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A Tennessee Army National Guard Soldier helps a boy scout climb the National Guard's Rock Wall October 9, during the annual Tennessee Boy Scout Jamboree.
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(Photo by Spc. Bill Jones.)



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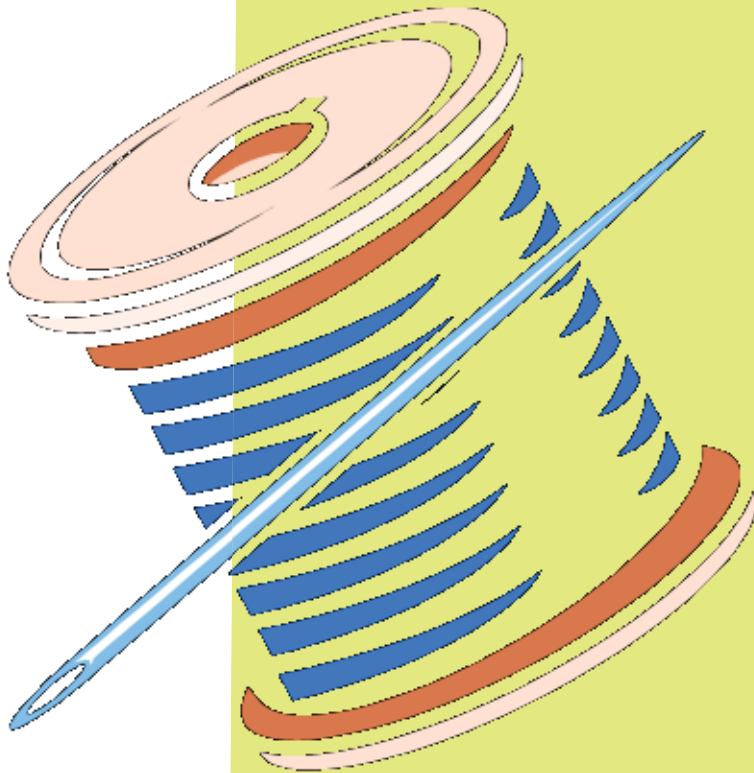
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Sewing Day Camp

Time: 9:00am - 1 pm

Date: 11/13/2010



This camp is open to military youth ages 5 - 18. We will be making two projects: one to take home and one to send to a deployed service member.

All supplies will be provided. If you have a sewing machine, please plan on bringing it!

Please bring a sack lunch and snacks.

This event will be held at the Knoxville
Army Reserve Center:
1334 E. Weisgarber Rd, Knoxville, TN

Space is limited, so make your reservation today!

**Make your reservations by contacting
Carrera Romanini:
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Speak Out for Military Kids

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Wilderness at
the Smokies
Sevierville, TN



When:

Our event begins at 10:00 a.m. ET on November 20 (check in will be at Wilderness at the Smokies) and will end at 1:00 p.m. ET on November 21, 2010. Note that the dress for the weekend is casual.

Included:

All meals, lodging, and supplies for two days of team building, public speaking training, and fun are included **free of charge** to the attendees!



Mark your calendars now! We will be hosting two other SOMK events this year.

Middle Tennessee SOMK: January 15 - 16
West Tennessee SOMK: Early April
More details to come...

This Speak Out for Military Kids event, which is focused on teaching public speaking skills to military youth, is open to military youth (grades 6th-11th [as of January 1st, 2011]) from any branch of service who has a parent in the military.

Registration will occur through your county UT Extension Office:

<http://www.utextension.utk.edu/offices/default.asp>

For additional information, please contact Carrera Romanini at **865.974.9724** or **carrera@utk.edu**.

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 Tennessee 4-H

29th Annual

Salute to Armed Services/ Veterans Day

MTSU vs North Texas
Saturday, Nov. 13th 2:30pm
Floyd Stadium, MTSU campus



Activities include:

- 11:30-12:30 Veteran's Memorial Service-Tom Jackson
- 12:00-1:30 Pre-Game Picnic-Hall of Fame Building
- 1:00-1:30 Presentation of the 21st Joe Nunley Award

Pick up your tickets at the pre-game picnic on game day.

2:30

Kick off



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on a first-come,
first serve basis!

A special patriotic halftime salute to U.S. Armed Services!



**Bring your donations to the gate
and help support the tradition**

For more information call 615-494-7825

2010 Air National Guard Leadership Conference held in Chattanooga Oct 1-3

Photos by: Tech. Sgt. Robin Olsen

Right: Maj. Gen. Rita Works, JFHQ, details what she would do as a Commander in a sample scenerio. Different scenerios were presented to each member of the panel.

Below: Col. Rem Edwards, JFHQ, elaborates on the National Level Emergency Response exercise that is scheduled to take place in May.



Below: Three Air Guardsmen discuss the conference during a break.



Air Guard Recruiting Partners with the Titans



The Tennessee Air National Guard will have recruiters at four of the Tennessee Titans home games this year. The ANG will be set up in the inflatable section on the east side of the stadium.

“We are extremely proud to be a part of this years Titans and Air Guard Advertising Partnership.” said CMSgt Carol Byerley, head of Recruiting and Retention for the Tennessee Air Guard. “It gives us the opportunity to interact with the community and demonstrate what the Air National Guard has to offer.”



MG Haston accepts an Honorary Game Ball dedicated to the Tennessee Air National Guard from Don MacLachlan, Executive Vice President of Administration and Facilities for the Tennessee Titans.



MG Haston displays the Honorary Game Ball dedicated to the Tennessee Air National Guard to thousands of Tennessee Titans and National Guard fans at LP Field.



MG Haston and his “new best friend”, T-Rac.



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Tennessee Guard Plans for Catastrophic Emergency

Story and Photo by: Maj. Randy Harris (Ret.)

For five days, key leaders from the Tennessee Army and Air National Guard conducted a planning exercise designed to determine how the Guard can best respond in the event of a catastrophic emergency.

Headed by the Army Guard Chief of Staff, Col. Terry Ethridge, these senior Soldiers and Airmen utilized the Military Decision Making Process to develop the overall plan for Tennessee troops to respond to an emergency within the state.

Emergency response is one aspect of a twofold mission for the National Guard. In addition to providing the President and the Secretary of Defense with a force capable of fulfilling their wartime mission, the Guard is also charged with providing the Governor with a force capable of responding in accordance with the Tennessee Emergency

Response Plan.

“In an emergency, the National Guard is normally never the lead responder, but one of many support assets available to the Governor,” said Ethridge. “We are utilized as a force provider only after a request is received from local authorities through the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency. TEMA looks at all available agencies and determines if the National Guard is the best available asset to use.”

“The Guard is ready, relevant and available,” Ethridge continued. “We have the equipment and personnel to assist in these events, but sometimes the perception is that the Guard will “ride to the sound of the guns” as the first responder in an emergency. This is simply not the case.

The Guard is part of a carefully orchestrated response plan developed by the state, and is a massive force multiplier, but they can only be used after being requested by the local authorities or by the direction of the Governor. Our mission during this exercise was to bring all deployable assets to the table and determine how best we can protect and serve the citizens of Tennessee.”

Concentrating on the scenario of a major earthquake occurring along the New Madrid Fault in West Tennessee, the Soldiers and Airmen planned for the utilization of personnel and logistics, transportation requirements, and providing medical and security assets within the disaster area.

Catastrophic events along the New Madrid Fault have historically occurred every 100-300 years. The last major events along the fault line occurred in January of 1812 causing the Mississippi River to run backwards for a time and creating Reelfoot Lake.

More than 40 senior leaders were briefed by personnel from both the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the TEMA.

“We know that the Tennessee National Guard will be a major player in the event of a catastrophic event,” Ethridge stated. “We must be able to provide a force that can be utilized at a moment’s notice to protect and serve the citizens of Tennessee.”



(From left) MAJ Tony McConnell, LTC Brett Rypma, MSG Curtis Garner, and MSG Steve Sarten consult during the rewrite of the Tennessee Emergency Response Plan.

TN Air Guard Honors Hometown Heroes

Story and Photo by: Tech. Sgt. Robin Olsen

Since the attacks on September 11, 2001, nearly 20,000 Tennessee Air and Army National Guard Airmen and Soldiers have deployed in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

On Sept. 11, more than 600 members of the Air National Guard's 164th Airlift Wing were honored for their service at a "Hometown Heroes" award ceremony at the Air National Guard Base in Memphis.

The 164th's ceremony was followed by more than 750 members of the 118th Airlift Wing at Berry Field Air National Guard Base in Nashville, Sept. 18.

The Air National Guard announced the Hometown Heroes Salute Campaign to its senior leaders last fall.

The program recognizes Airmen who deployed for more than 30 consecutive days for Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom and all other contingency operations.

Each Airman received a cherry wood-encased letter of appreciation signed by Gen. Craig R. McKinley, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, and the Air Guard's command chief, Chief Master Sgt. Richard Smith, enclosed with a commemorative coin.



Maj. Gen. Max Haston, the Tennessee National Guard Adjutant General, speaks at the Memphis Hometown Hero Salute before honoring each Airmen for their service. After the presentations, Gen. Haston took time to walk around the hangar and personally greet and thank several of the Airmen and their families. Thousands of Tennessee's Airmen have been honored so far, but due to the huge number of those who've deployed since 9/11, more are scheduled to be honored in the future.

Fun Run raises money for Soldier Relief Fund

Story by: Lt. Col. Terry Kiehn

On Sep. 10, the Tennessee Army National Guard State Safety Office, in conjunction with the National Guard State Occupational Health Office sponsored the 20th Annual Fun Run Safety Day in Smyrna, TN. This year was a record year with 271 registered participants.

The focus this year was off duty safety. The Army National Guard lost 60 Soldiers across the United States for fiscal year 2010, to off duty accidents. Booths were set up from the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, Tennessee Highway Patrol, Smyrna Fire Department, Middle Tennessee Motorcycle Agency, State Safety Office and State Occupational Health Office. Also, booths from Psychological Health Programs, ESGR, Military Family Life Consultants,

Yellow Ribbon Program, Family Programs Youth Coordinator, Family Programs, Operation Military kids, and Military OneSource.

After expenses, the Fun Run generated \$2,280.00 that was donated to the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Tennessee Auxiliary Soldier Relief Fund.

Top: Lt. Col. Terry Kiehn, Director of Safety and Occupational Health, Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Breece, Senior Enlisted Leader, and Betsy Redmond, Enlisted Association of the National Guard, display some of the money that was raised from donations as part of the annual fun run.

(Photo by Nate Crawford.)

Bottom: Runners participate in the Annual Safety Fun Run.

(Photo by Capt. Darrin Haas.)



Counter Drug conducts Immersion Training

Story and Photos provided by: Capt. David Roberts

Beginning Aug. 30 and continuing through Sept. 1, the Counterdrug Task Force conducted "Operation Immersion Training" at the Volunteer Training Site in Smyrna, TN.

The training immersed health care and mental health care professionals in a military environment and culture to enhance their ability to help Tennessee Guardsmen and other members of the armed forces.

This was the third Operation Immersion Trainings that has been conducted. The training had national focus with professionals from 24 different states in attendance with hopes of starting programs in their own states.

The event was a collaboration between the Tennessee National Guard, the Tennessee Dept. of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.



Attendees of Operation Immersion had the opportunity to tour both Army and Air force aircraft. Shown above is a C-130 from the 118th Airlift Wing, based in Nashville.



Staff Sgt. Patrick Falkenburg, centered in the green t-shirt, conducts physical fitness training with Operation Immersion attendees at 5:15 in the morning.

Annual WO Golf Tournament

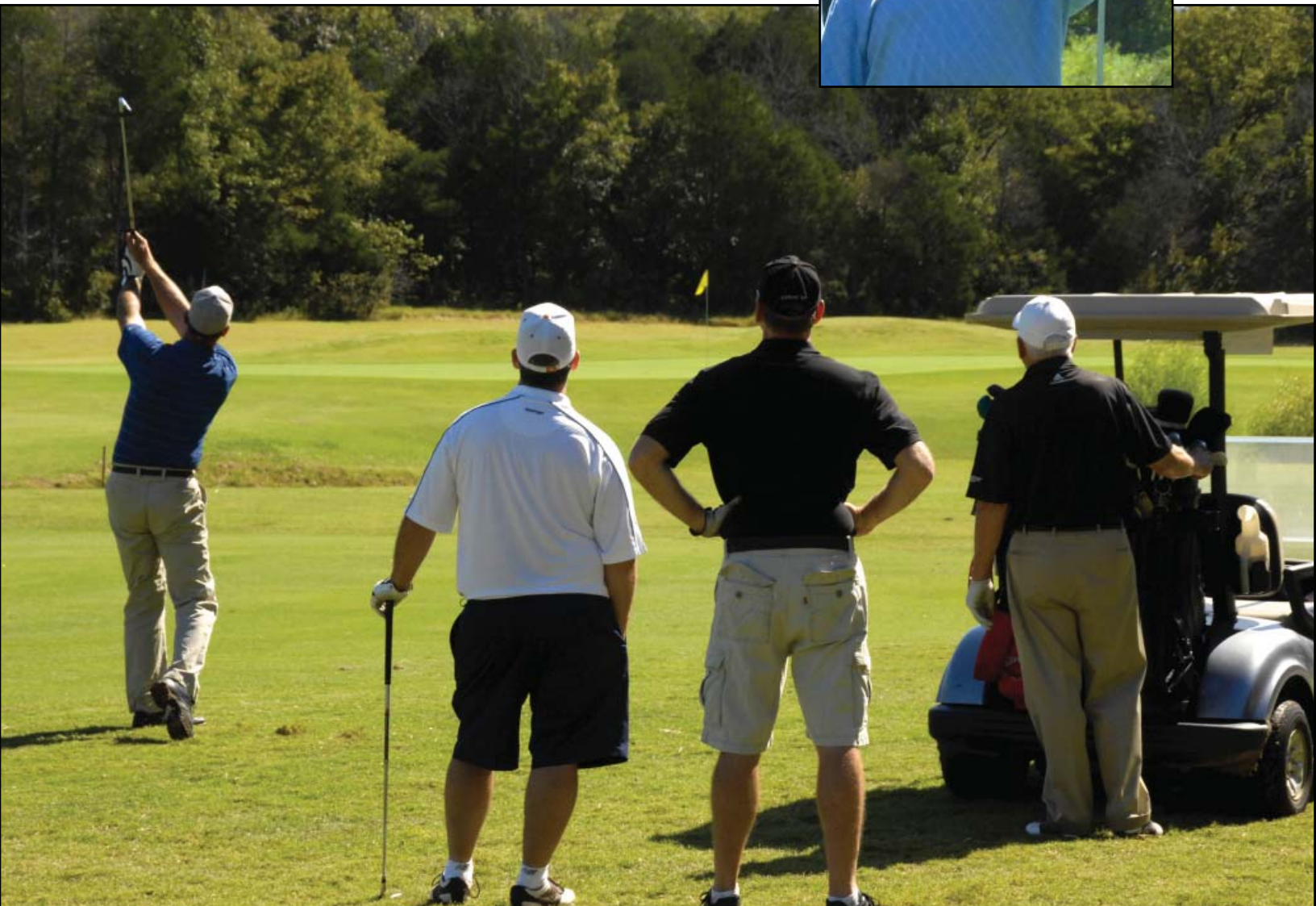
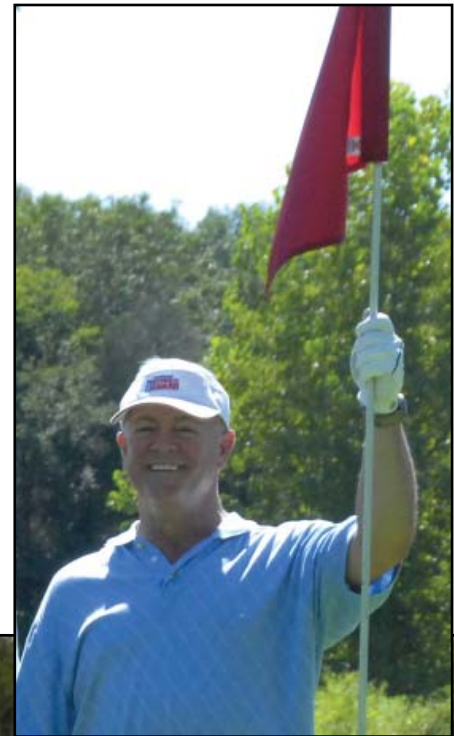
Below, a golfer takes a swing, while the other three members of his team watch, during the annual Warrant Officer Golf Tournament that took place September 13.

Pictured to the right, Col. William Wenzler, the Land Component Commander, stops to pose with a flag from one of the greens.

The tournament took place at Pine Creek Golf Course in Mt. Juliet, TN, and hosted several teams of Soldiers and Airmen who were competing for one of many prizes.

Prizes consisted of \$1,200, two Titans 2010 season tickets, a laptop from Dell, and a fiddle signed by Charlie Daniels, just to name a few.

(Photos by Nate Crawford.)



TN Army Guard assists with Boy Scout Jamboree

Story and Photo by: Spc. Bill Jones

Thousands of Boy Scouts descended upon the Wilson County Fairgrounds Friday, October 8, in the largest jamboree in Middle Tennessee Council history. The celebration marks the 100th anniversary of the Scouts and its most significant claim is how it has positively impacted many young men during that time.

The gathering was supported by several public and private organizations from all around Nashville; most notable was the Tennessee National Guard and their Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Max Haston, a former Cub Scout himself. He served as the commissioner for the Middle Tennessee Council Boy Scout Centennial Jamboree and addressed the Scouts during the opening ceremony.

"You will make memories here that will last you the rest of your life," said Haston. "Remember to always be prepared and no matter what you do in life, what you do and learn in Scouting will lay the foundation."

He then challenged the Scouts to make at least two new friends before they leave. "I have friends today that I met when I was a Scout."

National Guard Soldiers erected multiple displays the Scouts delighted in climbing all over. The scouts seemed



to particularly like the rock climbing walls, cheering for the ones who made it to the top and cheering even louder for those who needed some encouragement because they got stuck along the way.

The Scouts also had the chance to pose for pictures for mom and dad as they strapped themselves into a Blackhawk helicopter and each of eight up-armored military vehicles. Judging by the lines, the most popular displays were the tracked ones. Ginger Wilson, a committee member for Ashland City Troop 126, said her pack loved the Abrams tanks the best.

"At the end of the jamboree, the boys sat wide-eyed on the ground watching the tanks get loaded up on trailers to be taken

away. One of the boys said the tanks sounded just like a jet plane."

Scouting is a family affair for Wilson. Four of Wilson's children are in Scouts and they were all at the jamboree.

Troop 126 has 59 boys ranging in age from first to fifth grade. Twenty-two were able to attend the celebration. Incidentally, Ashland City is also home to Delta Troop, 1st Squadron, 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment of the Tennessee Army National Guard. Delta Troop has deployed twice to Iraq, the first time in 2004. Their last deployment ended earlier this year and the unit received a hero's welcome from the city. Troop 126 was front and center to welcome the troops home.