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38TH Infantry Division change of command ceremony held on October 18, 2014.

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Gary R. Nelson)

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VA Demonstrates New Telehealth Scheduling System to Veteran Service Organizations

WASHINGTON – Representatives from the Department of Veterans Affairs met today with Veteran Service Organizations at the Washington VA Medical Center for a hands-on demonstration and discussion about VA's telehealth programs and services.

The hands-on demonstration included a presentation of VA's new Clinical Video Telehealth scheduling software which launched last month and is intended to improve how VA employees schedule telehealth appointments.

"As we launch new programs and services, it is important to include our VSO partners," said VA Secretary

Robert A. McDonald. "Today's demonstration is an important part of our collaborative process. We welcome our VSO's feedback. Like us, their goal is to ensure Veterans have the access to the quality care and services they have earned."

Telehealth rapidly is becoming a popular option, particularly for Veterans who do not have a VA health care facility close to home. In fiscal year 2014, VA's national telehealth programs served over 690,000 Veterans and accounted for more than 2 million virtual visits.

For more information about VA's telehealth program, visit www.telehealth.va.gov/.

Social Security, veterans benefits to get 1.7 - percent bump

Social Security recipients, retired federal employees and disabled veterans will see their checks increase by 1.7 percent at the start of the new year.

The cost of living adjustment, announced yesterday, translates to about \$22 more each month for the average retired worker. The monthly increase will begin January 2015 for nearly 64 million recipients.

In 2009 and 2010, there was no COLA at all, followed by a 3.6 percent increase in 2011. 2012's increase was 1.7 percent, followed by 1.5 percent in 2013.

The amount of increase was blasted by the American Federation of Government Employees, the largest federal employees union. President J. David Cox said the increase marks the third consecutive year - and the fifth time in six years

- that the increase will be less than 2 percentage points.

"This is unfortunate, especially since the costs for items that most seniors spend their money on - health care and groceries - are rising faster than the overall inflation rate as measured by the government. For instance, premiums for retirees and current employees in the federal health insurance program will rise 3.8 percent next year," Cox said.

"While any increase is better than no increase, the fact of the matter is that for millions of seniors, retirees and federal employees, these annual increases will be gone before most even receive them."

The amount of the raise is tied to the Consumer Price Index which showed prices for food, gasoline, medical care and shelter, were up 1.7 percent during the 12 months that ended in September.

Indiana Guardsmen host park beautification, maintenance project

By Sgt. 1st Class Jeff Lowry
Indiana National Guard Public Affairs

NEW WHITELAND, Ind. — Twelve candidates with the Indiana National Guard’s Warrant Officer Candidate School, Class 14-001, spearheaded a beautification and maintenance project at the Proctor Memorial Park.

The candidates, along with volunteers from central Indiana, weeded the grounds, sealed the monuments and pavers, replaced dead and dying plants, and provided general lawn care to the 11-acre park that includes memorials to Hoosier veterans from throughout the state.

“We are humbled and blessed to be here,” said Warrant Officer Candidate Travis Holcomb, the class’ current leader. “It’s a blessing taking care of this facility for future generations.”

Holcomb said that when his class looked for a class project that he and his peers couldn’t overlook the history of the park.

The park, dedicated in May 2007, honors the service and sacrifice of Indiana National Guardsman and Silver Star recipient Sgt. Joseph Proctor who died May 3, 2006, during an attack at Camp Ramadi in Iraq. Proctor protected his fellow Soldiers by killing a suicide bomber who was driving a truck laden with explosives.

According to the Silver Star narrative, “Sgt. Joseph Proctor saved countless lives that fateful day by stopping the driver before he could reach his objective. His actions



Indiana National Guard Warrant Office Candidate David Elmore, 219th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade, sprays sealer onto a bench as part of the a maintenance and beautification project at Proctor Park in New Whiteland, Ind.



Proctor Park maintenance project in New Whiteland, Ind.

were nothing less than heroic and embody the warrior ethos by his selfless courage.”

New Whiteland resident and the town’s treasurer, Maribeth Alspach, said she is grateful of the show of support from military service members, current and retired, who donate their time and money to the park.

“We are humbled by the fact that if you have your uniform on or not, serving the country or the community, you can’t out give a veteran,” said Alspach of the many current and retired service members who have helped maintain the park.

For community-based Soldiers giving back to their communities is part of their ethos.

HOOSIER TACP MEMBER FIRST TO ATTEND SPECIALIZED WEAPONS SCHOOL

Story by Senior Amn. Kodie Egenolf
Indiana Air National Guard

HULMAN FIELD AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Ind. — Only the best-of-the best are offered the opportunity to attend the grueling five and a half month U.S. Air Force Weapons School at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada.

Master Sgt. Damon Girton, 181st Intelligence Wing was the first Air National Guard Tactical Air Control Party member to attend the elite training.

“It’s monumental for the Air National Guard Tactical Air Control Party community because it’s the first opportunity for us to be involved in something like this,” stated Girton. “I’m looking forward to the training as it is a new challenge and an honor.”

Less than one percent of the Air Force is offered an opportunity to attend the Weapons School to become Air Force Weapons Officers, and the service’s institutional experts of tactical and operational air power knowledge.

“It is a great honor for Master Sgt. Girton to be the first Air National Guard Tactical Air Control Party to attend, and is a big win for the Indiana Air National Guard and the Air National Guard Tactical Air Control Party community as a whole,” stated Lt. Col. Kyle Noel, 113th Air Support Operations Squadron commander and Weapons School graduate. “His attendance in the course will have a lasting impact on the mission



Master Sgt. Damon Girton, 181st Intelligence Wing Indiana Air National Guard.



capabilities of TACPs in the ANG for many years to come.”

The U.S. Air Force Weapons School trains tactical experts and leaders of Airmen skilled in the art of integrated battle-space dominance across the land, air, space and cyber domains.

“The development of a graduate level course for Joint Terminal Air Controllers at the U.S. Air Force Weapons School has been a long time in coming,” stated Noel. “I am also very pleased to see the Total Force Integration of the course so early in its history as well.”

When he graduates Girton will be one of only three Weapons School graduates assigned to the 181st IW.

CAV SOLDIERS GAIN EXPERIENCE IN MULTISERVICE TRAINING EXERCISE

Staff Report Story

Soldiers with the 219th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade's 2nd Squadron, 152nd Cavalry, Reconnaissance and Surveillance, conducted a Joint Collective Field Training Exercise at Camp Atterbury and Muscatatuck Urban Training Center Indiana from Aug. 8 to Aug. 14.

Along with 219th's cavalry troops, Guardsmen from the 113th Air Support Operations Squadron, the 122nd Fighter Wing, the 76th Infantry Brigade Combat Team's Company B, Tactical Unmanned Aircraft System, the 165th Quartermaster Company, and West Virginia National Guard Soldiers with Company C, 1st Battalion, 150th Aviation came together to complete the 7-day mission in southern Indiana.

"Having a collective training exercise allowed the squadron as whole to work toward mission success throughout the training year," said Sgt. 1st Class John Hoffman, Troop A's first sergeant.

Hoffman said the 2nd Squadron's leaders, commanders and senior noncommissioned officers were instrumental in the operation's success in guiding the unit's Soldiers and developing a training plan.

"The business of information gathering on a near

peer force is an ever evolving process. This mission is a uniquely dangerous endeavor for any element to conduct. Training for this mission must be tough, realistic and relentless," said Hoffman.

Squadron staff took six months planning and coordinating with the units involved in the full-spectrum operation which focused on combating a hybrid threat .

Within the southern Indiana training box, 2-152 Cavalry Soldiers conducted surveillance and reconnaissance – augmented by the 113th ASOS and 122nd FW for target interdiction, Company B's Shadows for target acquisition and communications relay, 165th Quarter Master for aerial resupply and Company C for mobility – against both a conventional and insurgent forces.

"The leveraging of combined annual training periods between this squadron and multiple adjacent units exercised capabilities we have only been able to simulate in the past," said Command Sgt. Maj. John Piper, the squadron's top enlisted Soldier. "It usually takes a Combat Training Center rotation or actual combat to have all of these assets working together."

Indiana Army National Guard Maj. Nicholas Roukas, the 2nd Squadron operations officer, said he enjoyed working with the Soldiers and Airmen of the other units in this operation.

"For the first time in this unit's history, we've been able to fully integrate Air Force and remotely piloted aircraft assets into a collective training exercise, which has been one of our goals for quite a while," said Roukas. "I believe the training was mutually beneficial for all parties; the experiences gained by the staff and maneuver elements simply cannot be replicated to the same extent in a virtual environment."

Roukas also liked seeing the exercise unfold first hand and seeing his Soldiers in the operations and intelligence sections work as a team.

"It was personally gratifying to watch the entire process unfold and to realistically replicate multiple collection assets pushing information to the tactical operations center and our intelligence section analyzing this information and turning it into actionable intelligence," said Roukas.

The squadron's commander, Lt. Col. Dale Lyles, agreed with his fellow Soldiers about the importance and the experience gained during the exercise.

"Operation Tecumseh Rage offered us a complex and difficult scenario in terms of both geography and



2nd Squadron, 152nd Cavalry (R&S) of the 219th BFSB, Indiana Army National Guard in preparation for Operation Tecumseh Rage. Photo provided.

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intelligence gathering requirements. The joint aspects of the operation afforded us a unique opportunity to train with the other services, and we all came away with a better understanding and appreciation for each other,” said Lyles. “The Soldiers and troopers of this squadron benefited greatly from this event and we are all better because of it.”

In the end, Operation Tecumseh Rage addressed more than 26 collective-training tasks and successfully integrated the combined power of air and ground forces. The goal of the exercise was to provide cost-effective and realistic, combat training

in a joint-service environment.

Lyles said those goals were met and that the training had practical benefits that extend far beyond southern Indiana.

“We find ourselves operating in a world that is changing all around us, and this training exercise set the standard for our units to conduct intelligence gathering missions in a complex realistic environment, answering real-world intelligence requirements for commanders who depend on the information we provide to make hard decisions,” said Lyles.

NEW COMMANDER ANNOUNCED AT 122ND FIGHTER WING

Staff Report Story

INDIANAPOLIS - Indiana National Guard Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger, announced the selection of Col. Patrick R. Renwick as the 122nd Fighter Wing commander effective Sept. 13.

Renwick succeeds Col. David Augustine who has commanded the more than 1,000 airmen of the 122nd Blacksnakes, headquartered in Fort Wayne, Ind., since January 2011.

Renwick, a Marshall, Illinois resident, served as the vice commander of the 181st Intelligence Wing, headquartered in Terre Haute, Ind.

Renwick is rated as a command pilot with more than 3,000 total hours and 148 combat hours. He is qualified in the F-16, A-10, T-37 and T-38.

“I look forward to humbly serving the airmen of the 122 Fighter Wing as their next commander, and I’m grateful to the leadership provided by Col. Augustine, who has certainly set the bar high and taken the 122nd to a new level,” said Renwick. “I’m honored Maj. Gen. Umbarger entrusted me to lead the Blacksnakes and ensure success for the critical missions of the 122nd Fighter Wing; providing value to the nation while remaining grounded with deep roots in tradition and the community. The Blacksnakes have a time honored history and rich heritage. My wife Rachel and I are excited for our future with the 122nd Fighter Wing.”

Renwick, a 1988 Embry Riddle Aeronautical University graduate, commissioned as a second lieutenant in March 1989 from the Officer Training School at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Renwick came to the Indiana National Guard in 1998 where, within the 181st, he has served as the weapons and tactics officer, assistant flight commander, squadron chief of training, wing chief of safety, maintenance squadron commander and air support operations squadron commander.

“Col. Renwick is superbly qualified to lead the

fighter wing of the Indiana National Guard,” said Umbarger. “He has experienced firsthand the transition of the 181st from a fighter wing to an intelligence wing. I have complete confidence that Pat will lead the men and women of the 122nd with strength and compassion as the wing transitions back to the F-16 and postures to compete for the future joint strike fighter.”

“Col. Augustine is an outstanding leader with a long and distinguished career of service and sacrifice. His commitment to his airmen, the Fort Wayne community, our Hoosier State, and the nation is second to none. Dave leaves an enviable legacy of achievement at the 122nd,” said Umbarger.



Col. Patrick R. Renwick

38th Infantry Division dedicates new monument

By Staff Sgt. Erin E. Johns
38th Infantry Division
Public Affairs

The 38th Division Association, which honors the division's heritage, dedicated a new monument at the 38th Infantry Division headquarters.

Ten years ago an idea of a monument at the Cyclone Division Armory began.

Funding for the monument came from \$25-lifetime membership fees and donations to the 38th Division Association.

Ohio National Guard Brig. Gen. Mike McHenry, a deputy commanding general for the 38th Infantry Division, explained the importance of preserving the heritage for one of the 18 divisions in the U.S., and as the 38th approaches its 100th anniversary.

"It represents our past, our future. It represents the men and women who have given their lives to this country, this state. To me it also represents hope. It represents hope from the fact that we never want to forget our past; we never want to forget our history," said McHenry.

Due to funding for the monument there were three design iterations

submitted over the 10-year period. The initial design concept was a 50-foot-long teardrop shaped wall.

The association decided on a 25-foot-long monument leading with the division crest followed by the division history on the front. On the back, names are etched into the stone.

"We always want to keep that in the back of our minds that we couldn't be where we are at today if it wasn't for what took place those many years ago as being the 'Avengers of the Bataan,'" said McHenry.

Retired Maj. Gen. Richard L. Chastain, the monument dedication ceremony's keynote speaker and previous commanding general of 38th Infantry Division, expressed his appreciation to the 38th Division Association.

"I would like to say congratulations to the board of



The 38th Infantry Division Commanding General, Maj. Gen. David C. Wood, speaks to the official party and distinguished visitors during the 38th Infantry Division Association Monument Dedication Ceremony at the Cyclone Division Armory in Indianapolis, Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014.

directors, to a couple of retired Colonels Tom Vanderpool and Tim Warrick, and the rest of the board of directors for making this monument come to pass. Congratulations. I say it looks wonderful," said Chastain.

Chastain said two other division monuments stand. One dedicated in 1991 at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, and the other on Hospital Road at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, dedicated in 1995.

As Soldiers with the division trained for their World War I mission at Camp Shelby, a tornado came through and devastated their encampment thus earning the nickname the Cyclone Division.

"We've had three monuments; none of them even approach the elegance of this one. God bless them, it's wonderful!" Chastain said.



38th Infantry Division Association Monument Dedication Ceremony at the Cyclone Division Armory in Indianapolis, Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014.

Dear Soldiers, Airmen, state employees, contractors, retirees and our families,

Yesterday evening Rowana and I met with Governor Mike Pence and informed him of my intent to retire next May after 45 years of service in the Indiana National Guard.

It has been my highest honor and privilege to have served as your Adjutant General.

There comes a time in everyones life and career to pass the "colors of leadership" onto the next generation. This is not a sad day but a very happy day as I reflect on the honor of serving with the best men and women of our nation.

God bless all of you and your families. Proud to Serve!

Very respectfully,
Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger



DIRECTOR OF STATE OPERATIONS, INDIANA NATIONAL GUARD, TO RETIRE

Staff Report

Press Release: Oct. 21, 2014

INDIANAPOLIS – Indiana National Guard Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger, announced that retired Col. (Retired) David T. Shorter will conclude his tenure as a state employee after a highly successful career serving the Indiana National Guard and the state of Indiana as the director of state operations.

Shorter will retire effective Nov. 14, 2014 following 14 years of state service and approximately 30 years of military service to his community, state and nation.

Shorter served in many command and staff positions throughout his tenure with the Indiana National Guard, ultimately achieving the rank of colonel, as the director of logistics for Joint Force Headquarters – Indiana.

He began his state career in 2000 as the comptroller for the Indiana National Guard. In 2007, Shorter was then appointed by Maj. Gen. Umbarger as the director of state operations.

“I am much honored to have served this great organization for more than 43 years, as both a Soldier and state employee,” said Shorter. “The relationships I’ve forged over the years mean a great deal to me and will forever be with me.”

“It is a bittersweet day for me, state employees and the Soldiers and Airmen who serve the Indiana National Guard,” said Umbarger. “Dave has always

served with tremendous loyalty and honor and will be sorely missed. However, I am extremely happy for him and his wife, Brenda, for they certainly deserve to enjoy together the next phase of their lives.”



NEW 38TH INFANTRY DIVISION COMMANDER TAKES CHARGE

By Staff Sgt. William E. Henry
38th Infantry Division Public Affairs

Cannon blasts echoed for miles in downtown Indianapolis to signal a command change in one of only 18 Army divisions.

The Army National Guard's 38th Infantry Division changed commanding generals during a ceremony at the Indiana War Memorial in Indianapolis, Oct. 18.

Maj. Gen. Lonnie Culver relinquished his command to Maj. Gen. David C. Wood on the front steps north of the monument, as Indiana National Guard's Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger reviewed the ceremony.

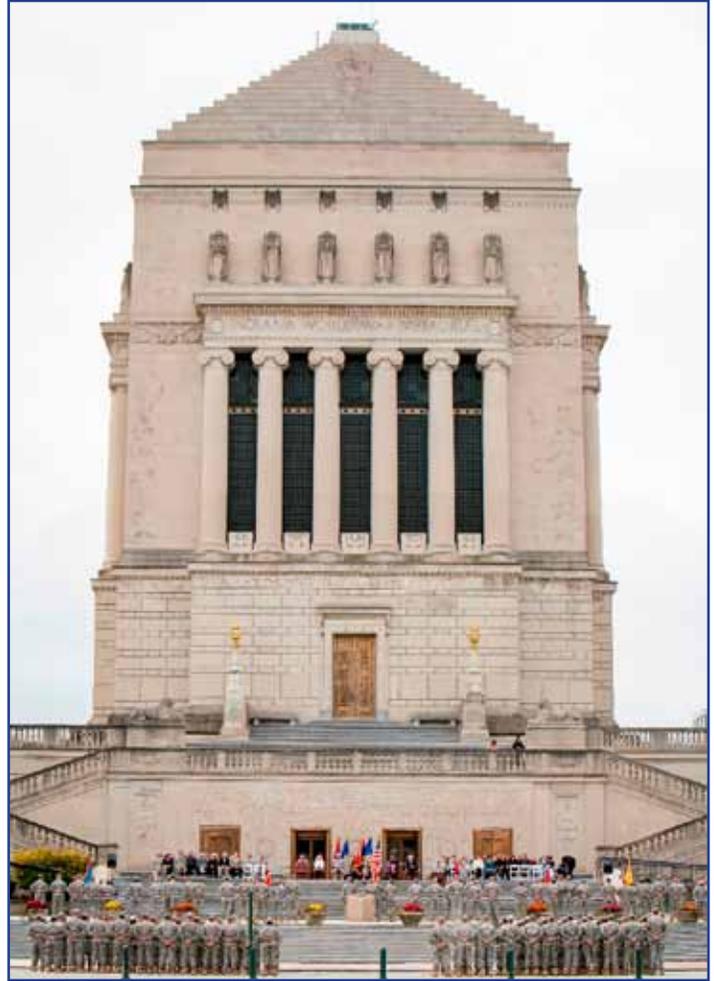
"The position I'm about to assume comes with great responsibility," said Wood in a speech after the division colors and command officially exchanged hands.

"To the Soldiers of the 38th Infantry Division, I am honored to be your commander and proud to serve with you. Know that I will give you 110 percent every day, as I know you will do the same."

Wood, who has been in the division for more than 20 years, was commissioned in the U.S. Army in May 1985 from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. In 1990 he deployed with the 1st Cavalry Division to Saudi Arabia in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. In 2009, he deployed and led the division's 38th Combat Aviation Brigade in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

During the ceremony, Culver, who enlisted in 1974 rose to become a noncommissioned officer then moved on to become an officer, received his third Legion of Merit during the ceremony and spoke of his time with the division and praised those within the ranks.

"It has been three great years. We were successful due to the diligence, dedication and hard work of our brigade and battalion commanders, our officers, our NCOs and Soldiers, and the support of Major General Umbarger and the Joint Force



Indiana Army National Guard Maj. Gen. David C. Wood was passed the colors of the 38th Infantry Division, during a command change ceremony at the Indiana War Memorial in Indianapolis, Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014. Maj. Gen. Lonnie Culver relinquished command to Wood after leading division since October 2011. (Photos by Sgt. 1st. Class Gary R. Nelson)

Headquarters staff. So thanks to each of you for your patriotism service and sacrifice. It has been my honor to serve as your commander."

Culver ended his 40-year military career later in the day during a retirement ceremony held at the 38th Infantry Division headquarters, the Cyclone Division Armory.

The 38th Infantry Division, headquartered in Indianapolis, is the Indiana National Guard's largest command with more than 9,000 citizen-soldiers in the 76th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 219th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade, 38th Combat Aviation Brigade and 38th Sustainment. The division also has subordinate units located in Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois and Tennessee.

Indiana Army National Guard change of command ceremony at the Indiana War Memorial in Indianapolis, Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014. (Photo by Sgt. 1st. Class Gary R. Nelson)



TAPS

PV1 Aurek Shayne Rardin

PVT Aurek Shayne Rardin, 20, of Lafayette, IN passed away at 12:37 a.m. on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at St. Francis Hospital, Columbus, GA. Aurek was a member of the US Army National Guard of Indiana and was completing his training exercises at Fort Benning, GA. He was born July 27, 1993 in Johnson City, TN, the son of Brent David Rardin and Kimberly Dawn Tiffin Rardin. Aurek followed his dream of becoming a soldier in order to serve and protect not only his family and friends, but all the citizens of this country. He had completed basic training earlier in April and was finishing up his last training exercise to complete advanced individual training.

Aurek graduated from the Academy at Jefferson High School in Lafayette, IN in 2012. He attended Ivy Tech Community College before joining the Indiana National Guard. Aurek played soccer at Jefferson High School and enjoyed playing WoW with his friends and brothers, as well as listening to his iPod. He attended Faith Church in Lafayette and was a devoted servant of Christ since he was a young child.

SGT (Ret) Joel S. Ward

Joel S. Ward, 63, English, died Thursday, May 1, 2014, at Floyd Memorial Hospital and Health Services in New Albany.

Born Feb. 20, 1951, in Indianapolis, he was the son of the late Guy and Lorene Williams Ward.

He was retired from the Indiana National Guard after 20 years of service, was a former English town marshal and a member of Mifflin Community Church.

SP5 Donald E. Arnold

Arnold, Donald E., age 75, passed away, Friday, May 16, 2014.

Don was born December 1, 1938 at Depauw, Indiana to the late Ollie and Anna Iona Hannel Arnold. He was a former member of the Indiana National Guard former owner and past president of R.P.C. in New Salisbury a former member of Ramsey Volunteer Fire Department and current member of Ramsey Lions Club and Unity Chapel United Methodist Church, Ramsey, IN.

Also, preceding him in death were brother, Clement Arnold and sister, Frances M. Chinn.

SGT (Ret) Jack E. DeWeese

He was born on August 15, 1952 to Alvin A. and Catherine L. DeWeese and attended Indianapolis Public Schools #9, #5, #75 and Washington High School.

Mr. DeWeese served his country in the U.S. Army from 1971 to 1973 and the Indiana National Guard 38th Infantry from 1979 to 1998. He was employed with the Department of Corrections at Indiana Boys' School from 1974 to 2003 and Securitas Security from 2003 to 2011.

LTC (Ret) Robert J. "Bud" McKeown

LTC (Ret) Robert J. "Bud" McKeown, 69, Sun City Center, FL passed on May 19, 2014 while enjoying his favorite pastime playing golf.

Mr. McKeown was born on April 3, 1945 in Crawfordsville to Edward and Myrtle (Hunt) McKeown. He attended St. Bernard's School and was a 1963 graduate of Crawfordsville High School.

He joined the Indiana Army National Guard in 1964 and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in June 1971. During his service at the Crawfordsville Armory he held ten positions, including Battery Commander. He transferred to Tyndall Armory in Indianapolis in 1980. During his thirty-five year military career he traveled extensively within the United State and to several Military bases throughout the world. He was promoted to Lt. Col. on February 14, 1994. His final position with the Indiana National Guard was as Comptroller from 1966 until his retirement on April 16, 1999. He attended many career-development courses and was awarded many military citations, including the Sagamore of the Wabash.

SSG (Ret) Keith Hill

Keith A. Hill, 68, Buffalo, passed away at 4:20 p.m. Saturday, June 7, 2014, at St. Elizabeth East Hospital, Lafayette.

He was born Nov. 16, 1945 in Valparaiso to the late Dorothy and Cleo Hill.

Keith graduated from North White High School in 1965. He served in the Army National Guard for 22 and one-half years.

SSG (Ret) Lee B. Cummings

March 17, 1939-June 4, 2014 Lee Braden Cummings of Crawfordsville passed away Wednesday as the

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result of an auto accident in Dover. He was 75.

Mr. Cummings was retired from the National Guard and RR Donnelley. He also worked at Disney World driving a shuttle bus, and most recently worked part-time at the Laser Car Wash in Crawfordsville. He had been a member of the Masonic Lodge, Moose, Eagles and American Legion.

Born March 17, 1939, at Lafayette, he was the son of Harry and Edith McKee Cummings. He graduated from Laramie High School. He married Connie Lee Howard Overstreet and she passed away in March 2004.

SPC Daniel R Sheeks

Daniel Raeburn Sheeks, 46 of Indianapolis, passed away June 5, 2014.

He was born on October 24, 1967 to the late Charles "Reed" and Mary Ann Schwartz Sheeks.

Dan was a 1986 graduate of Carmel High School and worked as a carpenter.

He also served in the Indiana National Guard, including two tours of duty in Iraq.

Dan was an animal lover, particularly his beloved dog, Lucky.

SFC (Ret) Greg Guy

Gregory E. "Greg" Guy, age 51, of Jasper, passed away at 11:51 PM on Saturday, June 21, 2014, at Memorial Hospital in Jasper.

He was born on August 20, 1962 in Washington to George and Janice (Roach) Guy. He was a 1980 graduate of Washington High School.

He was a retired US Army Veteran, serving two tours in Iraq during the Iraq War. He received two accommodation medals, seven Army achievement medals, and several other military service awards during his 24 year military career.

He was an avid fisherman and his greatest passion was spending time with his family.

MSG (Ret) Jimmie Joe Withers

Jimmie "Chub" Joe Withers, 80 of Brazil, passed away unexpectedly on July 1, 2014 at Union Hospital with his family by his side.

Jim was born July 26, 1933 in Clay County, the son of the late Charles and Clysta (Aker) Withers. He graduated from Van Buren High School. During high school, he was the class president and a part of the basketball team. Jim worked at Allison's in

Indianapolis for 30 years, where he retired in 1981. He also was a member of the United States Army National Guard for 36 years, where he retired at the rank of Master Sergeant. He also enjoyed helping at Jack's Fine Foods for many years. Jim married Bertha Jean on June 1, 1996.

He was a member of the Carbon Baptist Church, where he has attended for the last 18 years. He was also a member of Moose Lodge # 780 and American Legion Post 2. In his spare time, he enjoyed fishing, hunting, mushroom hunting, bowling, Nascar, and sports in general.

MAJ (Ret) Joseph P. Jessup

Major (Ret) Joseph Paul Jessup of Tavares, FL passed away unexpectedly, on Monday, July 28, 2014 at the age of 45 years. He was born in Geneva, AL.

Paul grew up in Greenwood, IN and graduated from Center Grove High School, Class of 1986.

Paul served 26 years and recently retired from the US Army with the rank of Major. He served in Afghanistan in 2009. Paul last worked as a Logistics Officer at the Pentagon. He moved to Tavares in January 2014.

He loved to help out the Tavares High School Football team and at Tavares Youth Football. He was looking forward to be able to assist with coaching.

Paul was the biggest Alabama Crimson Tide Football fan on earth. Other than his family, they were the most important thing ever. He was a fanatic. More than anything, he loved to spend time with his wife and children. Paul was always there for his family, especially his children as they grew up. He loved being with them.

SGT Harry L. Bolton

Harry L. Bolton, 70, passed away Sunday, August 3, 2014 following a lengthy illness.

He was a resident of Westfield and formerly of Indianapolis.

Harry was born August 26, 1943 in St. Louis, MO, the only son of Harry H. and Addie (McBee) Bolton.

At age 8, he moved to Indianapolis with his family and lived on the Northside, attending John Strange, Fall Creek and Eastwood schools. He graduated from North Central High School in 1961.

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Harry attended Indiana University where he was a member of Delta Chi social fraternity. A lifelong member of Delta Chi, he served five years as a board trustee for the IU Delta Chi chapter. He received his B.S. degree in Business from Ferris State University, Big Rapids, MI.

His military service included six years in the Indiana National Guard, Sgt. E5 artillery section chief with the Noblesville unit and two years as intelligence analyst at the 38th Infantry Division headquarters.

He was employed five years in traffic management at UniRoyal Tire Company and employed 33 years at Allison Transmission in sales and service. He retired from Allison in 2006.

SPC (Ret) Jerry Allen

Jerry D. Allen, 69, Idaville, died at 6:14 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, 2014, at Indiana University Health White Memorial Hospital Emergency Room in Monticello.

He was born July 14, 1945 in Idaville to William and Mary (Constant) Allen. On March 21, 1970, at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Forrest, Ill., he married Barbara A. "Barb" Ricketts. She survives.

Jerry attended school in Idaville. He had worked in factories in Illinois and Indiana for 30 years, and after his retirement, he enjoyed working seasonal work at Pineview Golf Course in Monticello.

He had served in the Indiana National Guard for 16 years. Jerry was a member of the Yeoman United Methodist Church and was a Charter Member of the New Hope Lutheran Church of Monticello.

SSG (Ret) Delbert L. Brewer

Delbert Lee Brewer, Sr., 74, of Glenwood, passed away Sunday, August 17, 2014, at his residence, surrounded by his loving and supportive family.

The youngest of seven children, he was born October 13, 1939 in Connersville, the son of George M. and Martha F. Day Brewer. He attended Connersville High School.

On February 4, 1958, he enlisted with the US Navy, got his GED and held the rank of Quartermaster First Class (E-6); he was the Asst. Navigator while aboard ship – having served during the Vietnam War on the USS Mount Katmai, an AE-16 Ammunition Ship, and for more than twelve and a half years, he received three honorable discharges

for his time in the Armed Forces; before his discharges, he was an instructor at the Cleveland, Ohio Naval Reserve Training Center. Later, he was a part of the Connersville Army National Guard (CSC 2nd BN [M] 152nd Inf.) with the rank of SSG (E-6); his MOS was Como Chief during this time; he served four years, seventeen days with the Army National Guard and was honorably discharged. Subsequently, he worked at Design Manufacturing Company for more than twelve and a half years, then, was a letter carrier in the USPS Richmond, Indiana for seventeen and a half years, finally retiring on July 2, 1999.

In 2003, he married Sharlet Miller, whom God had sent to him; a member of the Church of God of Cleveland, Tennessee, in his leisure, he enjoyed fishing, hunting and spending time with family, church and friends – additionally, he also loved visiting the Fayette County Senior Center.

SGM (Ret) Thomas W. VanDevender

Funeral for SGM (Retired) Thomas W. VanDevender, 66, Lawton will be at 10:00 AM Thursday, July 31, 2014 at the Becker-Rabon Funeral Home Chapel with Chaplain (MAJ) Thomas Bruce officiating.

Sergeant Major VanDevender died Saturday, July 26, 2014 at his home.

Burial with full military honors will be at Post Cemetery, Fort Sill.

The family will greet friends from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM Wednesday, July 30, 2014 at the funeral home.

He was born November 8, 1947 in Anderson, Indiana to Wallace and Lucille (Rawlins) VanDevender. He married Mary L. Brewer on November 8, 1981 at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. Sergeant Major VanDevender worked his way through school by working at Marsh Grocery Store in Anderson, Indiana before joining the military. He retired from the U.S. Army in 2005 after more than thirty-eight years of service. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal and many others. Following his retirement he worked for Range Operations at Fort Sill in several capacities. He served on the Fort Sill Retiree Council and was a member of the Sergeants Major Association.

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