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Family Support Group Network gains momentum

Directors listed

By Terry Brown

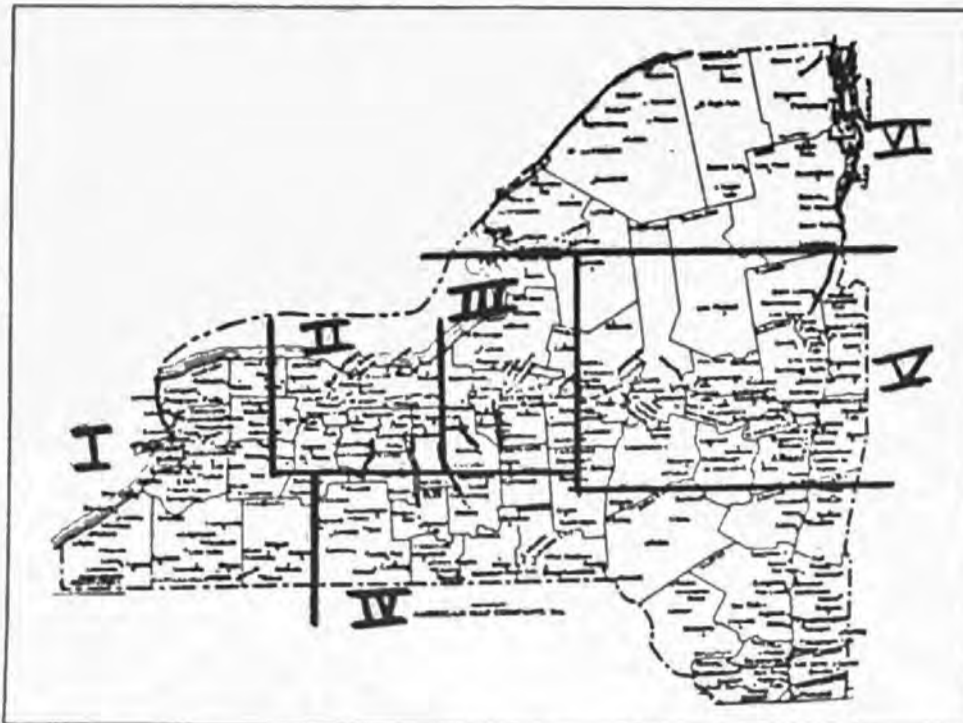
A state-wide Family Support Group Network has been established by 98th Division volunteers.

Lorie Sabo of West Seneca, N.Y., Julie Sile of Spencerport, N.Y. and more than 70 other volunteers founded the network.

The Family Support Group Network provides family members with self-help opportunities. Volunteers help families by sharing information, providing and referrals.

Those volunteers are ready to help other families, especially spouses, before, during and after mobilization. They are ready to aid families during periods of separation as the soldiers perform regular drills and annual training.

The Iroquois Division's soldiers are assigned to units throughout the state. With that in mind, the network organizers divided New York into six regions. Each region has its own director or directors.



To obtain information on when and where local support groups meet, call Eskel Norbeck at 1-800-283-3138, ext. 340.

Volunteer group co-chairwomen are Lorie Sabo of West Seneca, and Julie Sile of Spencerport.

Region One area includes families in Amherst, Gerry, Niagara Falls, Olean, Tonawanda and Wellsville. Volunteer regional directors are Marietta LaFornara of Buffalo and retired Command Sgt. Maj. Henry Curtis of Buffalo.

Region Two includes Batavia, Canandaigua, Newark, Pen Yan, Rochester, Wayland and Webster. Julie Sile of Spencerport and Mary Beth LaMarche of Rochester are the area coordinators.

Region Three covers Liverpool,



NOT FORGOTTEN - Members of the 391st Regiment who are on active duty in support of Operation 'Desert Shield' are honored on this plaque. (Photo by P. Austin Finan)

Mattydale and Oswego. Directors are Chris Myer and Mary Ellen Jones of Syracuse.

Region Four includes Binghamton, Corning, Horseheads and Ithaca. Directors are Jeanne Michaud of Windsor and Susan DiMattina of Endwell.

Region Five centers are located at Glens Falls, Norwich, Schenectady and Utica. Cathy Santarcangelo of Latham and Brenda Fasco of Hudson Falls are directors.

Region Six includes Canton, Elizabethtown, Fort Drum, Massena, Ogdensburg, Plattsburgh and Watertown. Directors are Jannice Biggar of Fort Drum and Kathy Gardner of Helena, N.Y.



Spc. Todd S. Caskey of Company D, 464th Engineer Battalion, instructs Spc. David P. Millhauser of the same unit, on the proper use of the M-203 grenade launcher. (Photo by Joseph C. DiMattina)

464th on target at Ft. Drum

By Joseph C. DiMattina

Citizen-soldiers assigned to the 464th Engineer Battalion found themselves with a mission which required blasting - firing a variety of weapons during a recent training weekend at Fort Drum, N.Y.

Three companies of 98th Division reservists from Schenectady, N.Y., blasted targets with light anti-tank weapons, hand grenades, claymore mines, .50 caliber and M-60 machine guns and M-203 grenade launchers.

"This is good training," said Sgt. Gary G. Bidwell, a squad leader, during the exercise. "I think we can use good training now with the way things are going in the world. You never know if we'll get the call."

Staff Sgt. Paul C. Williams, a squad leader, said the training was "good from many points of view. It's good for retention. The soldiers want to be busy." He added the exercises provided the soldiers with

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Army Reserve recruiters impress Soviet visitors

By Joseph C. DiMattina

While on duty recently, a group of 98th Division soldiers found themselves surrounded by people from the Soviet Union.

Those visitors were friendly to Army Reserve recruiters representing the 3rd Battalion, 392nd Regiment and Companies A and C of the 464th Engineer Battalion at the Oakdale Mall in Johnson City.

"These people from the Ukrainian section of the Soviet Union stopped by to talk," said Sgt. 1st Class John Nolan, a drill sergeant from Company A of the 392nd. "The Ukrainians couldn't believe that the people in the mall were so friendly to the military and accepted the soldiers from the 98th as a regular part of the community."

According to Nolan, the Ukrainians went to where they were staying in Binghamton, N.Y., and returned with presents for the 3rd Brigade reservists.

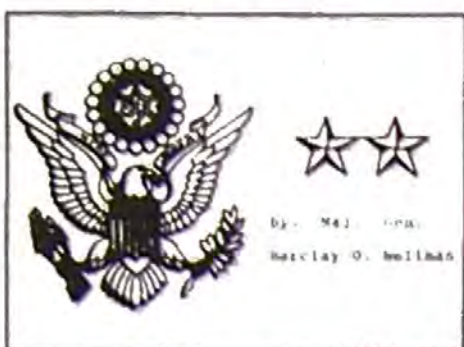
"They came back with painted eggs and a flute and they gave them to us," said Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Konsuit, also a drill sergeant on a recruiting mission. "They gave us the eggs and flute to show their appreciation. It was a nice gesture."

The Ukrainians are traveling in the United States with relatives, U.S. citizens. The visitors noted wherever they went, they found freedom, prosperity and friendliness. They also remarked, by contrast, in their country, the military is not friendly with the local citizens.

"So we told them that we are citizen-soldiers and that we are part of the local community," said Konsuit.

Working with recruiting command, reservists are encountering prior service people, patriotic Americans and curious foreigners. The public relations aspect of the mission puts all of those eggs in one basket, said a reservist.

98th commander supports family involvement



In the U.S. Army Reserve we do a great job in working with soldiers to instill confidence and to create a supportive environment, but we have work to do in the area of positive family support.

Family support is a two-way street. The 98th Division supports the families who are making the sacrifices to enable a member to participate in the reserve program. And the fam-

ily provides emotional support to the reservist who is serving as an active citizen-soldier. The family is extremely important to the well-being of the soldier and, by extension, to the 98th Division.

What can we do to help the family? Communication is the key. We can provide the reserve soldier's family with information that is pertinent to them.

For example, the spouse should know about medical entitlements, benefits and legal rights both before and after mobilization. Financial matters should be discussed as well as identification cards, and chaplain support.

Families of reserve soldiers are establishing local support groups so a basic structure is in place in the

event of mobilization or separation caused by training occurs.

Some 98th Division spouses recently participated in a Family Support Group Workshop. A multitude of concerns were discussed.

I encourage all reserve spouses to attend family support group meetings and to actively participate in the family support.

I encourage you to contact one of the Family Support Group regional directors listed in the story on page 1. If you are unable to reach any of them, then call Eskel Norbeck at 1-800-283-3138, ext. 340.

The concept, "It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness," seems appropriate when discussing family support. Each of us can do at least one thing, however

small, to contribute to the support of the families of our citizen-soldiers. By joining a family support group you will be given the opportunity to participate in important dialogue and as a support group, families will help families. Army Reserve families share similar concerns, challenges and needs.

To the spouses of the 98th Division reservists I say: Perhaps the best, simplest support that you can provide to your reserve spouse is this - The next time your citizen-soldier is leaving home to attend drill, you can take a moment to say, "I'm proud of you." That's the truest form of family support.

(Maj. Gen. Barclay O. Wellman is the commanding general of the 98th Division.)

Command Sgt. Maj. Davis: 'Are you ready?'

By Command Sgt. Maj. Lawrence J. Davis

The Creed of the Non-Commissioned Officer states in part, "Competence is my watch word." Every leader, regardless of rank or position should be technically and tactically competent. We must never forget that the battlefield is an unforgiving environment and when leaders make mistakes, soldiers die.

Every leader is expected to be a teacher. Your legacy is the leaders you develop. Teach them everything you know so that they can take your place someday. The most important lessons they will learn will be from you and the example you set.

For the first time in recent history, the 98th Division is truly a part of the 'Total Force.' We have soldiers who have been mobilized as individuals possessing a needed

skill and units who have been identified for possible activation. To me, this means that all members of this Division who think that being a part of the Army Reserve is a game, had better do some re-thinking.

We must strengthen our commitment to training as our absolute top priority. The driving force behind us should be, "that no American soldier must ever die in combat because you and I failed to properly train that soldier."

Next, we need to believe that listening is good business. There's no problem that we cannot fix, if we know it. We must create an environment in which our soldiers are prepared to tell us what is wrong in our units.

Our job is to take care of our soldiers and their family members. In all that we do, remember soldiers and families. The 98th now

has a Family Support Program and our soldiers should encourage their spouses to get involved and attend Family Support group meetings.

How should we proceed to prepare for mobilization?

Check Records - Your personal records and the records of your soldiers should be current. Once the call comes for a soldier to be activated, it's too late to start updating records.

Communicate - with family. Have a "what if" talk with your spouse to determine together what plans you want to make for providing for your family's welfare in the event you are mobilized.

Talk - to your civilian employer. He has a right to know what to expect if you are mobilized.

Maintain - your military skills and proficiency. Stress fundamen-

tals. We as soldiers should be able to fire our weapons and hit the target. We should know where we are on the ground and be able to get to the next location. Our soldiers should be able to account for and maintain their equipment. If our soldiers can't do these fundamental tasks, then you and I have not met our responsibilities.

Many who wear the rank of leaders in our Division fail to realize that you can't expect a soldier to give us the maximum effort if that soldier has not been treated with the dignity and respect that they deserve. We still tell our soldiers that whether man or woman, regardless of race, color or creed, if you meet the standards you will succeed. We must live up to our promise.

Good press boosts morale of soldiers, families

By Mark LaMarche

As Americans watch their sons and daughters deploy to southeast Asia, a new interest in the Army Reserve has started to surface.

People ask reservists about their duties, benefits, and how a local unit fits into the big picture as more soldiers answer the call to serve on the Saudi-Iraq border.

Americans no longer think of us as 'Weekend Warriors.' Their support of the military reflects their understanding of who we are and what we do.

Some elements of society will not support the military regardless of the cause. Demonstrators use media coverage to fuel a lack of trust and confidence in the military without even confronting the real issues.

What are the issues in the current global crisis? Oil? Arab conflicts which have lasted for years? Hostages? The rape and theft of Kuwait by aggressors from Iraq? Are all of these factors part of the equation?

While people are sorting that out, a candid look at the soldier down

the street might help to keep things in perspective.

Reservists are people with families and jobs in the community. There is often a contrast between a reservist's civilian occupation and the job he or she does in uniform.

Unit training and personal readiness for mobilization make reservists busy people. Today's reservists are faced with the reality that we may be going to war.

Each citizen-soldier tells the Army story in his or her own way. Only

so much can be told, but what is said makes a difference in how we are perceived.

By saying nothing, we might give the impression that we're doing nothing. It might also give people the idea that we're suppressing information.

Positive visibility on the local front can enhance community support for the military. Local media coverage will bolster unit morale. Recruiting and retention efforts also benefit from good publicity.

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Also include work phone and home phone numbers in case additional information is needed.

Letters may be submitted to: The Pipeline, 98th Division, 2035 N. Goodman St., Rochester, N.Y. 14609.

Accomplishments highlighted during battalion deactivation

By Terry Brown

"These soldiers have gone a long way to preserve our peace and prosperity," Brig. Gen. Thomas Sabo, assistant 98th Division commander, told an audience during the deactivation ceremony of the 3rd Battalion, 389th Regiment at the Norwich, N.Y., U.S. Army Reserve Center.

Sabo said the battalion's soldiers have served this nation well for more than 70 years, protecting our nation's vital interests.

He highlighted to representatives of the battalion's Headquarters Company, Company A and Company B, as well as guests, some of the battalion's accomplishments.

Sabo noted the battalion's drill sergeants have successfully trained soldiers who are part of today's force structure and who "are capable of protecting and defending the vital interests of the United States. There are soldiers in the Middle East who are deterring aggression and who were trained by these drill sergeants."

Lt. Col. Timothy Collins, battalion commander, told the audience, "I salute these soldiers of Norwich. It's been an honor to have served with these soldiers and the Army's better drill sergeants."

During the ceremony, the battalion's flag was furled for its retirement. The Army Reserve unit's enlisted personnel passed the flag to the most senior enlisted soldier, Command Sgt. Maj. Gary Edwards. Edwards then passed the flag to Collins, who turned it over to the higher command, Sabo.

Sabo returned the flag to Edwards, who passed it to Staff Sgt. Norman Wiggins, who retired the flag.

The 3rd Battalion's soldiers have filled vacancies in other 98th Division units.

"It's a sad moment for us," said Master Sgt. William Simmons. "But, it's better for soldiers to move around to other units for educational reasons."

Sgt. 1st Class Carol Pope, who served with the battalion for the past 14 years, said, "We all felt bad when we found out about the deactivation. It's going to bring about changes in our lives."

Pope has been assigned to become a training noncommissioned officer for the division's Headquarters Company in Rochester. "I am looking forward to the challenge and new training."

Staff Sgt. Jennifer Turner, an administrative NCO for the 3rd



HISTORICAL MOMENT—Lt. Col. Timothy Collins, left, commander of the 3rd Battalion, 389th Regiment, holds a flag pole as CSM Gary Edwards furles the battalion's flag during a deactivation ceremony in front of the Chenango County Courthouse, Norwich, N.Y. Col. Robert G. Wicks, second from left, the 1st Brigade, and Brig. Gen. Thomas Sabo, deputy commander of the 98th Division (Training), assist in the ceremony. (Photo by Terry Brown)

Battalion for six years, said she was "disappointed" when she learned of the deactivation. "I welcome my

move to another unit," she added, noting she's been assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 389th Regiment.

Soldiers have options before unit deactivation

By Joseph DiMattina

What should citizen-soldiers do when their unit is deactivated?

"You must look out for yourself," according to Lt. Col. Orrin MacMurray, deputy commander of the 1209th U.S. Army Garrison, which was deactivated Oct. 16. MacMurray stated, "Soldiers in the ranks of major and above and sergeant first class need to be pro-active in seeking new positions."

Before it was deactivated, the 1209th made every effort possible to place every soldier in another troop program unit (TPU).

But, soldiers assigned to units slated for deactivation must also try to locate a new position.

"Only you know your situation," said MacMurray. "Only you know how far you are willing to drive and what skills you have to contribute.

We will help, but you, as an individual reservist are responsible for helping too."

When an Army Reserve TPU is disbanded, or when a reservist leaves a TPU for any reason, the question occurs: What are the soldiers' career options?

According to a personnel management officer (PMO) at the Army Personnel Center (ARPERCEN) in St. Louis, Mo., the reservist has many possibilities for career progression if the soldier's goal is to serve the 20 "good years" necessary for retirement. The Army Reserve system provides Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA) and Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) in addition to the TPU assignment.

The IMA program enables a reservist to serve on active duty each year performing annual training at

a specific job at a specific Army post. For example, an IMA soldier may be assigned to perform vehicle maintenance duties each year at Fort Drum, N.Y. to assist the 10th Mountain Division's soldiers. The IMA reservist is already training for the job that is performed during AT.

IMA soldiers must complete correspondence courses or other duty to accrue the requisite 60 retirement points for a "good year." IMA's may perform tours for more than two weeks per year.

The IRR soldier may also perform AT, although the duty assignments may vary from year to year. The IRR soldier is responsible for annual range fire qualification, periodic physicals, and doing correspondence courses to gain 60 points a year for retirement.

More detailed information for both the IMA and IRR programs may be obtained by phoning ARPERCEN.

What about the soldier who wants to continue to drill with a unit?

If you want to stay in a TPU "apply for slots now," said Lt. Col. Robert J. Rowe, director of personnel and community affairs for the 1209th.

"Two groups will have no problems finding new positions," said Rowe. "They are enlisted soldiers at the rank of staff sergeant and below and company grade officers."

Field grade officers and senior enlisted soldiers should review the division bulletin and apply for all appropriate positions.

The procedure involves submitting a packet that includes a biographical summary and the DA form 2 and 2-1.

98th Division forms engineer group

By Joseph C. DiMattina

The 98th Division (Training) has a new unit—the 98th Engineer Group.

The new group, under the command of Col. Peter A. Gannon, was formed to support the line engineer units of the Army Reserve division. The group's leaders will provide command and control.....

The group's leaders will provide command and control of those units, the 479th Engineer Battalion, the 464th Engineer Battalion, the 770th Engineer Company, the 413th Supply and Service Battalion, the 1018th Supply and Service Company, and

the 1019th Supply and Service Company.

"Our mission is to support subordinate units and to assist in their mobilization readiness," said Maj. James G. Cushman, operations officer, at the group's Army Reserve Center in Mattydale, N.Y. "To accomplish our mission, we are maintaining flexibility. For example, our annual training will be performed in a fragmented format during a period of five weekends. This way, we will be able to conduct command inspections, staff assistance

visits, increase mobilization readiness and improve training levels."

The group has 16 officers and 27 enlisted personnel available to accomplish its missions, according to Maj. Wallace Smith, S1.

Capt. Patricia A. Forney is the group's Headquarters Company commander. Her unit is slated to perform its drills Wednesday evenings. "Command and control should be a challenge with only 43 soldiers," said Forney. "This is a whole new unit which we are building from the ground up."

The inactivated 1209th U.S. Army Garrison previously performed command and control functions of the subordinate units. "There are no changes in policy or procedures," said Richard Davis, civilian facilities manager. "Our thrust now is increased readiness."

"The staffing of the new unit was accomplished with well-qualified officers, noncommissioned officers and enlisted soldiers," said Cushman.

Master Sgt. Anocleto Altobellis is the new unit's first sergeant.



OZARK WARRIOR – Staff Sgt. John Keagle of the 1st Battalion, 192nd Regiment, checks a barracks in preparation of in-coming citizen-soldiers during Ozark Warrior mobilization exercise at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. (Photo by Terry Brown)

98th Division citizen-soldiers update records during mobilization exercise

By Terry Brown

Staff Sgt. Thomas Graham, a supply sergeant with the 4th Battalion, 389th Regiment, made some discoveries as he participated in Ozark Warrior, a 98th Division mobilization exercise at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

"Before I went through the Preparation for Overseas Movement (POM) phase, I didn't have dog tags, an allotment for personal savings, Sure Pay direct deposit to bank, two pantographs (dental X-rays), and a power of attorney," said Graham. "I now have these."

Graham and other citizen-soldiers assigned to the division's four training brigades and 16 training battalions from New York State went through POM during annual training to test the capability of personnel systems to accomplish what they have been designated to do under mobilization.

The personnel records were checked to make sure emergency data and notification cards, insurance, security clearances and other items were accurate and up-to-date. Individual medical records were screened to

make sure everyone has been HIV tested, and a current physical.

Each soldier was briefed on legal requirements such as wills, and powers of attorney, as well as Geneva Convention rights.

Staff Sgt. Maggie Hall, also a supply sergeant with the 4th Battalion, 389th Regiment, said, "As a single parent of a 9-year-old son, I found the legal briefing to be important. They made sure my Family Care Plan met standards. My brother, Tom Hall and his wife, Anne, have signed (Family Care Plan) documents agreeing to care for my child upon mobilization. They also made sure I had a will as part of the plan."

According to Sgt. Melody Schaffer, a supply sergeant with Headquarters Company, 4th Brigade, the exercise provided the division with "a rough idea" of what would happen during mobilization. "It's pointing out weaknesses so they can be improved," she said.

Sgt. 1st Class Paul Kreinhener, a personnel support noncommissioned officer for the 2nd Brigade, said the exercise provided a test of his unit's

preparedness and mobilization mission of replacing Fort Wood's 132nd Engineer Brigade.

Maj. Gerald Occek, 2nd Brigade S-3, said, "Ozark Warrior also was a great exercise in planning and implementation."

Prior to arrival at Fort Wood, the 98th Division units received and had to respond to the same kinds of orders as though they were being mobilized for a real mission.

The reservists had an opportunity to do many of the personnel systems work before heading to Fort Wood. "They couldn't do it all at home station," said Occek. Those tasks which couldn't be completed before Ozark Warrior were accomplished during the POMs.

Occek added the exercise involved security procedures. "The manner in which you ship personnel and other records must be in accordance with proper security procedures. You have to make sure security procedures were adhered to in regards to classified documents. Individuals who have classified documents must be on courier orders."

Army reservist prepares to become flying preacher

By Bill Carroll

A former Air Force pilot, who is now an Army Reserve chaplain, is preparing himself for the mission field as a flying preacher.

Lt. Col. Duane B. Chase, a United Methodist Minister for 20 years, is preparing for an assignment with the General Board of Global Ministries Mission Aviation Program.

The soft-spoken Chase, chaplain of the 359th Signal Brigade, Liverpool, served as a B-52 pilot during his eight and one-half years in the Air Force. "Now I want to fly in support of the church's work," said Chase.

"All my life I've had two basic loves: flying and religious service," said Chase. "I've always done one or the other." Chase confided that it is a long-time dream of his to combine the two careers into one. And he is taking the steps to make that dream a reality.

To qualify for the Mission Aviation Program, one must be a licensed pilot with at least 1,500 hours flying time as well as commercial and instrument rating. Chase, upon graduation from the Air Force's pilot training program, completed the requirements for a commercial pilot's license with instrument rating. Subsequently, he flew over 3,000 hours in the B-52.

"It also helps if the candidate is an ordained minister," said Ann Unander, executive secretary for administration for Global Ministries. She said, "It's really more transportation work than preaching."

She said a pilot with the Mission Aviation Program flies into such African countries as Nigeria, Libe-

ria and Zaire, transporting medical supplies and mission personnel to remote locations as well as flying sick people to the hospital for treatment. "Because of the limited infrastructure in Africa, airplanes are essential in helping these people," she said. Aviators are also responsible for training natives in mission aviation skills. The goal is to leave them with their own program and pilots.

The isolation of the areas served by the Mission Aviation Program also adds another item to the list of

requirements for a candidate for the program: airframe and power plant rating. "That simply means that the pilot must also know how to maintain and repair the airplane," said Unander.

So, the 49-year-old Chase went back to school. Last year, he enrolled in the Aviation Mechanic Course at the Riverside School of Aeronautics, accredited by the Federal Aviation Administration in Marcy, New York. He plans to complete the 2,000-hour course within the year. Also, to stay current with his

flying skills, he flies once or twice a week with the Griffiss Aero Club at Griffiss Air Force Base near his New Hartford, New York home, where he is also working on his flight instructor's license.

"Reverend Chase comes with a good deal of training," said Unander. "For us, he's an approved candidate."

An Army Reservist since 1977, Lt. Col. Chase has been the pastor of several United Methodist churches in the North Central New York Conference.

What happens when the media calls?

The families of deployed service members may find themselves approached by local national news media representatives for interviews. Here are some tips about coping:

Know your rights. It's your choice whether to speak to reporters. If you do choose to speak, remember it is your right to stop at any time.

Know the role and purpose of the American press. They are doing a job vital to democracy. Understand that it is not harassment when they call you at home or stop you at the supermarket asking for an interview. Only when they persist after having been told "no" does it become harassment.

Know with whom you are talking. Before answering questions, write down the reporter's name, telephone number and the name of his news organization. Do this even if you're going to decline comment; it'll discourage him from persisting after you say no.

Know who will hear you. Even family members might have information useful to opposing forces. Thanks to technology, the enemy can have access to what you say the moment you say it. On the other hand, when you are enthusiastic about your spouse's mission, your response can build morale and show American resolve.

Know your limits. It's best not to talk about anything of which you do not have first-hand knowledge. There is nothing wrong with saying

"I don't know" in response to questions to which you have no answer. Don't speculate.

Finally, if your spouse calls home with information about his unit's return to the States, with news about casualties or about how the mission is going, remember to take what he says with a grain of salt and keep it to yourself. Combat spawns rumors, and some of what he tells you could be sensitive, wrong or subject to change. (Monthly Update)

Quotes worth repeating

"I see where there is a bill up in Congress now to amend the Constitution. It means the men who drew up this thing years ago didn't know much, and we are just getting a bunch of real fellows who can take the old parchment and fix it up like it should have been all these years."

— Will Rogers,
U.S. humorist

"A Bill of Rights is what the people are entitled to against any government on earth, general or particular, and what no just government should refuse, or rest on inference."

— Thomas Jefferson,
U.S. president

Branch Exchange opens at Rochester center

By Mickey C. Treat

The Rochester Branch Exchange probably netted more than \$10,000 in gross sales in the first month, according to Capt. Dayna West, Project Officer for the 98th Division.

West said, "The Army Air Force Exchange Services (AAFES) thought it would take several months for our BX to reach the \$10,000 level."

When the exchange was opened on Oct. 26, West was given approximately \$20,000 in funds for inventory. She purchased items such as military clothing, health and beauty aids, auto supplies, stereos, military ribbons and pins, cigarettes, sweat suits, beverages (soda and liquor), and military issue items.

Because of the success that the BX achieved in its first month, AAFES has agreed to increase the amount of money the BX can purchase goods with by \$10,000. That increase will allow the BX to buy special request

items, such as stereos, VCR's, and computers.

Sgt. 1st Class Bonnie Meyers, a BX staff member, said that if we can not get a special request item for a customer, the customer can always order from the AAFES catalog, which costs \$3.

According to Meyers, there is a benefit that comes to customers who buy from the BX. They can get an item faster than through the catalog, and they will not have to pay shipping charges. The benefit to the 98th Division is that the BX will then get credit for the sale.

AAFES is now considering operating the Rochester Exchange. That could be an asset for the exchange, allowing the BX to have full AAFES services.

West said she thinks the reason the BX is working out so well is because the nearest BX is 60 miles away, and it allows the local sol-



Sgt. 1st Class Arland Kelly of Headquarters Company, 98th Division shops at the new Branch Exchange. (Photo by Mickey C. Treat)

diers access to the privilege of using a branch exchange.

The Rochester Branch Exchange is open to all branches of the services, not only active duty personnel, but the guard, reserves, ROTC, retired military, disabled veterans, and all dependents who can show a valid dependent identification card or a spouse's current Leave and Earning (LES) Statement.

The hours of operation for the Rochester BX, which is located at 2035 North Goodman Street in Rochester, NY, are Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and every second and third weekend of the month, as well as every Tuesday and Thursday night, when a drill is being conducted.

For information; call Capt. Dayna West at (716) 338-7400 ext. 320.



ROTC Cadet Tracy Finkle, Brigade Command Sgt. Maj. Richard A. Sherman and Richard Wood adorn the 391st Regimental colors with battle streamers from World War II during the redesignation ceremony. (Photo by P. Austin Finan)

Division forms training brigade

By P. Austin Finan

The redesignation and merger of the 391st Infantry Regiment and Training Group to form the Training Support Brigade brings together history and modern efficiency.

In ceremonies held November 1st at the James A. Wadsworth Reserve Center, the two units were formally redesignated as the new Training Support Brigade commanded by Lt. Col. (P) Frederick M. Wilson Jr.

The formal redesignation brings together the three battalions of the 391st Regiment with the staff of Training Group in what promises to be a model of superb training and leadership. Wilson said he sees the Training Brigade as an integral part of the 98th Division's future. During remarks made at the redesignation ceremony, Wilson noted that currently 11 members of the unit are on active duty supporting

Operation 'Desert Shield.'

The ceremony was attended by such distinguished guests such as newly promoted Brig. Gen. Thomas P. Sabo, Division Command Sgt. Maj. Lawrence J. Davis as well as friends and family members of the unit.

The 391st traces its history back to July 1918 when the unit was formed and assigned to the then fledgling 98th Division. After the Armistice, the 391st was maintained at minimum strength through the 1920s and '30s. With the outbreak of World War II the regiment was ordered to active service on Sept. 15, 1942 and assumed defense of the Hawaiian islands in April of 1944. Approximately 100 members of the regiment participated in the amphibious assaults of Leyte and Luzon in the South Pacific.

Army program promotes 'Stay In School/Stay Off Drugs'

By Joseph C. DiMattina

Recruiters have launched a mentor program to encourage high school students to graduate.

Brig. Gen. Alfonso E. Lenhardt, deputy commanding general of U.S. Army Recruiting Command, announced the program in Binghamton, N.Y.

He says the "Stay in School/Stay Off Drugs" program helps high school students realize their potential and possibly become an asset to the military in the future.

"We've been in the schools before," said Lenhardt. "What we did this year is to formalize it with a mentor program with the recruiters and seniors who are in the Delayed Entry Program, and a ten minute film, called, "Don't Run Out Now, Stay in School," showing the effects of dropping out of school."

Copies of the film have been distributed to recruiters, including those assigned to the 98th Division, and schools throughout the country. The film stresses that the Army will not accept anyone unless he or she has a high school diploma. "The Army

is forming a partnership with education to look after the growth of young men and women," he said.

Mentors are trained to help the high school student at risk of dropping out of school to stay, and are prepared to assist students who want an education beyond high school.

"In the Northeast and the Southwest, we (the Army) have a concurrent admissions program whereby a young man or woman is assisted in obtaining admission to one of 261 participating colleges," said Lenhardt. "Recruiters will help with ensuring that applications are completed and the requirements for college met."

The program also provides delay entry recruits with preparatory training. Drill sergeants from the 98th Division's 3rd Battalion, 392nd Regiment lead the training.

"We try to keep the new recruit motivated and we prepare the soldiers for the challenges of basic training," said Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Sparlin, a reserve recruiter. "The reserve drill sergeants help us to achieve our mission."

Leadley named top drill sergeant

Sgt. 1st Class Peter S. Leadley says he'd be "happy to lead the way" for the young drill sergeants he sees coming out of the various Drill Sergeant Academies.

Chosen as the 1990 98th Division Drill Sergeant of the Year (DSOY), Leadley of Company 'E' 2nd Battalion, 392nd Regiment, was selected from among the four top DSOY contenders. The other finalists in the competition were Sgt. 1st class Bernard Laughton, Staff Sgt. Shawn P. Browne, and Sgt. Horan Douglas.

Above all, the DSOY says he wants "to reinforce the idea of the NCO as the back-bone of the United States Army."

A 1980 graduate of State College Area High School, the sergeant is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Leadley of Pavilion, N.Y. Leadley, his wife, Diane, and their daughter, Anne, reside in Wampsville, N.Y.

A trooper with the State Police Troop D at Oneida, N.Y., Leadley is a part-time student at Cornell University at Ithaca, N.Y.

1019th S and S Company cleans up

By Terry Brown

Citizen-soldiers assigned to the 1019th Supply and Service Company of Mattydale, N.Y., often have dirty missions.

The 98th Division (Training) soldiers' priority missions often involve keeping soldiers, uniforms, vehicles and equipment clean.

Cleaning is among the prime tasks of the Army Reserve unit's Laundry, Renovation and Bath Section supervised by SFC Robert Warner.

Warner said his personnel are prepared to transport and set up a laundry, a tailor operation for repair of uniforms, tents, and canvas and a shower point wherever soldiers operate.

During a recent summer weekend, his crew established a shower

point for runners to use after competing in an 8-kilometer Hatchery Run at Constantia, N.Y., as temperatures neared the mid 90s.

"A shower point is a morale booster for the military," said Warner as his crew turned on a portable hot water boiler to provide warm water for nine shower heads. "Today, we're letting the civilians see what we do with their tax money. We also are using this event for training to bring our newer soldiers up to standard."

Warner stressed a field shower point is so efficient a soldier can take off his dirty uniform which is cleaned as that soldier takes a shower. The uniform can be repaired by 1019th sewers by the time the soldier reaches the dressing tent. "When he's done taking the shower, we

return his uniform and he's ready to return to duty."

Water for those field showers is pumped from portable 3,000-gallon bladders.

"A clean soldier feels better about himself and is healthier," said Staff Sgt. Jefferson Duryee. "When you're clean you're less likely to get a skin infection or a bug bite."

"Our company can provide services to as many as 5,000 combat soldiers," said Warner after the Constantia mission.

The other Army reservists assigned to the 1019th can provide other essential services, according to Warner. Those reservists perform bakery, graves registration, water purification, fueling, repair, supply and food services.



Staff Sgt. Jefferson Duryee pumps water into a bladder at a field shower point. (Photo by Terry Brown)



Spc. Benjamin Robinson checks a valve on a portable hot water boiler during a shower point mission at Constantia, N.Y. (Photo by Terry Brown)



Sgt. 1st Class Robert Warner, Laundry, Renovation and Bath Section chief, checks the fuel level of a generator. (Photo by Terry Brown)

Army reservist trains pigeons to return home

By Robert Call Jr.

Cpl. Peter Ethridge's hobby often requires him to look up to the sky. The Army Reserve clerk-typist raises and trains homing pigeons.

It was 15 years ago when a 10-year-old Ethridge went to a livestock auction and used \$3 of his hard-earned allowance to bid on and buy a pair of roller pigeons.

"I liked to watch them fly and do back somersaults," said Ethridge, a reservist assigned to the 1209th U.S. Army Garrison at Mattydale, N.Y.

At one point, as a teenager, Ethridge had as many as 220 birds. His nickname in high school...obviously... "Birdman."

But after high school graduation



Ethridge enlisted in the Army. As he served four years of active duty, all of it in Germany, he lost contact with many of his original birds. After his active duty tour, he built up his present flock to approximately 120 birds. The collection includes 50 adult homing pigeons.

Homing pigeons and the military have a rich history as partners, according to Ethridge.

Ethridge says he first became interested in homing pigeons as a pre-teenager reading a book about a World War I homing pigeon named Old Tom. Old Tom was one of the few members of the Army Pigeon Corps to receive full military burial honors in 1919. The bird delivered a message from the battle front despite being shot in the breast. That message saved the lives of a company of soldiers.

"I still enjoy watching birds because it's a way to relax. I know most of mine individually. I know their personalities and can tell if

they're feeling well," Ethridge explains. "The hardest part is training one to fly home."

The process starts by providing a place for the pigeons to bathe, eat and drink. He then starts taking them outside, even before they can fly, so they can look around and become familiar with their surroundings. Once the pigeons can fly and their home has been established, the distance at which they can be taken out and return home safely gradually increases.

Homing pigeons can reach speeds of 55-70 mph and can fly long distances.

The furthest Ethridge has taken his pigeons was to Canajoharie, N.Y.

People

Army reservist illustrates dragon hobby, history

By Terry Brown

As a hobbyist, Pvt. 2 Christine Burkett of Cicero, N.Y., collects objects which are symbolically important in literature and the cultures of many countries.

The 98th Division reservist has accumulated more than 100 dragon books, drawings, paintings, prints, photographs, music boxes, ceramics, cards and games during the past seven years.

"I started collecting dragons in the sixth grade when I read a science fiction book by Anne McCaffrey," Burkett, an illustrator with the 1209th U.S. Army Garrison of Mattydale, N.Y., said. "Since then I've read everything on dragons I could get my hands on."

She has read and collected more than 50 books, mostly novels, on dragons, the 1989 Cicero High School graduate said. "More than half of those books were written by McCaffrey, who comes from, of all places, Dragonhold, Ireland."

In those science fiction books, dragons have magical powers and

important roles in plots, according to Burkett. Those dragons are either "malicious" or "heroes." In other literature, including William Shakespeare's "The Tempest," dragons are important as symbols of good and evil.

"They are like man," she said. "They represent both good and evil as they use their imaginative powers."

The citizen-soldier said she also has researched the history of the mystical dragons from ancient times to the present.

Scholars describe dragons as being the "most terrible monsters" of the ancient world. Those dragons never really existed. Dragons were symbols of evil, sinfulness and destructiveness until the Chinese classed dragons as being "kindly symbols and even as gods."

"The Europeans didn't pick up on dragons until the Middle Ages (approximately the 5th Century), when they saw dragons as being evil and devilish," Burkett said.



Pvt. Christine Burkett, an illustrator with the 1209th U.S. Army Garrison, finishes a drawing showing a dragon in a seashell on a beach with skyscrapers in the background. (Photo by Terry Brown)

When asked what motivated her to collect dragons, she responded, "Dragons are an elusive part of everyone's imagination. Everyone has their own ideas of what dragons are."

Burkett said her "ultimate goal" is to design a dragon cartoon of movie length for children based on a McCaffrey book to communicate the difference between good and bad.

FRONT LINE: NCO resolves conflicts with employers

By Terry Brown

Sgt. 1st Class Frank Carey, an Army Reserve noncommissioned officer for Company A, 4th Battalion, 389th Regiment, has a civilian job which puts him in the front line in the fight for veterans' rights.

As a civilian, the 98th Division soldier, is a veterans' program specialist for the U.S. Labor Department.

A number of federal and state laws protect individual workers who don't hold temporary positions. Those laws provide persons who enlist or who are drafted, if and when Selected Service is activated, with statutory leaves of absence and reemployment rights. Reservists also are protected.

"I often find an employer is ignorant of reservists' and veterans'

reemployment rights," says Carey. "I make phone calls or meet with employers to educate them. When I negotiate on the behalf of a veteran, I take a sensitive approach so the employer doesn't come down hard on the worker."

He recently dealt with a major employer in the 98th Division area who gave reservists "a hard time." The firm wasn't familiar with employment and reemployment rights of veterans and reservists, according to Carey. "I had to educate its personnel lawyers," he said. "There hasn't been any problem since that presentation."

When it comes time for an active duty serviceman to leave the military, his or her most important document is a Department of Defense DD 214 Form, according to Carey. The document indicates type or

discharge and summarizes the individual's service achievements, awards, training and assignments.

"The DD 214 can open the door to millions of dollars worth of federal jobs and the Department of Veterans Affairs entitlements," Carey said. The form also entitles the veteran to use of job search services provided by the Veterans Employment Services program.

"Occasionally it's the reservist who's at fault," explained Carey. "A reservist may take too many days off than is necessary from his job for reserve training. One reservist told his commander he had to miss weekend drills because his employer would not give him weekends off to attend. Upon investigation, I learned the employer gave him Saturday off to attend drill, and

the business was closed on Sundays."

Carey added he often assists the Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve program personnel and ESGR staffers help him. "We refer cases to each other," he said.

Carey says being a veteran himself "motivates me to do a better job."

His military career began 25 years ago when he became an Air Force C-135 cargo aircraft pilot. Some of his sorties involved flying cargo to Saigon and DaNang during the Vietnam War. "We were often shot at as we flew over DaNang," he recalled. On return trips, his crew flew casualties to Japan.

Carey enlisted in the 98th Division in 1976 "so I could get my 20 years retirement vestment."

Drill Sergeant commutes 30,000 miles to drills

By Terry Brown

An Army Reserve drill sergeant has tallied more than enough miles on his car to go around the world as he commuted to his weekend drills.

Staff Sgt. William R. Hardy, a drill sergeant with Company B, 4th Battalion, 389th Regiment, drives more than 1,600 miles to make the round trip from his home in Cincinnati, Ohio, to the 98th Division Reserve Center in Schenectady, N.Y.

"I enjoy being a drill sergeant and I like my company so well I don't mind the commute," Hardy said, adding he has driven more than 30,000 miles to make weekend drills.

He has been making the commute four months of each of the past four years. The other months he stays at Union College, Schenectady, where he is an English major. Hardy said he expects to graduate in December 1991 and continue his college education for three additional years so he can earn a doctorate degree and become an English college professor.

Hardy added it takes approximately 12 hours to drive each way. He stays with a fellow reservist during Saturday night, and after the Sunday drill, he heads home during the months he commutes.

"He's unique and dedicated," said Lt. Col. James Young, 4th Battalion, 398th Regiment commander. "He commutes all the way from Ohio and always shows up on time for drills."

As a platoon sergeant, Hardy was responsible for training and supervision of 47 One Unit Station Training phase II trainees at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., during annual training this year.

Hardy was one of the battalion's 22 drill sergeants assigned to displace three companies of active Army counterparts in the 132nd Engineer Battalion, 136th Engineer Brigade. The reservists from upstate New York communities helped train phase



Staff Sgt. William Hardy

II students to become light combat engineers, according to Young.

Division spouses form Family Support Groups

By Terry Brown

Spouses of dozens of 98th Division (Training) soldiers have volunteered to establish Family Support Groups at the grassroots level.

More than 70 spouses of 98th Division and 77th Army Reserve Command citizen-soldiers attended a two-day Family Support Group Workshop in Liverpool, where they received training and guidance on how to establish family support groups in their communities.

Lorie Sabo of Buffalo, a workshop organizer and presenter, said objectives of family support groups include "sharing of information, sharing of resources and sharing of concerns."

"A family support group provides information to a support network for families and soldiers during their associations with units, but especially during periods of separation and or mobilization."

The local self-help groups volunteers will meet regularly and will be available to help themselves and other families.

Bonnie Arnold of Syracuse, a workshop organizer, noted the conference was not a direct response to the Aug. 2 Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. "It was planned months before the invasion. But, Saddam Hussein (Iraq's president) has created a greater urgency for family support groups."

The conference attendees received information and guidance on a variety of Army and other agencies which are available to provide soldiers and their families with finan-



FAMILY SUPPORT - Terry Gardner and his wife, Katy Gardner, review some of the material presented during a Family Support Group Conference conducted by the 98th Division (Training) at Liverpool, N.Y. Terry is a sergeant assigned to the division's 479th Engineer Battalion. (Photo by Terry Brown)

cial, health, educational and other relief.

Gary Edmister of Army Community Services at the Seneca Army Depot, N.Y., summarized services available to families of active Army and activated Army Reserve soldiers. Those services include financial, Army Emergency Relief, counseling, relocation assistance, and informational referral.

Eskel Norbeck of Rochester, 98th Division Family Support Group network representative, reviewed

CHAMPUS medical health eligibility and entitlements, the Delta Dental Plan, how dependents can obtain identification cards, and some of the information Mobilization Task Force personnel would give to reservists and their families.

He stressed soldiers must fill out DEER 1172 forms so they and their families can be enrolled in CHAMPUS upon mobilization.

The support group volunteers also were encouraged to remind their spouses and group members all sol-

diers should have Family Care Plans which include wills, powers of attorney, and the names and addresses of guardians who will take care of children of single-parent soldiers.

Sabo urged families to store all important documents such as marriage certificates, birth certificates, powers of attorney and insurance policies in one location in either a shoe box or a fire proof box.

Sabo noted the volunteers' efforts have been sanctioned by Maj. Gen. Barclay Wellman, commander of the Army Reserve's 98th Division. He also supports the volunteers' efforts to establish local groups.

Julie Sile of Spencerport, also a conference organizer and presenter, and Sabo are serving as co-chairwomen of the division's support group network.

"We found out things we need to know," said Helen Watkins of Buffalo, after the conference. "We now know where we can go for help and what forms we need to fill out for benefits. It's very important for volunteers to share that information."

The wife of Sgt. Adelbert Watkins, a 1151st Army Reserve Forces School soldier, added, a soldier "will do a better job if he knows finance and other family matters are in order."

Sgt. Terry Gardner of Massena, a heavy equipment operator with Company B, 479th Engineer Battalion, attended the conference with his wife, Kathy. "It's nice to know my wife can turn to other wives for help year round or in the event of mobilization."

98th Division commander encourages support groups

A list of goals of unit Family Support Groups are highlighted in a directive from Maj. Gen. Barclay Wellman, commander of the 98th Division (Training).

More than 70 volunteers received a copy of the directive during a two-day Family Support Group conference in Liverpool, N.Y.

The goals are:

- To encourage participation of the family member in activities which support the unit.

- To develop a family support network through which families mutually support each other.

- To develop a communication network from the unit to family members and through family members.

- To improve family awareness of the unit's organization, mission and activities through volunteer services.

- To educate family members on benefits and entitlements available

to the reservist's family.

- To prepare families in the event of mobilization.

- To recommend the command programs that will improve the quality of life for the soldier and his/her family.

In the directive, Wellman also says Family Support Groups "should be operated by military families with the assistance and support of commanders at all levels. Membership and participation in the groups are voluntary. I encourage all soldiers and their families to participate."

Wellman reminds soldiers and their families the 98th Division "is an integral portion of our nation's defense plans."

He also writes in the Family Assistance Program directive, "It's a fact we could be called upon to leave our families when mobilized. The tasks involved in providing for the welfare of our families should not be left to be resolved during the hectic days of mobilization." (By Terry Brown, 98th Division—PAO)

464th practice live fire at Ft. Drum

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opportunities to train as teams as they fired crew served weapons.

Soldiers who waited their turn to move to the firing ranges received mission oriented training on tasks relating to their combat engineer responsibilities.

Sgt. 1st Class Mark W. Atherton said, "We went to Fort Drum ready to work together as a team. This attitude resulted in the successful operation of crew served weapons and a successful weekend. We're now better prepared to go to war as combat engineers."

The soldiers also accomplished other important missions relating to updating personnel records, so those files would be ready in the event of mobilization, according to Sgt. Gordon Pierce, unit retention noncommissioned officer.

Worth repeating

"The Constitution of the United States was made not merely for the generation that then existed, but for posterity - unlimited, undefined, endless, perpetual posterity."

- Henry Clay,
U.S. statesman

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