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VISIT WITH TROOP FAMILIES \ SEYMOUR JOHNSON A.F.B.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1991 \ 11:30 A.M.

IT'S GREAT TO BE HERE AT SEYMOUR JOHNSON AFB, HOME OF THE 4TH TACTICAL FIGHTER WING // THE "ROCKETEERS" AND THE "CHIEFS" // AS WELL AS YOUR REFUELING UNITS, THE 68TH AND THE 916TH. // AND LET ME SAY WHAT AN UNBELIEVEABLE JOB COLONEL "JUMBO" WRAY IS DOING HERE ON BASE // WHILE YOUR WING COMMANDER, COLONEL HORNBURG, IS DEPLOYED WITH DESERT STORM. I AM ALSO GLAD TO SEE GOVERNOR MARTIN HERE WITH US TODAY, AS WELL AS CONGRESSMAN LANCASTER AND MAYOR PLUNK.



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I'D LIKE TO THANK THE MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE WAYNE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR HOSTING THIS FINE PICNIC.

I AM PROUD TO SHARE THIS STAGE WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE, DR. DON RICE AND HIS WIFE; AS WELL AS THE AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF, GENERAL TONY McPEAK AND HIS WIFE. ///

I'VE JUST ARRIVED FROM THE MARINE AIR STATION AT CHERRY POINT AND WE'RE HEADING TO FORT STEWART NEXT.

I WANT TO TELL YOU HOW PLEASED I AM TO BE ABLE TO SPEND SOME TIME MEETING AND TALKING WITH YOU -- ESPECIALLY THE KIDS -- BECAUSE I KNOW HOW TOUGH THESE TIMES CAN BE. THE WAITING. THE UNCERTAINTY. THE NOT KNOWING. BUT EACH OF YOU DO KNOW THIS: THE MEN AND WOMEN FROM SEYMOUR JOHNSON ARE DOING A PHENOMENAL JOB. // THE TACTICAL FIGHTERS, THE REFUELERS, THE MEDICAL PERSONNEL, THE CIVIL ENGINEERS, THE SECURITY POLICE. //

I WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW GRATEFUL THE NATION IS TO ALL OF THEM -- AND TO YOU -- AND TO SHARE WITH YOU A FEW THOUGHTS.

I PROBABLY DON'T NEED TO TELL YOU THAT THE BRAVE SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN OF THIS BASE ARE PART OF THE MOST MOTIVATED, BEST EDUCATED, AND BEST EQUIPPED ARMED FORCES IN THE HISTORY OF THIS COUNTRY -- BAR NONE. // BECAUSE THEY ARE DOING THE HARD WORK OF FREEDOM, THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM WILL PREVAIL. //


WE ARE NOW MORE THAN TWO WEEKS INTO OPERATION DESERT STORM. AND I AM HAPPY TO SAY, WE ARE ON COURSE AND ON SCHEDULE. AS EACH DAY PASSES, IRAQ'S WAR MACHINE IS BEING SYSTEMATICALLY DESTROYED BY OUR ALLIED MILITARY FORCES. OUR INVESTMENT, OUR TRAINING, AND OUR PLANNING ARE PAYING OFF. SACRIFICES STILL LAY AHEAD, BUT WE WILL SUCCEED. //

AND WHEN WE DO, WE WILL HAVE TAUGHT SADDAM HUSSEIN -- AND ALL OTHERS LIKE HIM -- THAT THERE IS NO PLACE FOR LAWLESS AGGRESSION IN THE REGION OR IN THE NEW WORLD ORDER THAT WE ENVISION.

WHILE I'M HERE, I WOULD BE REMISS IF I DID NOT SALUTE WHAT U.S. AND COALITION AIRMEN HAVE ACCOMPLISHED. AIR SUPERIORITY IS AN ESTABLISHED FACT. THE IRAQI AIR FORCE IS NO LONGER A FACTOR.

AND I KNOW THAT THIS BASE IS VERY PROUD OF THE WAY WE HAVE USED THAT SUPERIORITY TO GO AFTER SADDAM'S MISSILES OF TERROR.

OUR MISSION IN THE GULF IS DIFFICULT AND DEMANDING, BUT I CAN TELL YOU OUR TROOPS WILL NOT BE ASKED TO ACCOMPLISH THEIR MISSION WITH ONE HAND TIED BEHIND THEIR BACK. AND KNOW SOMETHING ELSE -- YOUR HUSBANDS AND WIVES -- YOUR MOMS AND DADS -- WILL NOT BE IN THE GULF ONE DAY LONGER THAN ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. //



AND FINALLY, I WANT EACH OF YOU AND ALL OUR TROOPS TO KNOW THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE STAND WITH THEM. I HOPE YOU HAD A CHANCE TO WATCH THE STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS, BECAUSE YOU WOULD HAVE SEEN A VERY MOVING SCENE: THE ENTIRE CONGRESS, CABINET, SUPREME COURT, JOINT CHIEFS AND DIPLOMATIC CORPS ROSE TO THEIR FEET IN A PROLONGED, HEARTFELT TRIBUTE TO THE TROOPS. IF ONLY YOU COULD HAVE FELT THE THUNDER OF THE APPLAUSE, AND SENSED THE EMOTION THAT FILLED THAT CHAMBER.

AND THE CHEERING WAS FOLLOWED BY TWO MORE STANDING OVATIONS FOR YOU, THE COURAGEOUS FAMILIES OF OUR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN -- IT WAS FOR YOU AND FOR OUR TROOPS. AND THAT'S THE WAY IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN.


I KNOW IT'S BEEN TOUGH HERE AT SEYMOUR JOHNSON. I KNOW WHAT IT IS THAT YOU HAVE OFFERED THE NATION. I UNDERSTAND WHAT IT IS I HAVE ASKED OF YOU. MEMBERS OF THIS FIGHTING UNIT HAVE VOLUNTARILY SET ASIDE THEIR FREEDOM TO WAGE THIS BATTLE.

BUT WHILE TODAY SOME MAY BE PRISONERS OF WAR, A LIFETIME OF DEMOCRACY KEEPS THEIR SPIRIT FREE. NO FOREIGN DICTATOR CAN IMPRISON THE LOVE OF LIBERTY THAT BEATS IN THE HEART OF EVERY AMERICAN.

BEFORE I FINISH, I'D LIKE TO SAY SOMETHING TO ALL THE KIDS HERE TODAY. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOUR PARENTS, OUR TROOPS IN THE GULF, ARE ENDURING THE HARDSHIPS OF WAR TODAY SO THAT YOU MAY KNOW THE BLESSINGS OF PEACE TOMORROW.

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SEEING SUCH STRONG FAMILIES HERE TODAY -- KNOWING
THE SUPPORT YOU HAVE RECEIVED FROM THIS COMMUNITY -- IS
GOOD FOR THE SOUL AND PROVES THE STRENGTH OF AMERICA'S
SPIRIT. I THANK EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU. I DRAW
COURAGE FROM YOUR FORBEARANCE, AND I ASK GOD'S BLESSING
UPON YOU ALL AND UPON EVERY SOLDIER AND SAILOR, EVERY
MARINE, AIRMAN AND COAST GUARDSMAN -- EVERY MAN AND
WOMAN NOW SERVING IN THE PERSIAN GULF.



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THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA.

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PROPOSED VIDEO MESSAGE
RAY SHAMIE RETIREMENT DINNER

Good evening to everyone in the beautiful Bay State saying good-bye to a great friend and leader, Chairman Ray Shamie. Ray, hearty congratulations on a job well done.

When I think of Ray working the back roads of Massachusetts, I'm reminded of the story St. Patrick. Standing at Cashel Rock he convinced thousands of Irish to "see the light." And while he may not be Irish, Ray has been praying for St. Patrick's talent at persuading the followers -- but so far it hasn't worked on the two senators from Massachusetts.

But it's sure worked on every one else. During his four years as state chairman, Ray has helped Republicans, at every level win election. From turning the tide in the Boston Harbor, to exposing the Massachusetts "Mirage", Ray was invaluable in helping to win the national campaign in 1988.

And, the new Massachusetts Republican Party of today stands as a tribute to the man we honor tonight. Election Day, 1990 will be long remembered for the many new winning Republican faces. For the first time since 1972, we can proudly call the Massachusetts governor and lieutenant governor Republicans, Bill Weld and Paul Cellucci. And let's not forget that for the first time in 26 years, the State Treasurer calls the Grand Old Party home.

But, this year, thanks to Ray's leadership, the Republican Rebound extended down to the state house and to county offices as well. And with the addition of eight newly elected state senators, Governor Weld has veto strength in that body which will make a big difference in the redistricting battle.

Ray, all of us owe you a lot. And while you may be sailing off into retirement, I'm sure it won't last too long. There will be a call for help from a candidate or another worthy cause in which to get involved. And as always, Ray Shamie will be there to lend a hand.

Ray, Barbara joins me in wishing you and Edna the very best. Thank you, congratulations on a great night and God bless you all.

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January 30, 1991
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**BRIEF REMARKS: VISIT WITH TROOP FAMILIES
SEYMOUR JOHNSON AIR FORCE BASE
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1991
TIME?**

It's great to be here at Seymour Johnson AFB, home of the 4th Tactical Fighter Wing // the "Rocketeers" and the "Chiefs" // as well as the 68th and the 916th Aerial Refueling Wings. // And let me say what an unbelievable job Colonel Wray is doing here on base // while your Wing Commander, Colonel Hornburg, is deployed with Desert Storm. Colonel Wray was the one who assured me that at this picnic, security would be tight. // He's given me the all-clear sign. // **No broccoli.**

I've just arrived from (base) and we're heading to (base) next. I'm here to discuss the importance of what you're doing as members of Desert Storm. Earlier this week, in the State of the Union address, I said that most Americans understand why humanity turns to us at times like these. It's because **we are Americans** -- we carry the burden of leadership and strength in the world. **America -- and America alone** -- has both the moral standing and the means behind it to assemble the forces of peace. That's what has made America **"the beacon of freedom in a searching world."**

Indeed, each of us is part of something larger than ourselves. Every member of the Seymour Johnson community has volunteered to do **the hard work of freedom.** Each has answered the call to serve in a just and moral war, one that will earn a

lasting peace for future generations. And while the future may seem cloudy in the fog of war, three things remain clear:

Number One: The brave servicemen and women of this unit are part of the most **motivated**, most **educated**, and **best equipped** armed forces in the history of this country -- **bar none.** // **They are doing the hard work of freedom, and the cause of freedom will prevail.** //

Which leads me to Number Two: Because our mission is to secure peace, our troops will not be asked to accomplish their mission with one hand tied behind their back. Know that your husbands and wives -- and in some cases, moms and dads -- **will not be in the Gulf one day longer than absolutely necessary.**

And Number Three: **The American people are behind you.** I hope you were watching the State of the Union, so that you could witness the most moving part of the evening. The entire Congress, Cabinet, Joint Chiefs and diplomatic corps rose to their feet in a prolonged, roaring tribute to the troops -- only to be followed by two more standing ovations to you, the courageous families of our servicemen and women. [examples of community support to come] You're doing more than just keeping the home fires burning -- your bravery and steadfastness here at home is fuelling the spirits of all Americans.

I know it's been tough here at Seymour Johnson. Members of this fighting unit have given **their freedom** and even, in some cases, **their lives** in this battle. But while the enemy may be able to capture some members of our fighting force in body, they

will never capture them in mind. A lifetime of democracy keeps the spirit free, and no dictator can imprison in a foreign land **the love of liberty** that was born in America.

Before I finish, I'd like to say something to all the kids here today. I want you to know that your dads and moms, our troops in the Gulf, and the ones they left behind, are enduring the hardships of war **today** so that you may know the blessings of peace **tomorrow**.

Seeing such strong families here today is good for the soul -- and proves the strength of America's spirit. I thank each and every one of you for your tremendous support, I draw courage from your forbearance, and ask God's blessing upon you all.

Thank you and God bless the United States of America.

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January 25, 1991, Friday, PM cycle

SECTION: Domestic News

LENGTH: 325 words

HEADLINE: Mother Encouraged by Captured Pilot's Appearance on Iraqi TV

BYLINE: By KEN KUSMER, Associated Press Writer

DATELINE: INDIANAPOLIS

KEYWORD: Gulf-POWs

BODY:

The mother of an Air Force commander listed as missing in action said she believed her son, identified today on Iraqi broadcasts of prisoners of war, was alive all along.

Iraqi broadcasts showed men identified as captured airmen, three Americans and an Italian.

The men identified themselves as Col. David William Eberly, Lt. Lawrence Randolph Blake, 26, and Maj. Thomas Edward Griffith, 34. The Italian's name was inaudible, as was much of the broadcast, monitored in Nicosia.

Eberly and Griffith are on the Pentagon's list of Americans missing in action. Both are in the Air Force and are from Goldsboro, N.C. There is no Lawrence Randolph Blake listed, but there is a Lt. Lawrence Randolph Slade, 26, of Virginia Beach, Va., listed among the missing.

Slade's family declined to comment today.

The man said to be Eberly said he was suffering from a neck injury. The interviewer quoted him as saying "many pilots are expressing their opposition to this war."

There was no way of telling if the statement was made under duress, but Eberly's mother, Evelyn Wallace of Brazil, Ind., said the statement was at odds with her son's feelings.

"He's proud to be an American," she said. "He just felt all along that it was necessary to go to war."

Eberly, 43, was piloting an F-15-E when he didn't return from a mission Saturday. Mrs. Wallace said Defense Department officials notified her Sunday that her son was missing in action. She said neither she nor her son's wife has received official word that Eberly is a prisoner of war.

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When she saw the Iraqi footage, she said, "I had the Bible open reassuring myself that God has a purpose for all of us, and this his (Eberly's) purpose was not yet over."

"I have been confident all along that he was alive," she said.

Eberly had been stationed at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro, N.C., where the 4th Tactical Fighter Wing is based. He has a wife, Barbara, and an 18-year-old son.

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January 21, 1991, Monday, PM cycle

SECTION: Domestic News

LENGTH: 866 words

HEADLINE: Missing Airmen Include Veteran of 29 Years in Marine Corps

BYLINE: By The Associated Press

KEYWORD: Gulf-U.S. Missing

BODY:

Here are sketches of some of the U.S. military men reported missing in action in the Persian Gulf:

Lt. Col. Clifford Acree, 39 - Stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif., Acree was commander of a Marine observation squadron. He was flying a turboprop observation plane when he was shot down.

He was among three Americans identified as captured by Iraq in interviews broadcast on Iraqi television. On the broadcast, a man identifying himself as Acree said: "I would like to tell my wife and family I am alive and well."

Cindy Acree said in a written statement Sunday: "Wherever he is, he knows that I love him more than anything in the world, and I always will. ... What has helped me and continues to give me strength is knowing that Cliff is dedicated to serving his country and he will persevere."

The Acrees have an 11-year-old girl, Stephany.

Lt. William T. Costen, 27 - The Navy pilot from St. Louis failed to return from a bombing mission.

"I'm sure he's going to get back into that cockpit and fly again," said his mother, Barbara Wilkins. "We're very strong on hope," said Ms. Wilkins, of Shrewsbury, Mo.. "That's the thing that's holding us together. We feel his chances are very good."

His father, Dr. William Costen, said his son, "saw himself as the arm of the president, and he was ready to go."

Costen joined the Navy after graduating from the University of the South in 1985. He was based at Whidbey Island, Wash., before his squadron was sent to the Persian Gulf this month.

The Associated Press, January 21, 1991

Col. David W. Eberly, 43 - A native of Brazil, Ind., Eberly is a 1965 graduate of Brazil High School and a 1969 graduate of Indiana University. He was stationed at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro, N.C.

"We just hope that he will be found," said his mother in Indianapolis, who didn't want her name disclosed. "Missing in action does not give a definite thing. It just means something along the way went wrong."

Chief Warrant Officer Guy Hunter Jr., 46 - A native of Moultrie, Ga., is a 29-year Marine veteran who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif. He was flying with Acree.

Hunter's wife, Mary, said that when she learned he was missing, "I felt like somebody stuck a dagger into my heart. I just wish I knew if he was alive or dead. ... I just want him back."

Hunter was identified on Iraqi television as among the allied fighters captured. In a broadcast interview, a man identifying himself as Hunter said:

"To my wife and children, I miss you very much. I'm in good hands and being treated well. To the children, please study hard in school."

The Hunters have three children ages 12, 9 and 7.

Air Force Maj. Donnie R. Holland, 42 - A weapons system officer from Bastrop, La. On Sunday his hometown dedicated a monument inscribed with the names of 123 residents who died in World Wars I and II, Korea and Vietnam.

"It's very ironic that this would be taking place at this time," said Mike Ray, education minister at First Baptist Church in Bastrop, said before the ceremony.

Air Force Maj. Thomas F. Koritz, 37 - One of only five Air Force surgeons who are also pilots, Koritz disappeared on a bombing mission.

"We've all been glued to our television sets, fascinated by the technology, excited by the drama," said the family's pastor, Charles Denison, in Rochelle, Ill., where Koritz was a high school football hero. "Suddenly our reactions changed. Suddenly this was a real war that might have cost a brilliant, young man who has a wife and three sons.

"That touched home so hard. As a community, we're in pain."

Navy Lt. Charlie Turner, 29 - A bombardier from Richfield, Minn., Turner was Costen's navigator when their airplane disappeared over Kuwait.

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"We are very proud of him and what he stands for. We are praying for him and his pilot's safety, and we are not giving any more information for fear that there is a chance that it could harm him in whatever situation he is in," said his mother, Helene Turner, in Richfield.

Turner is married and has a 6-month-old son.

Lt. Robert Wetzel, 30 - The Navy pilot from Virginia Beach, Va., was remembered Sunday at a church service and reception in Vero Beach, Fla., where his parents, William and Kathleen Wetzel, live.

"We're overwhelmed by all the love, support and prayer everyone has given. We know it's going to help bring Bob back," William Wetzel said.

Wetzel is a native of Metuchen, N.J. His fiancée, Jaqui Curtin, lives in Virginia Beach. They were to be married March 2.

Navy Lt. Jeffrey N. Zaun, 28 - A flier with an attack squadron, Zaun, from Virginia Beach, Va., was deployed on the USS Saratoga.

Identified on Iraqi television as captured, a man who said he was Zaun had this broadcast message: "I would like to tell my mother and my father and my sister that I am well and that they should pray for peace."

Marjorie Zaun said the voice was her son's.

"Thank God he's still alive," said Mrs. Zaun in the family's hometown of Cherry Hill, N.J. "Our prayers are being answered."

Also missing were: Maj. Thomas E. Griffith, 34; Capt. Harry M. Roberts, 30; Navy Lt. Cmdr. Michael Scott Speicher, 33, Jacksonville, Fla.; Maj. Jeffrey Scott Tice, 35.

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January 20, 1991, Sunday, AM cycle

SECTION: Domestic News

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HEADLINE: Missing Airmen Include Vet of 29 Years in Marine Corps

BYLINE: By The Associated Press

KEYWORD: Gulf-U.S. Casualties

BODY:

The U.S. airmen reported missing in the Persian Gulf include a veteran of 29 years in the Marine Corps who served four tours in Vietnam, and he may have been one of several purported prisoners interviewed on Iraqi television.

Chief Warrant Officer Guy Hunter, 46, had told his wife, Mary, by telephone earlier that he had received a Navy Commendation Medal in the Persian Gulf, but he refused to say how he had earned it.

"He was very concerned about the money and my decisions, and the children, their well-being and where they were going to be raised," she said.

Mrs. Hunter said she was told her husband was missing Friday by three Marine officers who appeared at her door.

"I felt like somebody stuck a dagger into my heart," she said. "I just wish I knew if he was alive or dead. ... I just want him back."

Hunter and Lt. Col. Clifford Acree, 39, both based at Camp Pendleton in southern California, were flying a Marine OV-10 Bronco, a turboprop observation plane that supports other combat aircraft, authorities said Sunday.

Mrs. Hunter said her husband was the observation officer on the OV-10 and Acree was the pilot. It was Hunter's first combat mission in Operation Desert Storm, she said.

The Acree home in Oceanside could not be reached by telephone Sunday.

Also missing were Col. David W. Eberly, 43; Maj. Thomas E. Griffith, 34; Air Force Maj. Donnie R. Holland, 42, Bastrop, La.; Air Force Maj. Thomas F. Koritz, 37, Rochelle, Ill.; Capt. Harry M. Roberts, 30; Navy Lt. Cmdr. Michael Scott Speicher, 33, Jacksonville, Fla.; Maj. Jeffrey Scott Tice, 35; Navy Lt. Charlie Turner, 29; Navy Lt. Robert Wetzell, 30, Virginia Beach, Va.; and Navy Lt. Jeffrey N. Zaun, 28, Cherry Hill, N.J.

The official Iraqi News Agency said Sunday that Baghdad television had broadcast interviews with several men it claimed were captured allied pilots,

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including Americans, an Italian, a Kuwaiti and a British flyer.

Two names released by the INA were Lt. Jeffry Morton Zoon, 27, of Attack Squadron 30 and Marine pilot K. Hunter, 46. That appeared to correspond to Hunter and Zaun.

Asked her reaction to that Iraqi report, Mrs. Hunter said Sunday: "I was told I shouldn't believe everything I hear on the radio or on the television, although that makes me feel very good. But until I get told by the military I can't get my hopes up real high, even though I have."

CNN's Peter Arnett, reporting Sunday night from Baghdad, said he had seen the broadcast interviews, and that one of the men identified himself as Acree.

"The manner of all the men was subdued. One's conversation was barely audible. One man had a bandaged hand, and two others had bruised faces," Arnett said.

Arnett said the man who identified as Hunter said he thought " 'the war is crazy'" and that " 'I condemn the aggression against peaceful Iraq.'" He said the man identified as Zoon told an interviewer: " 'I think our leaders have wrongly attacked the peaceful people of Iraq.'" There was no way of knowing if they were being forced to make those responses.

Turner's family in Minneapolis was told that he was missing Saturday, Turner's mother, Helene, said Sunday. Turner was a bombardier-navigator on a Navy A-6 bomber that was shot down over Kuwait on Friday, WCCO-TV reported.

"We are very proud of him and what he stands for. We are praying for him and his pilot's safety, and we are not giving any more information for fear that there is a chance that it could harm him in whatever situation he is in," Mrs. Turner said.

Turner is married and has a 6-month-old son, his mother said.

The town of Rochelle in northern Illinois, meanwhile, is hoping for good news after Air Force Maj. Thomas Koritz, a surgeon, pilot and father of three, disappeared Thursday while piloting a F-15E aircraft in a bombing mission over Iraq, his family was told.

In Rochelle, Ill., about 65 miles west of Chicago, Koritz was something of a local legend - a high school football hero who grew up to become one of only five Air Force surgeons who also are pilots.

"We've all been glued to our television sets, fascinated by the technology, excited by the drama," said the family pastor, Charles Denison said. "Suddenly our reactions changed. Suddenly this was a real war that might have cost a brilliant, young man who has a wife and three sons.

"That touched home so hard. As a community, we're in pain."

The pilot's parents, Dr. Thomas and Mary Koritz, flew to Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro, N.C., where their son's wife and three sons, ages 8, 6 and 4, have been living.

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Holland was weapon system officer on Koritz's plane. His family in Bastrop, La., learned Thursday night that he was missing.

On Sunday, city officials and religious leaders in Bastrop dedicated a monument inscribed with the names of 123 area residents who died in World Wars I and II, Korea and Vietnam.

"It's very ironic that this would be taking place at this time," Mike Ray, education minister at First Baptist Church in Bastrop, said before the ceremony. "This has been planned for some time. They've been working on the monument for about a year and a half."

Holland's parents, Doug and Christine, stayed close to the phone Sunday, said Harold Holland, one of the officer's brothers. They sent a note to First Baptist, thanking fellow church members for their support, he said.

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ABC NEWS

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ANNOUNCER: From ABC News, the Weekend Report. Here's Jack Smith.

JACK SMITH: Good evening. In the Gulf as American planes continue their around-the-clock bombing, President Bush has dispatched US defensive missiles to Israel and the Pentagon confirms that the US air campaign has begun to shift targets to Saddam Hussein's ground troops. But the top priority for US forces remains Iraq's SCUD missiles and the fear they may be fired again. We begin tonight's coverage with a report on the progress of the fighting from ABC's Mike Von Fremd in Saudi Arabia.

MIKE VON FREMD: It is a race to try to stop Saddam before he strikes again. Ground crews re-equip fighters with thousands of laser-guided bombs, sending the fighters back into the skies to knock out the missiles that Iraq is successfully sending across its borders. Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney returning from Camp David today told reporters that the allied forces are doing everything to find and destroy the SCUD missiles, but concedes it is a problem. While fighters search for SCUDs, the Marines have turned their Harrier jump jets on Iraqi ground troops near the Saudi-Kuwaiti border. And the US has stepped up its bombing attack on Iraq's elite Republican Guard troops.

MAJOR RANDY POWELL: Basically we're hitting, hitting any target that would impede the progress of the ground troops going forward.

MIKE VON FREMD: The French are helping with their Jaguar fighters. This one scored a strike on an ammunition dump. Twelve Iraqi soldiers were captured today from oil platforms in the Persian Gulf near Kuwait. Also in the Gulf, the battleship Wisconsin launched more Tomahawk cruise missiles at targets inside Iraq and Kuwait. Despite the pounding, many US flight crews say the Iraqis seem to be showing more resistance.

COLONEL TOM LENNON: We saw some air-to-air and we saw some ground-air and we saw a lot of triple A and we worked for our money last night.

MIKE VON FREMD: To date the US military reports that six American planes have been shot down while Iraq has lost ten. And late tonight some good news, two American F-4 fighter pilots, that were previously reported missing, have been found. There are now nine airmen missing, a remarkably low number when you consider more than 4,000 missions have been flown. Mike Von Fremd, ABC News, Saudi Arabia.

JACK SMITH: A reminder that on tomorrow's This Week with David Brinkley, the principal guest will be General Norman Schwarzkopf the commander of US forces in the Gulf. Israel today indicated it would delay retaliation against Iraq for last night's SCUD missiles attacks in deference to US wishes and because

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Washington in a highly unusual move rushed defensive missile batteries to Israel. Dean Reynolds has the story from Jerusalem.

DEAN REYNOLDS: One Israeli official called it the biggest air lift here since the 1973 Yom Kippur war. Several batteries of American made Patriot missile interceptors were shipped to the Jewish state as a counter to Iraqi missile attacks. American military crews accompanied the Patriots and will assist Israeli soldiers in running them. The first time Israel has accepted the help of foreign troops. In Saudi Arabia this week, the Patriot proved that it can destroy an incoming SCUD missile. Bu the system is not foolproof. Patriot's range is short, it can't intercept a missile until it is closing in. Destroying one with a chemical warhead could risk contamination of an area very near the intended target. Israeli officials, who long ago promised to retaliate heavily for any Iraqi attack, have thus far held back. But that could change if the air raid sirens continue sounding.

YOGGI OMERG: I don't believe that anyone does really expect Israel not to use its right to self-defense.

DEAN REYNOLDS: Today the Israelis were calculating the losses of a second strike by Iraq. No one was killed but building damage was extensive. It is early Sunday morning in Israel and it has been a quiet night, but there is no lessening of tension here. Iraq still has its missiles and the means to use them. Dean Reynolds, ABC News, Jerusalem.

JACK SMITH: The US anticipated an anti-American terrorist campaign should war break out and today a bomb exploded apparently prematurely cratering the pavement outside the US cultural center in Manila in the Philippines. An Iraqi student was injured and his companion, who it's thought was carrying the bomb, was killed.

[Commercial break]

JACK SMITH: Iraq today ordered the few remaining foreign journalists in Baghdad to leave. Communications in any case were getting bad and satellite transmissions ceased several days ago. For a glimpse of what Baghdad at war looks like, here is ABC's Gary Shepard.

GARY SHEPARD: The American bombing raids on Baghdad have turned into a nightly event and the damage is becoming more and more visible. An American Tomahawk cruise missile slammed into this building, the Iraqis had no way of stopping it. There are plenty of antiaircraft batteries still intact, but they've had little effect on the bombing runs. Some radar is working, but has generally been ineffective. After this communications tower was hit telephone service in Baghdad was paralyzed. Electricity is off in much of the city and a great deal of the plumbing doesn't work. When the war started the bombing was surgical, aimed at precise targets. Lately on the outskirts of the capital the planes have been conducting saturation bombing over much wider areas. Radio Baghdad has been broadcasting urgent appeals, asking Iraqi citizens to capture any American pilots who might be shot down and turn them in to the Army. The reward: the equivalent of 30,000 dollars. Gary Shepard, ABC News, Amman, Jordan.

JACK SMITH: In Washington, Iraq's ranking diplomat was summoned to the State Department today to discuss prisoners of war. He was assured that all Iraqi

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POWs are being treated under the terms of the Geneva Convention and he was given a letter saying humane treatment was also expected should Iraq take any prisoners. This was the first known diplomatic contact between the US and Iraq since the outbreak of war. The nation's capital was also the site of one of the country's biggest antiwar demonstrations today. A crowd of about 25,000 gathered across from the White House, there to condemn the President's Gulf policy. After listening to some fiery speeches the demonstrators marched from the White House to the capital, blocking traffic and clashing with counterprotestors who support the war. We'll be back in a moment.

[Commercial break]

JACK SMITH: As American soldiers now engage in combat a half world away. The families and communities they left behind cannot hide their anxiety or their pride. Three days into the Gulf war both emotions are running high at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in North Carolina. Al Dale reports.

AL DALE: Visitors to the town of Goldsboro in eastern North Carolina know right away it's a proud military town. It's a town where flag and family are paramount. And now, two days after the war began there's pride here that pilots and crews from the local Air Force base were among the first into action over Iraq and Kuwait.

WOMAN: Pride is not the issue so much as fear and concern for them.

AL DALE: Fear and concern naturally are most profoundly felt by the wives of those who went to fight in Operation Desert Storm. Especially now that a F-15E attack fighter from the base here has been lost in combat. Paula Manion's husband Joe is a weapons officer in an F-15E squadron, flying missions in Operation Desert Storm.

PAULA MANION: I think I know that if something happened to him that I would know right away. So as long as I know nothing I believe in my heart that he's safe.

AL DALE: Not just safe, but thinking of her and their 17 month old boy.

PAULA MANION: He always told me when they go, right before they fly they dedicate flights. So I thought of him doing that maybe to me and the baby.

AL DALE: When wives get together to give each other support, thoughts often turn to when the ordeal is finally over.

SHERRI CROGHAN: I just know that he has to do his job and whatever he's told to do he'll do and he'll do it great and when he comes home it'll be wonderful. I can't wait till he's here.

AL DALE: But here in North Carolina among those waiting for loved ones at war, genuine optimism that a homecoming could be soon is hard to come by. Al Dale, ABC News, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

JACK SMITH: When we return, the White House says "play ball".

[Commercial break]

JACK SMITH: The eruption of war in the Gulf should not mean the interruption

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of professional football. The word from the White House is that the games should go on so that people's lives are not disrupted any more than is necessary. The NFL is gearing up for the playoff games tomorrow between the New York Giants and San Francisco and the LA Raiders and the Buffalo Bills. But as Armen Keteyian reports, concern over the Gulf war has added another dimension of tension to this championship season.

ARMEN KETEYIAN: This is the type of action a global television audience and the 80,000 fans jamming Rich Stadium tomorrow hope to see. Others however view the conference championship between the Buffalo Bills and the Los Angeles Raiders not as a showcase event, but as a potential target for terrorism.

BILL WILLIAM PAYNE: There'll be a command post out there tomorrow we're part of that...all our agents are on standby our SWAT team's on standby. But we've had no threats at all, specific threats. It's just all preventative.

ARMEN KETEYIAN: As part of the precautions, the FBI is huddled with the local sheriff's department and other agencies to tighten security. Those steps will include a 24 hour guard around the stadium, sealing it off until just 90 minutes before game time, use of dogs trained to sniff out explosives and FAA restrictions prohibiting air traffic near the stadium. Fans will also be subject to searches and a no-nonsense attitude from the police.

BILL WILLIAM PAYNE: And I would caution anybody going to that game do not make any frivolous statements because we will be duty bound to investigate it very seriously and we will.

ARMEN KETEYIAN: So while fans focus on the action, wary eyes will be watching, intent on stopping a problem before it starts. Armen Keteyian, ABC News, Orchard Park, New York.

JACK SMITH: That's tonight's news. We'll continue to give you updates on the Gulf war every hour on the hour and we'll be here if any major news breaks out. I'm Jack Smith. Good night.

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The Associated Press

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SECTION: Domestic News

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HEADLINE: Five Pilots Among Seven U.S. Servicemen Missing in Action

BYLINE: By The Associated Press

KEYWORD: Gulf-U.S. Casualties

BODY:

Five pilots - including one who planned to be married in five weeks - were among the first U.S. servicemen reported missing in action after Operation Desert Storm missions to bomb Iraq.

A total of seven U.S. crewmen from four aircraft are reported missing.

Two Navy fliers based at the Oceana Naval Air Station in Virginia Beach, Va., were reported missing when their A-6E jet didn't return from a bombing mission, Vice Adm. John K. Ready, commander of the U.S. Naval Air Force Atlantic, said Friday.

The Pentagon identified the men as Lt. Robert Wetzel, 30, and Lt. Jeffrey N. Zaun, 28, from Cherry Hill, N.J. Wetzel and Zaun, both of whom are single, were flying from the aircraft carrier Saratoga, based in Mayport, Fla.

Wetzel, originally from Metuchen, N.J., planned to be married March 2.

The Air Force fliers were Lt. Col. Donnie R. Holland, 42, of Goldsboro, N.C., and Maj. Thomas F. Koritz, 37. No hometown was available for Koritz.

Both were based at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro, N.C.

Doug and Christine Holland of Bastrop, La., said their daughter-in-law, Christine Holland, was notified that Holland had not returned with his squadron after successfully completing his mission. The couple has two children.

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Michael Scott Speicher, 33, of Jacksonville, Fla., was the first American casualty of Operation Desert Storm.

Pentagon officials listed Speicher as missing in action after his plane was hit by an Iraqi-fired surface-to-air missile on the first night of bombing.

He was flying a F-A-18 Hornet off the Saratoga.

Speicher and his wife, Joanne, have two children.

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GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

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HEADLINE: FATHER, FOOTBALL STAR IS MIA

BYLINE: BETSY BURKHARD; The Rockford Register-StarROCHELLE, Ill.

KEYWORD: IRAQ-MIA

BODY:

The news came just before the Friday night tip-off of the basketball game between the Rochelle Hubs and the Princeton Tigers.

Tom Koritz, football star, son of a local doctor, the community's homegrown 'Top Gun' Air Force pilot, was missing in action in the Persian Gulf War, the voice over the public address system said.

The asked-for moment of silence followed.

But it lasted much longer than a moment, finally broken by gasps from the crowd: Not Tom Koritz, not the father of three young boys, not one of the town's best and brightest.

But it was - the gulf war had hit home.

Reports broadcast on Cable News Network later that evening confirmed the community's fears - Maj. Thomas F. Koritz did not return from a Thursday bombing mission over Iraq.

Of the 630,000 allied troops engaged in the gulf war, fewer than a dozen were listed as dead or missing. Among them was one of their own, the first possible casualty of the war from Illinois.

'His mother was in church Sunday talking about her fears for her son,' family pastor Charles Denison said. 'We've all been glued to our television sets, fascinated by the technology, excited by the drama.'

'Suddenly, our reactions changed. Suddenly, this was a real war that might have cost us a brilliant, young 37-year-old who has a wife and three sons.'

'That touched home so hard. As a community, we're in pain.'

Koritz is one of nine American airmen from five aircraft reported missing after bombing missions over Iraq in the five-day-old Operation Desert Storm.

Koritz, a pilot, and Maj. Donnie R. Holland, 42, of Louisiana, Koritz's weapons system officer, were flying an F-15E Eagle on a bombing mission, said Staff Sgt. Dan McCarthy, spokesman for Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro, N.C.

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They were listed as missing when they did not return to an undisclosed base with their squadron after the nighttime mission.

Koritz's wife, Julie, was notified immediately. She notified her in-laws, Dr. Thomas and Mary Koritz, of Rochelle. They traveled to North Carolina to be with her.

Denison, who has been in contact with the family, said they are buoyed by Pentagon reports that the Eagle was not shot down, and by Iraqi claims that at least two pilots have been captured.

'The Pentagon tells them they truly are missing in action,' Denison said. 'The presumption of the Pentagon is that he's down in enemy territory and alive - they think he's been captured, or he's hiding and trying to find a way out of Iraq.'

'They say none of the other fliers saw a flash or spotted anyone parachuting out, and the satellites didn't pick up any wreckage. It's a mystery.'

Family friends say Koritz spent Christmas with his wife and his three sons ages 4, 6 and 8, at their home in Goldsboro, N.C.

The next day, he left for the Persian Gulf to realize a dream he first had two decades ago as a ground crew worker for the pilots who crop-dusted Rochelle's corn and bean fields.

'He just wanted to be an Air Force pilot,' said cousin Gary Koritz. 'It was a lifelong dream.'

SUBJECT: PILOT; MISSING PERSON; ARAB; WAR; FOREIGN COUNTRY; TOM KORITZ:PERSIAN GULF WAR

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HEADLINE: WAR IN THE GULF: Missing in Action;
Friends Recall Downed Pilot's Can-Do Outlook and Love of Flying

BYLINE: By RONALD SMOTHERS, Special to The New York Times

DATELINE: JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 18

BODY:

Friends and neighbors of the Navy flier who became the first American shot down by Iraq struggled hard today not to talk about him in the past tense.

A neighbor said he was trying to remain "positive," and in fact that was the word that kept coming up as people described the 33-year-old flier, Lieut. Comdr. Michael Scott Speicher.

The firm hopefulness seemed to come naturally in this community of small single-family homes where many residents have relatives serving on the same aircraft carrier, the Saratoga, from which Commander Speicher flew his mission. Yellow ribbons adorn almost every lamppost, and American flags fly conspicuously from countless front porches.

Missile Struck His Plane

Commander Speicher, a pilot of an F/A-18 Hornet fighter-bomber based at Cecil Field here and assigned to the Saratoga, was reported shot down in the Wednesday night opening attack on Iraq. Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said Thursday morning that the pilot of that plane was killed, but officials on Friday changed the report on his status to missing in action. According to the Pentagon, Commander Speicher's single-seat plane was hit by a surface-to-air missile. But without a body or other evidence that he could not have survived, Pentagon policy requires him to officially be listed as missing.

Three other American aircraft were also lost as of Friday evening, the Pentagon said. Missing were their six crewmembers, including two Navy fliers on an A-6 Intruder attack aircraft that had also been based on the Saratoga. They were Lieut. Robert Wetzel, 30, of Metuchen, N.J., and Lieut. Jefferey Zaun, 28, a native of Cherry Hill, N.J., and a graduate of the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. The other missing fliers were not identified.

Lieutenant Wetzel, one of nine children of William and Kathleen Wetzel, graduated from Metuchen High School and attended the New Jersey Institute of Technology. Lieutenant Wetzel was three weeks away from completing his six-month tour of duty and planned to get married in March, his aunt, Helen Reager, told the Associated Press.

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Also listed as missing was Air Force Lieut. Col. Donnie R. Holland, 42. He failed to return from a mission, his parents told the Associated Press. Colonel Holland was based at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro, N.C.

Trying to Remain Optimistic

Many friends and relatives of the missing crewmen strived to remain optimistic. A neighbor of Commander Speicher, Thomas P. Mills, who is the godfather to the children of the pilot and his wife, Joanne, said today, "He is the most positive upbeat person I ever met." Commander Speicher and his wife have a 3-year-old daughter and a 1-year-old son.

"He loved flying," said Mr. Mills, in one of the few slips into the past tense. Mr. Mills recalled days when his neighbor came back from Cecil Field, angered that bad weather or other developments had kept his squadron grounded. "When we went to parties at their house, there would be other pilots there and Scott and the others would get all hyper just talking about flying."

Admired at His Church

At the Lake Shore United Methodist Church, where the Speichers are members and where Commander Speicher taught a Sunday school class to pre-schoolers, there was admiration. "Everything he did, he did all the way," said the Rev. Paul Dickinson, the pastor. "He is just so unpretentious. Just imagine a U.S. Navy officer getting right down there on the floor with those kids and singing and praying with them."

Commander Speicher was what the minister termed a "patriot who loved his country" and in his letters to his minister and others he wrote about the importance of the job he and other military personnel were doing in the Persian Gulf.

Born in Iowa, Commander Speicher grew up in Jacksonville, developing a love of flying and the military from his father, Wallace, who was an Army Air Corps fighter pilot in World War II. He graduated from Nathan Forrest High School where he was one-fourth of the school's 1975 swim relay team and helped set school records that still stand.

He attended Pfeiffer College in Misenhiem, N.C., on a partial swimming scholarship. But after a year at Pfeiffer, financial problems forced Mr. Speicher to return to Jacksonville, where he enrolled in Florida State University and graduated with a degree in management and accounting in 1981. Then he joined the Navy.

There was a special prayer service this evening at Lake Shore United Methodist Church.

As he stood in the sanctuary, Mr. Dickinson smiled as he recalled a letter Commander Speicher sent back to the toddlers in his Sunday school class at Christmas. "He had gotten leave and spent Christmas eve in Bethlehem and he wanted to tell the kids about it," recalled the pastor. "He just said to them that it was the holiest moment in his life."

GRAPHIC: Photo: Lieut. Comdr. Michael Scott Speicher, who was reported shot down over Iraq on Wednesday. (Associated Press)

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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION; MILITARY PERSONNEL; UNITED STATES ARMAMENT
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NAME: SPEICHER, MICHAEL S (COMDR); ZAUN, JEFFEREY (LIEUT); WETZEL, ROBERT
(LIEUT); SMOTHERS, RONALD

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HEADLINE: War over for seven airmen downed on raids

BYLINE: Dawn Weyrich Ceol; THE WASHINGTON TIMES

BODY:

Lt. Cmdr. Michael Scott Speicher, pilot of the first U.S. plane downed over Iraq, was a Jacksonville, Fla., Sunday school teacher described by one childhood acquaintance as "happy, pleasant and fun-loving."

Lt. Jeffrey N. Zaun, another casualty in the war to free Kuwait from Saddam Hussein, was a Cherry Hill, N.J., resident with a sense of humor and an apparent zeal for burritos.

Two days and 2,107 sorties into Operation Desert Storm, four planes carrying seven Americans had been lost in combat, the Pentagon said.

Of those seven, the four who are identified include Cmdr. Speicher, a 33-year-old father of two; Lt. Zaun, a 28-year-old graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis; Lt. Robert Wetzel, 30; and Air Force Lt. Col. Donnie R. Holland, 42.

The Navy refused to release further information about Lt. Wetzel, originally from Metuchen, N.J. But Navy sources told the Associated Press that the lost A-6E jet carrying Lt. Wetzel and Lt. Zaun had flown from the Mayport, Fla.-based aircraft carrier USS Saratoga.

The Saratoga's A-6E squadron is Attack Squadron 35 from Oceana Naval Air Station in Virginia Beach.

Cmdr. Speicher - known to friends as Scott, Scotty or Spike - was listed by the Pentagon as missing in action because his body has not been found.

But Wallace "Spike" Speicher, a fighter pilot during World War II, believes that his son bailed out of the F-A-18 Hornet before it was hit by an Iraqi missile Wednesday night.

"Scotty's coming home," Mr. Speicher insisted.

Cmdr. Speicher also had launched his bomber from the Saratoga and was based at Jacksonville's Cecil Field Naval Air Station.

Florida Gov. Lawton Chiles ordered the American flag that flies over the capitol in Tallahassee lowered to half-staff yesterday.

"It comes even more strongly home to us when we realize our first casualty is a Floridian," Mr. Chiles said. "I know all of our sympathy goes out to

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his family."

Cmdr. Speicher's wife, Joanne, issued a statement through the Navy asking that well-wishers refrain from sending flowers to her home and that "she be allowed to spend this trying time with her friends."

The Speichers, who met at Florida State University, have a 3-year-old daughter and a 1-year-old son who a family friend said "just think their father is on a cruise."

"They're too young to tell them about the war," said the friend who asked to remain anonymous.

Those who knew Cmdr. Speicher described him as a friendly man who was dedicated to his family and the Navy.

"Scott was just a type of person that had such a bubbling, enthusiastic spirit. Always smiling, always encouraging," said the Rev. Paul Dickinson, pastor of the Lake Shore United Methodist Church in Jacksonville where Cmdr. Speicher taught Sunday school.

Lt. Zaun graduated from the Naval Academy in 1984 with a degree in physics.

His self-written senior Academy yearbook entry is filled with private jokes about his life at the academy.

One theme runs through the entry: his love of burritos.

"Road trip . . . red-hot beef & bean burritos . . . to go," Lt. Zaun wrote. "Sleep . . . more burritos . . . more sleep."

Col. Holland was based at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro, N.C. He and his wife, Christine, have two children.

* This story is based in part on wire service reports.

GRAPHIC: Photos, A) Speicher; B) Zaun; C) Wetzel; D) Holland; Photo/Chart, Photo Caption) U.S. soldier wounded in Vietnam.; Chart Caption) AMERICAN WAR CASUALTIES, Photo) NO CREDIT; Chart) By Henry Christopher/The Washington Times

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HEADLINE: Fund for children of flier started;
NEW ENGLAND NEWS BRIEFS

BODY:

A fund has been established for the education of the young children of Major Peter S. Hook, an Air Force fighter pilot killed in a training mission in the Arabian peninsula on Sept. 30. Hook's widow, Linda, of Goldsboro, N.C., is originally from Brighton, where her parents, John and Marion Hazell, and a sister, Lori Hazell, live. Besides his wife, Maj. Hook leaves three children, Gregory, 6, David, 3, and Aimie, 1 year old the day her father died in Oman. Maj. Hook, 35, was an F-15E pilot with the 336th Tactical Fighter Squadron. He and a fellow flyer were the first Air Force personnel killed in a plane crash since Operation Desert Shield began in August. The family has requested that donations for the children's education may be made to: Peter S. Hook Memorial Fund, Wachovia Bank, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C., 27531.

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HEADLINE: Hometown, old school honor flier held as POW

BYLINE: By John O'Brien

BODY:

Air Force Col. David W. Eberly, the highest-ranking American missing in the Persian Gulf, is a career pilot whose ambition as a youngster in Indiana was to fly and "be ready for challenges."

On Friday, the day after Eberly was listed by Iraq as a prisoner of war, students and teachers in his hometown of Brazil, Ind., honored the 43-year-old pilot in ceremonies attended by his mother, Evelyn Wallace, at North Clay Junior High School.

Eberly, at the controls of an F-15E jet, disappeared on a mission over Iraq or Kuwait last weekend, according to the Pentagon. He was serving as director of operations for F-15 fighter aircraft assigned to the gulf from Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro, N.C.

The Iraqis also said the weapons officer in Eberly's downed plane, Maj. Thomas E. Griffith, 34, of Goldsboro, N.C., is in their hands.

"David always liked to fly and be ready for challenges," his mother said. "He was very qualified in F-15s. He enjoyed being in the cockpit."

Evelyn Wallace spoke after meeting with the junior high school students, from whom she accepted an American flag along with a cardboard ledger signed by them and bearing written expressions of good cheer to Col. Eberly's wife, Barbara, and 18-year-old son, Timm, in North Carolina.

She said she told them to study hard and be aware of the world and its problems, as her son was at their age.

"You too someday may have to stand up and defend what you believe is important," she told them.

The ceremonies were arranged by teachers who formerly taught at Eberly's alma mater, the old Brazil High School, from which he graduated in 1965.

They recalled him as a student who displayed a keen interest in military and world affairs.

Eberly joined the Air Force after graduation from Indiana University in 1969 as a second lieutenant in the Reserve Officers Training Corps.

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He was promoted to full colonel in 1989 after five years of service at the Pentagon. Upon promotion he was assigned to F-15 training in Arizona, his mother said.

Wallace said she last spoke with her son Jan. 13. Technical difficulties ended the conversation, the mother said, but not before she reminded him of his unclaimed Christmas gift - a full set of golf clubs.

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HEADLINE: Pro-War Rallies Held Across Nation

BYLINE: By Ford Fessenden. STAFF WRITER. This story was based on wire service reports.

KEYWORD: WASHINGTON DC; DEMONSTRATIONS; PEACE; PERSIAN GULF WAR; UNITED STATES

BODY:

While thousands marched in Washington to protest U.S. involvement in Persian Gulf hostilities, supporters of the war staged smaller rallies and demonstrations in cities across the country.

"The silent majority is no longer silent," said Mike Scott of Cambridge, Mass., a founder of Support Our Soldiers, a group that organized a demonstration of 400 people who wore yellow armbands and sang the National Anthem yesterday on the steps of the Massachusetts state house.

In Goldsboro, N.C., home to Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, more than 8,000 people took part in a similar demonstration of support for government policy. About 3,000 people turned out in Winston-Salem for a rally sponsored by the Triad Vietnam Veterans Association.

"The only thing worse than waging war is to wage war ineffectively," said Martha Wood, Winston-Salem's mayor. "We don't want there to be any doubt in their minds about our support."

As Americans divided up over the war and took to the streets, there were scattered reports of friction between the opposing sides. In Albany an antiwar activist was tackled and his "Stop-the-Bombing" sign torn up after a demonstration of support for the war. No one was arrested.

Still, a Cable News Network-Gallup poll found some tolerance for peace demonstrators among Americans, who continue to support the war by substantial margins. Sixty-four percent of respondents said there should be no ban on peace demonstrations, even though 65 percent said they disapprove of antiwar protests while soldiers are fighting.

While yesterday's big rally against the war was conducted on one side of the Capitol, a handful of people rallied on the other side in support. "Nobody wants war, but I think we're doing what we have to do," said Brian Minnich, a Senate staffer who helped organize the demonstration.

Supporters also gathered in Atlanta, where some demonstrators carried a life-sized figure of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein with a sign on his back that read "Kick me." Two thousand people rallied in Tulsa, Okla., and 125

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tractor-trailers decorated with yellow ribbons and banners stretched out along the Massachusetts Turnpike in support of Operation Desert Storm.

Spectators interrupted speeches with chants of "U.S.A., U.S.A.," and fire sirens wailed during a rally attended by 2,000 war-effort supporters in Harrisburg, Pa.

"We have asked so much of them," Maj. Gen. Alexander Macdonald, commander of the North Dakota National Guard, told 300 people at a rally in Bismarck. "They, in turn, ask so little of us - just our support of their mission."

GRAPHIC: AP Photo-Syracuse residents show their colors as they parade in support of U.S. troops and President Bush's war policy yesterday. (7C).

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 29, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR SIG ROGICH

FROM: JOHN G. KELLER, JR. *JK*

SUBJECT: TRAVEL ON FRIDAY, FEB. 1, 1991

Below are the tentative scenarios that Judd Swift and Spence Geissinger have come up with for the events on Friday.

Cherry Point, North Carolina - Marine Corps Air Station

The President will visit the Marine Corps Air Station located at Cherry Point, North Carolina. Part of the Marine Air Wing, including fixed wing fighter aircraft and helicopter elements, have been deployed from Cherry Point. The Marine Corps Air Station is in close proximity to Camp LeJeune, which is the home of the 2nd Marine Division.

The President will give Remarks in a hangar within the complex for an audience of 8,000 - 10,000, consisting of families from Cherry Point and Camp LeJeune, and base personnel. Remarks will be followed by a Ropeline.

Goldsboro, North Carolina - Seymour Johnson AFB

The primary wing at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base is the 4th Tactical Fighter Wing. Airmen stationed at Seymour Johnson fly the F-15E "Strike Eagle" planes, performing bombing missions over Iraq (deep strike interdiction sorties). Also based at Seymour Johnson is the 68th Air Refueling Wing (from the Strategic Air Command), a tenant unit. This unit is equipped with KC-135 Strato Tankers. Portions of that wing are currently deployed to the Persian Gulf as well.

Two airmen deployed from Seymour Johnson have been killed in action and two are currently prisoners of war.

The President will attend an outdoor family picnic with 1,500 family members of deployed personnel; 500 - 800 base personnel; and 100+ supportive townspeople (volunteer groups, etc.)

During his visit to the family picnic, the President will proceed through a food line, eat, mingle with guests (table to table), and give remarks to the group gathered.

Savannah, Georgia - Ft. Stewart

The President will land at Hunter Army Airfield, which is the headquarters for a battalion of the 75th Regiment Army Rangers, one of the earliest deployers in support of Desert Shield. From here, the President will fly via helicopter to Ft. Stewart, Georgia. Ft. Stewart, the home of the 24th Infantry Division (mechanized), was also one of the earliest divisions deployed to the Persian Gulf region.

The agenda for the President has not yet been determined since the pre-advance will conduct walk-throughs Wednesday.

West Palm Beach, Florida

The President will arrive at Palm Beach International Airport and travel via motorcade to his mother's home in Hobe Sound, approximately 40 minutes north of Palm Beach. Following a private visit, the President returns via motorcade to the airport and departs West Palm Beach en route Andrews Air Force Base.

Schedule

A tentative timeline has not been produced yet but our preliminary estimate is that the South Lawn departure will be no later than 7:00 am and arrival back at Camp David will be as late as 10:00 pm.

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HEADLINE: Military towns feeling pinch of troop pullout

BYLINE: BY United Press International

KEYWORD: IRAQ-NC

BODY:

Sale of beer, food and stereos are down in North Carolina's military communities with the deployment of troops to the Persian Gulf, but the demand for life insurance, new wills and marriage licenses is up sharply.

Church pastors also report a heavy increase in requests for prayers for the warriors as they go off to an uncertain future, leaving wives, family and friends behind to wait and hope.

Cities such as Jacksonville, Fayetteville, Goldsboro and Havelock -- they're where major Army, Air Force and Marine bases are -- are being hit hard economically by the pullout of thousands of troops to head off a possible intrusion by Iraq into Saudi Arabia.

The Leatherneck Tavern in Jacksonville usually draws a big crowd of Marines from nearby Camp Lejeune with its 75-cent beer special, but last week it was almost like a ghost town.

It was the same at Josef McDonald's tattoo shop, where a few days earlier swarms of grim-faced Marines headed for Saudi Arabia bought extra sets of dog tags that they wear around their necks for identification and to give critical medical information such as blood type.

Bars, fast-food restaurants and clubs with girlie shows were among businesses hit hardest by the dearth of military and freely spent dollars.

With military spouses overseas, the families the warriors left behind are curbing spending and putting off large purchases such as cars and furniture, merchants report.

Walter Phillips, manager at Furniture Fair in Jacksonville, said the store's stereo and electronics salesmen were killing idle time by 'pitching coins against the wall.'

'I haven't looked at our sales figures,' Phillips said wearily. 'I don't want to. You can look around the store. You don't see any of those skinheads with baby faces.'

Proprietary to the United Press International, August 19, 1990

But other aspects of life go on, and sometimes at a stepped-up pace.

A local magistrate, for example, used to perform one or two marriage ceremonies a week. He is now does that many a day.

'It's young couples in love, and they want to get married now in case he doesn't come back,' said D. Wayne Brown of the Havelock Chamber of Commerce.

Brown, an insurance agent, said he gets three or four calls a day inquiring about life insurance. Before the crisis, he would get that many calls in a month.

Banks also have been flooded with requests by service personnel to transfer powers of attorney to their spouses so they will be able to cash checks and trade cars while they are gone.

There are more personal concerns beyond car payments and furniture purchases delayed.

'The situation is so explosive,' said the Rev. Thomas Loftis, pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Goldsboro, home of Seymour Johnson Air Force Base. 'We had special prayers on Sunday.'

At Fort Bragg near Fayetteville, Chaplain Matthew Quinlan said he heard a number of confessions from departing soldiers from the 82nd Airborne Division.

'As they prepare to go, soldiers start looking inside themselves and think maybe this is the time to straighten out some things,' the Roman Catholic priest said. 'That is a positive thing.'

In Jacksonville, the Rev. James Sides of First Baptist Church said there were numerous prayer requests for absent Marines. About a third of the church's 1,000 members are in the military.

Elizabeth Bunce, wife of Command Chaplain Bobby Bunce, volunteered to give younger wives of Marines a shoulder to cry on in Jacksonville.

'Some of the younger wives get hysterical,' Bunce said. 'They listen to all the news. This is my husband's fourth deployment so I am an old hand. But I have stood on that dock many times and thought I could not stand the next six months.'

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Children of soldiers sent to Saudi Arabia are feeling the impact and stress of the Persian Gulf crisis, teachers in North Carolina classrooms in the state's military towns say. School officials and teachers in or near the state's four major military installations say their students are holding up well so far, but as the deployment of the troops enters its 10th week, some children are showing stress. Many students have become withdrawn or inattentive while others are uncooperative or even rowdy, teachers said. Most of the children of the deployed troops are having trouble concentrating on school work. At Meadow Lane Elementary School, attended by one child whose father, Maj. Peter Hook, died in a recent air crash in the gulf, teachers say some children weep in class. The school, which adjoins Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, has yellow ribbons on all its classroom doors. "Children just break out crying," John Turnage, principal of Meadow Lane, told The News and Observer of Raleigh's Monday editions. "There's a whole difference in the ambience because of the threat of danger." Seymour Johnson is extending its family counseling services to the public schools and training teachers to handle children's stress. But school officials expect times to get worse for children as the holidays approach. Myra Copenhaver, a counselor at Meadow Lane, said teaching students about the crisis is important to stabilize their fears even if war breaks out. "We're prepared to deal with it," she said. "But to what extent I don't know. These children anticipate that it can happen. That's part of their everyday life." But one fourth grader said she is saddened by the absence of her father, a weapons system officer on an F-15. She dreams of him flying home and wakes up in tears. "I hate it," said Christy McIntyre. "They're making a lot of families real sad." The girl said she sometimes cannot think in class because of her concern for her father. "I get sidetracked thinking about him," she said. "The teacher will ask me a question and I don't know the answer because I've been worrying about him."



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Seymour Johnson Visit

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Family support leader: Cynthia Hornburg, wife of Col Hal Hornburg, deployed with his 4th Tac Fighter Wing

Civic leaders: Goldsboro Mayor Hal Plonk; Troy Pate, Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee

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Deployed people and assets: F-15E Strike Eagles (from the 4th Tactical Fighter Wing, under the command of Colonel Hal Hornburg); KC-10s from the 68th Air Refueling Wing and 916th Air Refueling Group; a base medical team, civil engineers, security police, food services, maintenance, supply...every agency on the base has been affected, active and reserve. This is a total force effort.

Seymour Johnson crews and planes have been there since the first days of Desert Shield. Those here at home, holding down the fort, are also critical players.

Two POWs and MIAs from Seymour Johnson: Extreme stress and trauma at base. Not a happy time. Four very talented crew members, family men, Air Force heroes, are POWs and MIAs. (all of 4th TFW)

- Col Dave Eberly
- Maj Tom Griffith
- Maj Tom Koritz
- Maj Donnie Holland

The families: Cynthia Hornburg and the other spouses involved in the family support network on base are unsung heroes. They've met a range of needs: helping wives for whom English is a second

language, who've had to mow the lawn for the first time, or who've just needed a friendly ear.

Community contributions: The local community has sponsored free babysitting for children of deployed, picnics, roller-skating parties for the kids, and a support rally over on Berkeley Boulevard last Saturday (Jan 23rd). 2000 people were expected but about 8000 showed up. Local people chipped in for a TV satellite dish receiver for deployed forces. (Local area has Army, Navy, Marine, and National Guard people deployed as well as Air Force.)

About the F-15E: Targeting and killing Scud launchers and airfields is a priority for the Col Hornburg and his troops. The F-15 E Strike Eagle is our newest fighter, advanced deep-interdiction plane. Long range, day/night operations, all-weather. Dual-role: air-to-ground and air-to-air.

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Special mention for achievers on base:

- Mr. W.W. Watson, civil servant in the transportation squadron: personally responsible for shipping 1287 jeeps, panel trucks and others to the theater.
- Master Sergeant Stanley Massey and Technical Sergeant Jim Claggett: responsible for loading 100 aircraft with 1,997 people and 3035 short tons of cargo destined for the Gulf.
- Staff Sergeant Eugene Noble: trained 1,057 people in chemical defense, including news media and civilian personnel.
- And Capt Hugh Chatman, processed many hundreds of people who deployed from Seymour to the Gulf.

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POW/MIA Insert

Col Dave Eberly and Maj Tom Griffith are Prisoners of War. Maj Tom Koritz and Maj Donnie Holland are Missing In Action. We can take comfort in the fact that all are superstars trained and ready for combat.

Tom Koritz is one of five pilots in the Air Force who is also a flight surgeon. It's tough to be a fighter pilot *and* a physician, but Tom's love of flying is rivaled by his love of healing. He excels at both.

Donnie Holland and Tom Griffith rank among the few Weapon System Officers to fly the F-15E. Only the very best from a selection of highly qualified officers are chosen for this job.

Dave Eberly, as Director of Operations for the 4th. He was out in front as always when his people flew into combat. He is a born leader and warrior.

These four of Seymour's finest rank among American's bravest, strongest, most talented combat pilots. That doesn't keep us from hurting for them and for Julie Koritz, Cindy Holland, Liz Griffith, Barb Eberly, and all the children. But it offers us confidence and hope for their futures.

Transition into section on how Saddam will be accountable.

POINT PAPER

ON

SEYMOUR JOHNSON AIR FORCE BASE, NORTH CAROLINA

BACKGROUND

- Seymour Johnson Air Force Base is located in the city of Goldsboro, North Carolina.
- It is a Tactical Air Command base and has the 4th Tactical Fighter Wing as its primary unit, flying the F-15E "Strike Eagle" dual role fighter aircraft.
- The base is named for Navy Lt. Seymour A. Johnson, a Goldsboro native, killed in an aircraft crash in Maryland in March, 1941. The base has a population of 4,500 military members and 950 civilians.
- The Commander of the Wing is Colonel Hal M. Hornburg, who is deployed to Saudi Arabia. The Wing Vice Commander, Colonel James C. Wray, is currently the senior commander at the base.
- The base also hosts the 68th ^{Air} ~~Aerial~~ Refueling Wing (Strategic Air Command) and the 916th ^{Air} ~~Aerial~~ Refueling Wing (Air Force Reserve), both of which fly the KC-10 "Extender" refueling aircraft. (Ref "Tankers")

DISCUSSION

- The 4th Tactical Fighter Wing has deployed two squadrons of F-15Es (approximately 48 aircraft) to Saudi Arabia - the 336th Squadron ("Rocketeers") in August and the 335th Squadron ("Chief") in December.
- The F-15E is the Air Force's newest fighter aircraft, and is a two-seat, dual role fighter aircraft designed for all-weather air to air and deep interdiction missions. It has an additional capability of low-altitude high speed penetration and precision attack on targets at night.
- The two deployed squadrons are the only operational squadrons of F-15E aircraft in the Air Force inventory. The third squadron, (the 334th Fighting Eagle), is now in upgrade training at Seymour Johnson which should be completed later this year.
- The Motto of the Wing is "4th But 1st" based on its heritage which traces back to the British Eagle Squadrons of World War II. They were one of the top fighter wings in World War II, flying Spitfires, P-47's, and P-51s. In Korea, the Wing was responsible for 52% of all the MIG aircraft destroyed. The Wing has the distinction of being one of the Air Force's most decorated units - with a outstanding combat record.

- Both refueling units at the base have been extensively involved in supporting the deployment of units to the theater of operations and in flying refueling missions in the area.
- In addition, a large contingent of medical personnel from the 4th Medical Group at the base deployed to Saudi Arabia in August.
- The Family Support Center is now serving as the focal point for all matters relating to the families of the deployed personnel and has remained very busy.
- Support from the local community has been excellent - both to the deployed forces and the remaining families. More than 8,000 residents were involved in a large "Pro" demonstration in Goldsboro last Saturday.
- Colonel David Eberly ^(Dave) and Major Thomas Griffith ^{Tom} of the 4th TFW have been declared Prisoners of War, and Majors Thomas Koritz and Donnie Holland, also of the 4th Wing, are listed as Missing in Action. NOTE; While the names of the Prisoners and those missing in action have been released, their units have NOT been publicly announced.

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Thousands turn out for rally in Wayne to show support for troops in the Gulf

By LYNN WOOTEN
and EUGENE PRICE

Thousands of flag-waving, placard-carrying Wayne Countians turned out Saturday morning for a rally to show support for troops serving in the Persian Gulf.

They ranged from senior citizens and disabled veterans in wheel chairs to babies in strollers. Almost all carried American flags or posters. Goldsboro

Mayor Hal Plouk estimated the crowd at more than 8,000.

The pro-military demonstrators gathered in front of K mart in Ashley Plaza and marched to the main entrance of Seymour Johnson AFB — the line of marchers, six to eight abreast, extending the entire distance.

Goldsboro businessman Frank Drohan, a Marine veteran of Vietnam and organizer of the rally, told the

cheering crowd the purpose was to let military personnel in the Persian Gulf know they are "loved and supported by the people in Wayne County."

"And we'll do it again for them when they come home. It won't be like it was when I came back from Vietnam," he shouted.

The Rev. William Painter, another Vietnam veteran, asked the crowd to make a pledge to the troops in the Per-

sian Gulf "to welcome them back when they come home, to cheer them, to love them and thank them!"

During the rally following the parade many participants held up pictures of loved ones overseas and called out their names on the public address system.

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Many said they had come to counteract "peace demonstrations" in some parts of the country.

Most placards were homemade originals. One proclaimed that Seymour Johnson AFB was "Giving Saddam the Bird." On the placard was a picture of the F-15E Strike Eagle fighter-bomber.

Marchers chanted "U.S.A., U.S.A." and "Bomb Hussein" and sang patriotic songs as they paraded down Berkeley Blvd. which leads to the air base.

Among the crowd was the wife of Maj. Thomas E. Griffith, 34, a weapons system officer in the 336th Tactical Fighter Squadron who has been captured by the Iraqis. She said she was "very moved" by the crowd's support.

"It's awesome," said Mrs. Griffith. "I think it's real important that America rally like this."

Mrs. Griffith said she fears anti-war protesters — none of whom were visible at Saturday's rally — might turn this war "into (another) Vietnam and mire it down."

"He's going to come home," she said of her husband. "With this kind of support he'll be coming home."

"I'm here to show my support for this whole effort," said Chuck Immler of Goldsboro, summing up the feelings of many. With him was a dog with two American flags fluttering from staves mounted on its collar.

Residents began flocking to the parking lot of Kmart on Berkeley Boulevard long before the rally was scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.

The throng soon moved out onto the boulevard and began a pilgrimage to the gate of the base, where the route made a U turn and headed back to the starting point.

Many residents broke out singing such songs as the National Anthem and "God Bless the USA." Vehicles passing the marchers joined in by blowing their horns, the drivers and passengers waving support.

Prayers, patriotic songs — including solos by Ray Smeltzer — and brief, sometimes impromptu, speeches were a part of the day's events.

There was at least one injection of politics. A marcher carried a sign demanding: "Terry Sanford Resign Now!" Senator Terry Sanford was the first to call for a pull-out of American forces and voted against giving the president authority to use force.

And religion played a part. "There's power in prayer — pray

for our troops," urged one homemade sign.

Many, such as one saying, "Scud Saddam," denounced Iraq's aggression in the Persian Gulf.

Most participants said they felt the demonstration was not only good for military personnel, but for the community as well.

"I think it's important for morale," said Alice Spence of Goldsboro. "I think it shows you're not ashamed of what we're doing."

Mrs. Spence said the aspect of the war that upset her most is Iraq's treatment of military prisoners.

Asked why he took part in the rally, Tech. Sgt. Glenn Clinton replied, "It's my buddies who are there."

He said he "couldn't begin to guess" how many of his friends are on duty in the desert.

Clinton said people from the base would remember the rally "for years." He pointed out the importance of the community having concern for base personnel and their families — and for the base recognizing and appreciating that outpouring of support.

Several groups turned out for the rally, including the Goldsboro Jaycees and the marching band of Eastern Wayne High School. Band director Angelo Holman said about 45 of his class members participated in the event. Others taking the Scholastic Aptitude Test were unable to attend, he added.

"I'm proud to be an American, and I'm proud to carry this flag," shouted Mayor Ploak from a flat bed truck speakers' platform. "Let's continue this patriotism and support everyone who's in this cause."

"Anything precious is worth fighting for," said newly-elected N.C. Rep. Carolyn Russell. "Let's hear it for America. Hip, hip, hooray!" The crowd joined in the cheer.

Wayne Commissioner Howard "Buddy" Shaw also spoke to the crowd.

Within an hour after the rally, phone calls began pouring into Goldsboro's community television station, cable channel 10, with people wanting to see rally coverage. The station will broadcast the rally at 5 p.m. Sunday, a spokesman said.

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Wives of POWs have no misgivings about Gulf role

By EUGENE PRICE
Editor, The News-Argus

Two U.S. Air Force wives whose prisoner of war husbands have been shown on Iraqi television say they have "absolutely no misgivings" about the multinational role in the Persian Gulf.

One of the wives expressed hope that President George Bush would not lessen military pressure on Iraq. And both feel parading POWs before the world on television emphasizes Saddam Hussein's personal accountability for their humane treatment.

Both wives also appealed to friends, family and the media to be sensitive to the release of information that could create problems for captured personnel and their families.

The views were expressed by the wives of Col. David W. Eberly and Maj. Thomas E. Griffith in exclusive interviews with the editor of the Goldsboro News-Argus.

"My chief concern now, of course, is the humane treatment of all pris-

oners of war. I hope the Red Cross will be allowed to see each of them," said Mrs. Eberly.

Mrs. Eberly said that throughout her husband's deployment, including when she learned he had failed to return from his last mission, she had "absolutely no misgivings about our role" in the Persian Gulf.

She quoted from a recent letter from her husband in which he foresaw the inevitability of war. "His last sentence was, 'The most important aspect of leadership:

Courage,'" she said. "This was something he knew he had to do. Both of us knew that."

Mrs. Griffith shares Mrs. Eberly's concern for humane treatment. But she also expressed hope that the leadership of the multinational effort will not weaken its resolve and lessen pressure on Saddam.

"We can't lose our courage and stall with 'peace initiatives' that will leave the prisoners stranded for years and years like we did in Vietnam," she said.

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felt were exhaustive efforts by President George Bush to liberate Kuwait through international diplomacy. "But diplomacy failed. We have to put that behind us," she said.

"With our strength, we could have done anything at any time rather than letting Saddam get stronger while we gave peace a chance. We could have started earlier or ended it with nuclear bombs and perhaps my husband wouldn't be a prisoner. But I am proud we didn't do that. The American way is not to shove our weight around. We are a moral people. I'm proud of my country. I'm proud of my husband," she declared.

While Mrs. Griffith supported the president's refusal to link discussions of the Palestinian issue with the liberation of Kuwait, she hopes that after the war is over there will be successful peaceful initiatives "to defuse the powder keg in the Middle East."

In a jointly prepared statement released by the Air Force Friday, the two wives said: "We stress now more than ever that our friends and relatives not release any information about our husbands or family members to the media, to include photographs." Mrs. Griffith said release of information and pictures of family members also should be avoided.

The wives fear that some information, innocently given and seemingly harmless, might be used by POW interrogators for intimidation or other purposes.

The military is particularly concerned about release of photographs of missing personnel who might be trying to elude capture.

Both Mrs. Eberly and Mrs. Griffith are confident their husbands' strength and faith will bring them through the ordeal of captivity.

Mrs. Griffith reflected on her first learning of her husband's being missing.

It was 10 p.m. when the officers and their wives, the chaplain and the flight surgeon came to her home on base. "They don't have to tell you. You know. They stay as long as you need them — in my case they were there until 2:30 in the morning. Then in the morning, the other wives come. They do everything, the cleaning, the laundry, the shopping..."

"I never asked, 'Why did it have to be my husband?' How could I do that when I have so many close friends? My first feeling was: Why does there have to be a war? Then, almost immediately, the answer came: Because it would have been much worse later if we hadn't done it."

Mrs. Griffith said her initial reaction upon learning her husband was a prisoner was relief that he was alive. That reaction quickly was followed by concern for his well-being.

"As I understand, the Geneva Conventions ask only that prisoners give name, rank and serial number. I have no doubt that the information he gave was coerced," she said.

Both wives say they are sustained not only by support of other Air Force families but support from the civilian community.

Mrs. Eberly feels her husband survived because of their religious faith and prayers of friends throughout the country. After learning that Col. Eberly was missing, she asked the chaplain to open the base chapel and she invited friends to join her there in prayer. Many came.

While the POW wives appreciate support of the civilian community, there was no expressed resentment of war protesters.

Commented Mrs. Griffith:

"My husband went over there and now he's a prisoner of war to protect the rights of people. And this includes the right of those who want to protest."

But she hopes the exercise of that right to protest doesn't sway her country's leadership to change course in a way that might lengthen the war and delay her husband's repatriation.

Goldsboro people cling to hope airmen alive

By MICHAEL HOBES
Associated Press Writer

People in the military town of Goldsboro are clinging to hope despite the news that four of the U.S. airmen missing in the Middle East are from Seymour Johnson AFB and aren't among those captured by Iraq.

"We're hanging on to the hope that our people are OK, that they're somewhere in the desert," said

Robert Henson, director of the base Family Support Center.

Seymour Johnson is the home of the 4th Tactical Fighter Wing, the only unit fully equipped with the F-15E, a fighter jet that has been instrumental in the air strikes in Iraq and Kuwait. On Sunday, officials announced that the F-15E piloted by Col. David W. Eberly, deputy commander of operations for the wing,

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did not return to base after a bombing run. The jet was also carrying weapons system officer Maj. Thomas E. Griffith.

Earlier, pilot Maj. Thomas Koritz and weapons officer Maj. Donnie Holland were declared missing in action after their jet failed to return from a bombing run on Thursday. In all, 14 U.S. airmen are missing.

Henson said he pinned his hopes on the reliability of the emergency ejection systems of the F-15E.

"Until we see that the are on the list of prisoners, we have hope that they are walking across the desert, that they are dug in or have taken refuge with the Kuwaiti resistance," he said.

Cynthia Hornburg, the wife of Col. Hal Hornburg, commander of 4th Tactical Fighter Wing, heads up the wives' support group. She said base families are holding up well.

"They're all very hopeful," she said. "It's a difficult time for all of us."

Base officials are protective of the families, restricting the media from intrusive interviews.

Those restrictions have been put in place for good reason, said Rev. Ralph Painter, pastor of the First Assembly of God. The church is the religious home for some of the F-15E pilots in Saudi Arabia.

"It's extremely important that the community and the nation realize that there are ways the enemy

can use any information about these pilots," said Painter, who served one year in the Vietnam War as a Marine Corps scout.

Although none of the missing airmen belongs to the church, it lost its nursery school director when Maj. Peter Hook was killed in the crash of an F-15E in Saudi Arabia in September.

Painter said there is no easy way to deal with the news that a loved one has been lost in battle. He said a strong faith in God and in the purpose of the military's mission is important.

"They have to develop a strong faith in God, with the continued assurance of his abiding love. And they have to trust in something greater than themselves and even the equipment the pilots are operating," he said.

Meanwhile, R.J. Allen, a clerk at the General Nutrition Centers store in the Berkeley Mall spoke out of frustration. The mall, which is just blocks from the entrance to the air base, had been the target of two bomb threats over the weekend and each time the building was evacuated.

Allen was upset that officials had employees go back in to check their stores for anything suspicious. He was also angered by Iraq's missile attacks.

"I think we should just go ahead and bomb Baghdad. Just level it," he said.

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Wives proud of Seymour Johnson pilots' role in raids

By JULIE POWERS RIVES
Staff writer

GOLDSBORO — The pilots of Seymour Johnson's Strike Eagles got a new job this week — instead of training in the skies of Eastern North Carolina, they were fighting a war a half a world away.

The two squadrons of F-15Es — 48 aircraft — from Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, the mainstay of the air strikes against Iraq,

brought the Goldsboro base into the national spotlight. The telltale initials SJ on the planes' tails could be seen on televised news reports as they took off for Baghdad.

Despite the near certainty that their spouses were in combat, several pilots' wives said Thursday that they slept well the night of the attack, sent their children to school as usual the next day and remained faithful to household routines.

"You have a choice," said Cynthia S. Hornburg. "You can be upset. Or you can try to keep enjoying life." Her husband, Col. Hal Hornburg, commands Seymour Johnson's 4th Tactical Fighter Wing and is in Saudi Arabia.

Many of the wives of airmen gathered for a support group meeting on Wednesday night just as they heard of the first allied air strike.

"It got quiet for awhile. Then

we began to talk among ourselves. Then we went to talk to our children," said one pilot's wife, Betty Jane.

She was among several wives of pilots of fighter jets and tanker planes based at Seymour Johnson who appeared at a news conference Thursday afternoon. Base officials asked that, for security reasons, reporters use only the first names of the other pilots' wives.

Some said they had kept a

constant watch on the news while going about their routines, while others said they rationed their updates or avoided television and radio as much as possible.

"We hope and we pray, and we don't worry until we get final word," said a woman who gave her name only as Barb. She said she had no way of knowing for certain whether her husband, an F-15 pilot, had participated in the

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air strikes.

"I know he would want to," she said.

Another woman, Pam, said her two children, 7 and 8, had gone to school and were calm in the hours after the attack.

"They know their Daddy's a good pilot. He'll do what he's supposed to do. They have a feeling he'll come back," she said.

Though years of military life has taught the women to cultivate a calm demeanor, many of them admitted they have had anxious moments. Looking out for each other and keeping touch relieves the stress, they said.

"Everybody's doing the same thing, whether their husband is over there or not," Pam said.

The base, with half its personnel and most of its fighter planes and tankers gone to the Middle East, was subdued Thursday. Security checks at the gate created a long traffic jam.

Speaking at the news conference, Col. James C. Wray, vice commander of the wing, bragged about the war planes and the men who fly them.

"We train hard here at Seymour, and we believe they have the best aircraft in the world in the F-15E," he said.

The two squadrons from Seymour Johnson, the 333th and 336th, are the only two operating squadrons of F-15Es in the Air Force. A third squadron is being trained at the base now.

The Goldsboro base, often over-

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— Col. James C. Wray,
Seymour Johnson Air Force Base

shadowed by military installations at Fort Bragg and Camp Lejeune, began converting to F-15s in December 1983. The first of the planes and pilots became operational in October of 1989.

The 4th Tactical Fighter Wing's motto is "Fourth but First," referring to its World War II military feats.

The base has also sent several KC-10 refueling tankers and crews to the Middle East. They are capable of refueling in mid-air the F-15E's, all other Air Force aircraft and most Navy, Marine and allied aircraft being used in the attacks.

Col. Wray said he was surprised but relieved that no Seymour Johnson planes had been reported lost as of Thursday "because of the nature of the beast."

He said he did not know for certain how many of the planes had been or would be involved because officers at the base had not been informed of the battle plans.

"I can only tell you what's on television," he said. "It was a combined attack."

Col. Wray said the F-15E pilots were guided by video display screens in the cockpits of the sleek, sophisticated, computerized planes designed for battle at night and in bad weather.

"All they probably hear is each other breathing, and the equipment they have working for them," he said.

The talk in Wayne County today is of war

By DENNIS HILL,
LYNN WOOTEN,
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News-Argus Staff Writers

From the coffee klatches on Ash Street to the classrooms at Wayne Community College, the talk today in Wayne County was of war.

"Showtime," said Fred Overman, 22, of Rt. 2, Fremont, as he ate breakfast in Michelle's restaurant.

"We just didn't have any choice," said his father, Fred Overman Sr.

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BYLINE: By John O'Brien

BODY:

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Congressmen or senators unknown as of Jan 30

Deployed people and assets: F-15E Strike Eagles (from the 4th Tactical Fighter Wing, under the command of Colonel Hal Hornburg); KC-10s from the 68th Air Refueling Wing and 916th Air Refueling Group; a base medical team, civil engineers, security police, food services, maintenance, supply...every agency on the base has been affected, active and reserve. This is a total force effort.

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Special mention for achievers on base:

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POC: at Pentagon: Ellen Piazza (703) 695-1323
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POINT PAPER

ON

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- The base is named for Navy Lt. Seymour A. Johnson, a Goldsboro native, killed in an aircraft crash in Maryland in March, 1941. The base has a population of 4,500 military members and 950 civilians.
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- The base also hosts the 68th ^{Air} Aerial Refueling Wing (Strategic Air Command) and the 916th ^{Air} Aerial Refueling ^{Group} Wing (Air Force Reserve), both of which fly the KC-10 "Extender" refueling aircraft. (Ref "Tankers")

DISCUSSION

- The 4th Tactical Fighter Wing has deployed two squadrons of F-15Es (approximately 48 aircraft) to Saudi Arabia - the 336th Squadron ("Rocketeers") in August and the 335th Squadron ("Chief") in December.
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Seymour Johnson is the home of the 4th Tactical Fighter Wing, the only unit fully equipped with the F-15E, a fighter jet that has been instrumental in the air strikes in Iraq and Kuwait. On Sunday, officials announced that the F-15E piloted by Col. David W. Eberly, deputy commander of operations for the wing,

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Henson said he pinned his hopes on the reliability of the emergency ejection systems of the F-15E.

"Until we see that the are on the list of prisoners, we have hope that they are walking across the desert, that they are dug in or have taken refuge with the Kuwaiti resistance," he said.

Cynthia Hornburg, the wife of Col. Hal Hornburg, commander of 4th Tactical Fighter Wing, heads up the wives' support group. She said base families are holding up well.

"They're all very hopeful," she said. "It's a difficult time for all of us."

Base officials are protective of the families, restricting the media from intrusive interviews.

Those restrictions have been put in place for good reason, said Rev. Ralph Painter, pastor of the First Assembly of God. The church is the religious home for some of the F-15E pilots in Saudi Arabia.

"It's extremely important that the community and the nation realize that there are ways the enemy

can use any information about these pilots," said Painter, who served one year in the Vietnam War as a Marine Corps scout.

Although none of the missing airmen belongs to the church, it lost its nursery school director when Maj. Peter Hook was killed in the crash of an F-15E in Saudi Arabia in September.

Painter said there is no easy way to deal with the news that a loved one has been lost in battle. He said a strong faith in God and in the purpose of the military's mission is important.

"They have to develop a strong faith in God, with the continued assurance of his abiding love. And they have to trust in something greater than themselves and even the equipment the pilots are operating," he said.

Meanwhile, R.J. Allen, a clerk at the General Nutrition Centers store in the Berkeley Mall spoke out of frustration. The mall, which is just blocks from the entrance to the air base, had been the target of two bomb threats over the weekend and each time the building was evacuated.

Allen was upset that officials had employees go back in to check their stores for anything suspicious. He was also angered by Iraq's missile attacks.

"I think we should just go ahead and bomb Baghdad. Just level it," he said.

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Wives proud of Seymour Johnson pilots' role in raids

By JULIE POWERS RIVES
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GOLDSBORO — The pilots of Seymour Johnson's Strike Eagles got a new job this week — instead of training in the skies of Eastern North Carolina, they were fighting a war a half a world away.

The two squadrons of F-15Es — 48 aircraft — from Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, the mainstay of the air strikes against Iraq,

brought the Goldsboro base into the national spotlight. The telltale initials SJ on the planes' tails could be seen on televised news reports as they took off for Baghdad.

Despite the near certainty that their spouses were in combat, several pilots' wives said Thursday that they slept well the night of the attack, sent their children to school as usual the next day and remained faithful to household routines.

"You have a choice," said Cynthia S. Hornburg. "You can be upset. Or you can try to keep enjoying life." Her husband, Col. Hal Hornburg, commands Seymour Johnson's 4th Tactical Fighter Wing and is in Saudi Arabia.

Many of the wives of airmen gathered for a support group meeting on Wednesday night just as they heard of the first allied air strike.

"It got quiet for awhile. Then

we began to talk among ourselves. Then we went to talk to our children," said one pilot's wife, Betty Jane.

She was among several wives of pilots of fighter jets and tanker planes based at Seymour Johnson who appeared at a news conference Thursday afternoon. Base officials asked that, for security reasons, reporters use only the first names of the other pilots' wives.

Some said they had kept a

constant watch on the news while going about their routines, while others said they rationed their updates or avoided television and radio as much as possible.

"We hope and we pray, and we don't worry until we get final word," said a woman who gave her name only as Barb. She said she had no way of knowing for certain whether her husband, an F-15 pilot, had participated in the

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air strikes.

"I know he would want to," she said.

Another woman, Pam, said her two children, 7 and 8, had gone to school and were calm in the hours after the attack.

"They know their Daddy's a good pilot. He'll do what he's supposed to do. They have a feeling he'll come back," she said.

Though years of military life has taught the women to cultivate a calm demeanor, many of them admitted they have had anxious moments. Looking out for each other and keeping touch relieves the stress, they said.

"Everybody's doing the same thing, whether their husband is over there or not," Pam said.

The base, with half its personnel and most of its fighter planes and tankers gone to the Middle East, was subdued Thursday. Security checks at the gate created a long traffic jam.

Speaking at the news conference, Col. James C. Wray, vice commander of the wing, bragged about the war planes and the men who fly them.

"We train hard here at Seymour, and we believe they have the best aircraft in the world in the F-15E," he said.

The two squadrons from Seymour Johnson, the 335th and 336th, are the only two operating squadrons of F-15Es in the Air Force. A third squadron is being trained at the base now.

The Goldsboro base, often over-

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 Seymour Johnson Air Force Base

shadowed by military installations at Fort Bragg and Camp Lejeune, began converting to F-15s in December 1988. The first of the planes and pilots became operational in October of 1989.

The 4th Tactical Fighter Wing's motto is "Fourth but First," referring to its World War II military feats.

The base has also sent several KC-10 refueling tankers and crews to the Middle East. They are capable of refueling in mid-air the F-15E's, all other Air Force aircraft and most Navy, Marine and allied aircraft being used in the attacks.

Col. Wray said he was surprised but relieved that no Seymour Johnson planes had been reported lost as of Thursday "because of the nature of the beast."

He said he did not know for certain how many of the planes had been or would be involved because officers at the base had not been informed of the battle plans.

"I can only tell you what's on television," he said. "It was a combined attack."

Col. Wray said the F-15E pilots were guided by video display screens in the cockpits of the sleek, sophisticated, computerized planes designed for battle at night and in bad weather.

"All they probably hear is each other breathing, and the equipment they have working for them," he said.

Thousands turn out for rally in Wayne to show support for troops in the Gulf

By LYNN WOOTEN
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Thousands of flag-waving, placard-carrying Wayne Countians turned out Saturday morning for a rally to show support for troops serving in the Persian Gulf.

They ranged from senior citizens and disabled veterans in wheel chairs to babies in strollers. Almost all carried American flags or posters. Goldsboro

Mayor Hal Plook estimated the crowd at more than 8,000.

The pro-military demonstrators gathered in front of K mart in Ashley Plaza and marched to the main entrance of Seymour Johnson AFB — the line of marchers, six to eight abreast, extending the entire distance.

Goldsboro businessman Frank Drohan, a Marine veteran of Vietnam and organizer of the rally, told the

cheering crowd the purpose was to let military personnel in the Persian Gulf know they are "loved and supported by the people in Wayne County."

"And we'll do it again for them when they come home. It won't be like it was when I came back from Vietnam," he shouted.

The Rev. William Painter, another Vietnam veteran, asked the crowd to make a pledge to the troops in the Per-

sian Gulf "to welcome them back when they come home; to cheer them, to love them and thank them!"

During the rally following the parade many participants held up pictures of loved ones overseas and called out their names on the public address system.

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Many said they had come to counteract "peace demonstrations" in some parts of the country.

Most placards were homemade originals. One proclaimed that Seymour Johnson AFB was "Giving Saddam the Bird." On the placard was a picture of the F-15E Strike Eagle fighter-bomber.

Marchers chanted "U.S.A., U.S.A." and "Bomb Hussein" and sang patriotic songs as they paraded down Berkeley Blvd. which leads to the air base.

Among the crowd was the wife of Maj. Thomas E. Griffith, 34, a weapons system officer in the 336th Tactical Fighter Squadron who has been captured by the Iraqis. She said she was "very moved" by the crowd's support.

"It's awesome," said Mrs. Griffith. "I think it's real important that America rally like this."

Mrs. Griffith said she fears anti-war protesters — none of whom were visible at Saturday's rally — might turn this war "into (another) Vietnam and mire it down."

"He's going to come home," she said of her husband. "With this kind of support he'll be coming home."

"I'm here to show my support for this whole effort," said Chuck Immler of Goldsboro, summing up the feelings of many. With him was a dog with two American flags fluttering from staves mounted on its collar.

Residents began flocking to the parking lot of Kmart on Berkeley Boulevard long before the rally was scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.

The throng soon moved out onto the boulevard and began a pilgrimage to the gate of the base, where the route made a U turn and headed back to the starting point.

Many residents broke out singing such songs as the National Anthem and "God Bless the USA." Vehicles passing the marchers joined in by blowing their horns, the drivers and passengers waving support.

Prayers, patriotic songs — including solos by Ray Smeltzer — and brief, sometimes impromptu, speeches were a part of the day's events.

There was at least one injection of politics. A marcher carried a sign demanding: "Terry Sanford Resign Now!" Senator Terry Sanford was the first to call for a pull-out of American forces and voted against giving the president authority to use force.

And "religion" played a part. "There's power in prayer — pray

for our troops," urged one homemade sign.

Many, such as one saying, "Scud Saddam," denounced Iraq's aggression in the Persian Gulf.

Most participants said they felt the demonstration was not only good for military personnel, but for the community as well.

"I think it's important for morale," said Alice Spence of Goldsboro. "I think it shows you're not ashamed of what we're doing."

Mrs. Spence said the aspect of the war that upset her most is Iraq's treatment of military prisoners.

Asked why he took part in the rally, Tech. Sgt. Glenn Clinton replied, "It's my buddies who are there."

He said he "couldn't begin to guess" how many of his friends are on duty in the desert.

Clinton said people from the base would remember the rally "for years." He pointed out the importance of the community having concern for base personnel and their families — and for the base recognizing and appreciating that outpouring of support.

Several groups turned out for the rally, including the Goldsboro Jaycees and the marching band of Eastern Wayne High School. Band director Angelo Holman said about 45 of his class members participated in the event. Others taking the Scholastic Aptitude Test were unable to attend, he added.

"I'm proud to be an American, and I'm proud to carry this flag," shouted Mayor Plonk from a flat bed truck speakers' platform. "Let's continue this patriotism and support everyone who's in this cause."

"Anything precious is worth fighting for," said newly-elected N.C. Rep. Carolyn Russell. "Let's hear it for America. Hip, hip, hooray!" The crowd joined in the cheer.

Wayne Commissioner Howard "Buddy" Shaw also spoke to the crowd.

Within an hour after the rally, phone calls began pouring into Goldsboro's community television station, cable channel 10, with people wanting to see rally coverage. The station will broadcast the rally at 5 p.m. Sunday, a spokesman said.

Enthusiasm growing for rally

By KARINNE YOUNG
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Enthusiasm is growing for a Saturday morning rally in support of deployed military personnel.

The demonstration is the brainchild of Frank Drohan, a Goldsboro businessman, who decided it was time the community came to together to show support for neighbors serving overseas in Operation Desert Storm.

Meanwhile, a service in support of deployed personnel was held at Sleepy Creek.

Hundreds of phone calls have been received by both the Family Support Center and Public Affairs office at Seymour Johnson AFB after news of the rally was announced Tuesday.

While military personnel can participate, they are not allowed to wear any part of their uniform, said a spokesman.

Requests for wheelchairs have been made by those who cannot walk the parade route, said Drohan.

Wayne Pharmacy has donated one chair for the event.

Other businesses and organiza-

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tions are chipping in, including Wal-Mart with a donation of 50 American flags. Drohan has purchased several more.

Members of city and county government have been asked to attend along with state and federal legislators and members of the Wayne County Veterans Association.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. on Berkeley Boulevard in front of the Ashley Plaza parking lot. It will proceed up Berkeley to Elm Street in front of the main Seymour Johnson gate, then back up Berkeley to the starting point.

Participants are being asked to "BYOF," Bring Your Own Flag, said Drohan.

In patriotic and religious songs, prayer and testimony, residents of the Sleepy Creek community lifted their voices Tuesday night in support of U.S. personnel in the Persian Gulf.

They gathered at the Sleepy Creek Chapel for a program led by the Rev. Wayne Jones, pastor of May's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.

"Our purpose," Rev. Jones said "is to support of people in the Persian Gulf. Some of us may not have relatives there, but our nation is there."

He noted that President George Bush had exhausted every effort for a peaceful solution. "I'd like to be a person of peace, but there are times when we must stand up for what is right," said Jones.

Assisting in the musical program were Faye Reardon and Tammy Turnage.

The program began with the singing of A Church in the Wildlife and concluded with God Bless America followed by a prayer circle in which all those attending participated.

Harry Ward, one of the organizers of the project, said it was undertaken "by some of us who felt it was something we needed to do."

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