



84th Division Alumni Bugler

Newsletter of the 84th Division Alumni Association

March 2012



Upcoming Special Events

05 May 2012 Dining Out

14 Jun 2012 Annual Alumni Meeting (Army Birthday)

15 Sep 2012 Annual Steak Fry

Feb 2013 Valentine Dinner

Apr-May 2013 Dining Out

2012 Valentine Dinner

On Sunday, 12 February 2012, the association held its annual Valentine Dinner. This year we held it at the Western Racquet Club, where we hold our annual dining out. The event is not intended to be formal, and room was ablaze with red to celebrate the day. Since we have been holding this dinner on a Sunday, we had the restaurant and bar all to ourselves.

New Legislation Could Expand Space-A Eligibility

March 15, 2012 | From: Military.com

If passed, House bill 4164 and its companion bill in the Senate, S. 2112, would authorize DoD to offer space available worldwide travel on military aircraft to dependents of Guard and Reserve members, "gray area" retirees, and widows and widowers of retired members and dependents.

Under the current rules, Guard and Reserve members qualify for Space-A travel. However, unlike active duty family members, dependents of the Guard or Reserve currently cannot fly Space-A. So-called, "Grey Area" retirees (retirement eligible members of the Guard and Reserve who are under 60 years old) are excluded from traveling OCONUS on Space-A.

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www.afeyewear.com/prescription-eyeglasses/

84th Sunshine

Please keep in your thoughts: ISG Richard McCanna who had a heart transplant at St. Luke's Hospital in December.

Members knowing of any member or spouse, who should receive a get-well or sympathy card, please call Jan Berzowski at 262-468-4928. Please remember to spell the member's name and give a brief description of the problem when leaving a message.

Since July 2011, 35 cards have sent.

Gen. Odierno describes strategic benefits of leaner Army

The Army will remain capable through its planned drawdown of 80,000 soldiers and at least eight brigade combat teams, its chief of staff said.

Gen. Raymond T. Odierno (CSA) told reporters during a Pentagon news briefing Jan. 27 that he is comfortable with the cut in end strength because it reflects changing national security needs, and will be spread over six years.

"An Army of 490,000 in 2017 will be fundamentally different and more capable than the Army of 482,000 that we had in 2001," he said, noting that today's troops are combat-seasoned from 10 years of war.

The drop from the current 570,000 soldiers is planned as part of the Defense Department's long-term budget process, and in coordination with President Barack Obama's 10-year military strategy released earlier this month.

From: 3/1/2012 AUSA

From the President's Desk:



Photos by SFC (Ret) Bill Krieger

84th Training Command Ft Knox, Kentucky

On behalf of MG Jeffrey W. Talley, Commanding General, 84th Training Command, greetings and salutations. The purpose of this article is to provide a brief synopsis (within OPSEC of course) to the 84th Alumni Association relative to the 84th TC current mission, structure and stationing.

The 84th TC is recognized and resourced as the U.S. Army's premier organization to assist Operational and Functional (O&F) Commands in training and assessing unit readiness for enabling forces. The 84th is further organized into three Brigadier General Divisions: 78th Div- Ft Dix, NJ, 86th Div- Ft McCoy, WI and the 91st- Ft Hunter-Liggett, CA, each with an Operations Brigade, two Combat Trainer (OC/T) Battalions and one Small Arms Readiness Battalion. The 84th is strategically positioned across the U.S. to provide regional support to O&F Commands.

The Army Reserve Training Strategy (ARTS) and the Army Force Generation Model (ARFORGEN) created operational cycles where individual units increase their readiness over time culminating in full mission readiness and availability to deploy. In order to achieve readiness, units are scheduled to attend one or more collective training exercises under the direction of the 84th. To meet global requirements across the Full Spectrum of Operations (FSO) there are two collective training exercises; Warrior Exercise (WAREX) and the Combat Support Training Exercise (CSTX). WAREX focuses on Battalion Leadership and Staff, Company, and Platoon proficiency. The goal of the WAREX is to achieve "Trained" (T) proficiency on Platoon level tasks. Characteristic of the WAREX are:

- Formal assessment of Platoon battle drills
- Informal assessment of Company Full Spectrum Operations METL
- Scenario driven (Caspian Sea)
- Unit Commander determines Training Objectives
- Crawl to walk level of intensity

CSTX focuses on Brigade/Battalion Staff proficiency and Company lanes. The goal of the CSTX is to achieve "Trained" (T) proficiency on Company level tasks.

Characteristics of CSTX are:

- Certification to prepare for Post MOB validation
- End state = unit moves to available Force Pool
- Theater and FSO METL driven
- Scenario driven Theater specific
- O&F Commands determine Training Objectives
- Walk to run level of intensity

In Training Year 13 the 84th will conduct six Exercises while Training Year 14 increases to 10. The training will be conducted in locations from the East coast across the country to the West coast. On an annual basis approximately 30,000 Soldiers will be trained and certified by the 84th for real world contingencies. As we grow and evolve, the future could potentially involve our sister Services and Joint credit during the conduct of WAREX and CSTX.

For the past 30 years or so the 84th's primary function was individual training of America's Army. Many of us remember the "main thing" as Strength, MOSQ, Drill Sergeants and Instructor qualification or some variation. Today as the Executive Agent for all Collective Training in the Army Reserve, the primary role of the 84th is to certify trained and ready forces prior to Mobilization or entry into the Contingency Force Pool.

To all who have served and continue to serve, thank you for your service and making the 84th what it is today.

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Command Executive Officer

www.84thdivalumni.com

The 84th Division Alumni Association is pleased to provide its members a place to go for information about the Rail Splitters. If you have an idea for something you want to see on the website, please contact me at:

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Peter (Skip) Pochowski

Fort McCoy Information

Vehicle Registration: Located in the Welcome Center, Building 35. Open Mon.-Fri. 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. (excluding federal holidays). For more information call 608-388-4988. (Closed weekends)
Main Exchange: Building 1538. Open Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sun. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. ATM located inside.

McCoy's: Building 1571.

Primo's Express - Open Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sat.-Sun. 4-10 p.m. (buffet Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-1 p.m.).



If are looking for lodging in New Orleans, LA, consider staying at the Jackson Barracks, headquarters for the Army National Guard. It is located at 6400 St. Claude Ave., approximately 4-5 miles from the French Quarter. Hurricane Katrina destroyed the 175 year old historic site.

Congress, FEMA and the National Guard Bureau provided funds to rebuild the facilities. Today, Jackson Barracks boasts 110 acre facility, a joint forces headquarters, multiple billeting and residential facilities, Post Exchange and more.

All rooms feature a coffee maker, microwave, refrigerator, cable TV, wireless internet, and queen size beds at approximately \$37. All guests have access to washers and dryers. Rooms are provided with a daily housekeeping service.

The reservation system is quite simple; I called them, made for two days this April, and gave them my name (they don't ask for a credit card number). The installation is gated, which is always a comfort when you are traveling.

Phone: main switchboard 504-278-8224, lodging 504-278-8224

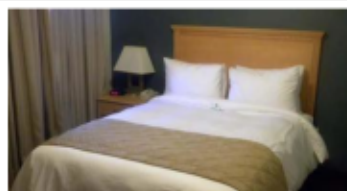
<http://geauxguard.com/organization/installations/jackson-barracks/>



Jackson Barracks, New Orleans, LA

Things to see/do: French Quarter, Bourbon Street, Mardi Gras World, Audubon Zoo, Walking Tours, Harrah's Casino, Scenic Riverboat Cruises, Audubon Aquarium, Food in Abundance

World Traveler Jerry



Navy Gateway Inns & Suites



If you would rather stay at a naval installation while you are visiting New Orleans, try the Navy Gateway Inns and Suites. This installation also went through major renovations, due to Hurricane Katrina. A suite is \$55, and a double is \$35 (retiree status may cost extra?). Reserving a room may be harder than staying at the Jackson Barracks. The Joint Reserve Base NAS New Orleans, LA, has a commissary, full service NEX, MWR, and other facilities that you would find on a large installation. With the last BRAC, you will find all branches represented on base.

1-877-NAVY-BED ext. NEW

Travel Tips: With the gas prices rising for the unforeseeable future, consider staying at a military installation for your trips.

If you are looking anywhere for lodging, try some of the following websites.

www.fedrooms.com

<http://www.hotelcoupons.com/> (print coupons out for walkup cheap rates)

<http://navymwr.org/mwrprgms/cabin> (stay at RV and cabin sites)

www.parksleepfly.com (Stay one or more nights and park for free for up to 14 days.)

The following link has military lodging, active, guard and reserve, in the lower 48 states. If you zoom in you can click on any balloon and you will see lodging information: addresses, phone numbers, possibly costs, dining and amenities.

<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?ie=UTF8&hl=en&msa=0&msid=101618117231769545794.00048188e3c1307cb1c62&z=2>

(If you need specific travel info, contact me at; alum84news@yahoo.com)

Retiree Newsletters

Army: www.armyg1.army.mil/rso/echoes.asp

Air Force: www.retirees.af.mil/afterburner/

Coast Guard: www.uscg.mil/hq/cg1/psc/ras/

Marine Corps:

www.manpower.usmc.mil/portal/page/portal/M_RA_HOME/MM/SR/RET_ACT/Semper_Fidelis

Navy: www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/reference/publications/shiftcolors/Pages/default.aspx



The Military Coalition is a group of 34 military, veterans and uniformed services organizations in joint pursuit of the following goals:

- Maintaining a strong national defense provided by recruiting and retaining skilled and highly capable personnel in the seven uniformed services;
 - Maintaining uniformed services compensation and benefits at levels sufficient to attract and retain professional uniformed service members for careers of service to the Nation;
 - Representing the interests of the entire uniformed services community, including members' families and survivors, and responding to assaults upon the compensation and benefits earned by members of that community through years of dedicated service; and
 - Educating the public on the extraordinary demands and sacrifices associated with a career in uniformed service, and the need to maintain a similarly unique system of compensation and benefits to attract and retain the kinds and numbers of high-quality personnel needed to meet the Nation's short- and long-term defense requirements.
- The philosophy of The Coalition is that, by working together on issues of mutual agreement, the participating organizations can harness the grassroots support of more than 5.5 million members plus their families and accomplish far more than by working on these initiatives separately. When one or more of the Coalition organizations is invited to testify before Congress, we frequently coordinate the testimony with the other Coalition associations and present it on behalf of the entire Coalition. This lends greater weight and unanimity to the testimony than if it were presented by any individual association. www.themilitarycoalition.org/

Here are some examples of successful efforts of the coalition:

- Blocked 25% cut in Medicare and TRICARE payments, and substituted a 2.2% increase
- Blocked proposed \$110 per day TRICARE Standard copay increase for retirees
- Won implementation of TRICARE coverage for Gray Area Reserve retirees
- Authorized TRICARE coverage until age 26 for unmarried children with no employer coverage
- Improved and increased services to homeless veterans
- -Enhanced travel benefits for survivors to attend memorial services

The following are the associations of **The Military Coalition**, in alphabetical order.

Air Force Association (AFA)
 Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA)
 Air Force Women Officers Association (AFWOA)
 AMVETS (American Veterans)
 Army Aviation Association of America (AAAA)
 Association of Military Surgeons of the United States (AMSUS)
 Association of the United States Army (AUSA)
 Association of the United States Navy (AUSN)
 Chief Warrant Officer and Warrant Officer Association,
 (CWO&WOA) of the United States Coast Guard
 Commissioned Officers Association (COA)
 of the United States Public Health Service, Inc.
 Enlisted Association of the
 National Guard of the United States (EANGUS)
 Fleet Reserve Association (FRA)
 Gold Star Wives of America (GSW)
 Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America (JWV)
 Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America
 Marine Corps League (MCL)

Marine Corps Reserve Association (MCRA)
 Military Chaplains Association of the
 United States of America (MCA)
 Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)
 Military Order of the Purple Heart
 National Association for Uniformed Services (NAUS)
 National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS)
 National Military Family Association (NMFA)
 Naval Enlisted Reserve Association (NERA)
 Non Commissioned Officers Association (NCOA)
 Reserve Enlisted Association (REA)
 Reserve Officers Association (ROA)
 The Retired Enlisted Association (TREA)
 Society of Medical Consultants to the Armed Forces (SMCAF)
 United States Army Warrant Officers Association (USAWOA)
 USCG Chief Petty Officers Association (CPOA)
 Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)
 Vietnam Veterans of America (VAA)
 Wounded Warrior Project (WWP)



Reclaiming Our Heritage • Historic Milwaukee VA

CREATED TO HONOR OUR VETERANS AND CELEBRATE U.S. MILITARY HISTORY

Reclaiming Our Heritage was created in 2002 by a group of dedicated employees of the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center, Milwaukee. In the past ten years, it has grown to the extent that hundreds of volunteers from VA and from the community now participate.

The event has several goals: to honor veterans, to provide veteran benefit information, to highlight the architectural and cultural treasures of the National Soldiers Home Historic District, and to bring history to life.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2012

- 9:00 a.m. Camps Open
- Tour Tickets on Sale
- 9:30 a.m. Flag Raising Near Lake Wheeler Pavilion
- 10:00 a.m. Positively Patriotic Parade
- 12:00 p.m. 1st Brigade Band Concert
- 12:00 p.m. WWII Airborne Demonstration
- 12:30 p.m. Colonial Heritage Dauncers
- 1:00 p.m. 484th Army Ceremonial Band
- 1:00 p.m. Civil War Infantry Drill & Firing Demo
- 1:00 p.m. WWII Demonstration & Firing
- 1:00 p.m. Authors Lance Herdegen & Dennis Moore
- 1:30 p.m. Gen. & Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant
- 1:30 p.m. Swing Dance Lessons
- 2:00 p.m. Jason Moon, Musician, Iraq War Veteran
- 2:00 p.m. Civil War Cavalry Demo
- 2:30 p.m. West Side Victorian Dancers
- 2:45 p.m. Civil War Artillery Demo
- 3:00 p.m. Command Performance
- 3:15 p.m. Civil War Field Medical Presentation
- 4:00 p.m. 484th Army Show Band
- 4:30 p.m. Flag Lowering and Rolling Taps
- 8:00 p.m. Voices of Wood National Cemetery

SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2012

- 9:00 a.m. Re-enactor Worship Service
- 9:00 a.m. VA Chaplain's Protestant Service
- 9:00 a.m. VA Chaplain's Protestant Service
- 10:30 a.m. VA Chaplain's Field Mass
- 12:00 p.m. Wilson Knights
- 12:00 p.m. WWII Airborne Demonstration
- 12:00 p.m. Civil War Artillery Demo
- 12:30 p.m. Historical Timekeepers
- 12:30 p.m. Civil War Fashion Show
- 12:30 p.m. Gen. & Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant
- 1:00 p.m. WWII Demonstration & Firing
- 1:00 p.m. Author Rev. Dr. Bobbie Groth
- 1:00 p.m. Gary Alexander, Civil War Singing Master
- 1:30 p.m. Civil War Infantry & Cavalry Demo
- 2:00 p.m. Civil War Field Medical Demo
- 2:00 p.m. Raffle Drawing
- 2:45 p.m. Flag Lowering and Taps

SUNDAY, ONGOING: Regimental Volunteer Band of Wisconsin in Civil War camps

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