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## Combat Comm enjoys worldwide resume, new look

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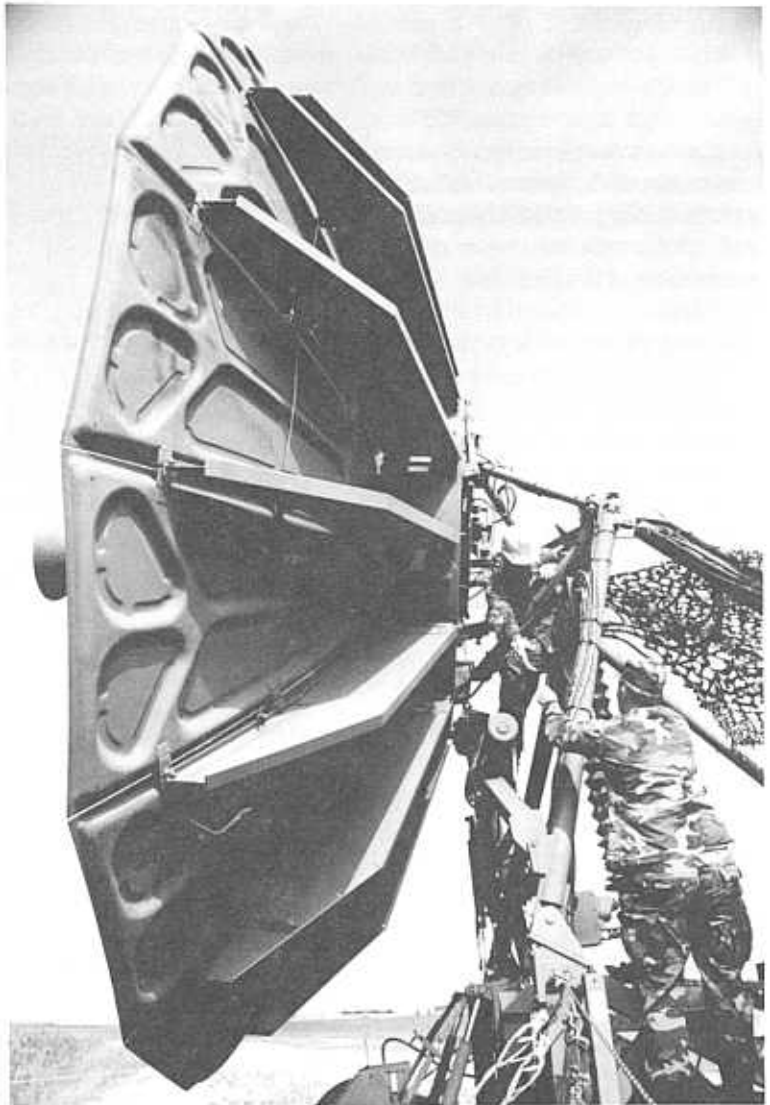
They park their satellite dish at the end of the runway and they work out of the old church on Grade Lane. They keep getting referred to as "NABS" even though they're really "combat comm." They seem a little mysterious. Who are those people in the 205th Combat Communications Squadron and what in the heck do they do?

The 205th Combat Communications Squadron is part of the 251st Combat Communications Group, an Air National Guard unit composed of three combat communications squadrons and three air traffic control flights, according to Chief Master Sgt. Joseph A. Goodin, the 205th's maintenance manager. The unit's mission is to provide secure voice anti-jam communications for a theater commander, Goodin explained further.

During a conflict or natural disaster, the 205th can deploy as part of a quick reaction package, or QRP, that provides communications services to a bare base, said Tech. Sgt. John A. Staples, one of the 205th members who got to do just that during operation Southern Watch.

The QRP has an impressive communications ca-

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KyANG photo

Senior Airman Gary Hampton, left, performs programmed maintenance on a quick reaction satellite antenna with a fellow guardsman.

## Indoor firing range planned for KyANG base

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The 123rd Airlift Wing has received funding approval to procure a 15-point indoor firing range, according to Lt. Col. Robert H. Williams, support group commander here.

Williams estimates the range will be

set up on base and available for use by Aug. 1.

The range will operate electronically and will be similar to playing Nintendo, Williams said. Guardsmen will fire modified M-16 and 9mm weapons, but only electronic impulses will hit the target. The modified weapons even recoil like the real thing, he added.

"It really is a tremendous win for us," Williams said, "because we will have the largest indoor range in the Air National Guard."

The wing has had difficulty scheduling personnel for weapons qualification training, according to Tech. Sgt. Michael

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# Commander's Column

## It's a really great time to be in the Air Guard

It's May, the weather is beautiful and most of us are home again after many months of deployment. We have had no mishaps or injuries, our new base is coming out of the ground and at the time of this writing, we still have our 12 aircraft. It's fun to be winning and it's fun to be a member of the Kentucky Air National Guard.

So many of you have expressed to me lately how much you enjoy being in the Air Guard and how much you like being part of the good work we are accomplishing. We are starting to focus again on who we are and what we represent for the future of this country. We have been places and we have seen firsthand how difficult life can be when your

government falls apart, and I think that many of you have a much keener appreciation of the Bluegrass State and this place we call home. We are a "World Class Organization" in the center of the most beautiful country in the world. We have a lot to be thankful for and we should be grateful.

You may have noticed the improvement in the appearance of the base when you drove in this morning. Our "Image Improvement Team" sponsored a base-wide house cleaning day last month. Everyone came to work in old clothes and we had fun helping Jim Wagner and his hard working troops give the place a face lift. It's nice to have people like Master Sgt. Tommy Downs and the other mem-



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123rd Airlift Wing Commander

bers of the team suggesting ways to improve our facilities and organizing the effort.

My hat's off to all of you. It's fun being your commander and it's fun being on the team. Keep up the good work...Thanks!

## 123rd selected for NCOA seminar at McGhee-Tyson

By Maj. Knox D. Lewis  
123rd AW Director of Personnel

The 123rd Airlift Wing has been selected to participate in the ANG Noncommissioned Officer Academy's Distance Learning seminar program. This selection was based upon the unit's support of NCOA initiatives and its proximity to McGhee-Tyson ANGB, Tenn.

The seminar is a customer focused initiative to provide an opportunity for traditional Guard members to obtain NCOA training in-residence (no CDCs)

through a four and one-half month program. The validation program will use a VHS tape format and Distance Learning field instructors to facilitate the two-times per week sessions.

The seminar program validation class is slated to start on Jan. 10, 1995. After validation, full implementation will begin, contingent upon the installation of up-link and downlink satellite equipment installed on the base. This phase is scheduled to begin Jan. 9, 1996, and live satellite transmissions will replace the VHS tape format work in conjunction with the

field instructors to deliver the curriculum.

In order for the 123rd to hold a validation class, it will need volunteers to serve as field instructors (minimum of four) and students (minimum of 10). Instructors must have at least an associate's degree and be an in-residence graduate of any Air Force or ANG NCOA. Students must hold the ranks of staff and technical sergeants. In addition, instructors must complete a two week course at McGhee-Tyson from July 10-22, 1994.

Contact the Base Education Office for more information.

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# Perry orders cutbacks, eyes leaner reserve

By Rudi Williams  
American Forces Information Service

Secretary of Defense William Perry announced that reserve components will cut thousands of billets and inactivate hundreds of units during fiscal year 1994.

Defense reserve affairs officials said these actions are in line with post-Cold

War plans to reduce and reshape the reserve forces.

The reserve drawdown will eliminate 55,100 Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force slots. The officials emphasize many personnel cuts will come through attrition, retirements and fewer accessions.

States shouldering the brunt of unit inactivations will be California, Illinois,

New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Ohio, Indiana and Minnesota. Under the fiscal 1994 plan, New York will lose 5,217 billets; Pennsylvania, 4,254; Illinois, 3,179; Massachusetts, 3,017; California, 2,828; Ohio, 2,684; Indiana, 2,389; and Minnesota, 2,199. South Carolina, Arkansas, Kansas and Rhode Island face the least impact, each losing 40 slots or fewer.

Officials noted these figures are not the same number of personnel who will be affected. Reserve component personnel will have a chance to join another unit within a reasonable distance of where they live. Since it's hard to say how many individuals will accept transfers, the number who will be involuntarily separated is difficult to determine, officials said.

Although the reserve components face additional cuts in the future, they'll not be reduced at the rate of the active duty forces, officials said. Reserve components will be sized and shaped to ensure success of the DoD strategy to fight two nearly-simultaneous major regional contingencies.

Many facilities used by these units, such as National Guard armories, belong to the states and will return to the states. If the facility is leased, the lease will be terminated if no other units need the facility. DoD-owned property will be transferred to the General Services Administration for disposition.



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. John McDowell

Secretary of Defense William Perry was greeted by NATO military leaders when he arrived recently at Aviano AB, Italy, for a press conference to discuss war-torn Sarajevo. In the top-left corner is Gen. John Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

## Conduct, not orientation, key to homosexual policy

By Jim Garamone  
American Forces Information Service

After a delay, DoD's new homosexual policy is now in effect.

Edwin Dorn, assistant secretary of defense for personnel and readiness, believes it is a policy all service members can support. At the base is the "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy proposed in December by former Secretary of Defense Les Aspin and endorsed by President Bill Clinton.

"What we've tried to do is make it absolutely clear that what concerns us is a person's conduct," Dorn said. "We

want every American to have an opportunity to serve in the military subject only to his or her willingness to abide by the military's standards of conduct."

Dorn said the policy supports unit cohesion and readiness. "What we've said is, if you conduct yourself badly, you're out," Dorn said. "If you conduct yourself according to our rules, we will respect your privacy and we expect you to respect the privacy of others."

"This policy is the kind all military personnel can respect," he continued. "What it says is that we respect individual rights -- including the right to privacy. But it also says we have some standards

we expect you to live up to. Military personnel want their individual rights respected, but they also know there is a code of conduct to which everyone has to adhere. I think this policy will go down well if seen in that light."

The new policy was supposed to be effective in early February. Dorn said there were many small details to work out. "We fashioned department policy, then the (military) services had to respond with policies of their own," Dorn said. "Whenever that process occurs there's a possibility of miscommunication or some significant differences in interpretation, and that's what we were trying to work out."

# Perry releases new affirmative action policy

By Evelyn D. Harris  
American Forces Information Service

Defense Secretary William Perry announced his intention to strengthen the department's equal opportunity program during a Pentagon ceremony March 4.

"Equal opportunity is not just the right thing to do, it is also a military and an economic necessity," Perry said. His new policy aims to expand opportunities for minorities, women and persons with

disabilities. Because leadership is important in eliminating discrimination and sexual harassment, new admirals and generals and Senior Executive Service members will also take an intense two-day equal opportunity course.

The five-part plan is outlined in a March 3 memorandum.

First, the plan creates a new position, deputy assistant secretary of defense for equal opportunity, responsible for both military and civilian equal opportunity

programs. Claiborne D. Haughton Jr. is the acting official in the job now.

Second, the policy restructures the DoD Equal Opportunity Council. It elevates the council's leadership and membership. The deputy secretary of defense will chair the council, and the service secretaries will serve on it.

Third, Edwin Dorn, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, will conduct a major study of the officer "pipeline." Perry expects the study to come up with ways to improve the flow of minority and female officers from recruitment through general and flag ranks.

Fourth, Perry asked service and agency heads for "vigorous, sustained effort to improve the representation of women, minorities and people with disabilities among this department's civilian managers." He recommended career development programs and broader, more intensive efforts to recruit a more diverse work force.

Finally, Perry asked the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., to develop a two-day seminar for new general and flag officers and senior civilian executives. Institute officials said the seminar would stress the relation between equal opportunity and readiness.

One aspect of the policy is to establish a climate of no tolerance for sexual harassment within DoD.

"We expect women to become increasingly prominent in the armed forces. Indeed, that is a goal of this administration. Along the way, we expect to deal forcefully with sexual harassment -- just as we will deal with other unnecessary barriers to the effective use of America's diverse and abundant pool of talent."

Perry announced the policy in a speech at a Pentagon observance of Women's History Month. He said DoD has done well and has even led the nation in extending equal opportunity.

"But we can, and will, do better," he added. "When people are treated with dignity and respect, they respond with diligence and loyalty."



Photo by Charlie Perez

A Slingsby T-3A Firefly takes off at Hondo Airfield, Texas. The Firefly, the Air Force's newest aircraft, replaces the Cessna T-41 trainer used to screen pilot candidates.

## Indoor firing range planned here

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K. Smith, a security police technician. At nearby Fort Knox, the range has to be scheduled 16 months in advance, Smith said. "If the weather is bad, we can't use that outdoor range and we can't schedule a short-notice make-up date," he added.

The new range promises to enhance combat readiness and save a great deal of time and money for the wing. With a range on base, it will be easy to schedule weapons qualification training for everyone, Smith said. The problems of trans-

porting people all the way to Ft. Knox will be eliminated, he said.

The wing won't have to buy ammunition for weapons qualification anymore, Williams said, and that will be a significant savings. He pointed out there's an ammunition shortage now, so the 123rd will be helping to conserve ammunition.

Not all weapons training will be performed at the indoor range, Smith said. Certain career fields, such as security police and combat control, must live-fire annually, he explained. "That's just a few people though, and we can get them to Ft. Knox for training," Smith said.

# VA offers scholarships, stipends in health fields

By Rudi Williams  
American Forces Information Service

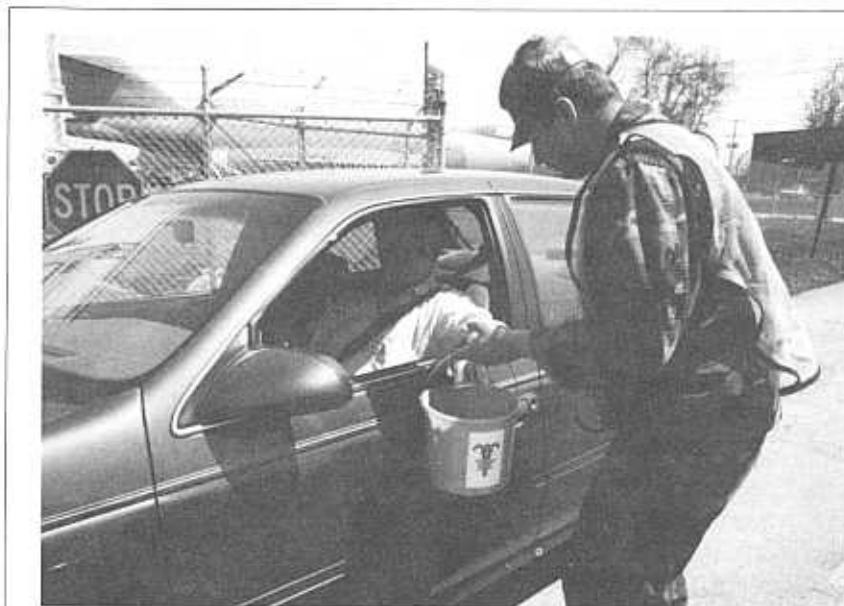
The Department of Veterans Affairs is offering full scholarships and stipends to students in an effort to fill critical health professional shortages.

The VA is accepting applications for the 1994-95 school year. Scholarships and stipends are available to students in their final year of an associate's degree in nursing or respiratory therapy. They are also for students in their final two years of a nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy or respiratory therapy program.

Master's degree awards are available to students in nursing, nurse anesthesia, occupational therapy and physical therapy, said VA spokesperson Dolores Swearingen-Archer.

Applicants must be American citizens in full-time accredited programs and hold at least a 3.0 grade point average. And, she added, they can't be obligated to serve in any other government organization.

"We pay all tuition and fees to the university, plus a \$621 per month stipend to students enrolled in a full-time pro-



KyANG photo by Master Sgt. Terry Lutz  
Retired-Maj. Sam McDowell donates to the Easter Seals campaign while visiting the Standiford Field ANGB. Staff Sgt. Doug Sharp, right, joined members of the base fire department in raising more than \$600 on April 16, putting the KyANG's total contribution over \$3,100 this year. The firefighters accepted donations from fellow KyANG members, then manned a fire truck on Preston Highway during two shifts. Those who volunteered were: Staff Sgts. Bob Akridge, Darryl Loafman, Tony Schmidt, Doug Sharp and Doug Timberlake; Sgts. Paul Bierod, Jeff Shofner and Mark Young; and Senior Airman Samuel Rose.

gram," said Swearingen-Archer, chief of VA's scholarship programs. "They also receive a \$500 check once a year to help with other educational expenses, such as books and lab fees."

The second offering, the Reserve Member Stipend Program, provides a \$400 monthly stipend. Requirements are the same, except applicants must be eligible for Montgomery GI Bill benefits. They must also have scored above the 50th percentile on the Armed Forces

Qualification Test.

"For these benefits, students must become licensed in their field and work for VA for two years after they finish school," she said.

The application deadline is May 31. VA will review them in June and make selections for the fall semester. Overseas applicants should contact the nearest American consulate. VA receives nearly 3,000 applications each year and awards about 500 scholarships.

## Civilian clothes OK for air travel, AMC announces

*Some restrictions apply; consult your passenger service rep*

**KELLY AFB, Texas (AFNS)** — Air Force members may now wear civilian clothing while traveling aboard Air Force and commercial contract (chartered) aircraft regardless of duty status or destination. Members choosing to wear civil-

ian clothing will ensure it is neat, clean, warm enough for in-flight operations and appropriate for the mode of travel and destination.

Air Mobility Command passenger service specialists can answer questions regarding foreign destinations' attire requirements. Personnel traveling overseas should consult the DoD foreign clearance guide for specific uniform or civilian clothing requirements for their destinations. Examples of inappropriate cloth-

ing include ripped, torn, frayed or patched clothing; tank tops, shorts, short skirts, undergarments worn as outer garments, bathing suits, sandals and any garments which are revealing or contain obscene, profane, or lewd words or drawings. Members who choose to wear a uniform while traveling will wear one of the blue service uniform combinations authorized in AFR 35-10, paragraph 6-2. Members traveling on Air Force aircraft between military bases may wear BDUs.

# History: flights moved to Fort Campbell while runways revamped in 1977

By Tech. Sgt. John Martin  
123rd Wing Historian

It was 47 years ago this month that the first aircraft arrived at the KyANG — 25 P-51 Mustangs (single engine). The planes had been flown in from other bases in Minnesota, Michigan and Illinois. Prior to the P-51, the KyANG had four B-26s as towing targets, three C-47s, two AT-6s and the L-5. The P-51, however, was the unit's first mission-flown aircraft.

On account of the refurbishing of Standiford Field runways, all flight operations were moved from the KyANG to Fort Campbell near Hopkinsville during May and June 1977. Improvements included the installation of high-speed turn offs for the RF-4C aircraft and the resurfacing of taxiways.

This "slight inconvenience" resulted in nine aircraft with two-man crews in a two-day rotation, and adding nearly two dozen maintenance support personnel.

The first ever participation of the KyANG in special reconnaissance ma-



Photo is from the KyANG historical archive

**Just Another Drill** — They used to fix a few teeth during summer camp deployments. Here in 1961, Airman 2nd Class John Egli received some personal attention from Maj. C.R. Barton, assisted by Staff Sgt. Norman Riggan.

neuvres occurred during May 1982 when eight aircraft were deployed to Denmark for "BEST FOCUS '82." The 123rd TRW was the United States' representative in this competition, which included Great Britain, West Germany, Denmark and Norwegian air forces. Competitors in the two-man crews had to locate and photograph (in their aircraft) known targets while eluding "enemy" aircraft and groundfire.

Several of the KyANG pilots were featured in a Louisville Times newspaper article about the deployment, including Lt. Col. Mike Harden, pictured trying on a water survival suit and Lt. Col. David Lynch, receiving a good luck smooch from his wife Julie.

May is probably the most military of months in our calendar. It was the month that the U.S. entered World War I; claimed victory over Germany (V-E Day) in World War II; and witnessed the end of the Vietnam conflict.

Two other days set May apart as significant — Armed Forces Day, when we honor

the living who serve, and at the end of the month Memorial Day, when we honor the memory of those who gave their lives for our country.

**Trivia Question from January:** The squadron color is yellow.

**Question for June:** Buried in cement in diverse parts of the base are coins and other insignia from the respective units. How much \$ is actually there?

## Air Force News

### Hundreds of regs dropped, thousands of pages trashed

By Tech. Sgt. Gary Pomeroy  
Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — All 1,510 Air Force regulations will soon be history as the Air Force's initiative to streamline policy nears completion.

The project, directed by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Merrill A. McPeak, will replace the regulations with 165 policy directives and roughly 690 instructions, said Brig. Gen. Lee Haines, assistant to the vice chief of staff for policy.

And although the total number of pages will drop from 46,000 to about 19,000, Haines stressed that the initiative is not about fewer pages.

"At the heart of the project is streamlining virtually every process involved in how we do business," Haines said, adding that the policy directives and instructions will be published on a Compact Disk read-only-memory by late spring.

Putting the policy directives and instructions on CD-ROM is a development that is lucrative in several ways, Haines

said. Most notable is that all of the policy directives and instructions will fit easily on one CD.

For unit mobility purposes, taking one disk instead of 6,000 pounds of paper per flying squadron has obvious advantages.

Robert J. McCormick, the administrative assistant to the secretary of the Air Force, has involved his staff deeply in support of this project, citing CD-ROM as an important stepping stone to establishing an on-line central electronic data base accessible to all Air Force members.

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pability. They provide high frequency, VHF and UHF communications capability as well as satellite communications (SATCOM), telephone service, and weather and data links. They are also equipped with a "suitcase SATCOM" or UGC-129 and a tropo-satellite systems radio, Goodin said.

Many KyANG members still refer to the 205th as "NABS" which stands for NATO air base satellite system, Goodin said. NABS was the concept the squadron operated under -- the unit was to deploy to a NATO collocated operating base in Europe, he explained. Now the 205th

provides mobile communications anywhere in the world the 8th Air Force sends them, he added.

Deployment is a way of life for the 205th. Unit members have deployed to exotic locations such as Nicaragua and Abu Dhabi and not-so-exotic locations such as a simulated base at Grissom Air Force Base, Goodin said.

"Our personnel are in high demand because of their excellent training and experience," Goodin said. "Even our airmen have had the opportunity to contribute to some important exercises and real-world deployments," he added.

Last month, eight members of the 205th deployed to several different CO-

NUS bases to participate in the 251st Group's operational readiness inspection. "Because we're in the process of converting, our squadron isn't subject to inspection," Goodin said. The KyANG members helped the group achieve very good inspection ratings, Goodin added.

The 205th has also participated in important overseas exercises. Sgt. Richard W. Anderson participated in Eager Tiger, a communications exercise held in Jordan last year, Goodin said. Anderson operated right out of the American embassy in Amman, Jordan.

Staples, who deployed for operation Southern Watch in 1992, served as the NCOIC of the SATCOM division in Taif, Saudi Arabia, for two months. He was responsible for operating, monitoring and maintaining a satellite ground terminal, he said.

The system is very reliable, Staples said. "Once you get it set up you just monitor it," he explained.

Staples makes it sound simple until he adds that there was no backup and his site was responsible for providing the communications link to Riyadh and Dharan. "We had to do the preventive maintenance when the system was down, so we were under some real pressure then," he said.

Staples has spent a total of almost two years on active duty, either training or deployed, in the past five years. "We have to be proficient at what we do, and you can't do that in just two days a month," he said.

Not all of the 205th mission is about high-tech equipment and high-level communications. When Staff Sgt. George R. Wimsett deployed to Saudi Arabia in 1992 for operation Southern Watch, he had the opportunity to contribute to the morale of his fellow servicemembers.

Wimsett spent part of his tour at a remote base called Al-Kharj where about 50 servicemembers were assigned on a six month rotation. "We set up DSN phone service for them," Wimsett said. It allowed them to make short calls home, he explained. "They were really happy to see us -- we were AT&T for them."

**What's it like behind bars? The May issue of Airman magazine takes a look at life at the U.S. Disciplinary Barracks, more commonly known as Leavenworth. Or read about real Air Force heroes -- three operations NCOs caught in the firefight during last October's bloody battle in Somalia. And, a "high-altitude attitude" -- the U-2's role in 24-hour reconnaissance anywhere in the world.**

U.S. government photograph



# Treating Guatemala

Kentucky medical,  
dental teams help  
Central American  
country heal itself

By Staff Sgt. James O'Connor  
Connecticut Army National Guard

People walked for hours to get to a remote Central American village, waiting hours longer to receive medical treatment from Kentucky Army National Guard citizen-soldiers.

That was the scene recently in El Terrero, a remote village outside of Zacapa, Guatemala, where members of the 475th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital, a Frankfort MASH unit, had set up a clinic in the local school to bring medical treatment to the villagers.

"We're seeing seven-to-eight times as many people as we would normally during a training mission," said Capt. Thomas Ayers III, the mission's officer-in-charge. "I expect to see four-to-five thousand people in the eight days we'll be out here. We're currently seeing between five and six hundred per day."

Ayers and other citizen-soldiers deployed to this remote region of Guatemala from their armory in Frankfort to perform a medical readiness training exercise with the Guatemalan army and the country's own medical personnel.

The unit sent 32 of its people, including doctors, nurses, medics and dental specialists attached from the 973rd Dental Detachment, also from Frankfort, to the Central American nation.

According to Ayers, a normal MASH mission would be conducted in a field environment, supporting a battalion or brigade-sized element, to treat wounds and handle other types of ailments.

Abroad, Guatemalan soldiers jumped in to lend a hand by keeping lines mov-



Photo by SSgt. James O'Connor  
*Smooth Operator* — During field exercises, Lt. Col. Brian Nolan, left, removes a cyst from a Guatemalan resident's eye with the assistance of Capt. Rudy Antonio Obregon, a Guatemalan army doctor.

ing, aiding those patients who needed assistance and distributing pharmaceuticals. The bustling scene resembled a country fair, with many of the local folk arriving in their best clothing. Many chatted amiably with friends and their new acquaintances from the United States.

Five doctors, including one from the Guatemalan army, two dentists and the rest of the guard contingent were in constant motion as they received the villagers into the hastily-prepared clinic set up in the local rural school. Four more villages were visited later.

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*"The best experience  
I could ever have ...  
a reality check"*

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"These are very noble people, and they have high expectations of us," said Capt. Jose J. Lopez-Agudo, from Salinas, Puerto Rico, a doctor with the 201st Evacuation Hospital of the Puerto Rico Army National Guard.

That MASH unit also sent two other members from their home station of San Juan to assist and act as translators.

"It's just that they (the local Guatemalan residents) lack real facilities this far from the cities," Lopez-Agudo added. "I think this should be a part of every doctor's training, not only for the exposure to problems not common in daily practice, but to provide a service."

Reviewing the treatment records revealed every kind of disorder imaginable. According to the senior medical officer, Maj. James Stutts, the list included maladies from a common cold to tumors and cancer to an extremely rare form of rickets found in one of the elderly patients.

"For many of these people, this is the first medical treatment they've seen in years," Stutts added. "But these are problems I've seen in places like this where there are few resources and limited capabilities to deal with them. I only wish we could do more."

Preventive medical care was the focus of the exercise due to the limited time the unit could spend with the residents. Classes on personal and household hygiene were taught, as well as instructions for food preparation, water purification and other preventive measures to ward off the most common ailments and parasites.

Said Lt. Col. Brian Nolan, a Kentucky Guard ophthalmologist, their training is especially tested under such conditions.

"We deploy to the field (on annual training in the U.S.) and see mostly young, healthy, athletic troops who are immunized and not exposed to a lot of diseases," Nolan said. "Mostly we treat sprains and cuts and bruises. But here we've seen 3-year-olds, 100-year-olds, people with new problems or those with problems that have been present for years."

Many unit members expressed great satisfaction with the mission.

"This is the best experience I could ever have," said Spc. Donald Brewer, a MASH triage technician from Frankfort and a trauma nurse at the University of Kentucky Hospital. "It's a reality check when you see these people, and they're really sincere and appreciative."