

GUARDLIFE



Year-End Reflections

We have just witnessed the peaceful transfer of power of the office of President of the United States for the forty-third time since the founding of this great republic. This is due, in great part, to soldiers and airmen like you who have pledged to support and defend this country - and have done so without hesitation - since 1636. The concept of the citizen-soldier is one of the cornerstones of our democracy and we have again seen that it is an idea that still works after all this time.

In reading all of the holiday letters we get at this time of year I thought I would point out some of the things we have to be thankful for as we close out 2000.

Our pilots, aircrew, and support personnel from the 177th Fighter Wing successfully deployed to Saudi Arabia and returned from enforcing the no-fly zone over Iraq without incident.

We deployed task forces to the National Training Center in California, the Combat Readiness Training Center in Alpena, Michigan; the Combat Maneuver Training Center in Germany, and to major exercises at Fort Drum without any serious incidents.

The success of the National Guard Association of the United States 122nd Annual Conference in Atlantic City - was due to your dedication and hard work.

We have dedicated the totally renovated New Jersey Memorial Home in Menlo Park, which gives us the ability to provide world-class service



**Maj. Gen. Paul J. Glazar
The Adjutant General**

to our veterans in need of full time nursing care.

We dedicated a memorial to the veterans of the Korean War to insure that "The Forgotten War" will never be forgotten again.

We held eight New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal ceremonies in unit armories where we recognized more than one thousand combat veterans.

Your outstanding support of OPSAIL-2000 resulted in zero serious incidents.

We can be especially thankful for the safe return of our F-16 pilot who ditched his disabled aircraft at sea rather than over a populated area.

The greatest thanks goes to all of you - the soldiers, airmen, naval militia members, your families, and employers who work together to insure that the people of New Jersey and his great nation can be served at a moment's notice.

Thanks to one and all for another great year! 🍀



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About The Cover


Fireman's Carry

Spc. Charvel Tosov, Charlie Company, 250th Forward Support Battalion performs a fireman's carry on an unknown soldier during the DISCOM mass casualty exercise at Fort Drum. Photo by Staff Sgt. Mark Olsen.

Corrections

On page 17 of Vol., 26, No., 2; the lower right corner picture caption identified the person as Harry Kent. The correct name is retired Chief Master Sgt. Earle W. Johnson. The lions refused to eat the responsible parties.

DRUM 2000



Fort Drum is located 20 miles south of the Canadian border in upstate New York. Most New Jersey Army National Guardsmen will spend their entire annual training at Drum.

4,000 Deploy To Drum

By Col. John Dwyer, PAO, NJDMAVA

The New Jersey National Guard flexed its combat muscles at Fort Drum for almost all of August.

During the first half of the month, the 50th Brigade and the 42nd DISCOM (Division Support Command) practiced wartime skills in the north country. In the second half of the month, the 119th Corps Support Battalion, the 250th Signal Battalion and the 204th Air Weather Flight, New Jersey Air National Guard, supported the joint readiness exercise "Empire Peak."

All combined, it was the largest single deployment of New Jersey soldiers and airmen to Fort Drum since the retirement of the 50th Armored Division in 1991.



Spc. Richard Marion hands off a Sabot round at Range 25. Photo by Staff Sgt. Mark Olsen.



Soldiers from the 1-114th Infantry, 2-113th Infantry, 2-102nd Armor, and 5-117th Cavalry participated in the combined mortar school. Photo by Staff Sgt. Mark Olsen.

The 50th Brigade/DISCOM task force had to contend with cold, wet weather, alternating with hot dry, dusty conditions during their rotation. They echoed the old saying that "if you don't like the weather, wait five minutes and it will change." Training highlights for the 50th Brigade included tank gunnery by the 2-102nd Armor on the newly completed Range 25 Complex; force-on-force maneuver operations by the 5-117th Cavalry; LANES training for the 2-113rd Infantry and all units participated in firing the Mark 19 automatic grenade launcher, the combined 120mm mortar school, and TOW missile firing. The 3-112th Field Artillery completed an external

evaluation which included firing more than one hundred "copperhead" precision guided munitions during their AT period.

The 42nd DISCOM supported all maneuver training with medical, maintenance, supply, and transportation personnel, in addition to LANES training, a mass medical casualty exercise, and extensive night



Soldiers from the 250th Signal Battalion camming up. Photo by Col. John Dwyer, PAO, NJDMAVA.

500,000 Miles and 48,000 MREs



Spc. Robert Bell (center) and Spc. Christopher Anicito (left), Charlie Company, 250th Forward Support Battalion practice APC driving skills. Photo by Staff Sgt. Mark Olsen.

operations. DISCOM also moved howitzers, armored personnel carriers, tanks, and spare parts between New York and New Jersey during AT.

For the 119th CSB, the 250th Signal Battalion and the 204th Air Weather Flight, AT was a close simulation to wartime deployment. Operation “Empire Peak” started in a staging area in Rome, New York, more than fifty miles from Fort Drum. Supporting units were required to provide logistics and communications to a brigade more than an hour away. Once pre-deployment activities were completed in Rome, the 27th Infantry Brigade and its supporting task force moved tactically, at night over civilian roads to Fort Drum. The troop movement took almost sixteen hours because of the large numbers of vehicles and

personnel to be moved. Once at Fort Drum, the entire field area was “sealed” and all units and personnel were considered targets for the opposing forces. The remainder of their AT was spent in the field under tactical conditions, under constant threat of infiltration and attack.

The 250th provided communi-

cations to five scattered sites while conducting tactical training; the 119th CSB supported maneuver operations and supervised supply functions while maintaining the security of the entire logistical support area; the 253rd Transportation Company was kept busy moving troops and supplies to the embattled brigade; and the 204th Air Weather flight provided the brigade with current forecasts as well as all flying weather services to the Army aviation task force for the entire exercise period.

It was a challenging month for the New Jersey warriors. More than 500,000 miles were logged by units with close to 45,000 meals served. All troops made it home safely, with only minor incidents and injuries noted. AT-2000 will go down in the history books as one of the most successful deployments in recent years. 🇺🇸



Medics from the 50th Main Support Battalion participate in evacuating casualties during the DISCOM's mass casualty exercise. Photo by Staff Sgt. Mark Olsen.

More AT 2000 Pictures

One of the best ways to remember annual training is through photography. And since the invention of the camera, everyone now has the opportunity to document and capture the moments that make up annual training.

These pictures help sum up the AT experience. Hope you all had a great time this past summer, the public affairs staff certainly did. We enjoyed talking, photographing, and even occasionally, feeding you.

See you next year. \$



Spc. Terrance Harrison (right) and Spc. Brian Christ (left), 3-112th Field Artillery, direct fire in the fire direction center. Photo by Col. John Dwyer, PAO, NJDMAVA



Bravo Battery of the 3-112th Field Artillery readying Copperhead rounds. From left to right: Spc. Mathew Scheper, Sgt. Ernesto Medina, Spc. William Tabron, Sgt. Dean Barnes, and Pfc. Nicolas Puccio.



Pfc. Joel Villabroza (right), B troop, 5-117th Cavalry, is promoted to specialist by Capt. Geoff Parker (left).



Maj. June Stewart, 50th MSB, checks on one of her "patients" during the mass casualty exercise.



Chief Warrant Officer 2 Tilbert Brymer, 250th FSB, gets the last bit of dirt off of his CUCV at the wash racks.

Around The State

Memorial Dedicated



Close to one thousand people attended the dedication ceremony of the New Jersey Korean War Memorial located in Atlantic City. Korean Community members sounded a ceremonial gong followed by a nine-gun salute. The ceremony concluded with a flyover of four 177th Fighter Wing F-16C aircraft. The Memorial features a 12-foot statue of "The Mourning Soldier" and a wall with the names of the 822 New Jerseyans who were killed or missing in action. †



Review Held

The New Jersey National Guard held its Annual Military Review at the National Guard Training Center at Sea Girt on Sunday October 22nd.

The review included displays of military equipment, tanks, and helicopters; flyovers by helicopters and jet aircraft; a cannon salute; and a military parade featuring every National Guard unit in New Jersey. Photo by 1st Lt. Jon Powers, 444th MPAD. †



Final Fold

Lt. Col. LeRoy Cerbasi (left), Capt. Richard Aviles (center), and 1st Sgt. Richard Bridgeforth (right) fold the Company E, 50th Main Support Battalion flag for a final time on September 17. The missile maintenance company's mission was consolidated with the two other maintenance companies in the battalion and the unit was eliminated because of a change in force structure. All E Company personnel were successfully placed in other companies before the colors were retired. Photo by Col. John Dwyer, PAO, NJDMAVA. †

177th Deploys To Saudi Arabia

By Maj. Roger Pharo, 177th Fighter Wing

Personnel from the 177th Fighter Wing began an Aerospace Expeditionary Force (AEF) deployment to Saudi Arabia in support of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH (OSW). The wing will deploy more than 170 members during the period from November 4 through December 15.

Operation Southern Watch enforces the United Nations Security Council southern no-fly zone over Iraq. The United States OSW component is comprised of active duty, Guard, and Reserve aircraft and personnel under the command of Joint Task Force - Southwest Asia. Since December 1998, there have been more than 700 incidents of Iraqi surface-to-air missile firings, anti-aircraft artillery firings, and Iraqi aircraft violations of the southern no-fly zone. To date, no allied aircraft have been shot down and no American personnel have been wounded or killed while enforcing the no-fly zone.

The wing's AEF deployment was scheduled under



Col. Gary Corbett (center), Commander, 177th Fighter Wing, bids farewell to a unit member at o'dark thirty on November 10. Photo by Staff Sgt. Mark Olsen.

the Air Force's Expeditionary Air Force (EAF) and was not in response to recent Mid-East events. The Air Force launched the EAF on October 1, 1999. The

operational elements of the EAF are known as Aerospace Expeditionary Forces. Individual units are assigned to a specific numbered AEF (the 177th's is AEF 9) and given a particular deployment period to cover during their rotation into areas of responsibility. The AEF was designed to bring about predictability and stability for deploying Air Force members.

During the past year, the 177th has deployed more than 30 people to provide expeditionary combat support for Operations SOUTHERN WATCH and NORTHERN WATCH. Operation NORTHERN WATCH is based in Turkey and enforces the United Nations Security Council northern no-fly zone over Iraq. ✍



Staff Sgt. Jim McCloskey, medical services technician, gives pilot Maj. Scott Hall an injection in preparation for deployment. Photo by Staff Sgt. Mark Olsen.

Miss America and TAG Dedicate Veterans Haven

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Mark Olsen



Ms. Heather Renee French - Miss America 2000, and Maj. Gen. Paul Glazar, pledge allegiance during the dedication ceremony at Veterans Haven.

Ms. Heather Renee French - Miss America 2000, and Maj. Gen. Paul Glazar dedicated the New Jersey Veterans Haven in a ceremony on August 18.

Ms. French has made programs assisting homeless veterans, such as Veterans Haven, her platform during her reign. "As the daughter of a disabled Vietnam

veteran, I pledge my heart, my hands and my voice to helping veterans fight the battles they face on our nation's streets" stated Ms. French. "So they don't face these battles alone, I urge all Americans to lend their support to these often forgotten men and women."

The \$400,000 renovation was finished with help from the 177th Fighter Wing. Members of the 177th Civil Engineering Squadron cleared the parking lot behind the main building, graded it, and installed a newly surfaced parking lot and picnic area. Veterans Haven has been the NJDMAVA transitional housing program for homeless veterans since 1995 and has provided a temporary home to more than 270 veterans.

Sixty-eight percent of the Haven's residents have successfully returned to society as wage-earning, tax-paying citizens. There are currently 50 residents, many of whom are working full-time or attending school.



Tech. Sgt. Bob Leek (L) lifts a railroad tie while Chief Master Sgt. Herbert Mimler (R) shovels dirt underneath it. Staff Sgt. Andy Middleton (center) adjusts his gloves before joining in..



Chief Master Sgt. Herbert Mimler evens out a rough patch in the parking lot addition behind Veterans Haven.

Waging the Drug War in the Pines

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Robert W. Stephenson, 444th MPAD



Freeze. CDTF team members hold their positions before advancing on a suspected drug position.

It's 3:30 on a cold and wet Sunday morning. You are crouched in a field across from a clandestine marijuana field. Your mission: observe any vehicles entering or leaving the field via the access road and report back to the local law enforcement officer.

Who are you? You are one of a select few members of the New Jersey National Guard who perform reconnaissance and eradication missions for the Counter Drug Task Force (CDTF). According to 1st Sgt. Keith Stokley, CDTF NCOIC, the five-member group consists of combat arms personnel who are proficient in land navigation, familiar with all aspects of the marijuana trade, and have a working knowledge of tactical reconnaissance equipment as well as the art of observing and evading detection.

Although the team could use a few more members, it is tough to find personnel who fit the qualifications. In addition, they must live in south central New Jersey and be available and willing to work the often times odd hours that are dictated by the criminals. Even then, getting on

the team isn't guaranteed.

"We look at each prospective member and ask ourselves, 'What can this person bring to the team,'" explained 1st Sgt. Stokley. Although the team is not limited strictly to infantry types, the soldiers must have something to offer. For example, as part of their mission, the team trains law enforcement personnel in land navigation and reconnaissance equipment and techniques, which might be unfamiliar to the police officer. Some members of the team also travel outside the state to instruct law enforcement personnel at locations such as at the National

Guard Counter Drug Regional Training Center at Fort Indiantown Gap, PA.

The CDTF team has been around in one form or another since the beginning of the last decade. The team's current configuration began operations in the summer of 1994 as a combined effort with the State Police to conduct a one-week class on marijuana eradication at Fort Dix. Thirteen law enforcement officers from around the state attended the training. In 1995, the class was moved to Sea Girt as a three-day seminar and has averaged 80 students per class ever since.

The team's first real mission took place in August of 1994, and resulted in the seizure of approximately 130 marijuana plants and two arrests. The numbers of arrests have increased and average 18 per year. "The arrest rate helps define the team's success, as the intent is not only to eliminate the plants, but also to stop the persons responsible," according to 1st Sgt. Stokley. Summer is always a busy time; missions constantly overlap and the team is usually stretched to its capacity.

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Inside the Marijuana Eradication Task Force



CDTF personnel radio in their location prior to digging in for a surveillance operation.

Recent changes in the New Jersey statutes have highlighted the importance of the eradication team. In August 1997, possession of 50 marijuana plants outdoors and/or 10 marijuana plants indoors was a first-degree felony.

Contrary to what one might imagine, not all missions are full of excitement. Many times, reconnaissance teams will lie in wait for hours, only to find out that the target never showed up or used a different route to the field. Once in a while though, complications arise which increase the adrenaline level. "There have been a few instances where the team has come across a field which has been rigged with rudimentary booby traps, such as fish hooks dangling from trees at eye level or some type of punji stick embedded in the ground," noted Stokley. "Aside from some bumps, bruises, scrapes, sunburn, and insect bites, so far no one, Guard or law enforcement officer, has been seriously hurt."

Although the team has been involved in a few close calls over the past few years, safety is the primary concern whenever the task force prepares for a mission. In addition, strict rules regarding what can or cannot be done by National Guard personnel are always covered in the operations plan. Situations such as the handling of

weapons or evidence by CDTF personnel are strictly prohibited as per the guidelines set up by the National Guard Bureau. Finally, every time the team goes on a mission, law enforcement personnel, who ensure that the mission is accomplished with a minimum of risk, always accompany them.

"It's always a continuous learning process," commented Stokley. To illustrate the point, the team was sitting down to a class in map reading. The team seldom utilizes military maps because of their lack of availability. Stokley was able to obtain 1:24,000 topographic maps that cover the whole state. The 1:24,000 scale is more than twice the size of the 1:50,000 military map, providing much greater graphic detail, making it easier to plot and navigate.

Back in the field, a pickup truck pulls up, the driver gets out and walks in to the field. The CDTF team members radio the law enforcement officials and the driver is arrested. 168 plants are seized and the grower dined out the other criminals.

Not bad for a day's work. #



Setting up for the long haul. CDTF team members dig-in and setup their observation post.

Abline Continues Family Tradition

By 1st Lt. Jon Powers, 444th MPAD

When Rick Abline enlisted in the 3-112th Field Artillery of the NJARNG he was continuing a family tradition with nearly a century of combined military service.

Rick attended basic training in September at Ft. Jackson, but few of the recruits beginning their service this year have a family history of service like that of the Ablines.

The NJNG has had three of the five Abline brothers - George, Fred and Jim - in its ranks. Between them they have just about 100 years

of service. All three brothers have served in the Passaic 50th Military Police Company after serving active duty tours in the Army. The three stayed close together as they each joined the 50th Adjutant General (AG) Company. Eventually, Jim and Fred would work their way through the ranks to become the only National Guard sergeant major brother duo in the nation. Although all three are retired, Jim and Fred have remained active in Guard affairs. Since retirement Jim has served as President of the NJ NCO Association and Secretary of the 50th AG Company Association. Fred has been the New Jersey State Retirees Representative, and is active

in the NJNG Youth Camp Program.

George joined the regular Army in 1946 and was stationed in Tokyo as an MP during the Japanese occupation. After his discharge in 1949



Left to right: George, Rick, Fred, and Jim Abline at Sea Girt. Photo courtesy of the Abline family.

he became a bus driver and joined an MP company in Newark. However, his job prevented George from participating on drill weekends and he was forced to take a long break from the military. Fifteen years later, George reenlisted in the 50th AG Company where he spent the rest of his career, retiring with 20 years service as a staff sergeant.

Fred joined the Guard, also as an MP, in 1948. He was drafted for the Korean War in 1951 and served for two years as a fire fighter in an engineering company in Japan, eventually being promoted to staff sergeant. When he returned to the states, Fred took eleven years off from military service before joining

the 50th AG Company in 1964. Fred went on to make sergeant major in the 50th's personal service section.

"Camaraderie was what kept us going, we worked hard and we played hard," says Abline. Since retirement, Fred has attended several Guard conferences across the nation. Fred retired in 1990, with more than 30 years service.

Jim attended Basic Training in March of 1952 after joining the 50th MP Company in Passaic. Shortly after that, Jim was called to active duty during the Korean conflict and

served at various duty posts in the United States. After leaving active duty in 1955, Jim rejoined his MP unit as a full time mechanic. After feeling the need for a change he switched to another full time job, unit administrator in the 50th AG Company. From there he went on to DISCOM serving in the same capacity.

Jim progressed all the way to Sergeant Major, retiring after a total of 42 years, 10 months and 10 days military service. Jim has been President of the NJARNG NCO Association and Secretary of the AG Association. About his lifetime of service to the Guard, Jim said "It was like family all those years." #

New Jersey Lights The Way

By the Guardlife Staff

New Jersey was in the spotlight as the site of the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) 122nd Annual Conference at the Atlantic City Convention Center, September 10 through 15.

Make no mistake; this was a massive undertaking. Approximately 3,000 Guardsmen from 54 states and territories gathered at the convention center for the week-long event. Gov. Christine Todd Whitman made an appearance, as did Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki. Then Presidential candidates Vice-President Al Gore and Governor George W. Bush spoke via satellite. Soldiers and guests also gathered for banquets and social events throughout Atlantic City. The conference included business sessions, exhibits, and various athletic competitions.

Behind the scenes, managing the transportation, communications, operations and more, were Jersey Guardsmen and civilian volunteers.

"Their goal was to make everyone feel welcome here in the Garden State," said Col. Ronald Cefalone, Director of Logistics, NJARNG, who served as the conference subcommittee chairman for support services. "We had more than 3,500 guests," stated Cefalone. "We tried to accommodate their entertainment, social time, and accommodations. That was a big event."

Planning began in January 1998 when the state learned it would host the conference. Since then, more



Maj. Gen. Paul J. Glazar (center), the Adjutant General, and Maj. Gen. Richard C. Cosgrave (right), Commander, New Jersey Air National Guard; applaud Governor Christine Todd Whitman (left) during the NGAUS convention. Photo by Staff Sgt. Mark Olsen.

than 400 soldiers and state employees were organized into committees to work on the conference.

Speaking during the conference, Cefalone said, "Success to us is when people, as they get off the bus at the airport on Friday, have feelings of satisfaction and enjoyment and feel like we exceeded their expectations. We wanted this conference to be one of the best ever."

Staff Sgt. Frank Cumberland, of the STARC Property and Fiscal office, was busy registering exhibitors and soldiers. As one of the first faces newcomers saw at the conference, he heard a lot of first impressions. "Most of them were shocked at how green New Jersey was," he noted.

Sgt. 1st Class Lisa Homan, served in the command post arrang-

ing transportation for guests. She was bracing for Friday morning, when the 50-plus distinguished guests attending the conference would all leave at once.

The first convention of the millennium was also the first completely wired one. 167 cell phones were employed and closed circuit televisions broadcast the proceedings throughout the facility. A new registration database was capable of producing any number of reports while keeping track of attendees, hotel reservations, transportation arrangements, and ticketed events.

In the end, the convention went off without any major snags and the guests returned home with great memories of the Garden State's hospitality. ✍

General News

Brig. Gen. Holsey A. Moorman Retires

The Deputy Adjutant General, Brig. Gen. Holsey A. Moorman retired October 20.

Brig. Gen. Moorman enlisted in the NJARNG on April 21, 1961. After being commissioned on August 22, 1964, he served as a Platoon Leader, Personnel Officer, and Liaison Officer with the 104th Engineer Battalion, 50th Armored Division. In 1975, he served as the 104th's C Company Commander. The following year, he was appointed the 104th's Assistant Division Engineer. In 1980, he became the Personnel Officer for the 50th Armored Division Support Command. From 1981 to 1982, he served as the Human Resource/Equal Opportunity Officer and the Assistant Executive Director for Headquarters, State Area Command. Until 1986, the general served in the Office of Human Resources, National Guard Bureau, Washington, D.C., beginning as an Equal Opportunity Specialist and progressing to Chief of the Field Operating Agency. From 1986 to 1987, he was assigned to the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel as a Personnel Policy Integrator. In 1987, Brig. Gen. Moorman was appointed the Assistant



Maj. Gen. Paul J. Glazar congratulates Brig. Gen. Holsey A. Moorman at his retirement dinner held at the McGuire AFB Officer's Club October 20. Photo by Staff Sgt. Mark Olsen.

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Reserve Forces and Mobilization. On January 12, 1992, Brig. Gen. Moorman became the Military Executive for the Army Reserve Forces Policy Committee in the Office of the Secretary of the Army until he was appointed Deputy Adjutant General in April 1994. §

TAG Accepts Civil War Battle Flag

The 15th New Jersey Regiment (NJR) recently presented a reproduction battle flag to Maj. Gen. Paul J. Glazar on behalf of the New Jersey Civil War Heritage Association (NJCWHA).

The 15th, a Civil War reenactment group, raised the money to have the flag copied, and made the presentation during an encampment in Caldwell, N.J. The flag is an exact copy of the flag the 15th New Jersey carried during the Civil War, and will be displayed at the Statehouse in Trenton.

Because original Civil War flags are too fragile for display and can be irreparably damaged by exposure to light and heat, the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, in cooperation with the New Jersey State Museum and the NJCWHA, has arranged for copies to be made of all the Civil War flags in the state collection. Photo by Col. John Dwyer, PAO, NJDMAVA. §



Jet Lost Over Atlantic

By the Guardlife Staff

On August 31, an F-16C Fighting Falcon from the 177th Fighter Wing crashed approximately two miles off the coast of Brigantine after experiencing an engine failure while on a routine training mission. The pilot, Maj. David G. Haar, ejected safely and was recovered by the New Jersey State Marine Police.

By September 8, Sea Tow salvage operators and divers had finished mapping the two separate debris fields. Salvage operations began September 9 and lasted more than a week. The recovery team consisted of elements from the 177th, the salvage company, the U.S. Coast Guard, and the New Jersey State Marine Police, as well as Air Force safety board investigators. As a precautionary measure, recovery efforts were closely coordinated with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and Atlantic County public health officials.

While recovery operations were going on, the Air Force Safety Investigation Board convened to determine the cause of the accident. The results of the board's assessment will be released upon the completion of the investigation.



Tech. Sgt. Woody Tustin (left), Senior Master Sgt. Ron Finch (center), and Senior Master Sgt. John Bartlett (far right) guide the F-16's tail section onto a flatbed trailer. Photo by Staff Sgt. Mark Olsen.

The 41-year-old pilot has been a member of the New Jersey Air National Guard since 1981. Maj. Haar is an experienced fighter pilot with more than 2,200 total flying hours, 1,270 hours in the F-16 Fighting Falcon. In order to minimize the potential risk to public safety, he managed to direct the disabled aircraft out to sea, where he successfully ejected before the crash. ✪

108th Wins Seventh Straight Softball Title



Photo courtesy 108th ARW Visual Information Shop.

For the seventh straight season the 108th Air Refueling Wing Base Intramural Softball Team has won the McGuire Base Championship. This came just on the heels of the 108th's third consecutive National Air National Guard Championship win.

Pictured left to right is this year's team: kneeling: coach Mike Balas, Pat Marshall, Bob Schreiner, Ivan Artola, Bill Waydelis, and Jim Maribo. Standing: Dave Fortin, Greg Stevens, Scott Emmick, Mike Wescott, Chris Chaney, Tim Ulmer, John Swift, Dan Houseworth, Chuck Beam, Eric Johnson, and Lee Cisek. ✪

Last Round



Pipas Promoted

On July 27, Staff Sgt. Joe Pipas, 250th Signal Battalion, was promoted by direct commission to 2nd Lt. Direct commission requirements include: a commander's recommendation, a college degree, and passing the primary leadership development course. The last time there was a direct commission in the NJNG was 20 years ago. Pictured left to right are Maj. Gen. Paul J. Glazar, The Adjutant General; 2nd Lt. Pipas, Yvette Pipas, and Lt. Col. William Campbell, Commander, 250th Signal Battalion. Photo by Col. John Dwyer, PAO, NJDMAVA.



Bring Us Your...

Chief Warrant Officer 3 John Laner (driver) and Staff Sgt. Steve Vidam (directing) of the Organizational Maintenance Shop 7, unload an M-16 Halftrack, circa 1950's, at the Artillery Museum Annex, National Guard Militia Museum, in Lawrenceville. Photo by Col. John Dwyer, PAO, NJDMAVA.

Economical Lodging In D.C.? Yes Such Things Still Exist

Looking for a place to stay in Washington, DC. but the hotel rates are killing you. Then the U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home have a deal for you - \$20 per night per person for up to five nights.

The home is open to active duty, reservists, and retirees. Family members must be accompanied by a service member. Rooms are single twin-bed only - no frills. Bathrooms are shared or communal, and there

are no cafeteria facilities available.

Visitors to the sprawling 320 acre site will live in a historical dwelling - a former convent. The home is in the heart of the District of Columbia at 3700 North Capitol St. NW, about 2.5 miles from the Capitol. Parking is free on the home's grounds and mass transit is available outside the gate.

For reservations call (202) 730-3044. ☎

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