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Maj. Mike Moore (left), First Army, War fighter operations officer and Maj. Bill Childers, plans officer stand on the 50 ft x 120 ft terrain map covered with plexiglass sheets.

Leveraging Technology for Training

By Karen Bradshaw

HQ, First U.S. Army, Ft. Gillem, Ga - You won't find dirt, heat or cold on this military training mission. In fact your boots had better be clean before you step onto the battlefield, a gymnasium-size map of southern Europe.

Used by the First U.S. Army War fighter Division to train National Guard division commanders and their staffs, the 50 by 120 foot map is the brainchild of Maj. Mike Moore, War fighter operations officer. "We created this super-size map because it makes a great terrain model for the division commanders' mission rehearsals," said Moore.

War fighter Division plans and executes computer simulation training for commanding generals and their

staffs for four National Guard Divisions in First Army's area. Part of "We were faced with producing a terrain model of the area of operations that could be transported in a small truck, was economical and minimized man-hours required to produce. Our solution was to use geographic imaging software (ERDAS IMAGINE) to enlarge a military map of the area to a size that would enable a division commander to visualize the corps plan and synchronize operations with adjacent units," said Maj. Moore.

The sophisticated software produced maps with the corps' operational graphics and highlighted military aspects of the terrain. Moore, an infantry officer, said, "I majored in Forestry at Auburn University where cartography was a major portion of the curriculum. It was that background

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To First Army Soldiers

During the last four months, I have traveled throughout First Army, visiting our training support divisions, brigades and many states. To say the least, I'm very pleased with what I have seen.

First Army's mission of training and training support, mobilization, and homeland security are critical to our national security. From nowhere else in the force structure does the Army get such value at so little cost. We need to get this message out to people in our communities and, in many respects, to the Army at large.

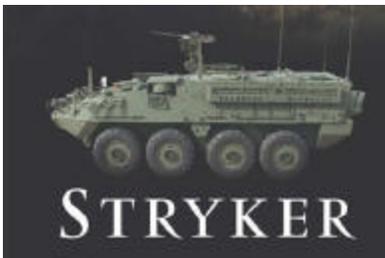
We are in the business of training soldiers to fight our nation's wars. Don't lose sight of that core function. We are responsible for the readiness of deploying Reserve Component units and soldiers. Our training responsibilities and priorities for that mission have not changed.

Our nation is at war. Six months ago we had no idea that we'd be performing the many missions we are now doing routinely each day. Our increased responsibilities and ability to mobilize soldiers in support of our nation have pushed us to excel. The effort you have put forth is a tribute to your intelligence and hard work. In many cases, we have had to adjust as we went along and did so with superb results. We took a mobilization framework, designed for the Cold War, and made it work.

Our mobilization mission is not going away. A rotation policy is in place and it's time to start thinking and preparing for de-mobilization and the requirements for mobilizing replacements. We need to remember that MSCA is a part of our Homeland Security responsibility, as the storm season approaches. Be prepared for disaster relief missions.

I will visit training extensively this summer and expect to see many of you at training sites in our area. I appreciate your dedication and hard work. Take time for your families and stay safe.

Lt. Gen. Joseph R. Inge
Commanding



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Command Sergeant Major's Message



**Command Sgt. Maj.
Jeffrey J. Mellinger**

Funny how time flies when you're having fun, but a little over a year has passed since I arrived at First Army. And I have to say that this past year has been one of the most professionally rewarding for me. The opportunity to see and be with the finest our country has to offer is nothing to take lightly, and I appreciate every moment I spend with the great soldiers, civilians and family members of

the First Army, as well as those of the United States Army Reserve and Army National Guard.

I'd like to look back over the past year in terms of the goodness and greatness I've found. It's pretty easy to point out deficiencies, but harder to find the soldiers, civilians and family members quietly accomplishing our missions. And it is these quiet, competent, dedicated professionals who matter most. I can't possibly mention all the outstanding soldiers or units I've seen in the past year, and that's not my intent. We hear lots about sports figures being heroes. They are not heroes, but athletes, getting paid to play games.

Service to your nation is much tougher, and being a member of a soldier family is likely the toughest job yet. So this article is about those unsung heroes of our nation's military family. Stop for a moment and think of the people in your organizations whom you've failed to properly recognize for their contribution to the overall mission, and do something about it.

At the end of February 2001, we gathered our forces in Jackson, Tennessee to exercise our actions in the event of a catastrophic earthquake. That was my first real exposure to the inner workings of the First Army. Great work by lots of hard-working soldiers and civilians.

February took me to Honduras & Guatemala to see our soldiers building schools, toilets, putting in wells and fresh-water pipes, and conducting MEDRETEs. If you understand that the mission of the Army is to first preserve the peace, then you also know the value of the New Horizons mission. The soldiers involved were doing great work, though the full impact will take years to feel. There are children

in Guatemala who can now attend school in a building which is protected from the elements. There are innumerable citizens of the country who were seen and treated, many for the first time in their lives, by our medics and doctors. And for many in remote, difficult terrain, there is fresh water for the first time in their lives.

In May, I had the honor of attending a Memorial Day Ceremony conducted by the 28th Infantry Division. I have a personal attachment to the 28th, as both my grandfather (WWI & WWII) and an uncle (WWII) served with the 28th. The ceremony, conducted in Boalsburg, was one which I'll treasure for a long time. And as some may know, the 28th will carry the whole load for SFOR 12. I am confident, after seeing their preparation and training that they will once again demonstrate the "Roll On" spirit.

June and July took me to annual training at Camp Blanding, Fort Stewart, Fort Drum, Fort Jackson, and other locales. I also had the opportunity to observe several WMD-CST team training events. I think it worth noting that these teams have been used in many situations since September 11th, and their training and worth has always been top-notch. We were also host to 40,000 Boy Scouts at Fort AP Hill, VA, during the annual Jamboree. What an opportunity to make a profound impact on so many young people, and I believe we did just that. With the help of soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines, we were able to show these fine young people what the best of the best do for the country.

July also afforded some of us an opportunity to participate in the presentation of a Presidential Unit Citation and streamer to the 96th Infantry Division (Dead Eyes) at their annual reunion in Omaha. Through the hard work of the granddaughter of one of the unit members, the unit was finally recognized for their actions during the battle for Okinawa.

Many years ago, I walked a friend's sister down the aisle as a member of his wedding party. Turned out the friend, now a LTC, is the son of a company commander in the 96th Division. So what? I know a father and son? Well, the now-retired (Colonel) company commander was the company commander of one Private Riggs, father of our previous First Army Commander. What a truly small world! The point here is that we should never pass an opportunity to honor those who have made our lives safer.

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August allowed me the chance to visit many more soldiers at their training locations. Then came September 11th. Like many of you, I watched in horror as the smoke filled the air after the first plane hit. And even more horror as the second plane clearly aimed for the tower. I think most of us knew immediately that we had witnessed terrorists plying their trade.

How lonely the military flight was from Atlanta to Edison, New Jersey that night for several of us as we headed north. The media is still full of stories of the heroics and agony of those days. I am proud of the emergency responders and soldiers who traveled to the sound of the guns, but especially proud of the work done by our TSBs in New York, the NCR and Pennsylvania. My hat is off to TF Connors, who clearly had to work in very difficult and dangerous conditions.

Then came the mobilizations and deployments. First, we watched as the National Guard responded and had soldiers helping guard our airports. When it is all said and done, I've seen enough of these soldiers to tell you that in my opinion, we are clearly safer with the Guard in the airports than we were before. Our soldiers bring what was not there before -- competence, attention to detail, standards, and a keen eye for things out of order. Next, we deployed thousands of soldiers to guard our installations, storage sites, and critical facilities. Could we be prouder of their performance? Not likely. Everywhere I go, I hear how much these great citizen-soldiers are performing, and how much they have added to the safety and security of our fellow soldiers and families. So thanks to all the soldiers out there who aided in preparing and training these soldiers for their duties.

I had the opportunity to visit the 29th Infantry Division in Bosnia, and the 66th Brigade in Germany. There is no doubt that they, too, are leaving their mark on the peace and stability of the region, and performing vital missions every day. The 25th Infantry Division will replace the 29th, and the 28th will fall in behind the 25th, so there's no time to let up.

Afghanistan has our attention, especially the soldiers of Operation Anaconda. Some of the soldiers we mobilized are deployed in harm's way, an ever-present reminder that we cannot short-change training, standards, or safety. We are still charged with never again sending a soldier into harm's way without the proper training. And we can't wait to train them after they are called. Soldiers have given their lives, and will likely do so again before this is all over. Let us do our part to ensure those we train are ready.

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that I drew on to learn and apply geographic imaging techniques". In the civilian world, these sophisticated

2D and 3D maps are used in natural resource management and planning to include such applications as placement of cell towers, roads and housing developments.

"We are preparing the New York National Guard's 42d Division for their War fighter exercise at Fort Leavenworth this summer. The huge map is like a giant chessboard allowing commanders to see each other as they move unit markers demonstrating their scheme of maneuvers," according to Maj. Bill Childers, plans officer for War fighter Division, "We print the map using a HP 5000 plotter on five-foot wide paper in 20 foot sections, taping them together and covering the map with 5 ft.X10 ft. sheets of Plexiglas for protection. Printing costs average around \$800 to produce the gymnasium size map," said Moore. "We needed a terrain model that would function for a corps rehearsal that didn't require a terrain team to produce. After we take the map to



Sgt 1st Class Samuel Posavec, operations NCO (left) and Staff Sgt. Michel Fears, plans NCO roll up one of the 100 ft. by 5 ft. wide sections of the map.

the division's Rock Drill, we leave it with them for their further use in mission rehearsals," he continued. "The response from the units we train has been overwhelmingly positive. By using off-the shelf software, we were able to leverage technology to produce a training tool that otherwise would be beyond our capability," said Moore.

Soldier's Medal awarded for rescuing girl

by Karen Bradshaw

The Soldier's Medal was awarded to a field artillery soldier at Fort Stewart, Ga., last month for rushing into his neighbor's burning house and rescuing their young girl.

Sgt. 1st Class Gary Ballew was only days away from leaving his assignment at Fort Bragg, N.C., when the fire occurred last year. His household goods had been picked up and the Ballew family was "camping" out until their departure. His new assignment was to be the 2nd Battalion, 306th Regiment, 87th Division (Training Support), a First U.S. Army unit that trains Army National Guard and Army Reserve soldiers. That night Ballew was working on his college course when he heard screams outside.

"I opened my door and saw an orange glow coming from my neighbor's house across the street and I raced over," Ballew said. "The woman was crying that her little girl was trapped inside the house." In the meantime, Ballew's wife, Christina, who was in the bedroom when she heard the front door slam, looked out and saw her husband going into the burning house. She grabbed the phone and dialed 911. "At that moment, I was very afraid for my husband," she said.

Ballew quickly dropped to all fours and tried to low-crawl into the house through the front door, but the heat and fire pushed him back. He could hear the child crying and knew he had to get in to save her. "I just reacted, there was no time to think. I kept focusing on the child's voice and entered the garage following her moans," he said.

Feeling around in the darkness and smoke he found the little girl, grabbed her up and carried her to the lawn. She was conscious, but Ballew knew she was seriously injured. He began to administer first aid until the paramedics arrived. Little 5-year-old Kenya had been burned over 80 percent of her body.

"It all happened in a matter of two or three minutes and I know my father's instinct kicked in," Ballew later explained. "I would have wanted someone to do the same for my daughters."

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Christina, his wife said, "Our two girls were very anxious after the excitement and drama of the fire and commotion of the fire trucks. Later we all sat on the bed, hugging each other and Gary and I told them how much we loved them. We discussed the lessons we had learned about fire. We have always made it a point to have family fire drills in each new home we live in." "Finally we settled down and went to bed," Christina said, "but were awakened by a knock on the door. It was Fire Chief John House who stopped by to tell us that Gary had saved the little girl's life. That was a special moment we will never forget."



Sgt. 1st Class Gary A. Ballew received the Soldier's Medal from LT. Gen. Dan K. McNeill, Commander, XVIII Airborne Corps, on February 1, at Ft. Stewart, Ga. *Picture by Cpt. Michael Sennett*



2nd/85th soldiers to support Noble Eagle

Submitted by 2nd Brigade/85th Division (Training Support).

Almost 100 soldiers from 2nd Brigade, 85th Division (Training Support) recently were mobilized to active duty for one year in support of Operation Noble Eagle.

The unit processed through Fort McCoy Feb. 11-14. Noble Eagle is the official name given to post-September 11 U.S. military operations associated with the homeland defense of the United States. The 2nd /85th, also known as the Eagle Brigade, is an integrated unit comprised of active-component, Active Guard/Reserve, and Troop Program Unit (TPU) Reserve personnel as well as Department of the Army civilians and Military Technicians. Its missions include lanes training, mobilization assistance, and Military Support to Civilian Authorities during times of national emergency. The brigade has its headquarters and two of its battalions at McCoy.

Many of those units' TPU members hail from the local area and a substantial number of them were called to active duty. The 2nd/85th's outlying battalions are located at Arden Hills, Minn., and Fort Sheridan, Ill. Those battalions also mobilized a significant number of their TPU soldiers.

Col. Michael L. Parker, the Eagle Brigade commander and an active-component officer with more than 26 years of service said, "This mobilization addresses the increased workload throughout our brigade as we support Operation Noble Eagle and Operation Enduring Freedom. Mobilization of TPU soldiers confirms our Army's confidence that we can perform our missions as we were designed to."

The reaction of the mobilized reservists to their activation was positive and patriotic. "I'm only sorry that it didn't happen sooner," said an officer who lives in La Crosse County, Wis. A senior noncommissioned officer from the Minneapolis-St. Paul area echoed those feelings. "I'm glad that I've been given this excellent opportunity to serve our country," he said.

Parker concluded, "I am extremely proud of the contributions that each Eagle Brigade soldier, civilian, and family member will make to our role in our country's defense and our certain victory in the war against terrorism."

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Helmly tapped as next Army Reserve chief

by Lt. Col. Randy Pullen, Office of the Chief, Army Reserve Public Affairs and Liaison Directorate.

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, March 11, 2002) -- Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld announced March 8 that President George W. Bush has nominated Army Reserve Maj. Gen. James R. Helmly for promotion to lieutenant general and appointment as the next chief, Army Reserve. If confirmed by the Senate, Helmly will succeed Lt. Gen. Thomas J. Plewes, who has been chief of the Army Reserve since May 25, 1998. The chief, Army Reserve, is also the commanding general for the U.S. Army Reserve Command headquartered at Fort McPherson, Ga.

The chief, Army Reserve, is the principal advisor to the Army chief of staff on all Army Reserve matters. The USARC commanding general commands all Army Reserve units in the continental United States and Puerto Rico, less Army Reserve special operations units.

Helmly, a Vietnam combat veteran, is currently the commanding general of the 78th Division (Training Support), headquartered in Edison, N.J. He served as the deputy chief, Army Reserve, Washington, DC, from June 1995 to June 1999. From June 1999 to August 1999, he served as the commander of the joint task force conducting Operation Provide Refuge at Fort Dix, N.J. Until taking command of the 78th Division in May 2001, he was the military assistant, Manpower and Reserve Affairs (Individual Mobilization Augmentee), Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Washington, DC, from October 1999 to May 2001.

In his civilian occupation, he is the assistant deputy chief of staff for Operations at the Total Army Personnel Command, Alexandria, Va.

He has had numerous command and staff assignments in his more than 36 years of active and Army Reserve service. A native of Savannah, Ga., Helmly entered the Army as an enlisted soldier in 1966 and received his commission through Officer Candidate School in 1967.

He served on active duty from 1966 to 1973 in a variety of company- and battalion-level assignments,

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Commander's wife supports literacy program

By Gayle S. Johnson

First U.S. Army Public Affairs Office



Photo by Karen Bradshaw

Dr. Suess, celebrates the joy of reading, and promotes the spread of literacy among young people.

Forest Park's Fountain Elementary School celebrated the fifth anniversary of Read Across America by inviting guest readers to read to students in the school's library. Guests selected books by Dr. Seuss and other children's authors.

Mrs. Inge was a guest reader at Fountain. She enjoyed reading to the students. "Being around little children makes you feel good," said Mrs. Inge.

She found the students and the staff attentive and appreciative. Mrs. Inge said helping youth is a good thing no matter how small the effort.

First U.S. Army's Command Sgt. Maj., Jeffery J. Mellinger, also participated in the Read Across America event at Fountain.

Mellinger had a good time reading to the students there. Mellinger has participated in many literacy programs over the years to include serving as a reading tutor while stationed in Alaska and Oregon.

Other First Army participants in this year's event were Master Sgt. Barbara Arrandondo, Mr. Charles Lloyd, Staff Sgt. Felicia Kelso, Ms. Ann Deweese, Master Sgt. Susan Paschal, Capt. Camilla Wood, Sgt. 1st Class Carol Melton, Ms. Ernestine Carlisle, and Ms. Gayle Johnson.

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to include two tours in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Division and command of an infantry company in Panama.

As a reservist, Helmly has held logistics and operations positions in the 87th Maneuver Area Command and the 81st Army Reserve Command. He commanded the 352nd Maintenance Battalion in Macon, Ga., and the 449th Area Support Group in Forest Park, Ga. He was also deputy chief of staff for Training and deputy chief of staff for Personnel of the 81st AR-COM.

His military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced courses, the Command and General Staff College, the Armed Forces Staff College and the Army War College. He has a bachelor's degree in liberal studies from the State University of New York in Albany.

Among his numerous awards and decorations are the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star with Valor Device and three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Meritorious Service Medal with silver Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Commendation Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Parachutist Badge, the Army Staff Identification Badge and the Ranger Tab.

Prior to coming on active duty as the deputy chief, Army Reserve, in 1995, Helmly served in his civilian occupation as a supervisory program analyst at Headquarters, U.S. Army Forces Command, Fort McPherson, Ga. He has twice been awarded the Meritorious Civilian Service Medal.

The Army Reserve, which celebrates its 94th birthday April 23, is the Army's federal reserve. Its two major elements are a Selected Reserve of some 205,000 soldiers and the Individual Ready Reserve of about 143,000.

Since the terrorist attacks on America, some 444 Army Reserve units and almost 15,000 Army Reserve soldiers have been called up to support Operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle. They serve alongside their active Army and Army National Guard partners, both at home and abroad.

Civilian Aides to the Secretary of the Army in First Army Area Reappointed to Serve Another Term

*By Ms. Barry Bartley,
First U.S. Army Public Affairs Office*

Fort Gillem, GA--- The Secretary of the Army has reappointed twelve Civilian Aides in the First Army area to serve another term. Ten of the Civilian Aides will serve another two-year term, and two were appointed to serve for life. Secretary White has also appointed one new Civilian Aide and approved the retirement of another.

Herbert S. Hoffman, a resident of Boston, Massachusetts, was reappointed to serve as the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for the First United States Army Area until November 2003.

Richard F. Allen, Deputy Attorney General for Alabama and a resident of Montgomery, was reappointed to serve as the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for the state of Alabama until November 2003.

John G. Bookout, a resident of Montgomery, Alabama, was appointed to serve as a Civilian Aide Emeritus to the Secretary of the Army, a lifelong position. Bookout is a former resident of Omaha, Nebraska, and the Army benefited greatly from his nine years of distinguished service as the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for that state. He recently relocated to Alabama.

Evans Harvill, well-known attorney and resident of Clarksville, Tennessee, was reappointed to serve as the Civilian Aide At-Large to the Secretary of the Army for the state of Tennessee until November 2003.

Charles W. Maddox, a resident of Tallahassee, Florida, was reappointed to serve as the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for the state of Florida until August 2003.

J. Wallace Schoettelkotte, a resident of Winter Park, Florida, was appointed to serve as a Civilian Aide Emeritus to the Secretary of the Army, a lifelong position. Secretary White selected Schoettelkotte for this position due to his outstanding service in the Civilian Aide program for the past

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. He has served as the Aide for Florida, Second Army Area Aide, and First Army Area (South) Aide.

Dr. Steven E. Titus, Executive Assistant to the President at Gustavus Adolphus College and a resident of St. Peter, was reappointed to serve as the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for Minnesota until January 2004.

Joseph S. Ziccardi, a practicing Attorney in the city of Philadelphia, was reappointed to serve as the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for Pennsylvania (East) until January 2003.

John Ricottilli, Jr., a resident of North Providence, was reappointed to serve as the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for Rhode Island until February 2004.

Joseph A. Milano, a resident of Boston, was reappointed to serve as the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for the state of Massachusetts until February 2004.

Walter Kaye, a resident of New York, was reappointed to serve as the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for New York (South) until February 2004.

F. Anthony Keating, a resident of Watertown, was reappointed to serve as the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for New York (North) until February 2004.

Mr. Jerry Sorrow, a resident of Oconomowoc, was appointed by Secretary White to serve as the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for Wisconsin until February 2004. The Wisconsin position was previously vacant.

Thomas V. Barnes, former mayor of Gary, requested and received retirement as the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for Indiana. He had served for nearly fourteen years in this position. The Indiana position is currently vacant.

Civilian Aides are selected on the basis of their demonstrated patriotism, interest in the Army, business or professional leadership, and their ability to increase the public's understanding of the Army.

For protocol purposes Civilian Aides are ranked just below 3-star general officers and are considered as the Secretary of the Army's personal representative.

The biographies Civilian Aides can be found on the First Army's web site: <http://www.first.army.mil> .

278th Armored Cavalry Regiment Logistical Exercise

Article by CW4 Michael Anderson

On 1-3 February, 4th Brigade, 85th Division (Training Support) supported the annual Logistics Exercise (LOGEX) of the 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment (ACR), an Army National Guard unit from Tennessee.

The event was held in Smyrna, Tennessee at the Tennessee Military Academy training facility.

More than 300 members of the 278th ACR and supporting units, who will be participating in a rotation at The National Training Center later this year, participated



The 278th conducts planning at the ACR Logistics Operations Center for movement of supply distribution throughout the Regiments area of operations

in this challenging event. Additionally, 55 Observer/Controllers from all across the 4th Brigade, 85th Division (TS) were on hand to observe the participants and offer assistance.

“Just providing training support to an event of this magnitude is a logistical exercise by itself,” said LTC Mike Johnson, Commander of the 2-409th TSBn. “We start the planning process months in advance to ensure that the soldiers of the 278th get the best training possible.”

The LOGEX is an annual event for the 278th ACR. A total of 24 JANUS computers were used to simulate a combat environment. Numerous ULLS, SAMS and SARSS computers, coupled with all associated Command Posts linked together with a MSE network, provided the soldiers the tools necessary to react logistically in a simulated combat environment. 278th ACR logisticians were required to react to resupply, maintenance, medical and command and control situations as necessary to ensure their unit’s combat effectiveness was maintained.

Several members of the 278th ACR have hailed this as one of the most significant training events that they participate in throughout the year. It gives them the opportunity to exercise all aspects of logistics and to practice and hone their logistical skills in a controlled, simulated envi-

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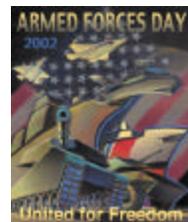
This type of exercise, assisted with the JANUS computer system, affords members of the 278th ACR the opportunity to rehearse their tactical SOPs and make improvements before combat operations commence. Soldiers can go back and examine every aspect of what took place and how well they reacted to each evolving situation.

History has shown the importance of logistics to the success of units on the Battlefield. An Army’s ability to fight is directly affected by its ability to supply and maintain all personnel and equipment. This exercise strengthened the confidence and abilities of the 278th ACR soldiers, allowing them to move forward into whatever conflict they may be



The Regiment conducts a logistics support rehearsal prior to execution of the operation

Armed Forces Day "United For Freedom" Saturday, May 18 2002



President Harry S. Truman led the effort to establish a single holiday for citizens to come together and thank our military members for their patriotic service in support of our country. On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy, Marines Corp and Air Force Days. The single-day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under one department -- the Department of Defense.

A LOOK BACK AT MARCH: WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Spec. Melissa Rathbun-Nealy, the first female to be taken as a prisoner of war by Iraqi forces during Operation Desert Storm. (Defense Visual Information Center)



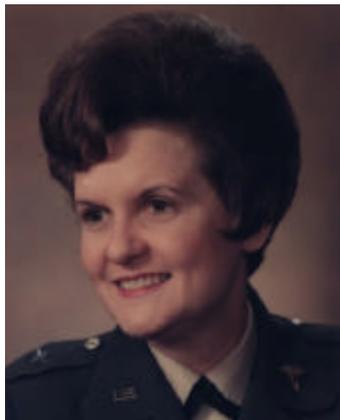
Women's Army Auxillary Corps (WAAC)

In September 1942 during World War II the Army Air Forces (AAF) was assigned its first women, members of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC), for work in the Aircraft and Warning Service which operated listening posts when enemy attacks on the United States were expected. The initial 6,000 women were so successful in this endeavor that the AAF asked for a half



Charity Adams (Earley)

Over 150,000 WACs served in WWII. The voluntary organization enlisted both black and white female recruits. Charity Adams (Earley) was the first black woman to be commissioned. She and other young African-American women like her had backgrounds similar to the corps' white recruits: 80 percent were college educated with experience in office work or teaching, and most had family members in the military.



BG Anna Mae Hays

On June 11, 1970, Colonel Anna Mae Hays, Chief, Army Nurse Corps was promoted to the grade of brigadier general. She became the first woman in the history of the U.S. Army to attain general officer rank.



218th eSB Conducts JANUS Exercises

Story and photos by Capt. Domke

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JANUS BLUEFOR controllers fight the battle.



BG Wojdakowski, 24th ID ADC(F), and COL Newton, 218th eSB CDR, discuss operation.

During the weekend of 23 to 24 February, the 218th eSB conducted two simultaneous JANUS exercises for two of its battalions – 1/263 AR and 4/118 IN. With training support from the 5th BDE of the 87th TSD and the OPFOR from the SIM BDE of the 87th TSD, the exercise proved to be an overwhelming success.

The METL focus for the 218th eSB for this year is *Movement to Contact*. In the early fall of last year, it received an OPORD from the 24th ID, its active component headquarters. The BDE staff conducted its MDMP throughout the fall and issued its OPORD to its units. The units have been conducting JANUS exercises throughout the fiscal year. The BDE will continue to conduct JANUS exercises in May and August.

Since JANUS can only handle 1200 icons on a server at one time, the simulations personnel at McCrady Training Site, Fort Jackson, South Carolina had to use two servers simultaneously with each battalion fighting on a different server. This allowed the brigade staff to fight the same battle on different servers. The OPFOR controllers had an even more daunting task of fighting the same OPFOR on the two different servers. The same OPFOR set was on each server. Both sets were run exactly the same on each server. If a unit were destroyed on one server, its controller would inform the controller of the other server who would then delete that unit from his screen. Timing and coordination were keys to providing the eSB with a very tough and realistic OPFOR.

With outstanding coordination and planning between the Training Support Brigade, the Simulations Brigade, and the 218th eSB, this was a low cost, high payoff training event. Exercises like this one will continue to be invaluable in training the BDE and BN staffs of the 218th eSB.

CSM's Message (Con't)

More recently, soldiers detailed to guarding our borders were directly responsible for detecting a large quantity of drugs in a vehicle trying to cross into our country. We have soldiers in nearly every facet of our daily lives. Think about it. We are a far different nation and Army than we were last year.

So after a little more than a year on the job here, I am prouder than ever to be associated with such a fine group of Americans. Today, I attended the promotion ceremony for two soldiers -- one to SSG and the other to SFC. As I looked at both, and listened to the words about, "special trust and confidence in the patriotism..." I was reminded once again why we all do what we do. It's love of country, love of fellow soldiers, and the will to do the best we can.

So as we go about the business of leading, training, caring for, and maintaining the soldiers we touch every day, please remember that each of them holds the promise of the future. We came to work today to work for privates, sergeants, lieutenants and captains, not the first sergeants, sergeants major, colonels and generals. Take a few moments to reflect on the soldiers, civilians and family members who have done great and wonderful things for our nation and our Army. Take a moment to tell them thanks for a job well done.

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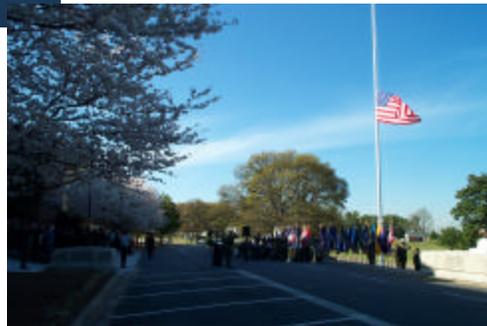
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Lt. Gen. Inge, Command Sgt. Maj. Mellinger, and guests salute the flag



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