Camp Rosenbaum attendees in the clubhouse before another fun day. Camp Rosenbaum, also known as ¡HAP¡ Camp, drew 162 youngsters this year, making it the largest camp ever.

like Nike, plus police and fire agency volunteers in Portland, Gresham, Newberg, Tualatin, Tigard, and Vancouver, Wash.

¡We can't do it all without everyone working like musicians in an orchestra. There are so many parts here to benefit these kids and when it all comes together, it's like a beautiful symphony,¡ Prunk said. ¡By reaching out to the community, we are more than just a trained military force.¡ The Housing Authorities of

See "Oregon Guardmembers wait all year for Camp" on Pg. 8

2-162 alerted for Middle East tour while on annual training

Unit could be in Middle East by early '04



Photo by SSgt. Nick Choy, State Public Affairs Office
Sgt. Brown instructs Sgt. Murphy on the correct disassembly procedures for the .50-caliber M2 machine gun during active duty training exercises at Camp Rilea in July 2003.

When the Department of Defense announced in late July that two U.S. Army National Guard Enhanced Separate Brigades may participate in the Army unit rotation plan for Operation Iraqi Freedom, the 41st Infantry Brigade from the Oregon Army National Guard knew they may be headed for the Middle East.

Official notification came to the 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry as they were beginning their annual training at Camp Rilea near Seaside, Ore. Battalion commander, Maj. Dan Hendrickson, notified his troops of the impending alert. Since the entire battalion was on-site at Camp Rilea, the State Headquarters and the 41st Personnel Services Branch (PSB) utilized the opportunity to conduct the initial Soldier Readiness Processing (SRP). Since this lengthy and sometimes complicated process was initiated early, the soldiers will have more time to correct any inconsistencies in their records, update new information into the system, and possibly clear up any medical issues that have not been addressed. A second SPR will be conducted Sept. 12-14 at the Anderson Readiness Center in Salem, Ore.

By Kay F. Fristad
Deputy Public Affairs Officer,
Oregon National Guard

The 2nd Battalion, 162 Infantry of Oregon's 41st Separate Brigade will augment the 39th Infantry Brigade from Arkansas. The enhanced brigade will fall under the 1st Cavalry from Ft. Hood, Texas. Though

See "ORARNG prepares for deployment to Iraq" on Pg. 9

From the Editor

Thank you so much for your feedback on the new layout, title and brand for The Oregon Sentinel. Since we published the first edition, I have been very glad to receive the notes, phone calls and emails from veterans, members of the Oregon National Guard, and elected officials from throughout our great state. This has been a busy year for the Oregon National Guard, but we have met and surpassed every challenge with discipline and grace. It is a pleasure to help tell our story.

The Oregon Guard continues to present its professional vigilance and community involvement across the globe and in our hometowns. The 234th Army Band, one of the greatest in the nation, recently completed its Annual Training, playing tributes in a variety of musical styles, during a two-week tour of small town Oregon. At Camp Rosenbaum and Sentry Eagle, the Oregon Air National Guard again demonstrated its compassion, involvement and impact to citizens, young and old. The 1042nd Medical Company (Air Ambulance) continues to deploy to remote locations throughout the region to aid in search, rescue and evacuation efforts. Meanwhile, our troops continue to serve forward deployed as part of the Global War on Terror in Homeland Security missions across Washington and Oregon, in Fort Bragg, NC, in the remote villages of Iraq, where the 52nd Engineers are working side by side with Iraqi laborers to build schools, and where the 82nd Operations Center manages the battle rhythm and logistical flow of an entire Corps and in Kuwait, where the 1st Battalion, 162nd Infantry is securing the Port of Kuwait and escorting convoys in and out of Iraq. Finally, with the impending deployment of the 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry to reinforce peacekeeping efforts in Iraq, we see the readiness of the Oregon National Guard again demonstrated to the National Command Authority.

As I write this letter, I am currently deployed to a training course at the Pentagon. I have discussed the involvement of the Oregon National Guard with the senior public affairs officers of the five service PA Chiefs, the policy makers, planners and leaders of the Department of Defense, and the information I have given them falls upon wise ears. Many of our accomplishments are being witnessed and told to the decision makers that influence the way we are trained and the way we are deployed. When I saw a photo of the departure of the 1042nd Medical Company, before last year's deployment to Afghanistan which is displayed in a collage here in the Army wing of I knew that the leaders and soldiers at the top are witnessing our work every day.

There is no doubt about this; we are doing great things at home and abroad, and each of us is the best storyteller of these accomplishments. I often remind unit commanders that we have over 8,200 public affairs representatives in the Oregon National Guard. Each of us has several stories to tell. It is the job of my office to publish them to a broader audience.

Believe it or not, each person in the Oregon National Guard is helping to create history. We also determine how that history will be recorded. The Oregon Sentinel provides an avenue for telling your story, and recording your history from the sandy deserts of Iraq, to the verdant hills of Oregon, from the halls of Salem to the halls of the Pentagon. Help us tell your story.

Tell us what you think!

Your feedback is very important to us. It lets us know how we're doing, what stories you'd like to see, and what issues you want us to cover in the future. Address your comments, feedback and ideas to:

The Oregon Sentinel
Attn: Editor
c/o State Public Affairs Office
P.O. Box 14350
Salem, OR 97309

The Oregon Sentinel

The **Sentinel** is the unofficial publication authorized under the provisions of AR-360-1. It is designed and published monthly by the Oregon Military Department Public Affairs Office, PO Box 14350, Salem, Oregon, 97309, (503) 584-3917. The views and opinions expressed in the **Sentinel** are not necessarily those of the departments of the Army and Air Force. The **Sentinel** is distributed free to members of the Oregon Army and Air National Guard and to other interested persons at their request. Circulation: 11,500. The **Sentinel** is also distributed electronically via the World Wide Web. Please visit <http://www.mil.state.or.us/Agpa/Index.html>.

Stories and photos from the field are gratefully accepted. We need your input to insure better coverage.

Guard members and their families are encouraged to submit any articles meant to inform, educate or entertain readers of the **Oregon Sentinel**, including stories about interesting Guard personalities and unique unit training. Letters to the editor are also welcome. All letters must include the author's name, address and daytime phone number. Names may be withheld in print upon request, but all letters must be signed. Letters may also be edited prior to use. Submission deadlines are the first work day of each month. Please see your unit Public Affairs Representative, or contact the State Public Affairs Office or any of the **Sentinel** staff members listed below.

© 2003 Oregon Military Department
All Rights Reserved

Oregon Military Department

State Commander-in-Chief
Governor Ted Kulongoski

Adjutant General
Maj. Gen. Alexander H. Burgin

Asst. Adjutant General, Army
Brig. Gen. Terry F. Barker

Asst. Adjutant General, Air
Brig. Gen. James E. Cunningham

Command Sergeant Major
Command Sgt. Maj. Donald F. Newman

Senior Enlisted Adviser, Air
Chief Master Sgt. J. Wayne Stuart

Oregon Sentinel Publication Staff

Public Affairs Officer/Editor-in-Chief
Maj. Arnold Strong
Arnold.V.Strong@mil.state.or.us

Deputy Public Affairs Officer
Associate Editor
Kay Fristad
kay.fristad@mil.state.or.us

Creative Brand Manager
Managing Editor
Staff Sgt. Nick Choy
nick.choy@mil.state.or.us

Video
Sgt. 1st Class Tom Hovie
tom.hovie@or.ngb.army.mil

Contributors
115 MPAD Personnel
ANG Visual Information Specialists
Unit Public Affairs Representatives

Your Letters

The Real Iraq

Most of the time, the commercial news sources don't have the time (nor is it in their agenda) to "tell it like it is". The following letter is definitely a reality check.

Hello All,

First day in Iraq. [This] place is very, very bad. Children begging for food on the sides of the street, roads covered with drifts of sand, piles of trash everywhere, stretches of miles of road with continuous garbage heaps a hundred yards deep on the side of the road. I did not see one intact structure.† Dust storms help hide the ugliness, but they left grit everywhere. Temperatures are in excess of 120-degrees, oil is everywhere, from oil pipelines either blown up or leaking from bad repair. Saddam basically abandoned these people when they rebelled in 1991, and what was left for infrastructure was looted after we arrived.† The city of Al Basra makes the worst parts of our inner cities look like havens. One million people are starving in oil-soaked sand, with no city services, no electricity, no food or water (something the locals beg for), and shelters of buildings made of a patchwork of looted materials. Even larger structures are tumbled down and partially rebuilt with whatever is handy. First stop was the water pumping station. About 200-300 Iraqis showed up for 25 jobs and we were the first soldiers on scene, we dispersed the crowds and calmed things down.

Before the wars, Al Basra was the isin city of the Persian gulf, and a noted garden city. Oil pollution, war and poverty have ruined it.

We have two more days of this.† We may or may not have internet access again. I'll write on return to base.

We are extremely fortunate to be Americans.

1st. Lt. Kevin Kiernan,
Bravo Co. 1-162 IN

We are truly blessed to be Americans. Sometimes all we need to do is take a look around us in order to appreciate all that we have in this great country.

Late Night Rescue

A copy of the following letter was sent to Brig. Gen. Alexander Burgin.

The night of 14 July, 2003, I was plucked off Mount Thielsen by the crew of a Blackhawk helicopter from the 1042nd Medical Company based in Salem.

I had broken my leg while descending Mt. Thielsen and, in response to a call from the US Forest Service at Diamond Lake, the crew, CW3 Brian Wilkins, Lt. Col. Dan Hokanson, Sgt. Troy Waddell and Sgt. Pat Casha. At considerable risk to themselves, they were able to extricate me in the middle of a very black night, and get me to the hospital in Roseburg. I am scheduled for surgery Monday to repair the damage.

I am a retired Marine Major of the Korea War era and my hiking partner is a retired Marine Lt. Col. of the Vietnam War. We have both seen how skill and training are a necessary and successful combination when put to the test. These guys did a tremendous job and they and their commanding officers deserve recognition.

Now, what can I do to help? I understand that the unit has been activated and is in Texas, leaving only a few volunteers to carry out this kind of mission, and then perhaps only until the end of July. Does this mean that there will be even less Medevac capabilities in the state? Is this a political/funding problem?

If you can get the details to me, I will contact the leaders of several of the hiking, climbing, and back country clubs in the state to advise them and urge the continuation of this service.

Yours very truly,
Merrill Newman
Beaverton, OR

Indeed another example of the Oregon National Guard being there when needed. Awesome story.

Positive Feedback

Your letters are the best feedback we can get. Have some comments? Complaints? Just want to vent, or stroke our egos? Write to us, and we might just print your letter, just like this one:

To Whom it May Concern,

Recently I had seen a recent issue of the Sentinel. I was very happy to hear about what is going on at home. Please send us more. Thank you for what you do.

We are doing fine here in Mosul, Iraq. The weather is hot and dry, but we all survive. I talk to my wife weekly and write lots of letters when I can. The common question that goes throughout the company is "when are we going to go home?" We all enjoy receiving mail from home... it is sometimes the highlight of our day. Thank you for reading my letter and your support.

Sincerely,
Spec. Tony Vaughn
B Company, 52nd Engineer Combat

Spec. Vaughn, we love getting letters from guys in the field too. We're glad to hear you're doing alright, and wish you and your colleagues a successful mission, and a safe return home.

Command Focus

Major General Alexander H. Burgin, The Adjutant General, State of Oregon

As I stated in the last edition of the Oregon Sentinel, we have a large number of Oregon Guardmembers deployed in support of our National Command Authority. As a result of these deployments, a number of issues have arisen that directly affect the lives of numerous family members, employers, and friends of the soldiers and airmen doing their duty. It seems that whenever we, as a military, conduct operations on such a wide scale, the systems we designed to administer and train as a peacetime force become overburdened. This ultimately results in some confusion, some duplication of effort, some delays in processing, and some errors that must be corrected. There is no way to justify such a situation, but we must face the reality which is ultimately created when we, as a nation, commit and transition these unprecedented numbers of reservists and national guardmembers into an active duty status.

It is easy to become frustrated with our convoluted system, but we need to move beyond that and work on solutions. Many times family members and friends just need help understanding the various rules and regulations. I have received some questions and concerns to which I cannot give adequate response because it was given on an anonymous basis or through a third party. I would like to provide an open forum to discuss issues and clarify any misunderstandings, but I'm not sure how to get all the concerned parties together. If any of our family coordinators have any ideas, please contact me immediately.

When a soldier or airman is placed on active duty, they fall under the jurisdiction of Title-10 of the U.S. Code, and the chain of command responsible for their welfare, support, training, and assignment, resides in the active duty. With that said, the Governor, as the peacetime

commander-in-chief, and myself, can have considerable influence. We will not hesitate to intervene when and where we feel it is necessary to get an equitable resolution. When someone does bring an issue to our attention, a concerted effort will be made to address the problem in a positive manner. There will be absolutely no penalty associated with speaking up. Communication is only effective if it goes both ways, and I don't want anyone to keep something to themselves out of doubt or fear. If all else fails, any complaint can be vetted with the Inspector General's Office, whether anonymous or not. Please take advantage of the venues we offer to help you cope with these deployments.

We just returned from a National Family Program Workshop in San Diego. It was a very rewarding experience for our volunteers who attended. As the missions for the National Guard evolve, I believe we will



see more support in this critical area. Deployments are hard on families, and our support system needs to be enhanced. To all of you who volunteer, your help is to be commended. The Oregon National Guard is indebted to you.

The end of the fiscal year draws near, and Oregon is still recognized nationally as a leader in readiness and performance indicators. Thank you for your service and support.

Chief Master Sgt. J. Wayne Stuart, Command Chief Master Sergeant

Rumors abound throughout the personnel system of the Guard.

In the past month, I have had the privilege of seeing our airmen volunteering at Camp Rosenbaum and demonstrating the superiority of our Air Force at Sentry Eagle. The events, at almost opposite ends of the State, North and South, demonstrated to me the commitment of our airmen, NCOs and officers. The first



showed how willing we are to serve our communities and the children within them. The second demonstrated the technical supremacy of our pilots, crews, equipment and training. Each of these was the largest scale event we had in each of their respective histories. Further, they were both attended by our commander in chief, Governor Ted Kulongoski. It is refreshing to see his total interest and support for our airmen and soldiers.

Across the state, from Wing to Wing, people talk. One of the most common issues I hear addressed is the lack of commitment from leaders to review or evaluate the performance of their airmen;

- 'I'm never told how I'm doing.'
- 'How do I get promoted?'
- 'Technicians and AGRs get annual evaluations, traditional airmen do not.'

Often for lack of performance guidance, airmen are continuing to serve, but within a frustrated understanding of how they are doing in the eyes of their leadership, or worse, leaving our service discontent.

No more.

Working with the senior leadership and the personnel officers and NCOs, I think we have a solution. Traditional DSGs will now have the opportunity to sit down with their supervisors and complete an Airman or NCO performance feedback form. This is a relatively new system that the Air Force has been using in addition to the Enlisted Performance Report (EPR). The intent is to communicate more regularly what is expected of airmen and to tell them how they are doing. Although many of our first line supervisors are routinely reviewing and evaluating their troops, the majority of them do not. I know that this will help all of us to do a better job in tracking the performance of our troops, but also to keep each other in the feedback loop. Your commanders, First Sergeants, and UCAs will be leading this initiative. For additional information, reference ANGI 36-2627 and AFP 36-2627.

Operational tempo is the highest it has ever been in our history; airmen from the Oregon Air National Guard are deployed all over the world. But this tempo cannot hinder our basic need to stay in touch with those we supervise. I know that using the EPRs will refine our focus on the people that help us to accomplish our missions day in day out.

Command Sgt. Maj. Donald F. Newman, State Command Sergeant Major



'No one is more professional than I.'

Contemplate that statement for a minute. With these words, the Creed of the Non-Commissioned Officer opens, setting out as our mandate that each of us as a leader of soldiers is part of the example setting backbone of the military service. It is ours to be a beacon, both up and down the chain of command with respect to loyalty, integrity, professionalism, pride, the four core values of the Oregon National Guard.

Each of these values is touched upon in the NCO Creed. In the final paragraph there are terms that address pride professionalism and loyalty:

- 'I am proud of the Corps'
- 'We are professionals'
- 'I will be loyal to those with whom I serve.'

But when it comes to Integrity it is a core value implied in the very first paragraph of the Creed.

'I will not use my grade or position to attain pleasure, profit or personal safety.'

When it comes to integrity we are all faced with challenges each and every day, but when you witness the work of your peers, your soldiers, and your leaders within the Oregon National Guard, it is impossible to cut any corners without seeing the detriment that will come to the organization. Lose your integrity and your foundation will crumble. Challenges to your integrity are like a spring rain that leaks into the foundation of a home. If let uncared for, it will soak the concrete. Once the winter comes, that moisture will freeze and in freezing, start to decay the foundation of the entire structure. We cannot allow ourselves to let our foundations crack. Seek out the right thing for the right reasons and the results will always be for the good of all.

We do our work from the front. In each PAC supervisor, each infantry squad leader, each supply sergeant, in each and every sergeant of every branch of the service, you see loyalty, integrity, pride and professionalism. Going about our duties within a disciplined mindset of mission first, and people always, will keep us all focused on the common goal of excellence that we see portrayed across our state and across the world every day. Keep up the great work.

Oregon Air National Guard gets new patch, new 'brand' identity

By Maj. Donna Prigmore
Public Affairs Officer, HQ, ORANG

Portland, Ore. 6 The Oregon Air National Guard's leadership council recently approved the first-ever

ORANG patch to be used as a cohesive symbol of all units throughout the state. The logo will eventually be incorporated into the overall strategic marketing plan (guidance will be out soon) and will be used to brand the ORANG in ways that will bring unifying identity to the organization, from the headquarters-level down to the smallest of its units.

Designed by Tech. Sgt. Erik Simmons (formerly assigned to the 142nd Communications Flight), the logo which adheres to the heraldry standards set forth by the Air Force graphically represents and balances the past, present, and future as it relates to the Air National Guard and the ORANG.



The sword in the center of the design is a traditional motif representing the military's historic roots, and is symbolic of the ORANG's current mission to protect the skies of the Pacific Northwest and beyond. The sword is superimposed among one of Oregon's evergreen trees, with mountains and regional scenery in the background. In the sky above the mountains are two F-15s illustrating the air defense operations and training missions of the 142nd and 173rd Fighter Wings. The radar scope in the background represents the

ground-based air traffic control and air control missions of the ORANG. The orbiting arrow is representative of the units involved in combat and tactical communications missions throughout the Pacific Northwest and around the globe.

According to Simmons, he spent approximately 30 hours conceptualizing, designing, and illustrating the patch/logo that was ultimately approved by the ORANG's senior leadership only a few months ago.

"I didn't want it to be reflective of only the flying facets of the ORANG," explained Simmons. "I tried to capture a broader scope than just F-15s by including both air- and ground-based operations."

Before embarking on creative projects like this one (Simmons has designed over 30 logos during his graphic design career), Simmons says he follows a specific process. He starts first by mentally brainstorming ideas during the conceptual phase, and writing down words depicting specific images. He then

formulates a theme and pencil sketches a graphic. Once he's satisfied with the drawing, he sets out to produce a replica of the pencil sketch on the computer.

Most admit, few people have the creative genes or talent to design patches, logos, or other artwork for that matter. It takes a unique person with special gifts to translate conceptual ideas from brain to computer to print. For Simmons, the creative process seems to come pretty easy—especially when he's in the right working environment and beginning with a prayerful heart.

"The environment I work in is extremely critical when I start on conceptual designs," said Simmons. "It needs to be clean, quiet, and serene."

He also freely admits his faith plays an important role in his success as a graphic artist.

"The projects I pray about beforehand, whether for my own work or for the military, are the ones that turn out to be most successful," explained Simmons.

Success is something Simmons has indeed been blessed with, especially lately. In June 2003, he and his wife Kim traveled to the Pentagon to receive the 2002 Military Graphic Artist of the Year Award, the nation's highest award in the visual information career field. At the same time, he also received first place awards for his accomplishments in publication, illustration, animation, and web design. Artists from all branches of the service, including active duty, Guard, and Reserves, competed at the national level for each of these awards.

"It was a huge honor for me to be there," Simmons said humbly.

The award ceremony at the Pentagon meant more for Simmons than just receiving plaques and certificates for his outstanding achievements. Apple Computer gave him a new dual processor G4 computer (valued at \$2000) and \$3000 worth of designer software.

"They (Apple) basically gave me a brand new (home) studio for free," grinned Simmons. "I was tickled beyond measure."

In March 2003, Simmons accepted a job offer in Tucson, Ariz. to become the Vice President of Creative Services for the Envoy Corporation, an advertising agency specializing in meeting the marketing, media, and e-commerce needs of Christian ministries. He transferred to the Arizona Air National Guard and is now part of the 162nd Fighter Wing.



Tech. Sgt. Erik Simmons is presented with the Milgraph award at the Pentagon in June 2003.



Photo by Tech Sgt. Todd Enlund, 142nd CF/Multimedia

Portland, Ore. 6 President George W. Bush holds 11-month-old Avery Burn, daughter of Sgt. Greg Burn and his wife Annie. Sgt. Burn is an Avionics Technician in the 142nd Fighter Wing's avionics branch. President Bush visited briefly with personnel from the Portland Air Base after a luncheon fundraiser at the University of Portland. He continued on to Redmond, Ore. to deliver a speech on his administration's forest management plan.

White makes NGB marathon team again; 16 years in the 'running'

Prepared By Oregon Sentinel Staff

For 16 years, Senior Master Sgt. Max White, 142nd Fighter Wing, has competed for a spot on the National Guard Bureau's (NGB) Marathon Team. Fifteen times he has been selected.

No other Oregon Air Guard runner has ever been so honored. White qualified for the team at the NGB Marathon in Lincoln, Neb. in June with a time of 3 hours, 16 minutes; one of the best times among men over age 40. He was the oldest runner to make the all-Guard Team. Fit, trim and with less than seven percent body fat, White, 52, has continued to train to run in the top marathon races open to military runners.

"It's no gimme to make this team. You have to qualify each and every year," White said. "I feel very fit this year and have been training harder since Lincoln and running about 80 miles a week."

The NGB team is part of an elite runners recruiting team that works at the expos associated with major running events around the country. "If I can play a role in bringing more disciplined, focused individuals into the Guard, that would be awesome," White exclaimed.

On September 6, White will run in a half-marathon in Chicago. Two weeks later he will be part of a four-man relay in the US Air Force Marathon, September 21, in Dayton, Ohio. He will then wait one month to compete in the US Marine Corps Marathon on Oct. 27.

An educator from Albany, Ore., White is the unit's Human Resource Advisor and serves as a physical trainer and health consultant. He has been a member of the ORANG for 16 years and has 19 years of military service.



Senior Master Sgt. Max White

1042nd locates, rescues 11-year old stuck on Humbug Mountain

By Spec. Barbara Kiernan
Public Affairs,
115th MPAD

The Oregon Army National Guard Military Air Rescue Team (formerly known as the 1042nd Medical Aviation Detachment), located and air evacuated an 11-year-old boy from Humbug Mountain State Park on the Southern Oregon Coast. Samuel Staten became separated from his father, Samuel Staten, 31, while hiking the mountain Aug. 2.

The UH-60 Blackhawk included pilot and commanding officer Capt. Tom Lingle, co-pilot Capt. Brian Houston, and Staff Sgts. James Tournay (crew chief) and Travis Powell (flight medic). They arrived at the southwest end of the mountain at 10:30 am, and spotted the boy within minutes, wearing only blue jean shorts and tennis shoes.

He was waving his arms, and the second we came to a hover in front of him, and it was obvious we saw him, he just slumped down in relief, like he was glad to see us," said Lingle. "Based on what he was wearing, we were thinking he was going to be pretty cold. It was a chilly night, especially along the coast."

Temperatures were 65-degrees that morning and in the 50s the night before. The boy slept under a log and covered himself with leaves to stay warm during

the night. He had planned to go down to the beach the following morning to find a house or business, and call for help.

"Unfortunately, he didn't know about the cliff rock," said Tournay, the crewmember who first spotted him. As Staten was descending the mountain, he became stranded when he slid 100 feet onto a rocky cliff area above the water. Tournay described the scene as a steep 75 to 80 degree slope. "It's almost vertical," said Tournay. "As he was sliding down he was grasping for stuff. Luckily, he grabbed a bush and that's what stopped his fall."

According to Tournay, if Staten had slid another 50 feet, he would have plummeted over the edge and fallen another 50 feet straight down. The rocky face was so steep that the medic, Powell, had to use the same bush to steady himself. "As soon as the medic was within reach the kid jumped onto him, like in a bear-hug," said Tournay. At 10:40, just eight minutes after finding the boy, he was hoisted and treated for mild hypothermia, bruises and abrasions.

The helicopter's noise prevents personal conversations, but according to Lingle, nothing could mask the look of relief on the family member's faces when they saw that Samuel Staten was alive and okay.



Photo courtesy of 1042nd Medical Aviation Detachment

Staff Sgt. James Tournay stands next to his UH-60 Blackhawk. Tournay is credited with being the first to spot 11-year old Samuel Staten who was trapped overnight on Humbug Mountain.

"It makes all this Army stuff and everything else you do so worth while," he said. "We buzz for a while. It's what we all joined this organization for."

The crew was relieved to find the boy as quickly as they did. Humbug Mountain, like much of Oregon, is densely wooded. The boy was easy to spot, because there were no trees, except for the bush he was clinging to. However, Tournay said, "Usually we search for hours before we find anything, if we find anything. In

wooded areas, we only have small sectors to look between the trees, so if they're beneath a tree or not in an open area, it's really hard to see them."

The fashion for outdoor wear presents another challenge for the crew. Earthy tones are popular, but wearing them on hiking trips makes it difficult for rescuers to locate people. Tournay suggests that hikers bring along something that can be seen, like a brightly colored sweatshirt or hat that doesn't blend into the environment.

Guard Budget signed by Governor; one of first bills approved by legislature

Prepared By Oregon Sentinel Staff



Photo courtesy of Governor's Office

Governor Ted Kulongoski

Salem, Ore. Governor Ted Kulongoski recently signed into law the two year operating budget of the Oregon Military Department. The OMD was one of the first agency budgets to receive legislative approval in this record-long legislative session. As with all state budgets, the Military Department's budget reflects the anemic state revenues caused by the continuing recession and Oregon's high unemployment, but according to Maj. Gen. Burgin, The Adjutant General, "We feel lucky to have maintained our major programs and this budget rebuilds the Youth Challenge to a full program while taking care

of the men and women who are eligible for tuition assistance. All in all, it is a solid budget considering our state's trying financial situation."

The \$13.5 million dollar general fund state budget is primarily responsible for funding armory operations, a percentage of capital construction and a portion of Air Base operations. Also, the state finances a portion of the overall administration of the Oregon Guard. In recent years, the U.S. Congress has leveraged states to fund 40-percent of the Youth Challenge programs. The Oregon Guard operates a Challenge program outside of Bend in a former DoD facility. The Oregon Youth Challenge Program was recently selected as the best overall program nation-wide, but was forced to reduce the program by 35% due to state revenue cuts over the past two years.

Col. Mike Caldwell, Deputy Director for State Affairs and Legislative coordinator for the Military Department said, "This was a particularly difficult budget session due to the severe lack of revenue in the state coffers. Overall, we did extremely well considering the situation and I was particularly pleased that the Legislature and the Governor saw fit to fund Youth Challenge and give us

enough funding to continue those soldiers and airmen who have been going to college under the State Tuition Assistance Program. Frankly, it was a pleasant surprise that reflects the value Oregonians see in the National Guard. The Legislature funded over \$50,000 to match with federal funds for higher education for the soldiers and airmen who have previously enrolled in the State Tuition Assistance Program and meeting the requirements.

The Oregon Legislature has set a new record this session for length as they deal with the budget shortfall created by the current recession. The single largest issue is the funding of education. At this writing, state legislators were still not in agreement with the Governor's request to fund schools at \$5.3 Billion dollars which cannot occur without either cuts in previously approved budgets or an increase in tax revenue. Caldwell elaborated "We still may be required to reduce our approved budget if the economy stays in the tank and the legislature funds schools at or above the Governor's requested funding level without new revenue. We will see what happens, but we are cautiously optimistic that our budget will not be decremented over this two year budget cycle as we were over the past two years." The Military Department was required to give back budgeted funds over five special sessions as the recession took hold in Oregon through 2001 to 2003. The most significant reductions were in the Tuition Assistance Program and the Youth Challenge Program. Reductions were also taken in the Oregon Military Department administration where several full time state positions were eliminated and reductions were made in Armory operations programs. Caldwell went on to say, "This is a meager budget. We have no pay increase for the two years, and we have limits on filling vacancies and restrictions on travel. It is an austere budget by any standard."

The Oregon Army and Air Guard produce over \$24 million in tax revenue to the Oregon coffers over a two year period calculating only the taxes paid on federal wages, both full time and traditional guard. The two year budget is \$13.5 million over the same period. Caldwell continued "We are truly a Cash Cow for the Oregon economy in terms of revenue produced versus revenue taken to run our agency." He concluded "It really is important that every member of the Guard understand what we bring to the state not only in terms of revenue but also in terms of the added benefit our citizens receive during disasters, emergency operations or any other need. Our motto says it all "When we are needed, we are there."



Letters From The Front



Medic helps out in real-world scenarios



I to r: Staff Sgt. Robert Stevens and Sgt. John McNasser

I've been spending a lot of time in Iraq treating civilians when we go up to the various utility sites in north Rumaylah and Basrah. It is the most heart-wrenching thing I have done in a long time. I want all of you to give your parents a huge hug. I see children every day that look hungry and emaciated. Many of them don't have parents to take care of them. They live like animals, eating God knows what. They live in this perpetual survival mode. ARCENT (Army Central Command) put out a memo that says you can't give food or water to the civilians. I understand that it can cause a mob scene, but these children are in the middle of nowhere. I guess some of them are selling it, but I'll tell you what, If I come home as a Private, you'll know why.

more with me. This last week has been very hard on me.

On our way back from Iraq and about 20 miles before we crossed the border, we came upon a British Land Rover that rolled and came to rest on its top. The highway between Iraq and Kuwait is Hwy 80, but the military uses it as a main supply route or MSR. All the MSR's are named after US cities. This one is MSR Tampa. Anyway, it looks like the rollover happened a few seconds before we drove up because the driver and passenger were still climbing out of the vehicle. A third guy was in the back and was thrown about twenty feet from the accident site. I was with two officers from our battalion C2 cell. We stopped and I grabbed my aid bag and ran out to the scene. The two that were crawling out from the vehicle looked to only have minor injuries. One was bleeding from a scalp wound and the other had a deep laceration of the left elbow. I gave them gauze to hold on it until I could get back to them. I went over to the third guy and he was lying on his back and rolling around in pain. I got him calmed down and the first thing he said was "It burns!" He was lying on the concrete that was 100 plus degrees. I poured a couple of bottles of water on the ground around him and on him to cool him off.



Members of the 1st Platoon, C-Company of the 1-162 pose in front of a defaced portrait of Saddam Hussein.

I just got back to Kuwait from Al Kut, Iraq. I went as medical support for a civilian DoD humanitarian mission. We delivered school supplies to two schools and visited an Iraqi orphanage. When we got to the orphanage, we were startled to find that the building had been used as a barracks for Iraqi troops that were fleeing Al Basrah. The children were kicked out of the orphanage and our interpreter said that the people that ran it were executed. When the Iraqis pulled out, it was abandoned and the locals stripped it of all the furniture, beds, and fixtures to sell. I did get the opportunity to treat some of the locals. I had twenty vials of broad-spectrum antibiotics and used all of it within an hour. I wish I had brought

I started doing my initial assessment and found he had a laceration over his left ear, broken and protruding jaw, broken right clavicle, broken or dislocated right shoulder, two broken wrists and a left femur (thigh) fracture. I got one of the bystanders to hold manual traction on his head and neck while I finished my assessment. About that time, a British convoy came along with an ambulance. I had their medic put on a C-collar and attend to the splinting of the patient's leg while I started two large bore I.V.'s. Once the patient was stabilized, I called for a Medevac helicopter. Since we were north of the Iraqi border, the British are responsible for evacuation. I told them I would have the site marked with my VS-



Guard members assist victims of a vehicle accident on Hwy 80, 20 miles inside the Iraqi border.

17 panel which is a large piece of nylon that is bright pink on one side and bright orange on the other. I would land them on the southbound lanes of MSR Tampa.

It took about an hour and a half for them to get there. I started to vector the helo into position and gave the pilot position corrections so they could avoid the light poles in the median. Just as I am about to give the helo the "touchdown" signal, the pilot started to turn the aircraft away from me. This is a no-no because the pilot cannot see my position corrections. As the helo is turning, it starts to back pedal into the median; exactly what I wanted to avoid. I waved the crew chief around and I could see him turn to the pilot and start yelling.

They finally got settled, with the rear facing towards me, so I turned to head back to the ambulance to prepare the patient for movement. I get in the back and start making preparations, when the Brit crewchief starts directing the ambulance to back up the helo. I am watching the blades whopping over us, only clearing the top of the ambulance by a few feet. This is also very bad since the turbine exhaust converges directly behind the helicopter. The driver couldn't hear me yelling from the back to stop and kept backing up to within a few feet of the ramp of the bird. 500 degree exhaust was now shooting into the back of the ambulance as I am kicking the compartment door yelling at the driver to drive away from the helicopter. Miraculously, one of the other Brits saw me screaming and directed the driver to pull away. The heat and noise put my patient into immediate shock and hysteria. Not to mention ticking me off. He started to crash pretty hard. He was breathing pretty shallow as it was; now he has to suck on jet exhaust?!

I finally got him stabilized and ready to move. The crew chief had followed me out and was asking what the hell I was doing. When I told him that he damn-near roasted my patient and me alive, he walked away briskly without saying a word. The pilot came around and started screaming at me, "What the &*\$%\$# are you doing?" I calmly (at first) told him that, "I am in charge as long as this patient was in my care and until relieved by higher medical authority which is a PA (Physician's Assistant), Physician, or God" I immediately turned to the three other Brits that were to be my litter bearers

and instructed them on my intentions. I told the crew chief to clear a spot in the back of the helo and give me a signal when he was ready to receive the patient. We lifted the patient out of the ambulance and walked him onto the helicopter and away they went, happily I am sure.



Staff Sgt. Rob Stevens administers first aid to one of the crash victims.

We got back to Doha and I spent the next day writing reports and getting debriefed. In the middle of it, one of the officers I was riding with that day had taken some pictures and a video with my camera that was in the vehicle with me.

I find out this morning that the pilot and crew of that helicopter were a maintenance crew that just happened to be airborne when the Medevac call came in. All of the patients are alright. The driver and co-driver were treated and released with minor sutures and the third guy is doing well. He didn't have a broken femur, but the x-ray showed some radial fractures that caused the swelling I mistook for a break. His jaw was wired shut and they had to do some bone grafting to repair his mandible. No neck injury or paralysis, and only one of his wrists were broken. The scalp laceration needed fifteen sutures and his right shoulder is in a cast for a broken clavicle. I was just glad to hear he is going to be okay.

Well, I've got to get going. I have to refit my aide bag, eat and go to sleep. Another mission in the North tomorrow. Sorry for the long e-mail. Sleep is eluding me tonight. I finally got a laptop issued to me for patient tracking and I can type my e-mails when I'm in Iraq and e-mail them when I get back to Doha.

Staff Sgt. Rob W. Stevens IV
91W3OI, Senior Medic
U.S. Army

2-218-Field Artillery trains in Yakima



Photo by Staff Sgt. Nick Choy, State Public Affairs Office
Charlie Gun 1 scores a direct hit on the target, helping them to win the overall competition. Artillery groups were given three chances to hit the target.

Prepared by Sentinel Staff

The Oregon Army National Guard's 2-218th Field Artillery conducted their annual training at the Yakima Firing Center in early August, 2003 for support of REDLEGS. Also in support of the REDLEGS mission, four soldiers from the Charlie Co., 141 Support Battalion's medical detachment were also deployed to the exercise.

The primary focus for the 186 soldiers in attendance was the placement and operation of the 105MM Howitzer weapon. Each unit fired over 750 rounds without incident. Other unit tasks included casualty evacuation, reaction to enemy contact, and 24-hour operations. The closing event was the direct fire competition, where the officer in charge gave each gun section a specific target of acquisition. It was located approximately 750-1500 meters from the firing line, and each section were given three rounds in order to hit their assigned targets.

Each section was graded on fire command procedures, safety procedures, and target accuracy. This year's competition was won by C-Battery, gun-1. Sgt. Buxton and his crew successfully engaged their target while performing all the required command and safety procedures.

The overall success of the mission was accomplished by the non-commissioned officers who carried out the Battalion's commander's intent. The soldiers went home exhausted, but with a renewed sense of respect for their brethren fighting overseas.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Nick Choy, State Public Affairs Office
Members of Charlie Gun 1; (Top from left): Staff Sgt. Reeves, Sgt. Buxton (Chief of winning Gun), Staff Sgt. Evans (Gunnery Sergeant), Master Sgt. Rust. (Middle from left): Sgt. Cortez, Spec. Obyran, Private 1st Class Wayment, Private 2nd Class Nicholas. Kneeling in front: Spec. Buis.

State Executive Order mobilizes National Guard for fire-fighting duty

Prepared by Sentinel Staff

On August 21, 2003, Governor Ted Kulongoski signed Executive Order EO 03-10 calling for a state of emergency because of wildfire threats facing Oregon. Shortly thereafter, the Oregon Department of Forestry and State Emergency Management Office called for Aviation support from the Oregon Army National Guard.

A UH-60 "Firehawk" (modified Blackhawk used to fight forest fires, and one CH-47 Chinook helicopter with a 2,000 gallon water bucket were dispatched to the B & B Complex near Highway 20 in central Oregon. Capt. Tom Lingle is the Officer In Charge at the B & B fire complex for aviation support.

The support package for the Aviation Task Force includes two HEMMIT cargo trucks, four fuel trucks, three HMMWV's with trailers, and a 5-ton truck.

As firefighters struggle to control the B & B complex fire, the operating tempo for the helicopters has doubled.

In addition, the Aviation Support Facility in Salem has dispatched one UH-60 Medevac helicopter to the Lightning complex. The terrain is so rough in the Hells Canyon area, a medevac unit was deemed reasonable for extraction of injured or stranded firefighters. The first extraction of a firefighter with a strained knee was accomplished on August 27th.

The Oregon National Guard currently has 45 soldiers on state active duty in support of fire fighting operations. Seven at the Lightning Complex, 32 at the B & B fire and six working at the Emergency Operations Center.



Photo by Sentinel staff
A UH-60 "Firehawk" takes on water at a "dip-site" in preparation for firefighting duty in central Oregon. With the fire threat at peak levels, and the winter rains still a few months off, Oregon National Guard firefighting participation becomes essential to help protect forests and property.

On August 28, the medevac helicopter stationed in Pendleton assisting with evacuation for the Lightning Complex near Hells Canyon, responded to a roll over vehicle accident. The van which contained six firefighters had crashed and rolled down a 200-foot embankment. Two of the firefighters were transported to Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane, Wash. The remaining four were transported via ambulance to local hospitals for treatment.

Piloting the Blackhawk were Chief Warrant Officers Gregg Schroeder and Rob Bratten. Crew chief and flight medics were Sergeants Jason Branch and Mark Carter.

To date, the Firehawk, Blackhawk and CH-47 Chinook working the B & B Complex fire near Highway 20 have flown more than 40 hours, and have dropped more than 100,000 gallons of water on the fire.

TAG visits Oregon Army National Guard troops on active duty training in Redmond

Story and photo by SSgt. Nick Choy,
State Public Affairs Office

Redmond, Ore. -- Oregon Army National Guard troops of the 1-82nd got an unexpected visit during their July annual training in Redmond, Ore. by Maj. Gen. Alexander Burgin.

Burgin spoke with troops about their mission, the increased operations tempo, and the important role they play in their country's history.

Gen. Burgin arrived at Bend Regional Airport in the afternoon, after

visiting with troops from the 2-162 in Yakima, Wash.

Lt. Col. Scott Haynes, Commander of the 1st Squadron of the 82nd Cavalry met Gen. Burgin at the airport and served as his host and official escort for the visit.

Troops gathered in a clearing near their operational area to hear the General speak.

"I just wanted to come out here and tell you what a great job you're all doing for the State of Oregon and the

country," Gen. Burgin said. "We're all very proud of the work you do, and so is the rest of the country."

Gen. Burgin shook hands and met with several in the group. He also passed out "TAG" coins to several of the troops, then headed back to the operations building for a status briefing and a tour. He was shown some of the progress made on construction projects, as well as a presentation regarding the training area's boundaries, and upcoming plans for training.



Maj. Gen. Alexander Burgin meets with troops from the 1st Sq., 82d CAV on active duty in Redmond, Ore.

Oregon Guardmembers wait all year for Camp Rosenbaum

Continued from Pg. 1

Portland, Salem, Clackamas, Yamhill and Washington Counties, and Vancouver, Wash. all select needy children to attend the camp.

The annual visit from state, community and business leaders included three Oregon governors who have supported the camp. Walking from an Army Guard Chinook helicopter, Gov. Ted Kulongoski was flanked by former governors Vic Atiyeh and Barbara Roberts. He told a crowd and media that he came from a foster home, but his service in the U.S. Marines and in State government shows that a person can do anything they strive to do.

“Stay in school, learn and do all you can and work hard,” he said. “I’ll bet there’s even a future governor in this group. The outstanding efforts and involvement by the National Guard help show these children there’s a great future ahead of them.”

As former camp counselors, Roberts, like Atiyeh, know the camp



Photo by Senior Airman Tim Warren, 142nd Multimedia

Governor Ted Kulongoski receives his new camp name, “King Pin,” from Camp Rosenbaum attendee Colin Patterson during welcoming ceremonies at Camp Rilea. Kulongoski is the first sitting governor of Oregon to visit the youth camp in nine years.

benefits children and their future. “All they must do is rise up, work hard and achieve. Around the camp, visitors observed children sliding down grass hills on cardboard sleds, or making leather or beaded bracelets, wooden racecars, or having lunch. As the music

from “Boogie Man” traveling music machine played outside one of the buildings, kids hugged counselors, smiles and laughter were in abundance and children’s lives were being changed.

Fourteen-year old Devon Hinman of Portland was a camper whose life was deeply affected by his experience at camp.

“It made me change my attitude and improved my studies in school,” he said. “I thank these police officers and volunteers for helping me turn it around.”

After visiting last year, Oregon Air Guard Commander, Brig. Gen. James “Sly Pig” Cunningham was hooked. He explained that Guard leaders in other states look up to Oregon for hosting the camp. Calling it the best kept secret in the Guard, he said, “This camp changes lives, ours and theirs. We can show these kids there’s a better world out there.”

No doubt “Rosenbaum rocks” every year.



Photo by Senior Airman Tim Warren, 142nd Multimedia

Barry “Sizzler” Quinn (l.) and Senior Airman Rick “Madhadder” Haddy (r.) escort camp youth to the water’s edge at Seaside Beach during beach activities. Quinn is a member of Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue, and Haddy is a member of the 142nd Fighter Wing’s Fire Department.

Camp’s reputation draws guardmembers from around the country

One weekend every month, Staff Sgt. Brianna Van Rossem serves as an Aviation Resource Manager for the 148th Fighter Wing in Duluth, Minnesota. On weekdays she works as a commercial banking assistant for US Bank in Wisconsin.

But, for one week the past three summers, Van Rossem becomes “Tinkerbell” at Oregon’s youth citizenship camp, Camp Rosenbaum.

During a TDY in 1999 to Tyndall AFB, Florida, Senior Master Sgt. Vern Loftis told Van Rossem of his involvement at Camp Rosenbaum back in Oregon. She was interested because her unit hosts a summer camp for young dependents (ages 10-12 years old), which teaches children about their parent’s experience while they are deployed.

Loftis sold her on Camp Rosenbaum, and in 2000, she flew to Oregon (at her own expense), and served as a camp counselor.

“It’s fun because we get to let the kids try something they’ve never tried before,” Van Rossem said. “This camp lets a kid be a kid. I came here (Camp Rosenbaum) and they embraced me. I love it and want to keep coming back.”

By Maj. Mike Allegre
Public Affairs Officer, HQ, ORANG

Van Rossem, a member of the Minnesota Air National Guard for six years, would like to someday become an officer. She enjoys being with a group of people that care about kids enough that they want to reach out annually.

Tinkerbell’s first Oregon summer was memorable and challenging. One of the girls in her group was a bit overweight and withdrawn. When it came time for the kids to ride on the “Zip Line,” a cable line that stretches over 30 feet in the air, the girl adamantly refused. A determined counselor, Van Rossem was able to

convince her to ride on the cable anyway.

“The girl successfully completed the task and told me that she was having more fun than she’d ever had in her life. She then asked if she could do it again.”

It’s nothing a determined non-commissioned officer with a positive attitude and some “pixie dust” couldn’t fix.



Photo by Master Sgt. Laura Looney, 142nd Multimedia

Brianna “Tinkerbell” VanRossem (r) poses with one of the camp’s attendees this year.

Brig. Gen. Rosenbaum nominated for award

By Spec. Barbara Kiernan
Public Affairs, 115th MPAD

Brig. Gen. Fred M. Rosenbaum will become the fifth recipient of the the Order of the Minuteman award on September 19, 2003 for his exemplary service in the military and community over the past four decades. The award is modeled after the Air National Guard’s Order of the Sword award. It recognizes individuals who have gone above and beyond the call-of duty, and made significant and meaningful differences in the lives of enlisted members and their families.

Gen. Rosenbaum began his military career during WWII as an enlisted member in the U.S. Army and retired as a general officer in the Oregon Air National Guard after 40 years of service. During this time he made great contributions to Oregon’s enlisted force and the community. Some of his most notable accomplishments include the development of a highly successful community service program called Camp Rosenbaum, the acquisition of the 173RD Fighter Wing, the implementation of the “Guard Takes Care of its Own” program, leadership involvement in the Employer Support of the Guard/Reserves (ESGR) program at the state and national levels, and numerous improvements in personnel programs, such as recruiting, promotions, and minority opportunities.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Nick Choy, State Public Affairs Office

All enlisted members of the Oregon Air National Guard are invited to attend a Dining Out ceremony in honor of Brig. Gen. Rosenbaum on Friday, September 19, following the award ceremony at the Multnomah Athletic Club in Portland. Tickets for this event are available through the First Sergeants and Chief Master Sergeants. Deadline for ticket purchase is September 15. Cost is \$27 per person. Spouses and guests are invited and encouraged to attend. No host cocktails will be held from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., and dinner will be served at 7:15 p.m. All enlisted personnel who attend are considered members of the mess and are required to wear mess dress or semi-formal dress uniform. Appropriate attire is required for civilian guests.

For more information, please contact Chief Master Sgt. Dan Haider (142FW) at 503-335-5200 or Chief Master Sgt. Mike Bauer (173FW) at 541-885-6622.

Oregon Army National Guard prepares for deployment to Iraq



Photo by Staff Sgt. Nick Choy, State Public Affairs Office

Members of the 2-162 mount-up in their convoy during training operations at Camp Rilea. Troops from the brigade took a break from their AT to visit the children and counselors who were attending Camp Rosenbaum, also held at Camp Rilea. See related story on Camp Rosenbaum activities on page 1, and on opposite page.

Continued from Pg. 1

the mobilization date has yet to be determined by the supported command, the period of mobilization typically takes about a year. The battalion will likely report to their mobilization station in Oct. 2003 for pre-deployment training and validation, before moving on to the Middle East sometime in the spring of 2004.

In anticipation of the mobilization order expected sometime in October, the battalion is conducting individual readiness preparations, said Brig. Gen. Ray Byrne, Commander of the 41st Separate Infantry Brigade. This should enable their mobilization and deployment to Iraq to progress smoothly. Added to their annual training exercises due to the upcoming deployment to Iraq was Military Operations on Urbanized Terrain (MOUT), he added.

It is anticipated they will replace the 4th Infantry Division currently serving in Iraq. The deployment will be the single largest mobilization of National Guard soldiers from the State of Oregon since World War II.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Nick Choy, State Public Affairs Office

Sgt. Hassett instructs troops on the correct reassembly of the MK-19 40mm grenade launcher. Hassett is the platoon sergeant for Delta Co., 2nd Platoon of the 2-162.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Nick Choy, State Public Affairs Office

Sgt Murphy works on an .50-caliber M2 machine gun with instruction from Sgt. Brown. Both Murphy and Brown are with the 2-162 Delta Company, the 3rd Platoon, Anti-Armor section.

Oregon Air National Guard leans forward, looks to future

By Maj. Donna Prigmore
Public Affairs Officer, HQ, ORANG

The Oregon Air National Guard recently completed an organizational change involving the formation of a new major unit, the 101st Combat Operations Group (101 COG). This newly formed entity will position the Oregon Air Guard well into the future and serve as the nucleus and reporting headquarters for five of ORANG's seven existing units operating throughout the state.

The decision to make the organizational change resulted from an in-depth analysis conducted over the past six-months by senior leaders of the ORANG. The group researched and evaluated missions expected to play a significant role in future military operations. Among the top trends identified were information warfare, high-tech communications, special tactics and special operations.



According to Brig. Gen. James Cunningham, commander of the ORANG, some of the expertise and (to a large extent) the equipment necessary to adapt to these future trends already exists throughout the Oregon Air Guard, especially in the following five ORANG units; the 244th Combat Communications Squadron, the 272nd Combat Communications Squadron, the 123rd Weather Flight, the 116th Air Control Squadron in Warrenton, and the 270th Air Traffic Control Squadron in Klamath Falls.

These units of all of which have similarities related to command, control, communications, and computers of have been reorganized under the 101 COG's domain, according to Cunningham. By grouping them together synergistically, the ORANG can now better use its resources and position itself for the future, better serving military and state needs. At the same time, the change allows for many administrative processes to be centralized and a strong advocacy network to be developed for the 101 COG members.

With their organizational changes complete, senior military leaders in the ORANG have already begun investigating how their in-house unit capabilities can be transformed into a special (ground) tactics squadron under the 101 COG's umbrella.

Special tactics squadrons typically use combat (air) controllers and combat weather teams to provide special forces personnel and pararescue personnel with safe landing zones by setting up tactical air traffic control (ATC) radar packages and radio communications systems at designated locations worldwide.

It is feasible that a special tactics squadron could be formed within our organization in the next year or so, said Cunningham. This added mission would lean the Oregon Air Guard more toward the cutting edge of combat operations and less toward support roles, which has historically been the case.

Cunningham also added the ORANG is aggressively pursuing Air Force missions related to special operations and the combat air vehicle program.

The changes being made within the ORANG will not only benefit Oregon's militia, but the overall state as well. The new 101 COG, for example, is expected to create approximately 80 part-time and 20 full-time jobs in Oregon, as well as give the ORANG unprecedented access to cutting edge communications systems.

According to Col. David Ferre, commander of the 101 COG, the changes will add value to Oregon's sluggish economy by creating jobs and, at the same time, benefit the state's emergency management and disaster response programs.

Given the many dangerous and unpredictable threats we face in the world today, the lean-forward changes being made within the Oregon Air Guard (on the national level) translate into good things for the state, Ferre concluded.

Congressman Wu visits 2-162 at Rilea



Photo by SSgt. Nick Choy, State Public Affairs Office

Congressman David Wu visited with Oregon Army National Guard troops training on active duty at Camp Rilea August 8. He told troops from the 2-162 that a grateful nation stood behind them as they prepare for deployment to the Middle East. Following the visit, Congressman Wu continued on to Astoria for the dedication of the Astoria Column.

Retiree Corner

TRICARE website wealth of knowledge for reservists

When on military duty, Reserve Component (RC) members are covered for any injury, illness or disease incurred or aggravated in the line of duty. This includes traveling directly to or from the place where they perform military duty. When ordered to active duty for more than 30 consecutive days, RC members have comprehensive health care coverage under TRICARE.

When the RC sponsor is on active duty for more than 30 consecutive days, their family's health and dental care needs are covered under several TRICARE options.

For more information, visit the TRICARE website at <http://tricare.osd.mil/reserve/>.

Military Health System enhances website

The Health Affairs (HA) and TRICARE Management Activity (TMA) Websites are now consolidated into one resource for the Military Health System. The new Website's upgrades include a more robust search engine, text-only A-to-Z browsing, additional quick links and resources, and consolidated news and news sources. Users will find it easier to navigate the Website for regional information, TRICARE Fact Sheets, the TRICARE Handbook and pertinent HA Policy Information. The new site can be accessed through three portals:

- The Military Health System portal (<http://www.ha.osd.mil>) contains HA and TMA organization information; MHS strategic plans and policies; and messages from Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of defense for health affairs.
- The TRICARE Beneficiary portal (<http://www.tricare.osd.mil>) contains TRICARE beneficiary information.
- The TRICARE Provider portal (<http://www.tricare.osd.mil/provider.cfm>) contains links for provider certification as well as other provider information.

Change of Address

Retiree Services Office
PO Box 14350
Salem, Oregon 97309

- New Retiree Change
 Stop Deceased

Name _____

Rank _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

- Army NG Air NG
 Federal State

Retiree Service Office

Open Tuesdays, 10am to 2pm
(503) 584-3804
1-800-452-7500, ext. 3804

E-mail:
RSO@or.ngb.army.mil

US Mail:
Retiree Service Office
PO Box 14350
Salem, OR 97309

Oregon YAMS program mentors children of military members

Prepared by Sentinel Staff

The Oregon National Guard Family Program is looking for Oregon youths, age 12 through 18 years old, and youth advisors for its Young American Military Supporters (YAMS) program. The program is involved in community service activities, camp-outs, day-trips and other recreational outings.



Photo by Ann Cain

l to r; Spc. Michelle Burkhart, Jamilee Enbysk, Private 1st Class Joanna Smith.

Ann Cain, Family Program Youth Coordinator for the State of Oregon, started the program at Camp Withycombe after attending the NGB Family Program Youth Symposium in 2002. "I was so impressed with the depth of thought and commitment of these young people, I knew Oregon had to be a part of it," said Cain.

According to Cain, the purpose of the program is to find out what is important to the National Guard youth, and address issues and questions they may have. Volunteers facilitate dialog between youngsters so they can better understand and cope with the problems and anxieties associated with being a child of a military member, especially regarding their parents' deployments and active duty. Moreover, the youngsters are taught to become counselors themselves, giving them skills to help other youths facing similar challenges. "This program is youth-driven, not adult-driven," says Cain. "It's their (the youths) concerns, their fears that we need to address."

Mentors and advisors have ample opportunities to positively influence area youths, and can provide much-needed mentoring, and role models. However, Cain hopes that everyone can get involved. "We are hopeful parents will be enthusiastic about also volunteering their time. It truly is a family oriented program."

The program is open to all members of the Oregon National Guard, family members, their children, and those interested in the military. If you would like to volunteer as a advisor/mentor, or know of a youth who could benefit from the program, please contact Ann Cain at the Family Center at Camp Withycombe in Clackamas at 503-557-5339, or at ann.cain@or.ngb.army.mil.

Oregon Guard is off to the races



Photo by Maj. Donna Prigmore, 142FW Public Affairs Officer

The 234th Army Band (Oregon's Own) performed the opening march before the start of the G.I. Joe's 200 racing event on Sunday, June 22 at Portland International Raceway. The military had a strong presence at the annual Rose Festival racing event, including an F-15 flyover by the 123rd Fighter Squadron, formal recognition of troops from the First Battalion, 162nd Infantry, Rear Detachment, and music performed by the 234th Army Band. The flyover was timed perfectly and came at the end of the Star Spangled Banner.

The Oregon Army Guard's First Battalion, 162nd Infantry, Rear Detachment, has been deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The 142nd Logistics Squadron provided bus transportation for the Army Band from the Portland Air National Guard Base, where they played for the 142 Fighter Wing Change of Command Ceremony immediately prior to the race, to the Portland International Raceway.

DID YOU KNOW you can purchase life insurance through payroll deduction THAT YOU CAN take with you if/when

State Sponsored Life Insurance (SSLI) is provided to enhance Serviceman's Group Life Insurance (SGLI). Specific program benefits include:

- Benefit payment within 24 hours up to \$10,000, with remaining benefits within ten days.
- Spouse and dependent coverage
- No WAR, suicide, or aviation exclusions
- No cost 20% automatic increase after one year off of base plan.
- Accelerated death benefit (50% of coverage) in event of terminal illness
- As part of this program, all ONG members have \$1,000 free coverage automatically.
- SSLI can be taken with you upon departure from the National Guard and benefits and premiums remain the same to age 60.
- A **Supplemental SSLI coverage** can be added to the basic program to provide:
 - o \$50,000 to \$250,000 coverage
 - o Premiums better than SGLI to age 50
 - o Member and/or spouse additional coverage of \$100,000 for \$7.50
 - o Requires basic SSLI coverage
 - o Some limitations may apply

In 1998, The Oregon National Guard Officer and Enlisted Associations created an umbrella organization, Oregon National Guard Benefits INC., to help to identify and provide benefits for all ONG Soldiers/Airmen and association members. The following describes the program available to you.

Payroll Deducted Group Benefits for Members of the National Guard

STATE SPONSORED LIFE INSURANCE

Unit SSLI Benefit Briefings are being provided throughout the year. Check to find out when the briefings are being made to your unit. Questions and/or interest in the program should be directed to the benefits coordinator.

LTC (Ret) Mike Fielding, SSLI Benefits Coordinator
PO Box 4262, Salem, OR 97302
1-800-810-7754 (SSLI), Cell 503-510-473

RTI courses provide valuable, life-saving training for guardmembers

By Staff Sgt. Brian Mortensen
Squadron Public Affairs Office,
244th Combat Communications

The 249th Regional Training Institute (RTI) completed its second annual training of the year on June 28 at Camp Rilea. The RTI conducted 11B Military Occupational Speciality (MOS) Qualification Course, 11B Basic Non Commissioned Officer Course (BNCOC) phase II, and 11B Advanced Non Commissioned Officer Course (ANCOC) phase II. The Infantry courses were attended by 70 students from California, Alaska, Colorado, Rhode Island, Michigan, Washington, Illinois, Georgia, Nebraska, Texas, Idaho, Wisconsin, Utah, and a Reservist from Germany.



Sgt. 1st Class Pagan (l) helps Sgt. 1st Class Kerr apply face paint prior to battlefield training exercises at Camp Rilea.

As part of their training, students traveled to the Yakima Firing Center to qualify on the M240B and M249 machine guns, M203 and AT4. Classroom instruction included map-reading, communications, first aid, leadership and others. Field training included land navigation, range firing of many weapon types, Field Training Exercise (FTX) with diverse scenarios including Military Operations Urban Terrain (MOUT) operations with civilians on the battlefield.

The title XI from Fort Benning was very impressed with the training and was pleased with the diversity of students.

The Regional Training Institute conducts training in 11B Infantry Career Management Field for Region-G, which includes 14 western states and Guam. The courses are open to personnel outside this region as well, and many students from all over the world chose to attend.

Students attending Phase I for BNCOC and ANCOC are in drill status, and must complete the first phase six months prior to Phase II, which is conducted over a two-week period at Camp Rilea.

The RTI also conducts a 91W transition course and Combat Lifesaver Course. The RTI, in conjunction with the 104th USAR Drill Sergeant School, conducts training for newly-recruited military members on their way to basic training. An 18-month Officer Candi-



Members of the ANCOC storm the beach at Camp Rilea during a training exercise conducted by RTI. The annual training is touted as one of the best in the nation.

date School (OCS) is also held by RTI for commission officers in the Army National Guard. OCS students attend a two-week course in South Dakota during Phase I, then spend 13 months at the Military Academy in Monmouth, Ore for their Phase II training. The Military Academy is hailed by many as having the best OCS training in the country. Cadets then go to Ft. Lewis, Wash. for Phase III for a period of two weeks, after which they receive their commis-

The RTI is also responsible for two Guard Officer Leadership Detachments (GOLD) at Eastern Oregon University and Southern Oregon University. The GOLD program conducts OCS and recruit training in southern and eastern Oregon. The RTI hosts many other courses as well, with over 2,000 graduates annually.

The RTI is located on the campus of Western Oregon University in Monmouth Ore. For more information call 503-838-8585.

Oregon guardmember will compete on prestigious Army Team in nation's capitol

By Staff Sgt. John C. Driscoll
Unit Public Affairs Representative,
1249th Engineer Battalion

Placing second with a time of 56:24, Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Vandervlugt has qualified to represent Fort Lewis as a competitor in the 2003 Army 10 Miler on October 5, 2003. Vandervlugt is assigned to Company A, 1249 Engineer Battalion, as its Operations NCO. This year's Army Ten Miler will be the sixth consecutive time he has participated in the competition, which is the country's largest ten mile race.

This year, Ft. Lewis will field a men's, a women's and a mixed team. All three teams will be comprised of six members each. Vandervlugt will compete on the men's team. In the previous five races Vandervlugt represented the Oregon Army National Guard, but he is now able to represent the Ft. Lewis active Army Team since his mobilization in March.

The Army Ten Miler starts and ends at the Pentagon. After crossing the Potomac River the competitors run up the Capitol Mall, past Capitol Hill, then along the Potomac until crossing back across the river to the finish line. The race brings together thousands of runners who compete as individuals and as team members. Teams are fielded by units from throughout the US military, as well as by nonmilitary individuals and organizations. The race is limited to 18,000 competitors.

Vandervlugt is a resident of Bend, but has been at Ft. Lewis with the rest of his company since March 26, 2003 when they were called to active service.



Sgt. 1st Class Vandervlugt qualifies for the Army Ten Miler competition in Washington D.C.

Summer fun discounts offered to military

In honor of the service and sacrifice of military members and their families, various theme parks and hotels are offering Summer discounts. Most promotions run through the middle of December 2003, and are intended to recognize members of the military and their families during the Summer's increased travel and vacation season.

Below is a listing of the various destinations, hotel vendors, and airlines offering these discounts.

Anheuser Busch, Seaworld/Busch Garden Theme Parks is offering a free 1-day admission to all branches of the military, guard and reserve, both members and their dependents, for all Busch theme parks including Sea World from May 23 through November 11, 2003. You must obtain form from ITT at www.seaworld.com in order to receive the passes.

Disney is offering large discounts and free passes as part of their 'Disney's Armed Forces Salute' for Disney/California Adventure, Disney World in Florida, Disney Cruises, and many of their resort hotels from May 12 through December 19, 2003. For more information, visit www.disneyland.com/military. For information on Disney Cruises discounts and promotions, call 1-888-325-2500.

Universal Hotels in Orlando is also offering military discounts through December 19, 2003. For specifics on location and discounted rates, call 1-800-292-7827.

Both Ramada Inn and Holiday Inn are also offering military rate discounts at their Orlando locations. For information on Ramada's discounted rate, visit www.ramadaorlando.com, or call 1-800-327-1363. For information on Holiday Inn's promotion, visit www.ramadaorlando.com, or call 1-800-366-5437.

US Airways' 'Salute Savings' promotion offers special fares for all military personnel. Fares as low as \$79 are available to those purchasing round-trip tickets originating in the US to destinations across the US Airways' system including Europe, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean. For more information, call US Airways or your nearest travel agent.

Pacific University offers optometry discounts

Pacific University's College of Optometry is offering discounts on vision care for all Oregon National Guard and reserve members and their immediate family.

The program, which runs until December 31, 2003, is the school's way of honoring the service and sacrifice of military members. Discounts include 25% off primary vision care exams and 25% off eyewear at the school's five Vision Center Optical shops. All guard and reserve members and their families are asked to present proper military identification in order to receive the discounts.

The vision centers are open weekdays, evenings, and weekend hours, with locations throughout the greater Portland area, including downtown, Southeast, Northeast, Forest Grove, and Cornelius. To make an appointment, or for more information, call (503) 352-2020.

Oregon Sentinel

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER



Photo by Staff Sgt. Nick Choy, State Public Affairs Office. A four-ship mixed formation gets their photo opportunity behind a KC-135 tanker from the 116th Air Refueling Squadron out of Fairchild AFB, Wash. during the Sentry Eagle air show in Klamath Falls, Ore. From left to right: an F-4 Phantom II piloted by LTC Charles Hainline, an F-16 Fighting Falcon piloted by LTC Dave Allen, an F-15 Eagle piloted by LTC John Morawiec, and an F-18 Hornet piloted by Capt. John Dixon. Approximately 15,000 people attended this year's air show on August 16.

Shrimp help stop bleeding

HEMCON Technologies has developed a revolutionary breakthrough for the medical field and the military. The new product, made from a chemical found in shrimp shells, stops bleeding on contact with the wound.† The Oregon start-up recently received \$13 Million in Department of Army acquisition funding from the new DoD budget. It is likely that the 1042nd (Air Ambulance) will be among the first to use the new equipment in the near future.

Minsters
Rabbis
Priests
Imams

- Part Time
- Great pay and benefits
- Continue in current ministry
- Free training

Serve God and Country by ministering as a Chaplain to the soldiers of the Oregon Army National Guard



- Qualifications:
- 72 Seminary Credits
 - Ordained, or ability to be ordained
 - Age 21-29 (higher for prior service)
 - Ecclesiastical endorsement
 - Good physical condition



For more information, please call 503-584-3635

Lewis & Clark 'Discovery Box' now available to area schools, organizations



The Army Corps of Engineer's Lewis and Clark Discovery Box is being made available to schools and other organizations through a coordinated project involving the Oregon National Guard.

The Discovery Boxes include period-correct reproductions of items that Lewis and Clark would have taken or would have encountered along the way on their expedition from 1803-1805. Included in the Discovery Box are a dress uniform with hat; a beaver skin, a grizzly bear footprint; a journal with quills and powdered ink; a prickly pear and many other items.

The Lewis and Clark presentation team will bring these boxes out to any school or adult organization for a free presentation. The team shows a video presentation, speaks about the history of the Lewis and Clark expedition, and Army values. The team also sets aside time for audience members to experience what Lewis and Clark might have seen and done on their expedition in the early 19th century by allowing

individuals to interact with and examine period-correct items contained in the box. The presentation lasts about an hour and a half, but can be shortened to fit any time frame.

The Lewis and Clark expedition, also known as the Corps of Discovery, left Virginia on July 4, 1803, navigated and explored the Missouri, Snake and Columbia River estuaries, and finally reached the Pacific Ocean, where the expedition members built a fort near Astoria, Oregon, wintering there in 1805. The expedition returned to the East Coast, via two different routes, the following year. The Lewis and Clark expedition's bicentennial commemoration is being held from 2003-2006, with Oregon's signature event taking place November 2005 at Ft. Clatsop in Astoria, Ore.

If you are interested in having the presentation come to your child's school or an adult organization, please contact Maj. Alisha Hamel at Alisha.Hamel@or.ngb.army.mil, or by phone at 503-584-3996.

PRSRT STD
US Postage
PAID
Permit #178
Salem, OR

OFFICE OF THE STATE ADJUTANT GENERAL
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY AND AIR FORCE
NATIONAL GUARD OF OREGON
P.O. BOX 14550
SALEM, OREGON 97309-5047
OFFICIAL BUSINESS