

### **ATRRS Managers: USASMA Needs Your Help To Assure Soldier-Students Receive Welcome Packets**

The U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy each year mails out an average of 3,000 welcome packets to students attending the Command Sergeants Major Course, Sergeants Major Course, First Sergeant Course and the Battle Staff NCO Course. About 35 percent of these packets are returned — primarily because of three reasons:

- ❑ Insufficient address
- ❑ APO closed
- ❑ No forwarding address on file

To reduce this return rate, USASMA requests that Army Training Requirements and Resources System (ATRRS) managers at all input agencies verify each soldier's address line when reserving training seats.

ATRRS is an essential tool in managing individual training as well as monitoring the quota allocations and reservations of Army training seats.

Schools can access enrollment data and prepare for the number of allocated soldiers reserved in their course(s). The school's ATRRS manager can also use the ATRRS reports generator to obtain data from the R2 display (long class roster). The roster contains pertinent student information, including a soldier's address line.

USASMA extracts the R2 data in order to mail each incoming student a welcome packet. If the address line is incorrect or insufficient, the welcome packet fails to reach the soldier—putting the soldier at a disadvantage and wasting government money when the packets are returned.

The ultimate goal is to ensure that all USASMA students receive a welcome packet that will assist them with their course preparation.

Contact Betty Bradford at DSN 978-8619 or COM (915) 568-8619. Contact the ATRRS Help Desk at DSN 225-2060/2353 or COM (703) 695-2060/2353 if you have questions or problems with the system. ■

*Betty Bradford*  
Chief, Academic Records Division, USASMA

### **Retired Officers Association Offers Interest-Free Study Loans**

During the 1996-97 school year, 800 students will receive \$2,500 interest-free loans from The Retired Officers Association (TROA) Educational Assistance Program for undergraduate study. These loans (\$500 more than last year) will be awarded annually for up to five years of undergraduate study to unmarried undergraduate students under the age of 24 who are dependent children of Active, Reserve and retired service personnel and their surviving spouses.

Students can obtain up to \$12,500 of interest-free support for five years and do not have to repay the loan until after graduation.

Students are selected based on their scholastic ability, participation in extracurricular and community activities, as well as financial need.

From 800 students receiving loans last school year, 164 received special \$500 grants in addition to the loans. All who were awarded loans were automatically considered for the grants. A limited number of other grants ranging from \$500 to \$2,500 are also available.

Sons and daughters of retired officers and their widows, including children of Active duty, Reserve, National Guard and retired officers, warrant officers and enlisted members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, U.S. Public Health Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration are eligible.

*Applications should be requested by February 15, 1996, and the completed application must be postmarked on or before March 1, 1996.*

For applications and more information, write to TROA Educational Assistance Program Administrator (09D),

201 N. Washington St., Alexandria, VA 22314-2539 or call 1-800-245-TROA (8762), extension 169 or e-mail [schol@troa.org](mailto:schol@troa.org). ■

*Nancy Carr*  
TROA, Alexandria, VA

### **Warfare Training Center Seeks Instructors at Ft. Greely, AK**

The Northern Warfare Training Center at Ft. Greely is looking for instructors. Interested NCOs with MOSes 11B or 11C and who are graduates of the Basic Mountaineering and Mountain Leaders courses (summer and winter) or who have experience in mountaineering and skiing should send resumes to: Commandant, Northern Warfare Training Center, ATTN: APVR-GNW, 501 2nd Street #2900, APO AP 96508-2900. Or, telephone DSN 317-873-4107 or COM (907) 873-4107. ■

### **Army Correspondence Course Program Changes Announced**

Changes have been made in Army Correspondence Course Program (ACCP) operations and several courses, including two of the most popular courses.

The ACCP academic year has been changed to begin October 1 instead of April 1.

"Changing the academic year to correspond with the fiscal year will allow us to provide better service for our students," said Ned Motter, director of the Army Institute for Professional Development (AIPD).

"In addition, soldiers need to be aware of major changes to two of our highest enrollment courses—the Basic Skills Preparatory Course and the Basic Leadership Development Course."

More than 36,000 students enroll in those courses each year, Motter said.

The Basic Leadership Development Course was renamed the Primary Leadership Development Course. Open to specialists, corporals and privates first class, the course is designed to prepare junior enlisted soldiers for the resident PLDC. The course has two phases worth 129 credit hours. A closed-book examination follows each phase.

The Basic Skills Preparatory Course is now the Basic Leadership Preparatory

Course. It's open to warrant officers, National Guard officer candidates, Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets and sergeants and above. The 110-credit-hour course covers tactical skills and knowledge required by junior officers in any branch. A closed-book exam follows each of its two phases.

Army Training Support Center developed a new course, NCO Primary Leadership Subjects, so junior enlisted soldiers can prepare for their first assignments as NCOs. The course covers such subjects as reading comprehension and math and writing skills. Soldiers up to the ranks of corporal and specialists can enroll.

Because of time and fiscal constraints associated with going to a fiscal year operation, a new ACCP catalog, DA Pam 351-20, will not be published until Oct. 1, 1996. However, the April 1, 1995, issue of the ACCP has been updated on the ATSC Bulletin Board System.

Phone numbers for the bulletin board are 1-800-242-4246, COM (804) 878-0070 or DSN 927-0070. Communications software must be set at 8 bits, no parity, 1 stop bit and terminal emulation to ANSI or VT100. Modem speed can be set from 1200 to 9600 baud.

Some courses have been canceled or are no longer managed by AIPD. All Reserve Component officer basic correspondence courses, except for the chaplain course, have been discontinued. Officers must attend basic courses in residence.

The John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center, Ft. Bragg, NC, now administers all of its correspondence courses. Interested soldiers can call the JFK Special Warfare Center at DSN 239-3822 or DOM (910) 432-3822. Information on the ACCP is available from AIPD's curriculum department at DSN 927-4070 or COM (804) 878-4070. ■

*TRADOC News Service  
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### Hospice Foundation Offers Brochure on Military Benefits

The Hospice Foundation of America has produced a new and informative brochure outlining the health benefits for military families covered by CHAMPUS, TRICARE and Medicare.

As part of its military outreach program begun last year, the Hospice Foundation is providing this and other information free to military health care professionals, health benefits advisors, chaplains, social workers and others in the family support centers who may be called upon to advise and assist patients and family members. Copies will also be sent to hospices across the country.

Hospice is a special kind of care designed to provide comfort and support to patients and their families in the final stages of terminal illness. It emphasizes supportive services such as pain control and home care, rather than curative treatment of an illness which has been diagnosed as terminal.

For further information or to order free copies of the new brochure, write to: Hospice Foundation of America, 2001 S Street, N.W., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20009 or call COM (202) 638-5419. ■

*Hospice Foundation of America  
Washington, DC*

### DELTA Offers Special Forces Assignment Opportunities

If you're a qualified NCO looking for increased leadership responsibilities in the Special Operations area, including missions requiring rapid response and surgical application of unique skills — DELTA recruiters are looking for you.

1st Special Forces Operational Detachment-DELTA offers both officers and NCOs a wide variety of unique professional opportunities.

NCOs will have leadership opportunities similar to those available to Special Forces. In addition, you will be given increased levels of responsibility and sufficient authority to complete your assigned missions. You will routinely operate throughout the world, on your own, or in small NCO-led teams. Ample opportunities exist to serve in the unit through sergeant major and to serve on senior staffs as the resident expert and advisor.

DELTA conducts worldwide recruiting twice a year preceding its fall and spring assessment and selection courses. Recruiting for the fall course is from March through August and for the spring course from September through February.

*General prerequisites for both officers and NCOs are:*

- Volunteer
- Army Reserve, Army National Guard or Active Duty Army
- Male
- U.S. citizen
- Pass a modified HALO/SCUBA physical and eye examination
- Airborne-qualified or volunteer for Airborne training
- Pass a background security investigation and have at least a secret clearance (or be granted an interim secret clearance)
- Minimum age of 22
- No history of recurring disciplinary action
- Pass the five-event physical fitness qualification test (inverted crawl, run, dodge and jump, pushups, situps and two-mile run) and 100-meter swim while wearing fatigues or BDUs and boots
- Minimum of two years active service remaining upon selection to DELTA.

*The NCO prerequisites are:*

- Rank of sergeant (E5) through sergeant first class
- Four years minimum TIS
- Minimum GT score of 110.

If you have questions, call DELTA's recruiters at 1-800-606-1370, DSN 236-0689/0649 or call COM collect at (910) 396-0689/0649. DELTA is also interested in soldiers with combat support and combat service support MOSes (Active duty only). If interested, call DELTA's support recruiter, SFC Esperanza Traino for information on support prerequisites and assignment opportunities at DSN 236-0986 or call COM collect at (910) 396-0986. ■

*CPT Paul Chamberlain  
The Recruiting Team, Ft. Bragg, NC*

### Electronic Maintenance Training Plugs Into The Web

Electronic maintenance trainers at Ft. Huachuca, AZ, are expanding their classrooms to include students' dorms and the World Wide Web.

Named after Alexander Graham Bell, the Alexander Project is currently working to institute a "classroom without walls," modernized "Classroom 2000" and a company barracks renovation program.

"It follows GEN William W. Hartzog's (commander of Training and Doctrine Command) directives on new distributive training, technology and equipment initiatives," according to CPT Jim Justice, Co B commander. "It

## Notable NCOs

### INSCOM Announces Awards For Outstanding Performances

U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command, Ft. Belvoir, VA, selected two soldiers as the 1995 NCO of the Year and Soldier of the Year.

SGT Martha Miller, 513th MI Bde, Ft. Gordon, GA, was selected NCO of the Year and SPC Nicole R. Witherspoon, 501st MI Bde, Korea, was selected as the Soldier of the Year.



SGT Miller

uniform, among other items.

"The first time I heard the speech SGT Miller gave (during brigade competition), I knew she would win at INSCOM," said CSM John P. Boswell, brigade command sergeant major.

CSM Ronald W. Killon, brigade command sergeant major, said he was



SPC Witherspoon

reared, has been selected Linguist of the Year, an award given annually by the U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command, which judges nominative packets from brigades located worldwide.

Ron Weaver, chief of the INSCOM language branch said Gloer's nomination reflected exceptional language proficiency, encouragement and support in improving his fellow linguists' proficiency and significant contributions to his unit's linguist mission.

SSG Julie A. Hoover, 704th MI Bde, Ft. George G. Meade, MD, was selected the 1995 INSCOM Career Counselor of the Year.

Brigade commander COL J. A. DeMoney, said in his endorsement letter that "through her competence, enthusiasm and hard work, SSG Hoover com-

proud that Witherspoon represented the Red Dragon Brigade. "She worked hard to get where she is."

SSG David W. Gloer, 501st Intel Bde, Korea,

pletely revitalized a mediocre retention program into a vibrant and successful one."★

*U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command  
Ft. Belvoir, VA*

### DISA Selects Outstanding Senior NCO

The Defense Information Systems Agency named SFC Timothy A. Czuba, U.S. Army, as its Outstanding Senior NCO of the Year for 1994.

As the superintendent of the Technical Services Division in DISA's Defense Information Technology Contracting Office at Scott AFB, IL, Czuba manages the computer systems supporting DITCO procurement and bill paying functions.

DITCO commander, COL Harvey A. Marshall said under Czuba's management, mainframe computer systems maintained nearly 100 percent availability — a critical element in conducting daily operations. Czuba also supervised installation of a state-of-the-art high density storage device to increase storage capacity by 200 percent.★

*Defense Information Systems Agency Public Affairs Office, Alexandria, VA*

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also falls into line with what the Intelligence Center is trying to accomplish in future training," Justice added.

Soldiers in the field can enter the Web and access lessons for sustainment training, maintenance training updates and professional development updates.

A Help Desk is also on the World Wide Web. Within the Help Desk is an Electronic Warfare Maintainer's Resource Page for soldiers maintaining aviation, tactical and strategic systems. They can use this page for troubleshooting assistance.

A soldier can go online, describing problems on a form on the Help Desk page. School instructors will promptly give advice. Or, the soldier first can turn a page on the Help Desk that has solutions to problems previously encountered.

The Internet address for Help Desk is: <http://huachuca-usaic.army.mil/SCHOOL/111/MI/305th/305b.home.html>.

Help Desk can keep soldiers proficient long after graduation from training at Ft. Huachuca, as well as save money by eliminating the need for mobile training teams to visit installations.

Classroom 2000 will allow both instructors and students to take advantage of computers, networks and a technologically advanced place of learning. That learning opportunity extends to students' barracks. Currently, only soldiers training to be early warning and intercept systems repairers have the set-up in their barracks.■

*From The Huachuca Scout*

### WARNET Aims at Expanding Distance Learning

Training and Doctrine Command is using new distance learning technologies in a pilot program called WARNET to support the readiness posture of III Corps at Ft. Hood, TX.

WARNET will begin by using the Army's Teletraining Network to deliver televised training to soldiers at Ft. Hood via satellite.

Futures training division conducted a needs assessment at Ft. Hood to identify distance learning projects that could be implemented. Maintenance training and support topped the list of training needs.

"Video teletraining won't replace all hands-on training," said Gary Wright, instructional systems specialist with TRADOC's future training division. ▶

### NTC Announces Winners of NCO and Soldier of Year Boards

SGT Robert A. Hyatt has been named the 1996 NCO of the Year at the National Training Center, Ft. Irwin, CA.

Hyatt has completed 180 credit hours of military correspondence courses and the College Level Examination Program (CLEP). His short term goals include performance meriting selection as the NTC's NCO of the Year; a successful appearance before the staff sergeant promotion board; and acceptance as a member of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club. Interim goals include a college degree.



SGT Hyatt

In the long term, he will pursue a military career with a goal of serving as a command sergeant major.

SPC Betsy J. S. Meador won Soldier of the Year board for FY 96.

Upon completion of her service at Ft. Irwin, Meador will enroll at Western Illinois University, where she will re-

main active in furthering her education and military career. She is planning to be in the Reserve Officer Training Corps program active National Guard through the duration of college. She looks forward to being a career soldier. Whether it's commissioned or noncommissioned, she wants to remain a part of today's Army.★



SPC Meador

HQ, National Training Center and Ft. Irwin  
Ft. Irwin, CA



### MP Receives German Medal

Karl Prinz, deputy chief of mission for the German Embassy in Seoul presents the German Medal of Honor, bronze, to SFC Scott Lauters. Lauters received the medal for his support and contributions to the German 2nd Air Force Security Group during his tour in Germany in 1991.

Lauters was cited for his motivation, enthusiasm and commitment to a partnership between the American and German military police units.★

19th Theater Army Area Command, Public Affairs Office, APO, AP

### Haiti Service Earns Joint Service Commendation Medal

CSM John Waymire has been awarded a Joint Service Commendation Medal following his recent return from 50 days of distinguished service in Haiti.

Waymire was there as a member of the 448th Civil Affairs Bn, a U.S. Army Reserve unit stationed at Ft. Lewis, WA.



CSM Waymire

While in Haiti, Waymire spend long hours as senior NCO caring for the soldiers of the 448th serving in Haiti. He also assisted in several projects of the Civil Military Operations Center.

The citation that accompanies the medal states "his efforts and his professional demeanor have earned him the respect of the diverse members of the multinational force."★

448th Civil Affairs Bn Public Affairs Office  
North Ft. Lewis, WA

### 7th Army Names PLDC Honor Students

The 7th Army NCO Academy graduated PLDC Class 1-96 late last year in Grafenwoehr, Germany. Five soldiers were included on the commandant's honor roll.

Honorees were SPC Eric J. Wiggins, 4/29th FA, distinguished honor graduate; SPC Daniel S. Vaughn, HOC, 713th MI GP, honor graduate; SPC Jacob J. Clark, Co B, 1st MI, distinguished leadership graduate; CPL Shane R. Lane, B Battery, 4/3rd ADA, commandant's inspection awardee; SPC Alan Goetzinger, HHC, 4/12th Inf, commandant's superior physical fitness awardee★

7th Army NCO Academy  
Grafenwoehr, Germany

### Attention Would-Be Authors

The NCO Journal receives many excellent articles of interest to NCOs that we simply cannot publish. Why? The articles are too lengthy and we don't have the time to "boil" or shorten the article. Your article stands a much better chance of being published if it's held to no more than 4-7 double-spaced pages. Photos showing NCOs in leadership, training, caring, etc., roles increase chances for publication. Ed.

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"However, video teletraining can be used for refresher and upgrade training."

This type of training reduces training costs since soldiers aren't required to travel to Army schools and classes can be scheduled around the clock.

Video teletraining has been used to support Army troops assigned to peacekeeping duties in the Sinai and will probably be used to support troops deployed to Bosnia.

WARNET will help Ft. Hood meet its soldiers' training needs, according to Wright. More importantly, WARNET will gain valuable lessons learned for future Army use of distance training.■

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