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MAJ. GEN. R. MARTIN UMBARGER

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**On the Cover: Indiana National
Guard's 38th Sustainment
Brigade Soldiers point to their
shoulder sleeve insignia at
Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Thursday,
May 23, 2013. (Photo by Sgt.
William Henry)**

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INDIANA NATIONAL GUARD SOLDIERS DEPLOY TO GUANTANAMO BAY

Photo and story by Staff Sgt. Les Newport

FRANKLIN, Ind. – The 120th Public Affairs Detachment, located in Franklin, Ind., held a departure ceremony, Thursday, May 2, 2013 at the Indiana National Guard Johnson County Armory.

The eight Indiana National Guard soldiers are deploying to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba in support of detainment operations. The soldiers will perform public affairs activities in support of command, unified and joint operations for Joint Task Force Guantanamo by facilitating media visits and managing command information operations for military personnel serving at the base.

Indiana National Guard Adjutant General Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger welcomed family members to the armory and thanked them for their service as well as the soldiers of

the 120th.

“Who better than you to tell our story, some of the most talented Soldiers we have? National Guard journalists who are among the best in the country,” said Umbarger.

The unit is commanded by Maj. Gordon Campbell, and his senior enlisted advisor is Sgt. 1st Class Jeremy Vise.

“I consider this one of the most important ongoing missions in any theater,” said Campbell. “And this team has come together so well, I know they are prepared and will handle any challenge.”

The 120th will spend the next few weeks at Fort Dix, N.J. for final deployment training before spending most of the next year at Guantanamo Bay.



Soldiers of the 120th Public Affairs Detachment are greeted by Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger during a departure ceremony at Johnson County Armory in Franklin, Ind., May 2. The public affairs Soldiers will spend the next year supporting unified and joint operations for Joint Task Force Guantanamo.

Indiana National Guard's 38th Sustainment Brigade be represented during the Indianapolis 500

Story by Sgt. William E. Henry, 38th Sustainment Brigade

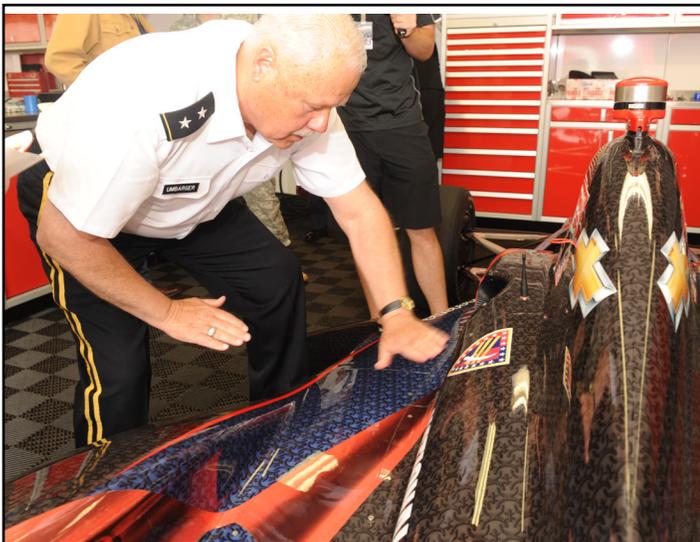
Soldiers of the Indiana National Guard's 38th Sustainment Brigade have received the unique opportunity to be represented during the Indianapolis 500 known as "the greatest spectacle in racing."

A decal of their unit patch was placed onto the National Guard sponsored car in the Panther Racing team garage at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, May 23. Indiana's Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger, and the number 4 IndyCar driver, J.R. Hildebrand, joined together in the garage to attach the patch to the vehicle.

The brigade's top enlisted Soldier, Command Sgt. Major Karolyn Peeler, who lives near the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, said she is thrilled to have her unit represented during the 500 mile race in her hometown.

"As a resident in the Speedway area, the race has become a tradition for me," said Peeler. "It's very momentous to receive this unique acknowledgement during an event like the Indy 500. To be 'patched' is a symbolic experience which brings about pride and dignity. As the senior enlisted leader for the 38th Sustainment Brigade, I'm more than honored that our patch will be displayed on the IndyCar for the world to see."

Annually, since the National Guard has sponsored the Panther Racing team, the team has placed a decal of a deployed unit onto their vehicle as a tribute to those serving overseas during the Indianapolis 500 race.



The Panther Racing team placed a decal of the brigade's shoulder sleeve insignia patch onto the National Guard sponsored number 4, IndyCar for the running of the Indianapolis 500.

For some Hoosiers, like Staff Sgt. Camille Clay, from Gary, Ind., the weekend is also more than just a race. For her, Memorial Day weekend is a solemn time, in remembrance of loved ones and embracing her own military traditions.

"I've always honored my grandfather, who served in Vietnam and my father who served in Desert Storm," said Clay. "Now, as I have gotten older and more mature in my military career, I have had friends that gave their lives to grant our freedom. And that means so much more to me as a veteran."

"I take pride in serving with the 38th Sustainment Brigade and representing the state of Indiana," said Clay. "The decal will portray to the world that even though we are busy with our mission in Kuwait, the unit is still supported back home."

A 38th SB Special Troops Battalion Soldier, Spc. Benjamin Wood, from South Bend, Ind., said this symbolism is important to him as a Soldier and veteran during the Memorial Day holiday.

"There's a great deal of pride that goes along being represented on the car in the world's most watched race," said Wood. "As a Soldier, Memorial Day means to honor my brothers and sisters in arms that have died fighting for freedom. As a veteran, it means to honor those Soldiers who have died fighting for the same cause that I fight for. The month of May makes me proud to say I'm a Soldier in the greatest state, with so much history."



Indiana National Guard's 38th Sustainment Brigade Soldiers hold a Panther Racing team flag at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Thursday, May 23, 2013.

RETIRED INDIANA GENERAL RECEIVES ITALIAN AWARD

Story and photo by Lt. Col. Cathy Van Bree

INDIANAPOLIS – Retired Indiana National Guard Maj. Gen. Dave Harris, Somerset, Ind., was presented with the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic, January 18 in Washington for his work with the Italian government in 2009 and 2010.

While assigned as the Kosovo Force chief of staff, Harris was instrumental in reforming political and military relationships between KFOR, Kosovo and Serbian leadership after communication had stalled for five years.

“Re-establishing the professional relationships with Serbia was truly our key to success in Kosovo,” said Harris. “It is truly just an honor to be considered for this award.”

The Order of Merit was founded as the senior order of knighthood by the second president of the Italian Republic in 1951. It is the highest ranking honor of the republic. It is awarded for “merit acquired by the nation” in the fields of literature, the arts, economy, public service and social, philanthropic and humanitarian activities. It is also presented for long and conspicuous service in civilian and military careers.

KFOR’s mission is to contribute to a secure environment; ensure public safety and order; support and coordinate

the international humanitarian effort and civil presence; support the development of a stable, democratic, multi-ethnic and peaceful Kosovo; and support the development of the Kosovo Security Force.

Harris retired from the Indiana National Guard in August 2012, and he had more than 37 years of service in the U.S. military.



Retired Maj. Gen. Dave Harris, center, his wife, Vicky, left, and Italian Brig. Gen. Pietro Tornabene pose with the Italian Republic's Order of Merit at the Italian Embassy in Washington, Jan. 18, 2013.

“Feed ‘Em for Freedom” feeds Soldiers and Families

Story by Darcy Marlett and Ashley Roy
Atterbury-Muscatatuck Public Affairs

EDINBURGH, Ind. — The Indiana National Guard and the Atterbury-Muscatatuck Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosted the fourth annual “Feed ‘Em for Freedom” June 28 at Atterbury-Muscatatuck near Edinburgh, Ind.

Indiana Gov. Mike Pence and first lady Karen Pence attended the event greeting Soldiers and their families and event pitching in to help serve lunch.

The event was made possible through the donations offered by the Wal-Mart Distribution Center located in Seymour, Ind. June 28. Wal-Mart provides more than 2000 pounds of food and nearly 80 volunteers.

Indianapolis Indians players, Pacer Pacemates, Panther Racing and mascot, Clutch, were on hand at the event to meet and take photos with Soldiers, civilian employees and families. The David Campbell Band played for the crowd throughout the event.



Indiana Gov. Mike Pence and first lady Karen Pence pose with Panther Racing mascot Clutch, Indianapolis Indians Mascot Rowdy, and Kids AT participants at the fourth annual Feed ‘Em for Freedom event at Atterbury-Muscatatuck near Edinburgh, Ind., June 28. Photo by Ashley Roy

INDIANA NATIONAL GUARD PROMOTES FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN TO GENERAL

Story and photo by Sgt. 1st Class Aaron Tinsley

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana National Guard promoted Col. Wayne Black to the rank of brigadier general at the Indiana War Memorial Saturday, July 13.

Black provides the Indiana National Guard with nearly 30 combined years of active and National Guard leader



experience. He accepted the position of Indiana's Army assistant adjutant general. Black is Indiana's first African-American brigadier general.

"I am proud and honored to earn the rank of general," said Black. "I hope to assist and encourage other minorities and all of the Indiana National Guard soldiers and airmen."

Black will assist Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger lead Indiana's National Guard of almost 14,000 service members.

"While Black represents the seven core Army Values; his sense of duty, loyalty and selfless service helped him achieve promotion to a general officer ... One of only seven others in the Indiana National Guard," said Umbarger.

Black's family and friends celebrated the historic event with him.

"I am proud to be a part of it, he is a special kind of guy," said Alonzo Jefferson, Black's brother-in-law of over 20 years who flew in from Florida to attend. "I wouldn't miss it for the world."

The Indiana National Guard celebrates the first African-American brigadier general, Brig. Gen. Wayne Black who was promoted in a ceremony at the Indiana War memorial in Indianapolis, Saturday, July 13, 2013.

Indiana's state command chief promoted

Story and photo by Sgt. 1st Class Jeff Lowry

INDIANAPOLIS -- The Indiana National Guard promoted its state command chief to chief warrant officer 5 during a ceremony Friday.

Amid friends, family and fellow Hoosier Guardsman, Chief Warrant Officer 5 Elizabeth Keene commented on what it means to be a leader in her nearly 40-year military career.

"Be a mentor, guide your soldiers. Be a role model, someone they can look up to. Show them their potential and help them reach it," said Keene in her speech. "Emulate the best in your leaders and vow to never do the things that you wish you could change in them."

As the senior warrant officer in the Indiana National Guard, Keene advises the adjutant general, Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger, on Army and warrant officer related issues.

Umbarger said the state command warrant officer's office had developed into an integral asset since its inception in 2003 and that Keene's promotion is a historic event.

"Today, we're going to promote our first female to command chief warrant officer in the state of Indiana, and that's why it's a historic day," said Umbarger.

Keene, a Gary, Ind.-native, accepted the senior warrant officer role in January. Keene started her military career as an enlisted supply soldier in 1977, and she joined the warrant

officer corps in 1996.

In 2009, Keene deployed with Shelbyville, Ind.-based, 38th Combat Aviation Brigade to Iraq. She's garnered more than 20 awards and medals including the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Indiana Distinguished Service Medal, and the Indiana Commendation Medal.



Chief Warrant Officer 5 Elizabeth Keene has her epaulettes attached by Indiana's Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger, left, and a family friend, Patricia Delk, during a promotion ceremony, Friday, July 12, 2013

VA Announces \$300 Million in New Grants

Story by VA Office of Public Affairs

WASHINGTON – Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki announced today the award of nearly \$300 million in grants that will help approximately 120,000 homeless and at-risk Veterans and their families. The grants have been awarded to 319 community agencies in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

“With these grants, we are strengthening our partnership with community non-profits across the country to provide Veterans and their families with hope, a home, and a future,” said Shinseki. “The work of Supportive Services for Veteran Families program grantees has already helped us prevent and end homelessness among tens of thousands of homeless Veterans and their families, but as long as a single Veteran lives on our streets, we have work to do.”

Under the Supportive Services for Veteran Families program, VA is awarding grants to private non-profit organizations and consumer cooperatives that provide services to very low-income Veteran families living in -- or transitioning to -- permanent housing. The SSVF program supports VA’s efforts to prevent at-risk Veterans from becoming homeless and rapidly re-house those who have recently fallen into homelessness.

Thanks to the SSVF grants, those community organizations will provide a range of services that promote housing stability and play a key role in connecting Veterans and their family members to VA services such as mental health care and other benefits. Community-based groups can offer temporary financial assistance on behalf of Veterans for rent payments, utility payments, security deposits and moving costs.

This is the third year SSVF grants have helped Veterans and their families find or remain in their homes. Last year, VA provided about \$100 million to assist approximately 50,000 Veterans and family members.

In 2009, President Barack Obama and Secretary Eric Shinseki announced the federal government’s goal to end Veterans’ homelessness in 2015. The grants are intended to help accomplish that goal. According to the 2012 Point-in-Time Estimates of Homelessness, homelessness among Veterans has declined 17.2 percent since 2009.

Through the homeless Veterans initiative, VA committed over \$1 billion in fiscal year 2013 to strengthen programs that prevent and end homelessness among Veterans. VA provides a range of services to homeless Veterans, including health care, job training, and education.

More information about VA’s homeless programs is available at www.va.gov/homeless.

Soldiers get back to infantry roots

Story and photo by Sgt. 1st Class Matt Scotten

EDINBURGH, Ind. – After the March 2013 cancellation of several National Guard units from scheduled deployments, 1st Battalion, 293rd Infantry soldiers have not missed a step in moving on. Basic infantry skills such as marksmanship, grenade training and convoy operations were among the priorities of their annual training at Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center in May 2013.

“Just because this particular deployment was cancelled does not mean that our mission to provide a ready and capable infantry force in the Indiana National Guard goes away,” said Col. Ron Westfall, commander of the 76th Infantry Brigade Combat Team. “Our soldiers will continue to train and continue to maintain a constant state of readiness so we can answer any call to duty that presents itself, both at home and abroad.”

While cultivating the unit’s infantry capabilities, the unit is also making sure soldiers are taken care of in regard to

their personal lives at home. With the deployment cancelled, soldiers attended a job fair at their Fort Wayne, Ind., armory May 10.



Soldiers tackle a leadership reaction course at Camp Atterbury, Ind.

SECRETARY SHINSEKI'S REMARKS AT THE CEREMONY TO COMMEMORATE THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN WAR ARMISTICE

Story by VA Office of Public Affairs

Mr. President, distinguished guests, especially our guests from Korea; fellow Veterans; ladies and gentlemen:

Six decades ago, the guns fell silent all along the 38th parallel in Korea, ending more than three and a half years of bloodshed, destruction, and enormous suffering. Today's ceremony honors the extraordinary courage of those, from all our nations, who fought, bled, died, went missing, suffered brutal captivity, and triumphed there.

More than 1.7 million Americans fought in Korea—on pieces of terrain nicknamed Pork Chop Hill and Heartbreak Ridge; in towns and places like Chipyeong-ni, Pusan, and Chosin Reservoir; and in unnamed locations known only by grid coordinates and hilltop elevations.

T.R. Fehrenbach's definitive work, *This Kind of War*, chronicles timeless lessons about military readiness that were re-learned in Korea and it provides this oft-cited quotation:

“. . . You may fly over a land forever;

you may bomb it, atomize it, pulverize it and wipe it clean of life—but if you desire to defend it, protect it, and keep it for civilization, you must do this on the ground, the way the Roman Legions did, by putting your young men into the mud.”

The Veterans we honor today were the young we sent to the mud of Korea with little notice. The lessons are many, as are the arguments about how they should have been better prepared and equipped to fight that expeditionary mission. What is unarguable, however, is the heroism with which these Veterans performed their missions. They rose above all questions of readiness to preserve the freedom of the South Korean people.

Today, we honor all Veterans, who served so courageously in Korea, and we thank their families for their service and sacrifice. *Kapshi Kapshida!* [We Go Together]

God bless our Veterans, and may God continue to bless this wonderful country of ours. Thank you.



The Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC. The memorial honors veterans of the Korean War (1950-1953) and was dedicated on July 27, 1995. Photo courtesy of Paul Gorman

Indiana National Guard retire iconic fixed-wing aircraft

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Les Newport

INDIANAPOLIS – Indiana's Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger, joined soldiers of Det. 3, Co. D, 126th Aviation at the Indianapolis International Airport to bid farewell to the Indiana National Guard's remaining C-23 Sherpa Wednesday.

The simple, rugged, Irish-built aircraft has served the Indiana National Guard for more than 16 years stateside as well as on overseas missions. The unit was joined by fellow and former pilots and crew who have flown thousands of mission hours in service to state and country.

Formerly a U.S. Air Force asset, the C-23 was phased out in the 1990s, but picked up by National Guard units across the country and became a stalwart operations transport in

Afghanistan and Iraq. Indiana National Guard crews have deployed three times to Iraq.



Past and present members of the C-23 Sherpa

WW II MEMORIAL PARK HOLDS DEDICATION CEREMONY

Story and photos by Bart Doan
Writer for the Hendricks County Flyer

AVON, Ind. — What started in 2009 as an idea to honor veterans and particularly those of the World War II era culminated this past Saturday with a dedication ceremony to celebrate the memorial park's completion.

Hundreds turned out on an overcast day to watch the dedication, which concluded with WW II veteran, Avon resident, and Ben Davis High School graduate Brig. Gen. Clyde "Chet" Wright placing a wreath at the statue that was modeled after his likeness as a representative of a soldier from that generation.

Wright served in the 139th Field Artillery Battalion, 38th Infantry Division, and also is a member of the memorial committee.

The ceremony began with the Avon High School Jazz Band playing military themed songs and included three soldiers reading Letters To Home from soldiers who fought in WW II.

Young and old participated in honoring veterans, as Ty Roman, a student at nearby Pine Tree Elementary School, read the State of Indiana Proclamation.

U.S. Rep. Todd Rokita was also in attendance, presenting the Congressional Record to mark the importance of the park in American historical lexicon.

"(The Congressional Record) is where we record the most important things, most important debates, most important events of this country since its founding," he said. "It is my sincere hope that this memorial will properly honor the bravery and sacrificial service of our World War II veterans. May it serve as a daily reminder to all who pass it of the sacrifice that is required to secure this freedom known throughout the world as America, the land of liberty. May it fortify the resolve of this current generation to be vigilant, to preserve and protect it at all costs.

Brig. Gen. Brian Copes noted that there are about 1.5



Brigadier Gen. Chet Wright was in attendance at the dedication ceremony for the WWII Memorial Park in Avon, one that has a statue modeling him that represented a soldier from that era.

million men and women currently serving in the military.

"That comes out to about one-half of 1 percent of the American population that wear the uniform," he said. "Never in our nation's history have so many been defended by so few. Though the world may badmouth us or have their own points of contention, when the world gets in trouble, they look for us to help them.

"Thank you to the town of Avon, the visionaries who envisioned this memorial and placed it next to the school where the young people can go by it every day and be reminded of it. Chet is someone that these young people can put a face to and say 'this is somebody from my hometown.'"

Dennis Dawes served as the emcee for the event and said, "It's an honor to dedicate this memorial to our World War II veterans and their generations. All veterans, we need to recognize and thank them for their service."

Wright, who was born in Indianapolis in 1918, saw current Wayne Township Superintendent Dr. Jeff Butts speak about what he means still today to young students.

"His picture hangs proudly in his uniform on our hall forever," Butts said. "Each and every day, we have the opportunity to work with our young children. We are extremely proud that many of our students learn about the armed service through our JROTC program, and that many make the decision to protect our borders and provide us with freedom. Chet Wright is a distinguished alumni of Ben Davis High School and always will be."

Rokita added, "In Avon today, all citizens enjoy the blessings of liberty, secured by veterans like Brig. Gen. Wright."

Copes offered, "I'm so pleased with the turnout today to recognize the elder statesmen of The Greatest Generation, down to some young folks who may be gaining their first appreciation of what military service is about, what the sacrifice associated with it is all about, and the honor that is due to the veterans who have served so well and faithfully in protecting the security of this nation."



The statue is 5-feet-tall and 16,000 pounds

Veterans Courts

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Les Newport

Despite the lack of federal funding and overburdened budgets, many local court systems have taken on the financial expense of developing local veterans courts.

The courts would task parole offices with supervising mandated treatment and provide mentors to offenders for as much as a year, and longer.

Judges, from local to state supreme justices, have advocated for the special courts. Judge Maria Granger of Floyd County presides over the veterans court in New Albany, Ind. Her stepson was killed in action, and she has professional connections to the military. For more than a year, she has been working with local veteran service organizations to staunch the steady flow of veterans cycling through the criminal legal system.

"It's not easy; it's strict, and intense. They have to want that assistance," said Granger. "They are inclined to participate; everyone doesn't choose it."

To keep participants focused on a goal, Granger has recruited a corps of volunteer mentors who are veterans themselves. She said someone with a similar experience can have a significant and immediate impact.

"They are a critical piece, a friend, a coach, someone to bring things into perspective. They are very dedicated, the epitome of no veteran left behind," said Granger.

Steve Mennemeyer, a family programs specialist for the Indiana National Guard, is one of seven mentors volunteering for the court. He said the mentors act as guides, sometimes translators for the participants, who often exhibit unexpected behaviors.

"They're embarrassed and don't respond," said Mennemeyer. "Other veterans can understand that. They want to quietly take their punishment and move on. But that doesn't fix anything."

The National Association of Drug Court Professionals provides training for judges and court personnel so they have a better understanding of some of the issues that land veterans in court, and resources available to help them recover.

Christopher Deutsch, director of communications for the association, said although available evidence is primarily anecdotal; there is reason to believe veterans courts can replicate the successes of other treatment courts.

"The nation's first veterans court in Buffalo, N.Y., has had 81 participants without a single case of a repeat offender," said Deutsch. "The biggest challenge we face is not knowing how many veterans appear in courts. It's not something anyone has been following."

Marion County Judge David Certo plans to establish a veterans court in Indianapolis by the end of the year. To accomplish this deadline, along with other agencies, he secured a grant for an 11-member team to visit Buffalo for training.

"This does two things," said Certo. "We will all get the same training, and we not only find out what's possible, but also what will work so we can build on it from there."

The team will consist of professionals from Veterans

Affairs, the prosecuting attorney's office, the public defender's office, mental health field as well as a coordinator for volunteer mentors.

Certo envisions the mentors as an important key to a successful program.

"They will likely have experience with military, experience with things going wrong in their lives and experience getting things back on track," said Certo.

The prevailing shared opinion of most everyone involved with veterans courts is the significance of volunteer mentors and the need for more of them.

Mennemeyer said veterans with even a slight interest in volunteering should attend a veterans court to see for themselves. Granger conveys confidence when encouraging volunteers to help. "The small time they may spend pays beyond measure," she said.

Other counties have committed to providing extended services to veterans.

A U.S. congressional bill to provide federal funding for veterans courts across the country was sent back to committee in December 2012. Approximately \$150 million would support special courts for veterans over the next six years. An additional \$60 million would establish a judicial task force and resource center for drug courts.

The proposed legislation is another in a line of unsuccessful bills authored to help keep veterans out of already overcrowded prisons with the expectation that rehabilitation is a viable option for offenders.

For now, local and state courts will determine, by way of local funding, if veterans receive deferential treatment.



Judge David Certo, Indianapolis Community Court, plans to establish a veterans court by the end of 2013. Local municipalities across the country are establishing the courts to help deal with veteran offenders and reduce recidivism rates.

TAPS

Col. (R) John M. Hine

COL (Ret) John M. Hine 79 of Plainfield, Indiana passed away on March 6th. John was born in Martinsville, IN, August 5th 1933 to Harold and Evelyn Hine.

John grew up as a farm boy and continued to farm, run a dairy farm and raise cattle. That is where he learned his love for the land and legendary work ethic.

John was preceded in death by his parents Harold and Evelyn Hine. John is survived by his wife of almost 25 years, Susan (Trump) Hine, his children Brian (Ann) , Brook (Sandy), Brent (Carol) , Nicole , Micah (Clare) , and Holly Hine, step children Tom and Jon (Tammy) Utterback, Michelle (Gary) Vaughn, , and John (Julie) Chaille, 10 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild, brothers, Jerry and Herb (Melinda) Hine, and many dear friends and extended family.

After graduation from Martinsville High School in 1951 he enlisted in the Indiana Army National Guard and found another love. John was commissioned as an infantry officer in 1953, and spent the next years working through the ranks. After commanding the unit in his hometown of Martinsville, he went to work for the Military Department of Indiana where he again rose through the ranks holding many esteemed positions including Director of Operations and Training and Chief of Staff, 38th Infantry Division. John retired from the Indiana National Guard as the Chief of Staff, Military Department of Indiana after serving for over 33 years. Immediately after retirement he started yet another career as the Comptroller of the Military Department of Indiana, and the Director of the Indiana Selective Service.

John received many commendations, awards, medals, and recognition for his dedication and service. These duties involved many years of hard work, personal sacrifice, and time away from his family. The patriotism and discipline he learned never left him.

John always enjoyed a laugh and was known for playing practical jokes. Golf was his favorite sport and loved playing rounds with friends and family near home or on extended trips. He worked at Supreme Golf, in Plainfield where he shared his joy of the game. An avid card player, he hosted many games around his table. He wasn't a sore loser but a fierce competitor who certainly enjoyed a win.

SPC Tyler Lee Armacost

Tyler Lee Armacost, 27, passed away on Monday, March 25, 2013. He was a resident of Franklin. He was born on September 10, 1985 in Muncie, Indiana to Scott and Karen (Goen) Armacost. They lovingly survive in Franklin. He is also survived by his two brothers, Brandon Armacost of Etna Green, Indiana and Austin Armacost and husband Jake Lees of West Yorkshire, England. Also surviving are

maternal grandparents, Jack and Pat Goen of Muncie. He was preceded in passing by his paternal grandparents, James and Betty Armacost.

Tyler attended Franklin Community Schools for many years. He was a 2004 graduate of Edinburgh Community High School. He attended Franklin College. He served proudly two tours of duty in Iraq with the U.S. Army with the 82nd Airborne, 1st Battalion 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment. He was also a member of the Indiana National Guard and C 2-151 IN, Tyler was a member of the Whiteland Veterans of Foreign War.

One of Tyler's favorite pastimes was spending hours watching films. There wasn't an actor he didn't know, a movie he couldn't name, or a scene he couldn't re-enact. He and his father watched the Harry Potter series well over one hundred times. He was a caring, loving, selfless man who would give you the Ed Hardy shirt off his back.

James E. Lee

James E. Lee, age 66, Logansport, passed away on Monday, March 25, 2013, in his residence.

Born April 8, 1946, in Knoxville, Tenn., he was the son of Robert and Ruby Williams Lee.

He was married to Elizabeth Ann "Liz" Guyer on August 28, 1993, in Logansport. She preceded him in death on November 29, 2011.

Jim was retired from the maintenance department at Logansport Memorial Hospital. He served in the United States Army and was retired from the Indiana National Guard.

He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3790 and the American Legion Post 60.

Darrell G. King

Darrell G. King 53, of Russiaville passed away at 2:41 pm at his home. Darrell was born on July 16, 1959 in Kokomo, IN to Marley and Dolly (Kronenberg) King. On October 11, 1980 he married Lisa Brown who survives.

Darrell was a member of the First Congregational Church. He worked for Data Monitoring as a Hazmat Specialist for 12 years. Darrell retired from the Army National Guard after 24 years of service. He was the lead singer for "Sneaker" band for over 20 years. Darrell was also a youth baseball coach for Russiaville Little League for Waddells & Pizza Hut teams and in babe ruth baseball team Hobson. He was an avid hunter, mushroom hunter, loved fishing, and IU Basketball. His favorite places to vacation was at Gulf Shores and Indiana Rocks. Darrell also like to ride his Harley around.

Randal E. Applegate

Randal Eugene "Randy" Applegate, 76, of Deaver Road, formerly of Salem, passed on to be with his Lord and Savior

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at 2:27 p.m. Sunday, April 7, 2013, at Our Hospice of South Central Indiana Inpatient Facility, with his wife Gail by his bedside.

Randy was a member of Garden City Church of Christ where he served as a deacon. He was a member of the National Guard for 25 years before retiring as a Sergeant Major and was a member of Columbus Police Department for 20 years, retiring as Sergeant in 1990. He was a shooting instructor for the police department and the National Guard.

He was a lifelong member of the NRA, an avid motorcycle rider, completed the Iron Butt Ride and was leader of the Whispering Eagles Motorcycle Club.

Born in Salem, Indiana, February 24, 1937, Mr. Applegate was the son of Elbert Lee Applegate and Maxine Charles Applegate. He married Gail Nading Nov. 25, 1970.

Billy F. Hendley

Billy Frank Hendley, 74, passed away on Saturday, April 20, 2013, at Community Hospital South in Indianapolis. He was a resident of Whiteland.

He was born on May 31, 1938, in Hillsdale, Tenn., to Wilby and Ida Mae (Taylor) Hendley.

He was preceded in passing by his parents; and sister, Margie.

He was in the U.S. National Guard having worked at Stout Field.

Billy owned and operated his own gas station and upholstery shop. He worked for Roadway Express for 18 years. He reopened his upholstery shop and worked in real-estate until his retirement.

He enjoyed remodeling homes and collecting and working on classic cars.

Lawrence Sanson

Lawrence "Larry" Sanson, 66, of Monticello died at 11:42pm on Thursday, April 25, 2013 at IUH White Memorial Hospital.

He was born on September 24, 1946 in Lafayette to the late Robert L. and Novella R. (Pilotte) Sanson.

His marriage was to Emily Vibbert on June 8, 1977 in Monticello. She survives in Monticello.

Larry was a member of Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church. He was a truck driver for Grane Trucking in Lafayette. Larry was an active member of local AMVETS, American Legion, VFW and 40 and 8. He served on the funeral detail honor guard. Larry was a member of OOIDA (owner, operator, independent drivers association). He was an avid antique collector and also a collector of unique items. He enjoyed gardening. He loved dogs, especially his dog Gizmo.

Charles J. Ridenour

Ridenour, Charles J., 82, passed away Wednesday, May 1,

2013 at Clark Memorial Hospital.

He was a native of Bluffton, IN, and retired from the Louisville Cement Company (now Essroc) after 43 years of service. Charles had a distinguished military career in the National Guard and the National Guard Reserves where he served as a Brigadier General.

He was very active with the Silver Creek Township Kiwanis Club having served on numerous state and international committees and served as Kiwanis Governor for the State of Indiana in 1984. He was active in many political and philanthropic organizations having received the Lifetime Achievement Award from Leadership Southern Indiana, the Humanitarian of the Year Award from the Red Cross in 2006 and the Sagamore of the Wabash award. He was an active member of Trinity United Methodist Church having served as a Van Driver, Usher and on the Memorial Committee.

He was preceded in death by the love of his life, Norma Dickerson Ridenour.

CW4 (R) Raleigh H. Loughmiller

Raleigh H. Loughmiller Jr., 84 years of age died Sunday, May 5th, 2013 at Autumn Woods Health Campus. He was born June 14th, 1928 in New Albany, IN. to the late Raleigh H. and Fern Neafus Loughmiller Sr. and lived most of his life in New Albany and Sellersburg IN..

Raleigh was a CWO 4, Chief Warrant Officer with the Indiana Army National Guard for some 39 years until his retirement in 1988 and served proudly with the 1st BN, 151st Infantry in New Albany for his entire career. He was a member of the Sellersburg Buckner Lodge #631 F. & A.M., the Borden Chapter #588 Eastern Star and DePauw Memorial United Methodist Church. Raleigh served his State and Country with distinction and honor. He will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his family and all who knew him. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother Robert Loughmiller.

Robert "Bob" E. Overfield

Robert "Bob" Eugene Overfield, 84, of Evansville, passed away Tuesday, May 7, 2013, at St. Mary's Medical Center. He was born July 16, 1928, in Evansville, to the late Herbert E. and Mayme (Fisher) Overfield.

He was a US Army Veteran and retired in 1990 from Whirlpool as a Product Engineer. He was a member of Christ Church UCC, a life member of the Reserve Officers Association, a member of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers and President of the Evansville Chapter of ASHRAE.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Eveyonne Overfield, in 2011; brother, Donald Overfield; and sister, Annabelle Coleman.

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Murel "M.T." Jones

Murel "M.T." Jones, 96 of Princeton passed away Friday May 24, 2013 at the River Oaks Health Campus in Princeton.

He was born Nov. 11, 1916 in Princeton to Henry and Lula (Spence) Jones.

M.T. had lived in Princeton all of his life.

He served in the US Army Air-Force during WWII as a flight instructor. When he returned home from service, he became the Commander of the National Guard Unit in Princeton.

He attended Butler University. He was retired and had formerly owned and operated Jones Enterprises and Mission Manufacturing in Princeton.

He was an avid golfer who still played golf up to just recently. He was an avid bowler who bowled in a league for many years. He enjoyed all sports following his son, grandchildren and great grandchildren in their activities. He was a St. Louis Cardinal Baseball fan attending many games throughout the years.

He was a member of the First General Baptist Church of Princeton where he served as a Deacon in the church for many years.

CPT (R) James L. Will

James Leon Will, Sr., age 79, of Evansville, passed away Saturday, May 25, 2013 while at Lake Barkley with his family.

Mr. Will founded the James L. Will Insurance Agency and retired from there in 1999. He was also a founder and Senior partner of Freeman, Will and Niemeier Financial Services and former owner of Fore Investments, K & W Farms and K & W Leasing. Jim had a longtime dedication to the University of Southern Indiana, where he served on the Board of Directors until 1995. He was currently a member of the Advisory Council at USI, longtime member and Past President of the USI Varsity Club and a member of the USI Coaches Club.

He was appointed to the University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees in 1996 and served as Chair in 1999. Jim was a board member of Southern Indiana Higher Education, Inc.; honorary lifetime Board Member of the Evansville Boys' and Girls' Club; member of the President's Club of Cincinnati Insurance Company; former member of Board of Directors of Evansville Water and Sewer Utility Company; former 23 year member of Board and Executive Committee member of Citizens National Bank/Fifth Third Bank.

In 1988, Jim was award the Sagamores of the Wabash by Governor Robert Orr. He was the former president and four year member of Vanderburgh County Plan Commission; former six year member of Evansville Airport Authority; lifetime honorary member and past president of the Westside Nut Club where he had been a member since 1963; former member of West Side Business and Professional Men's Association; board member of the St. Anthony Family Center and Soup Kitchen; former board member of Catholic Foundation of Southwestern Indiana, Inc.; former board member of the Catholic Education Foundation; member of St. Meinrad Alumni Association; member of the Evansville Kennel Club; member of Mater Dei Friends and Alumni

Association; member of Knights of Columbus and a 25 year member of the Evansville Country Club. Jim was a longtime member of Resurrection Catholic Church where he was an active volunteer serving on the Parish Council; as finance chairman and new building chairman. Jim was an avid golfer; had seven holes in one and shot his age at the age of 78. He was presently a member of the Cambridge Golf Club and Helfrich Hills Men's Club. Surviving Jim are his wife of 58 years, Eileen H. (Berendes) Will.

Robert L. Ingle

Robert L. Ingle, age 73 of Bedford, passed away at 6:18 p.m. on Thursday at his residence.

Robert was born on Sept. 3, 1939, in Bedford to Kenneth Evertt and Mary Elizabeth (Cropp) Ingle. He married Bonnie Brown on March 6, 1959, at the Bedford Free Methodist Church and she survives.

Bob retired from the Indiana National Guard as OMS Chief; he retired from the civil service on Dec. 31, 1995, and from the U.S. Army on June 16, 1997.

He was a member of the Bedford American Legion Post No. 33; he served many years on the Honor Guard, & Member of Crossroads Community Church.

John A. Stivers

John A. Stivers, 60 of 1356 South Brokage Ave., Vincennes, passed away at 6:56 p.m. Saturday at Good Samaritan Hospital.

He was born August 5, 1952 in Oakland City to Alvin and Sarah (Dunn) White.

John was the head housekeeper at the Super 8 Hotel in Vincennes and retired after 20 years of service in the National Guard. He loved pitching horseshoes and riding his harley "mower".

Michael "Mike" Ray Marion

Michael "Mike" Ray Marion, age 64, of West Lafayette, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Monday, June 24, 2013 at 3:32pm at his home surrounded by his loving family after a battle with cancer. Mike was born in Williamsport on June 13, 1949 to the late Gene Marion and his mother Joyce (Freeman) Setchel, who survives. He graduated from Pine Village High School and Purdue University with a degree in Management. On August 19, 1995 he married the love of his life, Cindy (Kerst) Marion, in Mulberry, who survives.

Mike worked in management for Federal Mogul and then retired from Frito Lay after 18 years. He served in the Indiana National Guard for 23 years and retired as a Captain and was a Company Commander.

Mike was very active in his church, Grace Lutheran, where he taught bible study, and proudly prepared the sanctuary for Sunday Services. Mike was a faithful Christian witness especially when speaking of God's presence during his illness. Mike loved to ride his Harley's, enjoyed mowing his lawn and shooting trap, was known as the "Keeper of the Keys" at home, and loved spending time with his precious children,

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grandchildren, and his dog, Dobbie.

Ted Marcus Vaughn

Ted (Teddy) Marcus Vaughn passed away unexpectedly on Friday, June 26, 2013, in his home in Terre Haute. Ted was born to Theodore (Ted) and Loretta Vaughn, on March 2, 1962, in Terre Haute. Ted graduated from North Vigo High School in Terre Haute.

Ted served in the Indiana Army National Guard and was recently retired. He had a tour in Iraq and served his country honorably. He also had a career at the Putnamville Correction Center. He was a member of the New Covenant Fellowship Church.

Garry J. Galey

Garry J. Galey, 61, of Evansville, Indiana, passed away Wednesday, June 26, 2013, at his home.

Garry was born in Evansville, Indiana, on March 19, 1952, to Leo and Nancy (Wagoner) Galey. Garry graduated from North High School in 1970.

He worked for General Rubber and Plastics for 35 years and retired from the National Guard in 1991, after 20 years of service. Garry was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police. He enjoyed playing golf, singing karaoke, watching sci-fi movies and he was an avid card player.

Col. (Ret) Joseph D. Ryan

Col. (Ret) USA Joseph D. Ryan (Joe), 81 of Noblesville, Indiana was called home to God on July 4, 2013 from complications resulting from his battle with leukemia. He was born on January 30, 1932 to Joseph and Elizabeth (Phillips) Ryan of Flushing, NY.

Joe entered the US Army in 1955 after being commissioned as an ROTC graduate from Fordham University. He retired a Regular Army Colonel in 1983 with twenty-nine years of active service. During that period, he served as both a field artilleryman and an air defender with three tours in West Germany and one in Vietnam. His assignments included command of troops from platoon through brigade level. His terminal assignments were Commander of a Brigade in Germany, Deputy Commander of a major European Command, and Senior Army Advisor to the State Adjutant General of Indiana. Joe was a resident graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces at the National Defense University and held a Masters in Administration from Central Michigan University. His awards included three Legion of Merits, the Soldiers Medal, and the Combat Infantry Badge.

After Army retirement, Joe became Business Manager of Marian University in Indianapolis and later Superintendent of the Indiana World War Memorial. His contributions to the War Memorial included the implementation of a museum quality preservation program for the Indiana Civil War Battle Flags and the development of a long term maintenance and rehabilitation program for the World War Memorial.

Joe dedicated his life to service and his country. He worked

diligently on the development of legislation to support retirees and veterans. He served as President of the Indiana Council of Chapters of the Military Officers Assn. of Indiana, Chairman of the Commanding General's Retiree Council at Fort Knox, Past President of the Hamilton County Chapter of the American Red Cross, and a participating member of the Indiana Military / Veterans Coalition. Joe was an avid outdoorsman. He loved his family, his dogs, cherished his friends, and was especially proud of his eight grandchildren.

CSM Robert Charles "Chuck" Zeider

Commander Sgt. Major Robert Charles "Chuck" Zeider, 61, Logansport, passed away at 4 a.m. Sunday, July 7, 2013, at his residence.

Born on May 27, 1952, in Rochester, he was the son of the late Robert E. and Mary Ellen (Markley) Zeider. On June 6, 1970, he married Diane E. Swisher, and she survives. He was proud to be the son-in-law of Richard and Elizabeth Swisher.

Chuck was served in the National Guard for 21 years and attained the highest non-commissioned rank of Commander Sgt. He was formerly employed at Exide, CFS and Dave Anderson Fertilizer Company. He enjoyed fishing and mushroom hunting.

Max J. Grist Jr.

Max J. Grist Jr., 69, Monticello, passed away Wednesday, July 10, 2013, at IU Arnett Hospital of Lafayette. He was born Feb. 8, 1944, in Kokomo, to the late Max J. and Velma (Belt) Grist Sr.

Max attended Kokomo High School and joined the U.S. Marine Corps, serving four years during the Vietnam era. He joined the Indiana Army National Guard, serving as a recruiter and later as supply sergeant. He served 30 years total in the military.

Max was a faith-filled man, a strong Christian and had a deep personal relationship with his Lord Jesus Christ throughout his life.



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