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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT COMMUNITY WELCOME FOR RETURNING TROOPS

Sumter Memorial Stadium  
Sumter, South Carolina

4:32 P.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you all. (Applause.) Thank you all very, very much. Thank you, Governor Campbell, thank you so very much. And thank you all for that warm welcome. Mayor Creech, thank you, sir. The City Council Chairman Gray, I thank you. To Senator Hollings and the distinguished members of the House of Representatives who are with us today. My thanks to Nancy Thurmond, whose husband is away overseas, but one of the strongest supporters the military ever had -- Senator Strom Thurmond, my thanks to him. (Applause.) And, General Olsen, to you, sir, my respects, just back from superb service overseas. I'm delighted to be on this platform with you.

But most of all, thank you, Sumter. What a fantastic welcome. (Applause.) Thank you for your courage. Thank you for your sacrifice. Thank you for your example. And thank you for showing all what a great land this is. And thank you for letting me come and share in this, my first, but this wonderful reunion. I couldn't be happier to be here. Thank you. (Applause.)

What is it -- what is it about Sumter and Sumter County that breeds war heroes? In this century alone, you have supplied some of our greatest warrior-citizens. General George Mabrey, who died just last year, was the second-most decorated soldier in the history of the United States. And as many of you know, he helped train a young Lieutenant Colonel in Vietnam, and that Colonel was General Norman Schwarzkopf. (Applause.)

And, of course, the coalition victory in Kuwait would not have been possible without General Chuck Horner. Mary Jo, we are delighted that you're here with us today. Now stand up -- (applause.) You see, for those of you who didn't follow it -- and that's not many -- General Horner merged people and plane, from 30 bases here in the United States, six Navy carriers, the Marines and nine allied nations into a seamless theater Air Force. And he mapped out the most intense, most successful air assault in history. And we are very grateful to him. (Applause.) You see, it was that powerful, precise air assault that helped coalition forces crush Saddam's war machine -- (applause) -- while sparing innocent Iraqi citizens and while saving allied lives. Can you think of a better way to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Shaw Air Force Base than this? I can't. It is fantastic. (Applause.)

You don't have to wear a star to be a hero. We're surrounded by such people today. Let's start with the mother of all units at Shaw, the headquarters. (Laughter and applause.) The 9th Air Force and the U.S. Central Command Air Forces. And let's thank the 363rd Tactical Fighter Wing. (Applause.) Look at these guys. And let's thank the 507th Tactical Air Control Wing. (Applause.) And all the other units and tenant units here. And let's not forget other South Carolinians. The McIntyre Air National Guard Unit -- (applause) -- and the forces from all across this great state.

For those of you who are a little groggy from last

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night's flight home, welcome home. We're delighted to have you all back. (Applause.) I can't tell you how proud we are of each and every one of you. And to all our servicemen all across this country, we say thank you. And to the veterans of every conflict, we say thank you. And let this new spirit in our country give proper recognition to the Vietnam veterans. Their time has come. (Applause.)

And to all of those who have returned from overseas, God bless you. Please stand up so we can see each and every one of you. There they are. (Applause.) And to those who toil still over there, God bless them, too. (Applause.) You know, you all not only helped liberate Kuwait, you helped this country liberate itself from old ghosts and doubts. And when you left, it was still fashionable to question America's decency, America's courage, America's resolve. No one -- no one in the whole world doubts us anymore.

What you did, you helped us revive the America of our old hopes and dreams. And this nation learned something else during Desert Storm: You don't have to wear a uniform to be a war hero. Here, crowded on the bleachers and out there in the field are heroes and heroines of all ages -- mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, children, neighbors, friends. And while you in the service were overseas -- I've never seen anything like it -- the loved ones and even strangers, all across our great country hung out yellow ribbons, unfurled flags, sent letters and gifts to those of you overseas. And while you servicemen and women fought on distant sands, those you left behind talked and prayed. And I know that every little thought, every good wish, every whispered prayer, somehow echoed in the hearts of the fighters far away. No one understands this magic, but it is the kind of blessing that enables good people to accomplish great deeds.

But there is something very, very special about Sumter's sacrifice and its triumph -- and you all know it. I had the pleasure of visiting here in 1988. And since then, Hurricane Hugo ripped through 12,000 homes in this area, destroyed nearly \$700-million worth of property in its high winds and pouring rains; shredded your homes and your neighborhoods, turned trees into tinder. Sumter gathered its strength after the storm and began literally to pick up the pieces.

But just as things seemed to be turning around, the war erupted. And you did something extraordinary. You sent many of your finest men and women to serve. Troops departed. Reservists left their workplaces. And some people, newly married, were separated by war. Mothers bore children to fathers who looked across the horizon at an unseen foe.

Captain Dale Cormier died fighting for his country. And Captain Spike Thomas had to be plucked behind enemy lines. And, Captain Thomas, it's great to see you here today, sir. Where is he? (Applause.) And while you're all standing, let me also salute Lieutenant Neck Dodson, who led your rescue. We're glad he's here, too. (Applause.)

And as the war loomed, you in Sumter did not give into despair or fear. You recruited new businesses and new jobs, and while the troops were away, you continued to build a new city -- a better city. A city that is more like a large family. And you planted the seeds of prosperity among hardship's ruin. And I've talked in recent weeks about America's renewal, and today you feel it. You see it all around us here today.

And I'm amazed, but never surprised at the incredible things our people do. Our success in the war showed that we take a backseat to no one when it comes to courage, ingenuity, dedication to principle. But it also showed that we do great things when we trust our people. We would not have enjoyed such success if someone had tried to micromanage the war from Washington, D.C. (Applause.) We entrusted the operations to Sumter's products and heirs -- and look where we are today. (Applause.)

And I'm proud to say that we did it without arrogance around the world. We led without gloating or arrogance. And I think that's an American tradition as well.

You know -- let me just say this in finale -- look around you. Here is today's triumph, but also tomorrow's hope. Here's what we fight for -- family, friends. Here is what we love.

Thank you again for letting me be a part of this emotional homecoming. I'll never forget it as long as I live. God bless each and every one of you. Thank you very much. (Applause.)

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**PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: SUMTER WELCOME TO U.S. TROOPS**  
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We should use that same approach at home. Why should someone in Washington tell you the best way to heal old wounds and create new hopes in Sumter? You didn't wait for instructions when misfortune slapped you. Why should this nation be shackled to the limited wisdom of a small political class? You have made spectacular progress without lectures from the capital. It's time Washington told the rest of this country: We believe in you. Not: Prove yourselves to us. ///

We know the challenges we face. So, let's just do it.///

Each year we become a more diverse and exciting society. We pioneer new paths in industry and culture. Our diversity opens up fresh ideas, new ways, unexpected opportunities.

We have stepped into the bracing air of a new age -- an age in which America is not afraid to demonstrate its ability. An

age in which this nation takes on the challenges and opportunities that an international marketplace offers. An age in which the government doesn't demand virtue of its people -- but assumes it. A government that encourages Americans to do what they do naturally -- help each other, compete against each other, enrich each other with our ideas, inspirations, cultures.

I ask you to join me today in rejecting the tiring politics of division and derision. Let the spirit of brotherhood and cooperation shove aside the stale fog of class and racial conflict. That is the path Sumter has chosen. You tell me: Does it work?//

Americans don't need to be protected from anyone. /// We ought to feel good about ourselves and our fellow citizens. We need to reach out and join the new world awakening over the horizon. ///

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Thank you again for letting me share in your reunion. ///  
And God bless the United States of America.

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# Mabry dies at 72

## War hero remembered as great American

By JEFF OWENS  
ITEM Staff Writer

**P**etired Maj. Gen. George Lafayette Mabry Jr., a Stateburg native and one of the nation's most decorated war heroes, died Friday in Columbia after an illness. He was 72.

Mabry, a veteran of the June 8, 1944, Allied D-Day landing, was a recipient of the Medal of Honor for his bravery during World War II.

He became the nation's second most decorated soldier, receiving every military honor awarded by the United States to a combat soldier as well as several decorations from foreign governments.



MABRY

Mabry received the Medal of Honor for his bravery Nov. 20, 1944, in the Huertgen Forest near Schevenhutte, Germany, where he singlehandedly cleared a path through a minefield, captured three enemy bunkers, killed three enemy soldiers, put another out of action and captured nine more.

Mabry also served three tours in Panama, where he became a close acquaintance of Gen. Manuel Noriega. While there, he developed an invasion plan similar to the one the United States used in December 1989 when it invaded Panama and captured Noriega.

### A South Carolina patriot

Mabry's family and friends described him Friday as a compassionate man who was dedicated to God, his family and his country. He was described by state and national officials as a man South Carolina can be proud of.

One of his closest friends, Col. William Alston of Sumter, fought back tears Friday, as he described Mabry as "one of the greatest men who ever walked

this earth.

"A great man and a great American has fallen and he will be sadly missed by everyone," said retired Marine Rudy Singleton, who engineered the establishment of the Gen. George L. Mabry Jr. Veterans Memorial Park that was recently dedicated near Shaw Air Force Base.

Singleton said the memorial park committee named the park after Mabry because "we wanted to make sure it was named after a great American."

At the park's dedication ceremony, fellow Medal of Honor recipient retired Sgt. 1st Class Webster Anderson of Winnsboro said, "This memorial has been named in honor of a man who is much greater than any of us."

Singleton said that though he met Mabry only a few months ago, "I'll always remember him as a very humble and a very appreciative man who was very dedicated to the survival of this nation."

"He cared about young people and how they would grow up if patriotism was not carried on. He was very concerned about patriotism in this country," he said.

Mabry was deeply honored that the park was named after him, according to his brother, retired Sumter educator Buford Mabry, who said Mabry's greatest regret was that his illness prevented him from attending the July 4 dedication ceremony.

### Friends remember Mabry

Two of Mabry's closest friends, retired Chief Warrant Officer Harold "Speed" Wilson and retired Col. Charles Murray, who were also recipients of the Medal of Honor, said Mabry was a war hero all veterans admired and looked up to.

"And not only his contemporaries, but people under him and his seniors," Murray said. "He was a great friend and a real down-to-earth person who was liked by almost everybody. He was always going out of his way to be a friend to his country and everyone he met."

"He was an outstanding soldier and an outstanding gentle-

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Army photo

MAJ. GEN. GEORGE MABRY, above right, delivers a speech at his retirement ceremonies in September 1975. At right, Mabry talks with Gen. William C. Westmoreland (right) in late May of this year after rains forced the cancellation of the dedication of the Veterans Memorial Park near Shaw Air Force Base off U.S. 78/378. Above, Mabry, in battle dress, checks a map while in the field.

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# by Thurmond, other lawmakers

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man," Wilson said. Mabry was also a close friend of U.S. Sen. Strom Thurmond.

In a statement issued through his Washington office Friday, Thurmond said Mabry "served this country with great dedication and distinction and he deserves the highest plaudits of his fellow man."

"South Carolina has lost an outstanding citizen and our country has lost a brave and valiant soldier," he said.

U.S. Rep. John Spratt said, "I have the greatest admiration for General Mabry. He was a genuine good person as well as a genuine hero. He was well respected for his humanity as well as his military service."

### Early days

Mabry was born in Stateburg on Sept. 14, 1917, a son of George L. and Alberta Stuckey Mabry. He graduated from Hillcrest High School in 1935 and from Presbyterian College in 1940.

He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserve and began his active duty military career on July 5, 1940.

He married his high school sweetheart, Eulena Myers, in 1941 before he went to war. The wedding was in Hagood, where she lives today.

Their daughter, Abigail Mabry Ferrick, and younger son, Benjamin Myers Mabry, live in Columbia, while their older son, Lt. Col. George L. Mabry III, is stationed in Stuttgart, Germany, with the U.S. Army. The family also includes five grandchildren.

The Mabrys lived at military bases around the world during his Army career, including the southeastern U.S., Korea, the Canal Zone and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

During his second tour in the Canal Zone, Mabry was promoted to brigadier general and assigned in 1963 as director of operations for Southern Command headquarters at Quarry Heights, a key U.S. installation during the 1969 invasion.

He returned to the Canal Zone to lead the Southern Command from 1970 to 1978.

Mabry went to Vietnam twice during that conflict. In 1968 he led a 100-member team to evaluate U.S. Army combat operations in Vietnam. He returned to the battle three years later as chief of staff and assistant deputy commanding general at the Army's Vietnam headquarters.

### Military honors

Mabry retired from the Army in August 1978 with 35 years' service and decorations including the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, the Silver Star and the Bronze Star, a Purple Heart and the Presidential Unit Citation.

Several of his decorations had citations signifying multiple awards or valor in addition to service. He also received awards in foreign countries.

Vietnam's National Order 5th Class and Gallantry Cross with Palm.

His service medals included the World War II Victory Medal, the Distinguished Unit Badge, the European-African-Middle East Campaign Medal with four bronze stars, the Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Vietnamese Service Medal with three bronze stars.

Before college and the Army, Mabry developed many lifelong friends while growing up in Stateburg and playing football and baseball at Hillcrest High. He also played baseball for the local American Legion team and at Presbyterian College.

Alston, a classmate and teammate of Mabry's, remembers him as an outstanding athlete. He described him as a slick fielding shortstop and the leading hitter on his high school and American Legion baseball teams.

"He was one of the greatest athletes Hillcrest ever had back in the old days," he said.

### A man of honor

Alston also described Mabry as a "very compassionate" and "very kind" person with strong religious beliefs.

"He could always make up his mind about what he wanted to do," Alston said. "He was just a nice person all around. I can't say anything but the highest about him and don't think anyone who knew him could."

Clarence McLaughlin, who also went to high school with Mabry, said he remembered him as a "very conscientious and very dedicated" person.

"Whenever he went after something, he went after it with all his ability," he said. "He was highly motivated."

McLaughlin said he was not surprised when he learned that Mabry had been awarded the Medal of Honor.

"It didn't surprise me at all," he said. "He was always the type of guy who would do something like that."

Former Sen. Henry B. Richardson said he first met Mabry when they played baseball together as youngsters and became reacquainted with him after World War II when they both became charter members of the Society of the High Hills of Santee, a group of Stateburg natives and their descendants.

"George was a man of real principle and a pleasant, attractive and articulate gentleman," he said. "We were all mighty proud of him. We were all proud of having the distinction of knowing such a brave man. He really helped put Stateburg on the map."

Spratt added, "Sumter County should all be proud of him as a native son."

Mabry will be remembered at a funeral service with full military honors at 5 p.m. Sunday at the Church of the Holy Cross in Stateburg.

# Opera ho

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McDaniel said the Opera House "was destroyed" when the council burned it in late September 1989.

What roof was left after Hurricane Hugo was blown away through the county on Sept. 13. The second floor was soaked with rain and windows were blocked up; the Main Street facade had been ruined.

McDaniel said the arts center will be built back and not modernized; but the Opera House, located in the historic district, was built in the 1890s and is listed in the Register of Historic Places.

McDaniel predicted that the town will have a large economic impact on Bishopville, possibly spawning a town revitalization.

He also said he hopes a state House will unite the community for entertainment for people from everywhere.

Noting that the arts have an image of being elitist and aloof for the masses, he said, "That's just not the case any more in reaching out to the grassroots community."

When completed, he said, the center will solicit performers for a wide range of acts.

# Main Street

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for the fire, but would not call it arson. He said the fire started "around the gas stoves on the bottom floor," but de-

# Hugo lessons

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where improvement could be made," said George Bomar, a member of the Governor's Emergency Management Review Panel and chairman of the Greenville County Council.

The committee created by Gov. Carroll Campbell examined problems in the way government responded to the killer storm. The lessons learned from Hugo will help guide emergency responses in the future, panel members said.

"An important motivation for correcting deficiencies discovered in Hugo is the realistic expectation that another hurricane could visit South Carolina during the next hurricane sea-

David N. Newman  
David Neil Newman, 20, of 10, 1960, at Medical Unives Charleston from injuries received in a mobile accident.

Survivors include his father, James J. Newman; his mother, Katherine H. Newman; Hayes Hayes of Rumbert; a son, Ryan Sumter; a brother, Robbie D. Sumter; three stepbrothers, Allen, Hayes C. Holland of Sumter; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Boyd Sumter, and his step-grandmother, Hayes of Rumbert.

Services were held at 3 p.m. at the chapel of Elmore Hill Funeral Home, Rev. Eddie Richardson officiating in Sumter Cemetery. Pallbearers were Lawrence N. Hayes and...

*Carolyn  
Note: Gen.  
Norman Sch...  
(then a Lt. Col.)  
Served under  
Gen. Mabry in  
Vietnam!*

# Fort Jackson mourns old friend

By Leslie J. Dunson  
Leader staff

Fort Jackson lost a friend Friday when Maj. Gen. (Ret.) George L. Mabry Jr. died at age 72.

Mabry, a Medal of Honor recipient, died of cancer at about 10:30 a.m. at Richland Memorial Hospital in Columbia.

Known for his dry wit and penchant for story-telling, Mabry spent much of his retirement years entertaining soldiers and civilian audiences alike with his memories of the Army since he began active service in 1940 with an assignment to the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Benning, Ga.

A veteran of the June 6, 1944, D-Day landing on Utah Beach at Normandy, Mabry received his Medal of Honor for his conduct during a German attack on his unit in the Huertgen Forest near Schevenhutte, Germany. Then a major, Mabry singlehandedly prepared a path through a German minefield, captured three enemy bunkers and killed three German soldiers, shooting two of them and bayoneting another who was attempting to shoot him with a pistol.

With his rifle butt, he injured another German soldier and captured nine others. The United Kingdom also recognized him for his bravery by awarding him the Distinguished Service Order. He eventually earned every decoration the U.S. government awards an individual during combat.



Photo by Dave Abridge

Maj. Gen. (Ret.) George L. Mabry Jr. greets 120th Army Reserve Command Chief of Staff Col. Thomas Hücks in the receiving line of a 120th ARCOM official function.

In a 1988 interview, Mabry explained the significance of receiving the nation's highest military decoration.

"When Medal of Honor recipients wear the medal, they try to represent all veterans, living or dead, of all wars. That's a big responsibility.

"We didn't *win* the medal, we earned it. Many people who deserved the honor didn't receive it because they, as well as the witnesses who could confirm their actions, died in action."

Mabry, who once aspired to become a professional baseball player, earned

an athletic scholarship to Presbyterian College in Clinton, S.C., in 1936. He played semi-pro ball with the Syracuse Chiefs, but never made it to the big leagues. Instead, he graduated after serving in the college's ROTC program and received a commission in the Army Reserves in 1940.

During his 35-year Army career, he played a major role in establishing the U.S. Army Jungle Warfare Training Center at Fort Sherman, Panama Canal Zone. During one of his last visits to Fort Jackson in March, Mabry considered an expert on Caribbean and

*'If we lose our freedom we lose everything.'*

Central American geopolitical issues, conducted a military professional-development seminar, during which he outlined his part in the creation of the original operations plan for the December 1989 U.S. invasion of Panama and planned military strategies in response to political turmoil in the Central American region.

A native of Stateburg, S.C., Mabry rose quickly through the ranks during the World War II years, thanks to an almost innate understanding of sound leadership principles, according to many who served with him. Mabry himself believed the Army was his greatest teacher.

"The military is a hands-on learning experience, whereas college uses books as learning tools. Both are good, but it takes a while to refine what you've learned in college. In life you must develop the knowledge to detect subordinates who are doing things wrong. In the military, you may be called upon to put your leadership abilities to the ultimate test by requiring your subordinates to put their lives on the line in the most difficult situations."

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## Briefs

### Chief of staff to retire

a.m. and no later than 8:50 a.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring their spouses, and those who

support the installation's Morale, Welfare and

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His golden rule, repeated time and time again at various Fort Jackson functions: "Never ask anyone to do anything you would not willingly do yourself." He adopted that philosophy as a commander and was visibly proud of the impact he made on the soldiers he led. "I still get calls from former servicemen with whom I served as a second lieutenant through general officer. I feel good hearing from outstanding soldiers and citizens with whom I have had the privilege of serving in our great Army."

Although he retired from military service in 1975, the longtime Colum-

bia resident strayed from a life of leisure by maintaining a busy schedule of speaking engagements for active-duty and reserve members, ROTC students and local civic groups. He was also frequently interviewed by young school children about his war experiences for class projects. "I'll talk to anybody about the Army and what the armed forces mean to the United States," he said.

Mabry was also an active supporter of the Association of the U.S. Army, an organization which actively lobbies Congress on issues affecting soldiers, retirees and their families.

"When one retires, he often has

health troubles. It was my understanding that the government would take care of medical needs, but those benefits are being eroded," said Mabry, who many area retirees considered a champion of former-servicemember rights.

A classic story-teller, he was often asked to speak at Fort Jackson dedications and social events, and usually peppered his war-time tales with amusing anecdotes.

Mabry is survived by his widow, Mrs. Eulena Myers Mabry; sons, Lt. Col. George L. Mabry III of Stuttgart, Germany, and Benjamin M. Mabry of Columbia; a daughter, Mrs. Abigail M.

Ferrick of Columbia; and a brot Buford Mabry of Sumter.

Services were held Sunday Church of the Holy Cross in Statebn burial, with full military honors, at the Church of the Holy Cross Ca tery. Memorials may be made to George L. Mabry Jr. Scholarship Fu at Presbyterian College or the Ame can-Cancer Society.

"I have no qualms about the Army Mabry once said. "If I had it to do again, I'd join tomorrow. The arm forces are important; if we lose freedom, we lose everything."

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lation Volunteer Coordinator and Family Advocacy Program.

Wise said the organization puts volunteers at its heart. "Volunteers must constantly assist the needs of military families," she said. "They must empathize with families to change their attitudes about seeking or receiving help from outside sources.

"We're committed to enthusiasm, dedication and customer service."

In its infancy, ACS was generally known as the Army's "pots and pans organization" because its

lending closet program had always had a booming business for incoming families awaiting their household goods. "But we've finally gained recognition as being a helping agency," Wise said.

In recognition of its growing importance on the installation, it was moved from World War II barracks off the beaten path to a renovated facility on Jackson Boulevard.

In fiscal year 1989, ACS programs helped more than 17,000 soldiers. The Army Emergency Relief fund assisted soldiers at a cost of more than \$186,000 for food, shelter and utilities.

As of the third quarter of this fiscal year, the installation Debt Management Program has enrolled 61 families with a total indebtedness of more than \$908,000.

As ACS continues to progress, the Relocation and Outreach Program will move into the new Soldier Service Center, and the Family Advocacy Program will expand.

ACS has come a long way to get to its silver anniversary, and it still has a solid-gold future thanks to the volunteers who uphold the ACS motto: "self-help, service and stability."

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## RACE RELATIONS IN SUMTER, S.C.

-- Somewhat of a sensitive issue. Sumter has had major problems in the past, most notably the incident three years ago when a white sheriff's deputy shot a black youth in the back at point blank range, even though the boy was cuffed and his hands on the top of his head. The deputy was tried and found innocent -- the black community was outraged and marches were held, led by a local black minister.

I'm told that today, though, race relations relative to the past are better than they have ever been, and that the President would not be mistaken in praising the community for working together.

-- Sumter's mayor, Steve Creech, has set up a race relations committee administered through the Chamber of Commerce. It has been highly praised for addressing issues before they become big problems. The program has reached the point where, if a minority feels he or she has a problem, they know they can take it to the committee and work it out -- rather than taking to the streets in march, etc.

-- I'm told that the establishment of Shaw AFB was largely responsible for the integration of Sumter.

For one, because the military is integrated and the effect spilled over. For two: because the base holds ex officio positions on community boards, etc. and often sent black servicepeople to serve on them; white Sumterites then worked with blacks for the first time and discovered they aren't so bad. In the following years, whites began to appoint blacks to community positions on their own accord.

-- The mayor's office was hesitant to list evidence of black-white cooperation. The idea, they say, is to quit framing it in those terms and instead to concentrate on the community working together.

I was given one example, however, it is a bit dated. Back in the mid-70's, Morris College (all black) was on the verge of bankruptcy and was preparing to close its doors. White businessmen in Sumter raised enough \$ to keep it running -- and it's still in session today.

Visit of THE PRESIDENT to Sumter, South Carolina  
Sunday, March 17, 1991

\* Conversation with Bob Cates, Governor's Authorization Representative, Office of the Governor of South Carolina regarding Hurricane Hugo.

- o The eye of Hurricane Hugo passed directly to the west of the City of Sumter. The city was hit head-on.
- o Sumter County one the first of seven (and eventually twenty-four counties) declared as Federal Disaster Areas. Sumter was declared such an area the day after the storm.
- o Most costly natural disaster that has ever struck the State of South Carolina and thus, Sumter County with total damage for Sumter estimated at \$700 million. According to Mr. Cates, it looked as if a war had been fought and lost in Sumter.
- o Example of effort to clean up after hurricane: there were 21 dump sites established throughout the county. Local citizens delivered enough trash to fill 61,251 truck loads of debris (1,225,000 cubic yards of trash).

\* Conversation with Phil Ballenger, Executive Director, Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce regarding Sumter's economy.

- o In August of 1990, Sumter's economy was just starting to rebound after the long-ranging impacts of Hurricane Hugo. The millions of dollars in repairs had contributed plenty of money to the local economy.

The advent of Operation Desert Shield crippled many segments of the local economy once again: housing, car dealerships, etc. Just a month after many of the troops shipping off to Saudi Arabia, the Campbell Soup Company Plant closed its door (1200 jobs). A few weeks later, the Interlake Plant (150 jobs) and Scholler Textile Plant (220 jobs) also closed.

Luckily, Sumter is not a one industry town. There are presently 10 Fortune 500 companies operating plants in the area which have contributed greatly to the economy while other segments were not as active.

o Examples of notable/innovative companies located in Sumter area:

- \* - Gold Kist, a chicken processing plant, is replacing the Campbell Soup Company in its old plant with just over 600 employees.
- \* - Becton-Dickinson, world's largest manufacturer of Vacu-tators (surgical suction devices). Opened their Sumter operation in 1970 with only 100,000 feet of office space. They now have over 500,000 feet of space and an investment of over \$100 million in Sumter.
- \* - The Bendix Automotive Plant of Allied Signal now has 2 plants in the Sumter area. These are referred to as their model plants.
- \* - Union Camp will soon a new plant in the area adding just over 100 jobs to the economy with an investment of \$30 million. Diebold, a safe company, opened their plant last October, contributing 80 jobs to the local market and \$15 million to the economy.

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*No need to sing economic blues in Sumter County* → *Doubles as State Commerce Board*

## Development Board Announces "Banner Year"

Do you read and hear the bleak economic picture being painted by the news media across the nation? Do you hear other towns which house military bases singing the blues about their economic woes now that so many troops have been deployed to the Persian Gulf?

Well, you can be grateful you live in Sumter County, where the economic base is more diversified. As a matter of fact, meeting with State Development staff members a few days ago, the Sumter County Development Board reviewed recent successful recruitment and expansion, and announced its intentions "not to participate in the nationally-forecast recession" - citing the diversified economy, which is getting better every day, for the optimistic statement.

The following review of the past year is offered by Leon McDonald (SCNB), Chairman of the Sumter County Development Board:

"Phil Ballinger and Jim Alexander have done an exceptional job this past year in recruiting new industries into the area. Included are Union Camp's Fine Paper Division; Diebold, Inc.; Metal Leve, Inc.; Kaydon Corporation; and Universal Industries. They have also assisted

in the expansion and upgrading of other facilities already in operation in Sumter County.

**Legislative Tour  
Scheduled  
for Feb. 26  
Cancelled**

The second annual tour of the State Capitol, sponsored by the Governmental Affairs Committee (J. Seth, Chairman), has been cancelled.

The Chamber appreciates all the work the committee did in the preparation of this scheduled event.

"When in full operation, these new industries will provide close to \$950,000 in school and special-purpose taxes, along with an additional \$664,000 a year to the county coffers after their five-year exemption ends.

"These new industries also

bring 320 jobs at start-up, with exceptional promise for the creation of approximately 460 more jobs within the following three years.

"All of this indicates that Sumter County is undergoing an exceptional growth period.

"When you add the expansion and equipment upgrades to our local industries, we will have added another 90 new jobs and an estimated \$327,000 in school and special-purpose taxes with the county getting approximately \$200,500.

"City and County staff cooperation and the City-County Planning Commission's efforts have been key to our success. Mr. Eddie Newman's County Public Works Department and Al Harris' City Engineer's Department have responded exceptionally well to requests for information by prospects and to new and local industrial expansion needs.

"We foresee the same increased level of activity for 1991-92 that we have had this year."

So if you have been fearing the worst economically, or if you hear anyone else voice those concerns, help spread the word: The economic picture here is far brighter than in most communities which can give us all something to smile about.

# Closings made big headlines, but there was good news on the business front this year too

By **BILLY QUARLES**  
ITEM Staff Writer

Phil Ballinger has seen a lot of businesses and industries come and go since he began working with the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce in 1970.

But the chamber's president and CEO says 1990 beat everything.

"It was unusual," said Ballinger, Sumter County's head industrial recruiter. "The Campbell Soup event was the big news, but we also scored some big hits that are going to be tremendously good for our area."

Campbell Soup officials announced in June that they would close the Sumter poultry-processing plant, which employed about 1,268 when the year began. Campbell Soup is the largest private employer in the tri-county area.

That surprise move was the first in a rash of plant closings in Sumter and Clarendon counties that claimed about 1,900 jobs this year.

In addition to the Campbell announcement, children's clothing manufacturer Elkay Industries Inc. closed plants in Turbeville and Sumter, while Schoeller Inc. shut down a Sumter textile plant and the Interlake Corp. closed one of its two Sumter facilities.

Coupled with a number of layoffs that affected a cross-section of the local economy, the closings boosted Sumter's unemployment rate from 5 percent in January 1990 to 6.6 percent in October.

"I'd say it was somewhat of a transitional year," said Leon McDonald, chairman of the Sumter County Development Board.

"Some of the closings were caused by severe economic pressure, but we were fortunate to recruit some quality industries to make up for the ones we lost."

Four major industries announced in 1990 plans to open facilities in Sumter, and perhaps none made area residents happier than the news about Gold Kist Inc., an Atlanta-based firm that paid about \$40 million for the Campbell plant.

Gold Kist, also in the poultry-processing business, plans to start processing chickens in Sumter shortly after Campbell vacates the plant on Jan. 27.

Gold Kist won't be able to keep all of the approximately 1,100 employees now working at the Campbell plant, but the company plans to hire as many as possible.

"The Gold Kist project needs to be in focus as a tremendous project," Ballinger said. "From all of the indications we have, they are going to greatly expand the poultry-growing operation."

"We've had trouble in our local agricultural sector in the past - (Hurricane) Hugo was a direct hit and then we had the (October) flooding. So that could mean a big boost."

Sources have said that Gold Kist could eventually process up to four times the poultry now being processed at the local plant.

Gold Kist will use the plant to eviscerate chickens and sell the whole or cut-up birds to institutions, retail supermarkets and restaurants.

Prior to news of the layoffs at Campbell Soup, economic development in the area was rolling.

The Union Camp Corp. announced in February that it would build a \$25 million-plus paper-converting plant in the county's industrial park on U.S. 15 South.

And in April Ohio-based Diebold Inc. purchased a \$1.1 million speculative building in the Black River Industrial Park. Diebold has already put about 120 people to work manufacturing automated banking equipment.

The economy got another boost in November when the Metal Leve Corp. of Brazil unveiled plans to build a piston-manufacturing facility here. The plant will employ about 130 people in 1992 and could eventually employ as many as 800.

Ballinger said 1990 will probably never be forgotten by those who follow Sumter's economy, but he believes most people will look back at the year favorably.

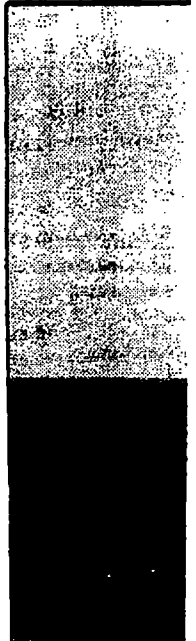
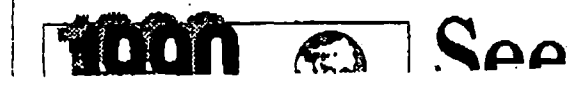
"Manufacturing jobs in general are declining across the country, and to keep bringing in quality jobs is a real accomplishment," he said. "And we've still got the vacant CP&L speculative building (on U.S. 15 South) and the vacant building (left behind by Interlake), and those will get buyers."

"Things look good for 1991, and we'll keep slugging."

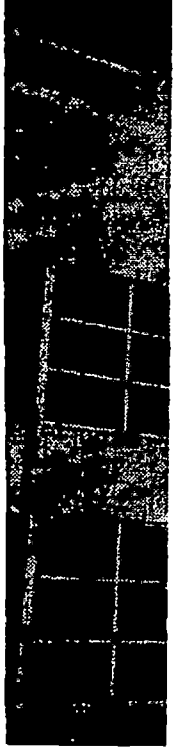
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the final quarter of 1990 but based Organization of Eco- nomic Development re- search and Development re- sults suggest the national economy is slowest. Texas and its neighbors are West Coast remains rela- tively strong. West Coast and an export boom is part of the Midwest, which is catalyst for the next na- tional resurgence. or example, jobs during the acturing because fac- tories are retooled with modern now one of the nation's centers. d now a model American way to the hard way to automation and smaller and mean, running ne a way of life," said ation Corp., an electrical component manufacturer land's key industries. y the American Express for small and mid-sized in generators of new panies in the Pacific well in a recession. Northeast and Middle ld be hit hardest. have dismissed rece- s and argue that the ut to embark on a per- m. They base this out- remise that many U.S. h tougher than they

## BUSINESS ITEMS



Fred Sinnz



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# Hugo's one night tab: \$700 million

By MARGE BARBER  
ITEM Staff Writer

**H**urricane Hugo turned one of Sumter's assets - trees, in great number and variety - into a liability.

During that black night, trees became instruments of destruction. They stabbed into houses and crashed across roads, dragging power and telephone lines down with them as they fell.

At last count, more than 12,000 homes in the greater Sumter area were victims of the hurricane - 6,777 with minor damage, 3,417 with major damage and at least 1,933 destroyed. Falling trees caused much of that damage.

And a county official estimated that when the storm ended, as much tree debris lay on the ground in Sumter County as would normally fall in 25 years. The size of the cleanup task was mind-boggling.

So was the cost. Latest damage estimates put Hugo's tab at \$694,256,800 - and that includes only property damage.

Civil Defense Director Vic Jones says he could add millions to that figure to cover lost earnings and business productivity, personal property, cars, boats, fences, outbuildings and swimming pools.

"And the impact in terms of homeless people will rise," Jones says. "We know there are homeless people, who have not come in, needing shelter. We know there's a house with 26 people living in it. We know people are staying with friends and relatives. We don't know how long that can last."

• Family homes account for more than half the total damage, standing at \$395,762,700 as of Wednesday.

• The next largest amount - at \$150 million almost one quarter of the total - represents damage to trees and crops.

• Approximate damages to public utilities are \$32.2 million.

• Soil conservation damage - soil erosion, blocked streams and drainage systems - is \$20 million.

• Damage to county businesses is \$5.84 million.

• Damage to city businesses is \$18.9 million.

• Vision Cable damage is \$5 million.

• Debris removal will cost \$3 million.

• Damage to industry is \$20 million.

• Schools and public property damage is at least \$3 million.

• Shaw Air Force Base estimates damage at \$40 million.

Not everyone expressed Hugo's devastation in numbers. Some used superlatives. Soon after the storm, Gov. Carroll Campbell estimated the damage to his state at "hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of millions of dollars."

Campbell said after a flight over the hurricane's path. "It's beyond your worst nightmare."



Residents of Lynam Road, above, cut their way out of the debris that littered their neighborhood after Hugo hit Sumter. The cost of repairing downed power lines in Sumter County was tied directly to the 1,000 workers sent to the county by out-of-state electric companies, right.



And American Red Cross officials say the Sumter area is part of "the largest-ever storm-relief operation" in the organization's history. Hugo's victims statewide will get at least \$38 million in Red Cross aid.

Power and water are back in most areas. Many homes even have cable TV again. Houses are being repaired. Debris is being hauled away and burned. But something is missing from the Sumter skyline, and that loss won't be repaired for years to come.

There's a lot of daylight where the trees used to be.

To: Fred Sainz  
From: Graham Osteen  
The Item, Sumter SC

# Did you say

# CHRISTMAS

## Despite the grim warnings, local retailers say business is good

By **BILLY QUARLES**  
ITEM Staff Writer

Like many merchants around the country, Sumter's Hallsell Roberts is a little worried this holiday shopping season.

But while a slowed economy, high energy prices and the threat of war in the Middle East have many retailers braced for a blue Christmas, Roberts' worries are of a different sort.

"I think this weather is having more of an effect on us than the economy," said Roberts, who owns the University Shop on Bultman Drive.

"The weather's just been so warm that we aren't selling much outerwear."

Other than that, Roberts is having a merry Christmas season, and many other local merchants are reporting brisk sales, even with thousands of troops from Shaw Air Force Base deployed in the Middle East and 2,000 announced industrial layoffs coming from Sumter area-plants over the past six months.

"Business overall has actually been pretty good," Roberts said. "I wouldn't say this is our best year, but it's been good."

Other retailers are reporting similar success during the annual Christmas-shopping season, the period in which many of them complete 50 percent of their annual sales.

"This is better than any other Christmas we've had," said Lucy Byrd, who with her husband has owned Byrd's Country Store for nine years.

"I can't say how much business is up from last year, but we're delighted."

So are Patsy Blanding and Eddie Lathan. Blanding said sales at her women's apparel store on Bultman Drive are 10 percent ahead of last year's, and 1990 will be the best ever for Lathan's 8-year-old computer business on North Guignard Drive.

Grier Blackwelder, the general manager of the Greater Sumter Chamber of



**HALSELL ROBERTS**, owner of the University Shop, helps a customer. Roberts said the season has been a good one for area retailers.

“**Maybe** the economy is not so bad everywhere that thousands of people are gone, but everybody's at home doing their Christmas shopping. And Santa Claus is still going to see to it that we're not canceling Christmas.”

**GRIER BLACKWELDER**  
Chamber official

Commerce said he's heard similar stories all over town.

"If you listen to the news, it's surprising," he said. "If you believe that we're in a recession or about to go into one like the experts say, it's very surprising."

"But the people I'm seeing in the retail sector who depend heavily on Christmas shopping are telling me that

it's been a good season. The economy is not so bad everywhere.

"I realize that thousands of people are gone," Blackwelder said. "But everybody's at home doing their Christmas shopping for them. And Santa Claus is still going to see to it that we're not canceling Christmas. Maybe not, but some retailers, including Sears, Roebuck and

*Handwritten note:* To: Fred Sanger  
From: Lathan & Blanding

Deaths

1

Injuries

328

	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Damage</u>	
Homes (with personal property)	395,762,700
Forest/Agriculture	150,000,000
Soil Conserv.	20,000,000
Sewer	250,000
CP&L	13,000,000
Black River	8,000,000
GTE	10,000,000
Farmers Telephone	1,500,000
Vision Cable	5,000,000
Debris Removal	4,000,000
Public Buildings (schools)	3,000,000
Industry	3,000,000
Shaw Air Force Base	39,000,000
Commercial Damage to County	5,844,100
Commercial Damage to City	18,900,000

Total:

677,256,800

*Industry*

*23 MM*

*2230 Greg Stone*

## QUOTES

### America

- o "It is not our affluence, or our plumbing, or our clogged freeways that grip the imagination of others. Rather, it is the values upon which our system was built. These values imply our adherence not only to liberty and individual freedom, but also to international peace, law and order, and constructive social purpose. When we depart from these values, we do so at our peril."  
-- Senator J. William Fulbright, 6/29/61
  
- o "We in this country, in this generation, are -- by destiny rather than choice -- the watchmen on the walls of world freedom. We ask, therefore, that we may be worthy of our power and responsibility, that we may exercise our strength with wisdom and restraint, and that we may achieve in our time and for all time the ancient vision of "peace on earth, goodwill toward men." That must always be our goal, and the righteousness of our cause must always underlie our strength. For as was written long ago: "except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."  
-- JFK, remarks prepared but not delivered in Dallas on 11/22/63

### Patriots/Soldiers

- o "The patriot volunteer, fighting for country and his rights, makes the most reliable soldier on earth."  
-- Attributed to Thomas (Stonewall) Jackson
  
- o "Honor to the soldier, and sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause. Honor also to the citizen who cares for his brother in the field, and serves, as best he can, the same cause -- to honor him, only less than to him, who braves, for the common good, the storms of heaven and the storms of battle."  
-- President Lincoln, letter, 12/1863
  
- o "...the highest merit, then, is due to the soldier."  
-- President Lincoln, 3/18/1864

- o "These endured all and gave all that justice among nations might prevail and that mankind might enjoy freedom and inherit peace."  
-- Author unknown. Inscription at Normandy Chapel. Similar to WWI inscription at Oise-Aisne cemetery

#### After the War

- o "In War: Resolution  
In Defeat: Defiance  
In Victory: Magnanimity  
In Peace: Good Will"  
-- Winston Churchill, The Second World War
- o "I hear America singing, the varied carols I hear."  
-- Walt Whitman, 1867
- o "The mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battlefield and patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone all over this broad land."  
-- President Lincoln, First Inaugural
- o "The greatest Glory of a free born people  
Is to transmit that Freedom to their Children."  
-- William Harvard, "Regulus: A Tragedy"  
Regulus is speaking

#### Kuwait Now

- o "A war to protect other human beings against tyrannical injustice; a war to give victory to their own ideas of right and good, and which is their own war, carried on for an honest purpose by their free choice, -- is often the means of their regeneration."  
-- John Stuart Mill, Dissertations and Discussions, 1862

### The Peace

- o "The peace we seek is nothing less than the fulfillment of our whole faith among ourselves and in our dealings with others. This signifies more than the stilling of guns, easing the sorrow of war. More than an escape from death, it is a way of life. More than a have for the weary, it is a hope for the brave."  
-- Eisenhower, First Inaugural
- o "The real and lasting victories are those of peace, and not of war."  
-- Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1860
- o "We should do all in our power to hasten the day when there shall be peace among nations -- a peace based upon justice and not upon cowardly submission to wrong."  
-- TR, 6th msg. to Congress, 12/4/06

### The Argument of Some US Soldiers that they deployed so that their children will not have to

- o "If there must be trouble let it be in my day, that my child may have peace."  
-- Thomas Paine, article, 12/19/1776

### The Scenes Troops Proudly Saluting the Flag Before Battle

- o "There is the National flag. He must be cold, indeed, who can look upon its folds rippling in the breeze without pride of country. If in a foreign land, the flag is companionship, and country itself, with all its endearments."  
-- Charles Sumner, 11/19/1867
- o "Thank God. I -- I also -- am an American!"  
-- Daniel Webster, upon completion of the Bunker Hill Monument, 6/17/1843

### Post War Domestic Agenda

- o "America means opportunity, freedom, power."  
-- Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1870
  
- o "A man who is good enough to shed his blood for his country is good enough to be given a square deal afterwards...."  
-- TR, 6/4/03
  
- o "For what avail the plough or sail,  
or land or life, if freedom fail?"  
-- Ralph Waldo Emerson  
Inscribed on a plaque in the pedestal of  
the Statue of Liberty
  
- o "For we put the power in the people."  
-- William Penn, founder of Pennsylvania  
1797

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## Shaw pilot rescued by U.S. helicopter

SAUDI ARABIA - A Shaw Air Force Base pilot parachuted to safety earlier this week in the Middle East before being rescued by a U.S. helicopter, which was under attack by enemy fire.

Capt. Scott "Spike" Thomas, an F-16 pilot from Shaw, landed about 50 miles north of Saudi Arabia in a spot where there was no enemy fire, reports said. Thomas, 27, had just finished bombing troops in Iraq before having to flee his plane when its engine caught fire, the reports said.

Thomas's wing man and friend, Lt. Eric "Neck" Dodson, coordinated the search and rescue mission, reports said. Both men are

members of the 33rd Squadron of the 363rd Tactical Fighter Wing.

After landing, Thomas told reporters that with a thunderstorm approaching, he made a shelter using two bushes and a life raft. Both items were part of his survival kit. As he waited to be rescued, he picked up stones for souvenirs, reports said.

The helicopter passed over him after about two agonizing hours. After another three minutes, it landed in front of Thomas and someone was sent out to get him.

Iraqi soldiers fired shots at the helicopter as it lifted, reports said.

(Thompson) Shaw AF



# Bush to attend rally here

President George Bush will come to Sumter Sunday to welcome Shaw Air Force Base troops home from the Persian Gulf War. Sumter Mayor Steve Creech said this morning that the president will appear at a 4 p.m. celebration for the returning troops. It was an announcement he'd waited four days to make. "I'm more excited today than I was Thursday when I was told that he might be coming and I should keep my mouth shut - which was

pretty difficult for me," Creech said. "We're going to have a rally Sunday - probably at 4 p.m. at Memorial Stadium," the mayor said. "I'm sure the governor will be here, and members of the congressional delegation and other dignitaries." Final choice of the location will be up to the Secret Service, Creech said. The White House confirmed the visit to Sumter this morning.

Shaw spokesman Dave McMahon said the president's plane will likely land at Shaw, but could not provide details of the visit. Creech also confirmed that Shaw pilots will be returning home Wednesday and Thursday. Reports from fliers' wives have said the 17th Tactical Fighter Squadron will fly in at 3 or 4 p.m. Wednesday, followed by F-16s from the 33rd TFS on Thursday. Tucker Eskew, a spokesman for Gov. Car-

roll Campbell, said the governor invited Bush to Sumter after learning that an event had been planned for the returning troops. He said Campbell spoke to Bush about coming to South Carolina in January after the President spoke in North Carolina. Bush campaigned in Sumter in 1988, speaking at a rally at Swan Lake park.

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## Pilots from Shaw flying home this week

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loved ones as soon as possible," Fitzwater said. "Sumter is the kind of celebration he will participate in, where the community and the county gets together to celebrate all the returning troops." "I noticed the event at Norfolk over the weekend when the dignitaries started making speeches and the crowd started yelling 'Let them go, let them go,'" Fitzwater said. "I think the right tone for these returning events is to let these troops get off the plane and into the arms of those they want to be in the arms of." The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said the Sumter celebration will be a general one, put on by the community and the county. Fitzwater said Bush would make the stop on his return from Bermuda, where he was to meet with British Prime Minister John Major on Saturday. He said Bush had decided he did not want his presence in greeting returning troops to interfere with the actual homecomings. "The president believes that these homecomings should be just that: for the families, primarily, and get them with their

(John Fritz)  
(Fetalite's Mrs)

# Crash kills Shaw pilot

By JOHN FRITZ  
ITEM Staff Writer

An F-16C fighter pilot became Shaw Air Force Base's first casualty of the Gulf War when his plane crashed in Saudi Arabia Friday while returning to base after a mission.

Capt. Dale Thomas Cormier, 30, died in a crash on the Saudi Arabian peninsula about 12:50 p.m. EST or 8:50 p.m. Saudi time, the Air Force announced Saturday.

"His aircraft was returning to base from an operational mission, but did not sustain any battle damage. Capt. Cormier died as a result of the

crash," a Shaw press release said. "This was a non-hostile death."

Department of Defense spokesman Howard Hicks said that Cormier crashed "while performing an instrument landing." He could provide no more details.

Cormier was assigned to the 17th Tactical Fighter Squadron of Shaw's 363rd Tactical Fighter Wing.

Nancy Diehl, whose husband is the squadron commander, was at the Cormier's Sumter home Saturday night, but said the family would have no comment.

Cormier is survived by a wife, Shelley, other relatives said.

"Everyone here is saddened that the accident oc-

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## Crash investigation planned, official says

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curred," Shaw spokesman Dave McMahon said. "All our thoughts and wishes are with the family."

The Air Force will investigate the crash, according to the press release.

Air Force Capt. Ralph Scott, a spokesman for the Central Command Joint Information Bureau in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, said that the investigation could take weeks or months, depending on the circumstances of the crash.

Scott could provide no further details about what happened.

Cormier's uncle, William Cormier of Lansing, Ill., said he was shocked to hear that his nephew had been killed, but said that Dale Cormier died doing something that he loved - flying.

"His father was a pilot, and he followed in his footsteps as far as flying," he said.

Cormier's stepbrother, Thomas Speechley of Crystal Lake, Ill., said Cormier's father,

Robert, was a retired American Airlines pilot.

His father, mother and stepmother all are deceased, Speechley said. Cormier also has a brother, Scott, who lives in Phoenix, Ariz., he said.

Friday's crash resulted in the first loss of life for Shaw forces in the Gulf area and the second loss of a Shaw aircraft there.

A Shaw pilot ejected safely Sept. 3, 1990, before his plane crashed during a training exercise over the southern Arabian peninsula.

Lt. Richard F. Sester of the 33rd Tactical Fighter Wing was treated at a local hospital and released after the crash, which occurred at 7:51 a.m. EST, or 3:51 p.m. in Saudi Arabia.

Cormier, who graduated in 1982 from Auburn University with a bachelor's degree in aviation management, entered the service in April 1983 and was stationed at Shaw last March.

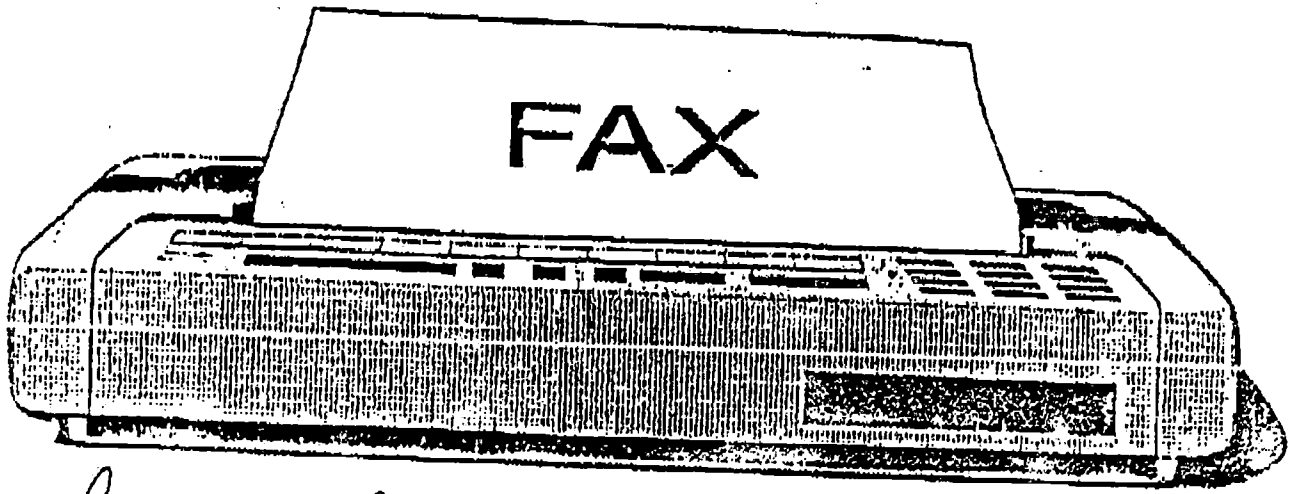
His military awards and decorations include the Air Force Commendation Medal, Achievement Medal, Longevity Service Award Ribbon and Training Ribbon.



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To: Carolyn Cowley  
From: Kay Deer  
Fax No. 202-456 6218

Date: 3-15-91  
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### MESSAGE

Enjoyed talking with you - Thanks so  
much for understanding the "big" picture  
of our area - So many guardsmen  
and women and reservists from here are  
-serving.  
Kay Deer

## Sumter County Museum

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### INFORMATION FOR PRESIDENT BUSH'S MARCH 17 VISIT TO SUMTER, SC

Contact: Kay S. Teer, Director 773-9144

In addition to Thomas Sumter, another important South Carolina Revolutionary War General was Francis Marion. "The Swamp Fox" for whom the S.C. Air National Guard's famed F-16 Fighting Falcons are nicknamed. These modern-day "Swamp Foxes" won the Air Force's Top Gun competition in 1989.

The original "Swamp Fox" organized an irregular force of raiders who came and went as the need arose and they could be armed and in the saddle at a moment's notice. They provided their own horses and food, and numbered among them some of the best marksmen and riders in the state. Marion's brigade was only half equipped and often hungry, but to the British regulars they seemed everywhere at once. The British sent their best cavalry officer, Banastre Tarleton, to destroy Marion, but Tarleton could not find Marion in the swamps of S.C.'s mid-lands and lowcountry. Marion's men attacked often, took many prisoners and made communications impossible for the British troops in the Carolinas--not unlike the members of South Carolina's current "Swamp Foxes" and their support groups.

The modern day "Swamp Foxes" were one of the primary units in flying thousands of sorties against Saddam's forces. Based in Central Saudi Arabia at "Camellot" these men and women of the 157th Tactical Fighter Group and the 169th Services Flight, along with the 240th Combat Communications Squadron, played a key part in the War.

Over 800 men and women, many from the Sumter and mid-lands area of South Carolina make up these Air National Guard units. Only a few of the Fighting Falcons have returned. None of the 169th or 240th members have been able to come home--in fact the 240th unit will remain until the very end, for their motto is "First in--Last Out". (They will not be returning until mid to late May.)

Lt. Col. John Marshall, Commander of the Fighting Falcons, and Lt. Col. Stewart Teer, Commander of the 240th CC SQ, are both from Sumter.

As the only communications squadron serving the base of 5000 people, members of the 240th made short work of the massive communications requirements, stringing wire, installing telephones, the "giant voice" (satellites), as well as providing the air traffic control for the thousands of sorties flown.

If I can provide further information, please call. Thank you for including whatever of this information seems applicable.

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For: President Bush's March 17th visit to Sumter  
Contact: Kay Teer (803) 773-9144

Aged 30, Thomas Sumter came to South Carolina -- scene of his future greatness -- as an escapee from a debtors' prison and as a young man with only basic schooling. But behind him lay an adventurous youth. He had been a frontier boy and Indian fighter. He had met the King of England in his palace while serving as a interpreter for an Indian chief. He had captured a French Canadian and enemy of his country single-handedly in a remote region and transported him, unaided, to imprisonment. He came to this state unknown, without friends. Today he is enshrined in the hearts of South Carolinians as a hero and as a real man, with a city, a county and a fort in Charleston harbor named in his honor.

As a military man, a product of his environment, a leader of mounted Irregulars and backwoods militia, his followers adored him. His "finest hour" came in 1780 when he was 46. It came following in the fall of Charles Town to the British; following the flight to N.C. by Governor Rutledge; during the absence from S.C. of all civil authority; and after the total defeat and rout of all military resistance in the state. This hour of glory came to Sumter while he was a fugitive from a gutted home. His fellow backwoodsmen rallied to his banner, elected him "General", and from that point onward, the flame of resistance burned brightly and eventually, his adopted state -- our state -- became free.

The rank of General was confirmed by Gov. Rutledge from his capitol in N.C. when he wrote Sumter issuing him the commission of Brig. Gen. and directing him to embody as soon as possible "all the militia of S.C. "; to hold them ready to cooperate with the Continental forces; and until then to employ his men in the interest of the state as seemed best to his judgement, with no limitations except that "your own prudence will restrain you from entering upon too hazardous enterprises."

Sumter's was a "hit and run" warfare, his men frequently "fading away" to their homes where they were needed if their families were to live and be safe from the Tories. He had no commissary, nor could he have used one as a rule. The state of S.C., through its General Assembly, afterwards did that which Sumter aided it in doing -- it reimburses those from he had take that his loyal to their cause might survive (provided they had been loyal to their state, and not Tories).

Probably the most accurate measure of esteem in which Sumter was held by his fellow citizens, both those from whom he took that his men might live and win and those less affected by his patriotism, is the constancy with which he was elected to public office by their votes. He was elected a delegate from the district eastward of the Wateree to the First and Second Provincial Congresses which met in Charles Town in 1775 and 1776. There he was made a member of the Council of Safety; and immediately after the Skirmish at Lexington was made a captain of Rangers, and then Lt. Col. Commandant of a rifle regiment. He was also present and took part in the adoption of the second American State Constitution by the terms of which S.C. became an independent sovereignty.

In 1778 he was elected by his people to the first General Assembly under the new Constitution, and after his "War Days" was elected to the State Senate which met in Jacksonborough, S.C., in 1782. Meanwhile, after having moved to Stateburg in what was then Camden District, from his former home on the Santee River, he was elected to the Assembly which met in Charleston in 1785. He was re-elected and was a member of the Assembly when, in 1788, the proposed Federal Constitution which had been fashioned by the Philadelphia Constitutional Convention, was received. He was again a member of the legislature which met in 1789, this being his last session in the State General Assembly, he thereafter refusing other nominations.

He was elected to the First Congress which met in N.Y. in 1789. He was elected the Second Congress but suffered his only defeat in the election of 1793. He remained out of politics for three years but in 1796 he again offered and was elected as a member of Congress and in the fall of 1800 at the first session of Congress held in the new capitol in Washington, D.C., he was the only member from S.C. who voted for Jefferson instead of Burr when the election of President was thrown into Congress.

In December, 1801, the General Assembly of South Carolina elected Congressman Sumter over John Rutledge to fill Charles Pinckney's unexpired term as Senator when the latter was sent to the Court of Spain. At the expiration of the term he was re-elected in December 1810. But Sumter, then 76 years old, was beginning to be weary of public service and harassed by complications in his vast private enterprises to which he had been able to give less attention during his absences in Washington. Moreover, a wound he had received in the Revolution had abscessed, so, he resigned and retired to end his days among the High Hills of Stateburg, some 20 years thereafter.

In the last year of his life he took a stand on a principle of government closest to his heart--that of local self determination of local matters, that principle then, and now referred to as "States Rights." It was then (1832) that Calhoun's doctrine of the right of "nullification" by a state, in the event its reserved powers had been transgressed upon by the Federal government, was being insisted upon by South Carolina. The dispute was at its height when Sumter died at the ripe old age of 98.

(Snow, Cawley)  
March 14, 1991  
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SUMTER

**PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: SUMTER WELCOME TO U.S. TROOPS**  
March 17, 1991

Thank you so much, Governor Campbell.

SC cong'l delegation (except Thurmond wife will be there.) Not on stage thou

Mayor Creech, thank you. <sup>General Olsen</sup> ~~Col. Huot [Hewitt]~~ thank you. But  
<sup>City Council Chairman Robin Gray</sup> most of all, thank you, Sumter. /// Thank you for your courage

-- your sacrifice -- your example. Thank you for showing just what a great land this is. Thank you for letting me share in your reunion.//

This is wonderful. ///

What is it about Sumter and Sumter County that breeds war heroes? // In this century alone, you have supplied some of our greatest warrior-citizens. General George Mabry, who died just last year, was the second most decorated soldier in U.S. history.

Mr. Webb  
Army Historian's  
Office  
475-7553

// As many of you know, he helped train a young <sup>LTC Major</sup> lieutenant <sup>Colonel</sup> in Vietnam. That <sup>Colonel</sup> was Norman Schwarzkopf. ///

M=COS, USF-VN  
S=XD

But Sumter's contribution doesn't end there. The coalition victory in Kuwait would not have been possible without General Chuck Horner, the commander of the 9th Air Force Headquarters /// General Horner mapped out the largest, most successful air assault in history. He helped the coalition forces crush Saddam Hussein without subjecting our troops or innocent Iraqi citizens to the horrors of total war. /// Can you think of a better way to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Shaw Air Force Base? //

+ US Central Command Air Forces

But you don't have to wear a star to be a hero. We are surrounded by such people today. // Let's all thank the 363d

Tactical Fighter Wing, // Including the 17th Tactical Fighter Squadron. // The <sup>33rd</sup> 19th Tactical Fighter Squadron. // The 363d Combat Support Group. // And the 363d Medical Group. // Let's thank the 507th Tactical Air Control Wing. // And the 9th Air Force.   
*200 Comm Sqdn*   
*20721 Tac Air Cont Grp*   
*All come under this*

For those of you who are a little groggy from last night's flight, welcome home. // For the rest of you, welcome home. I cannot tell you how proud we are of all you have risked and all you have done. // And to all our servicemen everywhere, the veterans of this and every conflict: Those of you who have returned, God bless you. Those who toil still: Bless you. ///

You not only helped liberate Kuwait, you helped this country liberate itself from old ghosts and doubts. When you left, it was still fashionable to question American decency, courage and resolve. No one doubts us any more. // You helped revive the America of our hopes and dreams.

This nation learned something else during Desert Storm: You don't have to wear a uniform to be a war hero. Here, crowded on the bleachers at Sumter Memorial Stadium are heroes and heroines of all ages: mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, children, neighbors, friends. While you in the service were overseas, your loved ones hung yellow ribbons, unfurled flags, sent letters and gifts. And here's a sign of this nation's special spirit: So did strangers from every hamlet and town, city and suburb across our country.

*Tim Simonsen -  
Lead Advance*

While you servicemen and women huddled on distant sands, those back home talked and prayed. I have fought far from home and I know: Every little thought, every good wish, every whispered prayer somehow echoes in the hearts of fighters far away. No one understands this magic, but it is the kind of blessing that enables good people to accomplish great deeds.///

But there is something very special about Sumter's sacrifice and its triumph, and you all know it.

I had the pleasure of visiting you in 1988. Since then, Hurricane Hugo has ripped through 12,000 homes in this area, and destroyed nearly \$700 million worth of property. Its high winds and rains shredded your homes and neighborhoods, turned trees into tinder.

Sumter gathered its strength and began literally to pick up the pieces. But just as things seemed to be turning around a war erupted far away. And you did something extraordinary: You sent many of your finest men and women to serve. Reservists left their workplaces. Factories closed. 2,000 people lost their jobs.

Some people, newly married, were separated by war. Mothers bore children to fathers who looked across the horizon at an unseen foe. Captain Dale Cormier died fighting for his country, and Captain "Spike" Thomas was plucked up from behind enemy lines.

Yet Sumter did not give in to despair or fear. You recruited new business and new jobs. While the troops were away,

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you began to build a new city, a better city, a city that is more like a large family.

*Nexis -  
Sept. '89*  
In 18 months you retraced American history: You planted the seeds of prosperity among hardship's ruins. Hugo's winds and Saddam Hussein's Scuds could not stop you. /// They snarled. You straightened before them. They made noise. You won.//

I have talked in recent weeks about an American renewal. Here it is. // I am amazed, but never surprised at the incredible things our people do. Our success on and above the desert battlefields demonstrated that we take a back seat to no one when it comes to courage, ingenuity and dedication to principle. /// It also showed that we do great things when we trust our people.

We would not have enjoyed such success if someone had tried to run the war from Washington. We entrusted operations to Sumter's products and heirs -- and look where we are today!///

We should use that same approach at home. Why should someone in Washington tell you the best way to heal old wounds and create new hopes in Sumter? You didn't wait for instructions when misfortune slapped you. Why should this nation be shackled to the limited wisdom of a small political class? You have made spectacular progress without lectures from the capital. It's time Washington told the rest of this country: We believe in you. Not: Prove yourselves to us. ///

We know the challenges we face. So, let's just do it.///

Each year we become a more diverse and exciting society. We pioneer new paths in industry and culture. Our diversity opens up fresh ideas, new ways, unexpected opportunities.

We have stepped into the bracing air of a new age -- an age in which America is not afraid to demonstrate its ability. An age in which this nation takes on the challenges and opportunities that an international marketplace offers. An age in which the government doesn't demand virtue of its people -- but assumes it. A government that encourages Americans to do what they do naturally -- help each other, compete against each other, enrich each other with our ideas, inspirations, cultures.

I ask you to join me today in rejecting the tiring politics of division and derision. Let the spirit of brotherhood and cooperation shove aside the stale fog of class and racial conflict. That is the path Sumter has chosen. You tell me: Does it work?

Americans don't need to be protected from anyone, especially themselves. /// We need to have the courage to feel good about ourselves and our fellow citizens. We need to reach out and join the new world awakening over the horizon. ///

Look around you: Here is today's triumph and tomorrow's hope. // Here is what we fight for. // Here is what we love. ///

Thank you again for letting me share in your reunion. ///  
And God bless the United States of America.

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March 13, 1991

MEMORANDUM

TO: TONY SNOW  
FROM: CAROLYN CAWLEY  
RE: REMARKS -- SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA

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Contacts: Steve Creech, Mayor of Sumter  
803/773-3371 or 773-1398

Capt. Carol Grimmig, Shaw AFB PAO  
803/668-3621

Event: Sumter's Troop Welcome

Date: March 17, 1991  
Sunday

Place: Sumter Memorial Stadium  
(a high school football stadium)

Time: 4:10 - 4:40 p.m.

Attendees: 10,000 +

Intro of  
POTUS: Governor Carroll Campbell

Acknowledgements: \* Sumter Mayor Steve Creech  
\* Colonel Raymond Huot (hewitt)  
Shaw AFB Wing Commander  
\* A special acknowledgement, in absentia,  
for General Charles "Chuck" Horner --  
the 3-star commander of the 9th Air Force  
Headquarters, located at Shaw AFB. He is  
known as the "architect of the air war"  
under General Schwarzkopf and is very  
well known in the community. His wife  
Mary Jo will be there as a greeter.

**SPECIAL EVENT NOTES**

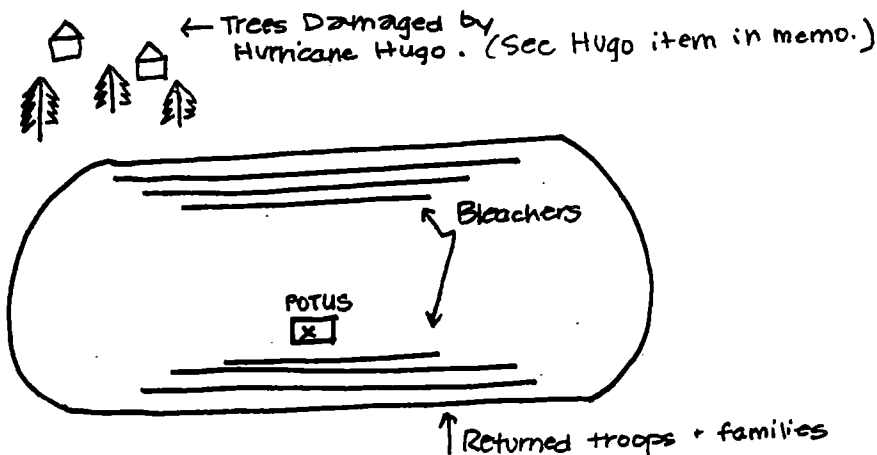
The primary sponsor of this event will be held the city of Sumter, though Shaw Air Force Base will also be participating.

It should be stressed that this is the only troop welcome in which the President will be participating until July 4th. This is not a POTUS event -- for the remarks, you may want to explicitly thank the town of Sumter for their hospitality and hosting of this event.

The event will be held in the city of Sumter, then, with troops from Shaw as their primary honorees. You should note, however, that South Carolina is home to several military bases and thousands more troops. Governor Campbell's office is coordinating the buses for them.

The President will speak on a stage set up on one side of the football, on the fifty yard line. The bleachers behind him will serve as the back drop -- this area will be reserved for newly returned troops and their families with flags and signs.

Most of the troops from the area will have been returning the whole week before POTUS visits. The largest single group (of pilots) returned today, March 13, and an immense crowd turned out, even in the rain.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 14, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR CAROLYN CAWLEY

FROM: BOB SIMON *BS*

SUBJECT: AIR FORCE UNITS DEPLOYED FROM SHAW AFB

According to Master Sgt. Rivnak (668-3957), the following units deployed to Southwest Asia from Shaw AFB:

9th Air Force, including Gen. Horner, who was the commander of Air Forces for the Central Command. With them was the 9th Tactical Intelligence Squadron.

✓ 363rd Tactical Fighter Wing, which is made up of the 17th Tac Fighter Sqn. and the 33rd Tac Fighter Sqn.

✓ 363rd Medical Group, which deployed an Air Transportable Hospital (ATH).

2020th Communications Squadron, which set up an air traffic control system.

20th and 21st Tactical Air Control Squadron, whose pilots went with Army ground units to provide forward air control.

## SUMTER HISTORY/COLOR/

### I. HISTORY -- Fort Sumter

NOTE: Sumter, the event site, and Sumter, the fort, are not the same place. Fort Sumter is quite a distance away, located on the water -- but it is holds an extremely prominent spot in the state's history and a reference to it would not be considered odd.

Just prior to the Civil War, most Southern federal installations had already capitulated to the Confederate states. Shortly after S.C.'s secession, the commander in Charleston withdrew his garrison to the formidable Fort Sumter. What to do about Sumter thus became the first test of the Lincoln administration, and the new President appeared determined to hold on to it. He dispatched a relief expedition but the South Carolinians chose not to wait and demanded the commander's immediate surrender.

When he refused, shore batteries opened at 4:30 on the morning of April 12, 1861 -- the opening shots of the Civil War.

The Civil War was the first in American history to suggest the awful possibilities of "total war". It also saw the first application to warfare of some new 19th century technologies: the railroad  
the telegraph  
the repeating rifle and the Gatling gun  
and iron-clad warships.

(( If you choose to take a historical bent in writing these remarks, the paragraph above would make an excellent segue to modern technologies, America is #1, the Patriot missiles, smart bombs, etc. etc. ))

Fort Sumter has never again fired a shot in anger or been forced to defend itself. Today, as long ago, it is accessible only by boat. "Though the technology of warfare has long since passed it by, it still stands its vigil at the mouth of Charleston Harbor, a moving memorial to a war begun in a contentious South Carolina that left the state a permanent and important part of the American nation."

## II. TOWN OF SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA

-- Named for Thomas Sumter ("the Carolina Gamecock"), one of the most celebrated leaders in the Revolutionary War. He is buried here.

-- Residents refer to themselves as Sumterites.

\* -- POTUS campaigned here in '88, speaking at Swan Lake Park.

-- City wide support for the troops can be seen everywhere.

- o Like most cities and towns across America, Sumter has wrapped itself in ribbons -- though of the red, white and blue variety. They stretch as far as the eye can see, on every street, door, church, and lamp post.

Jo Anne Morris has organized a Sumter-Shaw support network called "Keep the Home Fires Burning" -- they have woven more than 2,800 yards of ribbon into 5,000 bows that dot the Sumter street signs.

- o The "Volunteer Sumter" organization has galvanized support, from billboards to videos. Virtually every business billboard, sign, and marquis carries a ribbon or words supporting the troops. The Taco Bell sign reads: "Saddam Hussein, Run For the Border"!
- o The Item, Sumter's newspaper. Copies were mailed to the troops everyday.
- o WIBZ Radio (Z 99) recorded call-in's and dedications and then sent tapes to the troops. Later, they participated in a media trip to the U.A.E., where they recorded messages from the troops to bring home.

In Columbia, S.C., a radio station played the national anthem at noon each day and asked drivers to flick on their headlights during the song.

- o At Tuomey Regional Medical Center, workers created the "Coming Home Tree" -- ribbons were placed on it bearing the names of deployed troops and will remain until the soldiers come home and personally remove them.
- o Airplanes from Shaw AFB are bear the tail designation "SW". This is common knowledge, so Sumter's television viewers watched closely for those initials.

- o The Elks Lodge held a Day Out Celebration recently for children with deployed parents -- a day of fun, games, contests, and clowns to relieve stress and worry in the kids.
- o Residents rang bells to hail the cease fire -- at all the fire houses, churches, the Opera House, and private citizens brought bells to parks to ring together.
- o Flag stores can't keep them in supply.

### Relationships

- o Several marriages by phone.
- o Births:  
 Many Sumter/Shaw women gave birth while their husbands were deployed -- though the figures are not exact. It's such a touching sight on the nightly news, though, to see returning fathers presented with their newborns -- we could speak nationally, saying that the Red Cross has delivered the good news to over 6,000 men. ~~Exact figure to come tomorrow~~ That covers those births reported by the Red Cross. For all births, the figure is over 14,000.

### Hurricane Hugo

Sumter was one of the towns hardest hit by Hurricane Hugo -- the mayor told me that 3,000 homes were destroyed. They have done a quite a bit of reconstruction, but many buildings and sewage drainers are in the repair process. The city is still awaiting FEMA funds.

One side of the Sumter Memorial Stadium is sparsely lined with tall trees, with homes on the other side visible. The broken tree tops were very apparent and I was told that before the hurricane, the grove was extremely dense and one couldn't see the houses.

SHAW AIR FORCE BASE: HISTORY/COLOR/SOLDIER STORIES

-- Shaw AFB is located 7 miles south of Sumter.


-- 1991 marks the 50th Anniversary of Shaw Air Force Base and a year long celebration has already begun. It was designated as Shaw Field on August 7, 1941 in honor of 1st Lieutenant Ervin David Shaw -- the Sumter native who was shot down while flying a recon mission over France during WWI.

It began as a tiny flying school and has grown to a premier USAF installation -- its squadrons have racked up many honors, in WWII and other conflicts like the Cuban Missile Crisis.


-- Shaw is currently the home of:

- o 363rd Tactical Fighter Wing
- o 507th Tactical Air Control Wing
- o 9th Air Force Headquarters  
(headed by General Chuck Horner)

-- POW's from Shaw: None

 KIA's from Shaw: Captain Dale Cormier died in his F-16, in a "hostile loss". South Carolina's first F-16 pilot to die in the war; Shaw's first loss. A newly-wed. A base memorial service was held two weeks ago.

-- Shaw pilot rescued by helicopter

 Capt. Scott "Spike" Thomas, an F-16 pilot, parachuted to safety in an enemy zone and was rescued by a US chopper. He'd made himself a shelter using two bushes and his liferaft. Iraqi soldiers fired shots as the chopper lifted

-- Southwest Asia Service Medal

On Tuesday, March 12, 1991, POTUS signed an Executive Order designating the "Southwest Asia Service Medal". All deployed troops should be receiving one. I will get a copy of the order and the specifics from the Clerk's office.

 GENERAL GEORGE MABRY

Retired Major General George L. Mabry died last July -- he was a Sumter native and is a very BIG deal local hero in the town.

Mabry was the 2nd most decorated soldier ever and was also a Medal of Honor recipient. In fact, JFK pulled him from the Medal of Honor crowd at his Inauguration and had the then-junior officer stand with him.

Despite this fact, he was Republican through and through -- offered the VA Secretary post under Reagan, but turned it down to live in Columbia, SC with his wife and family.

The General was a close personal friend of Senator Thurmond -- the Senator attended his funeral and, in fact, had the notice of his passing included in the Congressional Record.

A park and statue were created in Sumter in his honor -- a few weeks ago, wreaths were placed there in memory of Captain Cormier, the Shaw AFB F-16 pilot who died in Operation Desert Storm.

Sumterites love this man. A reference to him would no doubt be warmly received.

SOUTH CAROLINA -- THE STATE

-- State Mottoes:

"Prepared in mind and in resources."

"While I breathe I hope."

-- S.C. is one of the original states -- #8.

-- A couple of state legislators are reservists who were called up:

- o Sumter Senator Phil Leventis  
Pilot and Operations Planning Officer at  
McEntire Air Force Base
- o Columbia Representative Jim Harris

# Shaw Public Affairs

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## Fax-News

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# Fact Sheet

# United States Air Force

363d Tactical Fighter Wing (TAC) Public Affairs Office  
Shaw AFB, S.C. 29152 (803) 668-3621 AV 965-3621

## SHAW AIR FORCE BASE, S.C.

Shaw Air Force Base is located seven miles west of Sumter, S.C., and is situated on more than 3,569 acres. The base also has custodial responsibility for 8,038 leased acres at Poinsett Range, southwest of Sumter, and for 23.5 leased acres at Wateree Recreational Area, northwest of Sumter.

Originally established as a small basic flying school, it was designated Shaw Field Aug. 7, 1941, in honor of 1st Lt. Ervin David Shaw. The Sumter County native was shot down while flying a long-range reconnaissance mission over France during World War I. The first aircraft assigned to the base was the single-engine BT-13.

Shaw is currently the home of the 363rd Tactical Fighter Wing, formerly the 363rd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing. The unit is a descendant of the 363rd Fighter Group, later reconnaissance group, of World War II fame. The 363rd TRW flew its first reconnaissance mission Sept. 12, 1944.

The base was assigned to 9th Air Force Dec 1, 1950, and the 363rd arrived here April 14, 1951, equipped with RF-80 and RB-26 aircraft. Other reconnaissance aircraft since assigned to the wing include the RB-84, RF-101, RB-57 and EB-66.

During the 1961 Cuban Missile Crisis, the 363rd TRW deployed to Florida and flew reconnaissance missions over Cuba.

In 1965, Shaw received its first RF-4C Phantom IIs from McDonnell Douglas, and the 16th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron became the first combat-ready RF-4C squadron in the Air Force. The 363rd TRW became the largest wing in Tactical Air Command with a mission of maintaining operationally-ready reconnaissance aircrews.

On Oct. 1, 1981, the 363rd TRW was redesignated the 363rd Tactical Fighter Wing with the arrival of the first F-16 Fighting Falcon. The wing had a composite fighter-reconnaissance mission until the deactivation of the 16th TRS in December 1989. It is the first operational wing to fly the C and D model F-16 aircraft. It has the responsibility of employing tactical aircraft capable of meeting all operational requirements worldwide; to maintain a state of combat readiness; and to operate Shaw by providing facilities, personnel and material.

One of the major tenant units assigned to the base is the 507th Tactical Air Control Wing. It was organized and activated as the 507th Tactical Control Group at Pope AFB, N.C., Sept. 2, 1950, and moved to Shaw July 1, 1954. On Jan. 1, 1963, the unit was reassigned from 9th Air Force to Headquarters Tactical Air Command.

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(Current as of April 1990)

In addition, Shaw is the home of the 9th Air Force Headquarters, one of two numbered Air Forces in TAC. Ninth Air Force moved its headquarters here in July 1954. It is an organization engaged in daily training activities which keeps its combat ready units ready for fast deployment abroad and high intensity combat. Located principally in the Southeastern U.S., 9th Air Force units comprise roughly 40 percent of TAC's resources.

The commander of 9th Air Force also serves as the Air Force component commander, U.S. Central Command. In this capacity, he and his staff are responsible for preparing detailed plans for deploying and employing Air Force forces in combat.

In addition, there are several other TAC units based here, including the 9th Tactical Intelligence Squadron; 4507th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; 682nd Air Support Operations Center Squadron; 21st Tactical Air Support Squadron; and the 507th Tactical Air Control Center Squadron.

Non-TAC tenant units include the Army and Air Force Exchange Service; Air Force Audit Agency; Air Force Commissary Services; Det. 9, Tactical Information Systems; Det. 2101, District 21, Air Force Office of Special Investigation; 3537th U.S. Air Force Recruiting Squadron; Field Training Detachment 307; Det. 1, 3rd Weather Squadron; 2020th Communication Squadron; Det. 16, 4400th Management Engineering Squadron; and the Defense Investigative Service.

There are approximately 6,000 active duty members and 1,000 civilians assigned to units here.

Assigned aircraft include the F-16C and D and the OV-10A.



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### 507TH TACTICAL AIR CONTROL WING

The 507th Tactical Air Control Wing (507 TAIRCW), Headquarters, Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., is only one of five active-duty United States Air Force units that administer and maintain the complex network of organizations, equipment, and personnel that comprise a Tactical Air Control System. By maintaining deployable radar and communications equipment and by training the airborne and ground-based forward air controllers who guide tactical aircraft in the accomplishment of their missions, the 507th provides a tactical air forces command with the capability to plan, direct, and control the employment of the tactical air forces so essential to success in modern warfare. Since its inception as the 507th Tactical Air Control Group in 1950, the 507th has earned seven Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards and supported over 100 overseas deployments and contingencies, including such historic events as the Korean Conflict, the Lebanon and Taiwan crises of 1958, the American intervention in the Dominican Republic in 1965, the Vietnam Conflict, the rescue mission to Grenada in 1983, and the invasion of Panama in 1989.

The 507th received the first of its Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards for supporting six Composite Air Strike Force deployments to world trouble spots between Aug. 1, 1961, and Aug. 1, 1963. During the period of Feb. 10 - 15, 1973, its personnel rendered humanitarian assistance to the civilian populace of Sumter County and surrounding areas during the worst recorded blizzard in South Carolina history. For this service, it received the second of its Outstanding Unit Awards. In September 1989, the 507th again rendered assistance to Sumter County residents after Hurricane Hugo caused water shortages and power outages. From 1974 through 1989, the 507th earned seven additional Outstanding Unit Awards by displaying exceptional proficiency and esprit de corps as it participated in numerous Tactical Air Command, and Joint Chiefs of Staff - directed exercises and deployments throughout the world.

The importance of the Tactical Air Control System within modern warfare gained new visibility in 1986, which was designated the "Year of the TACS" by General Robert D. Russ, the TAC commander. This action accelerated ongoing efforts to modernize the radar and communications equipment which comprise the heart of the Tactical Air Control System. Since then, the wing has fielded important new equipment in the areas of satellite communications, tactical intelligence, and ground forward air control, while attaining the highest combat capability ratings in its history. During 1986, the wing converted from the O-2 to the T-37 aircraft. The wing officially welcomed its first T-37 during a ceremony on April 11, 1986; its last O-2 departed Shaw Air Force Base on July 31, 1986. Headquarters, Tactical Air Command declared all aspects of the conversion program completed as of Dec. 31, 1986; thus, the wing successfully completed in eight months a program normally scheduled to take twenty-four months. During late 1988, the wing successfully converted from the T-37 aircraft to the OV-10 while maintaining the highest combat capability.

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The 507th remains committed to maintaining a degree of readiness and operational capability sufficient to protect the vital interests of the United States as illustrated by its current role in enhancing the air defense capabilities of the Honduran and Saudi Arabian governments. The wing mission, its proud record of accomplishment, and its essential role in guaranteeing national security are aptly expressed by its official motto, "Coelis Imperamus" (We Command the Skies).



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### 363RD TACTICAL FIGHTER WING

The 363rd Tactical Fighter Wing is a successor of the 363rd Fighter Group, later tactical reconnaissance group, of World War II fame. The 363rd Tactical Reconnaissance Group flew its first reconnaissance mission September 13, 1944. They also began flying the F-5 and P-38 at that time. The 363rd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing came into being in August 1947, six years after Shaw Field was named.

In April 1951, the 363rd TRW, equipped with RF-80 and RB-26 aircraft, was assigned to Shaw. Other reconnaissance aircraft assigned since that time include the RF-84, RF-101, RB-57, EB-66, and the RF-4C.

A highlight of the wing's history came during the 1961 Cuban missile crisis, when pilots from the 363rd deployed to Florida and flew reconnaissance missions over Cuba. In awarding the wing the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for this mission, President John F. Kennedy said, "You gentlemen have contributed as much to the security of the United States as any group of men in our history."

In 1966, the wing became the largest in the Tactical Air Command with a mission of maintaining operationally ready reconnaissance crews.

The 363rd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing began a new era on Oct. 1, 1981, as it assumed the designation of Tactical Fighter Wing and accepted the first of its F-16 Fighting Falcon multiple role fighters.

This designation ended a long and colorful history as a reconnaissance wing tasked with training of reconnaissance aircrew for worldwide deployment.

As a fighter wing the 363rd operates the 17th, 19th, and 33rd Tactical Fighter Squadrons.

In December 1985 the wing completed a transition into the F-16C model becoming the first operational wing to receive the newer version.

The wing was presented with its second outstanding unit award for the exceptionally outstanding service it rendered to the military civilian communities during the February 1973 snowstorms experienced in South Carolina.

The wing received its third such award for the outstanding performance in fulfilling its NATO requirements, aerial photography request and joint exercise requirements from July 1, 1974 to July 1, 1976.

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The fourth Air Force Outstanding Unit Award was earned during the period of July 1976 through June 1978 for exceptional meritorious service. The fifth and most recent of this coveted award was garnered by the 363rd for the period October 1981 through June 1983 during the F-16 conversion and transition to a Tactical Fighter Wing.

Other awards the 363rd has received include the Belgian Fourragere, and the following battle credits: Air Offensive Europe, Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes-Alsace, Central Europe, and the Rhineland.

The wing's primary aircraft today is the F-16 Fighting Falcon, both C and D models.

The wing's mission is to employ tactical fighter forces capable of meeting all operational requirements worldwide, to maintain a state of combat readiness and to operate Shaw by providing facilities, personnel, and material.



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### 33D TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRON

The 33d Tactical Fighter Squadron, located at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., is part of the 363d Tactical Fighter Wing. It is the first operational squadron in the Air Force that flies the F-16C aircraft. The F-16C is the first fighter aircraft in the Air Force inventory to come equipped with a wide angle heads up display (HUD).

The mission of the 33d Tactical Fighter Squadron is to support the world-wide deployment with air-to-air and air-to-ground operations with the F-16C aircraft.

The 33d Tactical Fighter Squadron was first activated as the 33d Provisional Aero Squadron on May 17, 1917. It was redesignated the 33d Aero Squadron during World War I and was split into four elements, training in England and France.

The unit reassembled at Issoudun, France, in December 1917 where it functioned as a service squadron, assembling aircraft.

The squadron returned to Mitchell Field, N.Y., and was demobilized on April 14, 1919.

The squadron was reactivated as the 33d Pursuit Squadron at Langley Field, Va., on June 25, 1932. Until 1940, the 33d participated in training exercises throughout the United States, flying the P6, P-12, PB-2A and P36A.

In 1941, equipped with P-40s and PT-17s, the 33d was ordered to Reykjavik, Iceland to defend the island against enemy air attack. This was the first Army Air Corps unit stationed there. The squadron patrolled the seas, provided aerial reconnaissance, photographic support and air cover for convoys, and handled the flow of air traffic between the United States and Europe.

A 33d pilot engaged a German Focke-Wolf 200K aircraft on Aug. 15, 1942, and was credited with the first enemy aircraft destroyed by an American pilot in the European Theatre during World War II.

At the end of the war, the unit was moved to Camp Kilmer, N.J., where it was deactivated on June 22, 1945.

The Squadron was reactivated on April 8, 1953 as the 33d Fighter-Bomber Squadron at Clovis Air Force Base, N.M. Its mission was to assist the 50th Fighter-Bomber Wing prepare for shipment to Europe. Upon completion it was deactivated on June 22, 1945.

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On Oct. 15, 1969, the 4415th Combat Crew Training Squadron at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., was redesignated the 33d Tactical Reconnaissance Training Squadron. The unit mission was to train crews to fly and support operations of the RF-4C.

In 1982 the squadron was disassembled and parts of the unit were integrated into the 16th Tactical Reconnaissance Training Squadron, with the flying training portion transferring to the 62nd Tactical Reconnaissance Training Squadron at Bergstrom Air Force Base, Texas.

In January 1985 the 33d was reactivated at Shaw Air Force Base as the 33d Tactical Fighter Squadron, flying the F-16C, the newest and most advanced fighter in the Air Force inventory.



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### 17TH TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRON

The 17th Tactical Fighter Squadron was first activated as the 29th Aero Squadron, a flying training unit.

The 29th was redesignated the 17th Aero Squadron during World War I, and was sent to France where its pilots flew pursuit missions, with such planes as Ju-4s, F-1 and Spod 8s.

After the war, the 17th returned to Garden City, New York joining another squadron, the 147th Aero. In 1919 the 17th was demobilized.

In 1936, the 17th Aero Squadron was reactivated and consolidated with the 147th Aero Squadron. Adopting the name of the 17th Pursuit Squadron, the unit stayed in Michigan until 1940, when it was ordered to the Philippines. During this time the unit flew P-6s, P-35s, C-40s, P-26s, P-35s and P-40s.

The squadron was stationed near Manila when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. After losing most of its aircraft during the early weeks of the war, the unit's remaining pilots and planes were sent to Java, where they organized the 17th Provisional Squadron, a unit credited with shooting down 65 enemy planes.

Members of the 17th ground echelon stayed at Bataan in the Philippines, serving as an infantry unit. This unit received the Distinguished Unit Citation for their heroic actions during the siege of Bataan.

In 1946 the 17th was inactivated and on Oct. 1, 1982 redesignated the 17th Tactical Fighter Squadron, flying F-16s, located at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.

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## HEADQUARTERS NINTH AIR FORCE/U.S. CENTRAL COMMAND AIR FORCES

Ninth Air Force, Shaw Air Force Base (AFB), S.C., officially began its operational history on Nov. 12, 1942 at the height of the defense of Egypt and the Suez Canal from the rapidly advancing forces of Erwin Rommel's Afrika Korps. Actually, the most crucial period in the battle for Egypt had come the previous May, when the Germans broke through the British lines and every available Allied unit was pressed into service to meet this challenge. Among these was a small group of American B-24Ds, under the command of Col. Harry A. Alverson. Although the group had secret orders to bomb Japanese positions in China, the defense of Egypt took precedence, and (following a highly publicized raid on the oil refineries at Ploesti, Romania) Halverson's group was thrown fully into battle.

On June 28, Maj. Gen. Lewis A. Brereton, who had commanded MacArthur's Far East Air Force during the ill-fated defense of the Philippines, arrived in Cairo to consolidate Halverson's bombers and all other aircraft in Egypt into a new Middle East Air Force. It was this unit which became Ninth Air Force on Nov. 12. Brereton remained in command.

It should be noted that another Ninth Air Force had existed for some time prior to Nov. 12, and it traced its origin to the Fifth Air Support Command, initially activated on Sept. 1, 1941. Following a series of transfers and redesignations, this unit, without personnel or equipment, moved to Egypt. The confusion in designating Ninth could be attributed to the hectic pace of the early years, and since 1942, the operational date normally had been used.

Under Brereton's command, Ninth Air Force, now equipped with P-40s and B-17s (in addition to B-24s), supported Allied operations in North Africa, Sicily, and Italy before relocating to England in the fall of 1943. Reactivating in England on Oct. 16, Ninth took over medium bomber units from Eighth Air Force, added additional P-38 and P-47 fighter aircraft and troop carrier groups. On D-day, June 6, 1944, it provided tactical air support for the Normandy landing, which included some 3,500 aircraft.

Ninth continued to grow in size and to provide air cover for the rapid advance of Patton's Third Army through France and into Germany. One of its key missions was the defense of Allied ground forces during the German Bastogne offensive at the end of 1944. From Dec. 23-27 alone, Ninth flew 5,291 sorties and blunted the German attack.

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With the collapse of Germany, American air units began returning to the United States; and on Dec. 2, 1945, Ninth Air Force, the largest tactical air force in history, deactivated. It reactivated March 28, 1946, at Biggs Field, Texas, absorbing the assets of the Nineteenth Tactical Air Command, which included only one combat fighter unit. Six months later, on Oct. 31, Ninth moved to Greenville Army Air Base, S.C., where it absorbed Third Air Force's assets. Another move took place on Aug. 27, 1948, this time to Langley AFB, Va., where it came under Continental Air Command and essentially became an administrative headquarters. The Korean War breathed new life into the command. Redesignated as Ninth Air Force (Tactical), it moved to Pope AFB, N.C., and was reassigned to Headquarters Tactical Air Command. Ninth's final move came on Sept. 1, 1954, when it transferred to Shaw AFB and assumed basically its present role of training combat units to meet a broad range of contingencies.

In 1979, following the seizure of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran by Iranian militants and the invasion of Afghanistan by the Soviet Union, the United States established the Rapid Deployment Force (RDF). Ninth Air Force became the air arm for the RDF and assumed responsibility for all air operations in Southwest Asia, a role which has continued to expand since the redesignation of the RDF as U.S. Central Command (USCENTCOM) and Ninth as U.S. Central Command Air Forces (USCENTAF). Thus, since 1979, Headquarters Ninth Air Force/USCENTAF has performed a unique dual mission in the defense of the United States.

In order to further understand USCENTAF as the Air Force component to USCENTCOM, it is important to briefly explain USCENTCOM's principal mission — deterrence in its area of responsibility which includes 18 countries in Southwest Asia, the Persian Gulf, and the Horn of Africa. This is accomplished by providing help to nations in the area in the form of security assistance and training programs, combined exercises, encouraging regional cooperation and political and economic support.

If, in spite of these efforts, a friendly nation is threatened, USCENTCOM is prepared — when tasked by the Joint Chiefs of Staff — to provide a carefully tailored package of non-combatant support. This package would consist of Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) aircraft, tankers, reconnaissance aircraft, logistical support and advisors or any combination thereof. If this clear signal of U.S. determination and support does not deter actual aggression, USCENTAF must prepare to deploy with other USCENTCOM combat forces when the National Command Authority decides it is necessary.

To prepare for this mission, USCENTAF active and reserve forces train regularly with Army, Navy and Marine Corps units in realistic joint training exercises. These exercises often call for rapid deployment of combat forces and immediate employment upon arrival in austere locations.

Today, in its role as Headquarters Ninth Air Force, it has 10 active duty wings flying F-15C/D/E, F-16A/B/C/D, F-4E, A-10, OV-10, EC-135P, OV-10A, and UH-1P aircraft, located primarily in the Southeastern U.S. The mission of these Ninth Air Force units encompasses every aspect of tactical air power; destroying enemy air forces, interdicting the movement of enemy forces, and providing air support for friendly ground forces.

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Other Ninth missions include one wing that is dedicated to training aircrews and support personnel for these roles, and one tactical air control wing that provides tactical ground radar support, area air defense and air space control in battlefield conditions. There also is a rapidly deployable civil engineering squadron in Ninth Air Force that provides a highly mobile, self sufficient, civil engineering capability in support of contingencies. Approximately 40,213 people and 750 aircraft comprise these forces to make up about 40 percent of Tactical Air Command's active forces. These units are designated and trained for rapid deployment and immediate combat operations upon arrival in hot spots worldwide.

Approximately 45 percent of Ninth Air Force's total combat capability resides in 55 units in the reserve components. If a national emergency or conflict required mobilization of these forces, the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve would provide more than 35,000 people and 550 aircraft for the defense of our nation. The Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve units gained by Ninth Air Force fly the A-7, A-10, A-16, F-4, F-15, F-16, OA-37, and RF-4 aircraft. In addition to the flying units, the Air National Guard provides Ninth Air Force with units specializing in tactical air control and civil engineering, as well as field training sites used for the deployment and training of both active and reserve units. Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve units compete with and are inspected by the active Air Force. They have proven themselves to be combat-ready, on a par with the active force, and are an integral part of plans providing for our national defense.

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# Shaw pilot rescued by U.S. helicopter

SAUDI ARABIA - A Shaw Air Force Base pilot parachuted to safety earlier this week in the Middle East before being rescued by a U.S. helicopter, which was under attack by enemy fire.

Capt. Scott "Spike" Thomas, an F-16 pilot from Shaw, landed about 50 miles north of Saudi Arabia in a spot where there was no enemy fire, reports said. Thomas, 27, had just finished bombing troops in Iraq before having to flee his plane when its engine caught fire, the reports said.

Thomas's wing man and friend, Lt. Eric "Neck" Dodson, coordinated the search and rescue mission, reports said. Both men are

members of the 33rd Squadron of the 363rd Tactical Fighter Wing.

After landing, Thomas told reporters that with a thunderstorm approaching, he made a shelter using two bushes and a life raft. Both items were part of his survival kit. As he waited to be rescued, he picked up stones for souvenirs, reports said.

The helicopter passed over him after about two agonizing hours. After another three minutes, it landed in front of Thomas and someone was sent out to get him.

Iraqi soldiers fired shots at the helicopter as it lifted, reports said.

## OPERATION DESERT STORM

# Pilots report major success in Kuwait, Iraq

By EDITH M. LEDERER  
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AN AIR BASE IN CENTRAL SAUDI ARABIA - Allied tanks meeting light resistance tore through miles of Iraqi and Kuwaiti desert Sunday in the early hours of the ground war, fighter pilots said after missions over the battlefield.

One awed pilot said the vast ground invasion dwarfed the allied air assault that dominated the first month of the Persian Gulf War.

U.S. F-16A fighter-bombers - some from South Carolina - pounded Iraqi artillery positions in western Iraq, which had been firing at the advancing allied force, the pilots said. In one case, five of six Iraqi artillery batteries were left in flames, the pilots said.

"You can see occasional flashes from the ground fire that was going on - and it was happening both east and west of us," said Capt. Randy Garrett, 37, of Rome, Ga., an F-15E fighter-bomber pilot who attacked mobile rocket launchers in north-central Kuwait in a predawn raid. "The lights of Kuwait City are still on."

The advance stretched across a front estimated at 300 miles, from the Persian Gulf to western Iraq. It appeared to follow pre-battle scenarios for an air-land campaign to breach Saddam Hussein's wall of bunkers in Kuwait and flank his army from the west in the Iraqi desert.

Unlike in Kuwait, where Iraqi forces are heavily concentrated, the battlefield in western Iraq was thinly defended, according to Col. David Hamlin, 47, an F-16A pilot from East Bloomfield, N.Y.

Lt. Col. Randy Bigum, 41, of Springfield, Va., described flying over a broad front of allied tanks and armored units moving more than 12 miles north into the vast, open desert of western Iraq.

"They were in groups. I had expected to see a continuous line, you know, kind of like a kickoff return, but it wasn't like that at all," said the F-15C fighter pilot, who is the commander of the 53rd Tactical Fighter Squadron, based in Bitburg, Germany.

"I can't fathom the size of this



AP photo

**F-16 PILOT SCOT Thomas**, left, who is stationed at Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter, is pictured with his wing man, Lt. Eric Dodson, after he was rescued by a special forces mission in Iraq. Thomas' plane crashed during a bombing mission.

(land) operation. I can't grasp it. It's enormous," Bigum said after returning to the largest U.S. air base in Saudi Arabia. "You have heard people talk about the enormity of this air power. ... This (air power) pales in comparison."

"We got spectacular results," said Hamlin, a farmer and Vietnam veteran who commands a squadron of F-16s from the 138th Tactical Fighter Squadron, an Air National Guard unit based in Syracuse, N.Y.

Hamlin zeroed in with two other F-16s on six artillery batteries that had been shelling the U.S. soldiers.

Practically every pilot interviewed at this base in the first hours of the ground war said he had used extreme caution to positively identify Iraqi targets so as not to hit allied forces.

"We anticipate a real fluid situation in the next couple of days, and lines of battle are going to change constantly," said Lt. Col. George Patrick, 39.

Patrick is a South Carolina Air National Guardsman who flew an F-16 mission Sunday.

"The desert battlefield is going to get a lot tougher. There will be a lot of smoke and dust," said Patrick.

# Sumter remembers Shaw pilot

Captain's death  
first loss of war  
for shaken base

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Two red, white and blue ribbons that Jo Anne Morris made to show support for Shaw Air Force Base troops became symbols of grief Wednesday.

Representatives of Sumter's city and county governments attached the ribbons to a flagpole at a veterans memorial just outside the Sumter base. They also lowered the flag there to half-staff in memory of Capt. Dale Thomas Cormier.

The Stateburg resident was South Carolina's first F-16 pilot to die in the war and was the Sumter base's first loss to the Persian Gulf conflict.

The 39-year-old pilot's jet crashed Friday returning from a mission. The jet had received no battle damage.

A private memorial service Wednesday marked Cormier's death, with about 200 base leaders, personnel, family and friends attending the 35-minute ceremony at the base's brown brick chapel, spokeswoman Capt. Carol Grimmy said.

A four-jet formation flew over the base as the congregation left the church, one jet arcing away from the others over the chapel as a symbol of the base's lost airman.

Throughout Sumter, civilian and military residents also mourned the pilot, saying his death brings the severity of war closer to home.

"I can't imagine how those men must feel over there," said Sumter resident Sheila Stetson, who was swinging her 5-year-old son, Daniel, at a park.

"It's really getting close to home," she said.

Every night, she said, Daniel prays for "Mr. Christian," a deployed Shaw pilot who lives near the Stetsons.

"Everybody's connected to the base somehow," said Julie Trahan, whose Hair Force styling shop sits across S.C. 441 from Shaw and serves the families of deployed troops.

"The wives have not been discussing it. It's in the back of their minds that something like this could happen, but they don't want to talk about it," she said.

Morris, who coordinates the Sumter-Shaw support network called Keep the Home Fires Burning, has weaved more than 2,800 yards of ribbon into 5,000 bows that dot Sumter street signs.

Two of the four remaining bows went to the memorial park Wednesday. "We'll be writing a letter to his wife to let her know we did this for him," she said.

Shelley and Dale Cormier were married about six months ago and moved into a wooden home in the quiet Stateburg section of Sumter County, a neighbor, Jim Jones, said.

He and his wife realized their new neighbor was the fallen pilot when cars of relatives began lining the driveway, she said.

An on-base bulletin board announcing Wednesday's memorial service has reminded base personnel of their loss, Sgt. Mark Battle said.

"They're hanging in there pretty good," he said of Shaw's military men and women who have not been deployed. "We're constantly training for something like this to happen. I'm not crazy about it happening, but it's always in the back of your mind," the aircraft electrician said.

For Shaw spouses who've strived to be optimistic about the war and hopeful that all loved ones will come home, Cormier's death hit especially hard.



Joe Davis, left, and Willie Singleton honor the late Capt. Dale T. Cormier at memorial outside Shaw AFB

"You can't go around with the attitude like, 'My husband is going to get killed,' or they'd have to put you away," said Allison Bowlin, the wife of deployed radar technician Sgt. Mark Bowlin.

"When everybody left from this base, I just thought everybody from this base would be coming back. It's just terrible this happened, and I feel so bad for his family," she said.

"Before, it was just names and people you don't know. Now it's somebody from our base. The base is pretty close. When one family gets it, everybody does," added Ellen Reisker, wife of Sgt. Dan Reisker, a radar jamming technician in the gulf.

"Before, you felt bad for them, bad for all our families. Now it's somebody you could have seen or talked to on base. It kind of gives you a chill just to think about it."

The pilot's death has not made Reisker any more afraid for her husband, who continues to call to assure her he is in a safe place. But the pilot's death has made her concerned for his emotional well-being.

"My husband was so proud every time they came back from a mission. Now that one of them's been killed, I know he's probably feeling bad right now. I know all the men are really feeling worse over there," she said. Shaw spouses had been scanning

television footage of F-16 fighter jets for signs of SW, the military designation for Shaw, on the jet's tail. Few signs of the jets, however, have been seen.

That led some spouses to believe Shaw's jets might not have been frequent flyers in the air campaign. Cormier's death changed their minds.

"We didn't know for sure, but we pretty much knew our pilots were in the air campaign. Now we know they're there. It brings the danger closer to us," said Terri Kenney, also the wife of a deployed radar jammer.

"This has brought the war aspects and the dangers and the death closer to us. Even though we don't know

them, it's part of our family. Shaw's a family. To have lost one of our own, it's something I can't explain. It brings the fighting aspect so much closer.

"We've heard from the base that our husbands are in a safe location, but obviously our pilots aren't. I know my husband's safe, but I want everyone to come home. I don't want just James to come home. I want every pilot, I want every technician, I want everyone to come home, and in one piece."

Kenney said base officials are releasing little information about Cormier's death, possibly out of respect for the family.

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# Letter writer marries once-deployed Shaw airman

DANVILLE, Ky. (AP) - Katina King sent a letter to "Any Soldier" in Saudi Arabia and wound up marrying the one who opened it.

King and Thomas Heskett were married Jan. 23, not quite a month after arthritis forced him to return to the United States and four months after she first sent her letter.

"Us getting together is just one of God's miracles," Mrs. Heskett said in a telephone in-

terview from the couple's home at Shaw Air Force Base. "It's a fairy tale. It's still hard to believe."

Mrs. Heskett, 19, saw the address for Operation Desert Shield soldiers in a Danville newspaper.

Heskett, 25, returned to the United States before Christmas. A bicycle wreck a couple of years ago left him with arthritis in his back, and he was sent home because it is difficult for him to lift heavy objects.

Mrs. Heskett said she had been

depressed before writing the letter.

"After those first two letters, my whole life changed," said the mother of 4- and 1-year-old daughters. Heskett has a 4-year-old son.

In addition to both being single parents, the Hesketts discovered that they had much in common after they started writing at the beginning of September. They both like going to the beach and on picnics and watching animated movies and comedies. Heskett plays

guitar, and they shared a love of country music, some pop and oldies tunes. They wrote almost every day and had exchanged photos.

On Christmas Eve, after Heskett was already back in the United States, Mrs. Heskett received the letter saying he was going home.

They finally met Jan. 18 when Heskett traveled to Danville, and he proposed the next day.

After eloping to South Carolina, they returned to Danville for a ceremony at her sister's home.

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**SUMTER MAYOR STEVE CREECH**, left, and former mayor **Bubba McElveen** tie a ribbon on the sign at Purdy and Calhoun streets Tuesday, kicking off a Valentine's Day project to support local troops deployed in Operation Desert Storm. Volunteer Sumter has the bows and is urging residents to place them on every street sign in the area before Feb. 14.

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# 50th anniversary for Shaw slated

By **BILLY QUARLES**

ITEM Staff Writer

Shaw Air Force Base has grown in the past 50 years from a tiny flying school to a premier U.S. Air Force installation that last year claimed a \$350 million impact on the local economy.

For the next eight months, Sumter plans to say, "Thank you."

The Shaw Air Force Base 50th Anniversary Committee, made up of Shaw and Sumter leaders, is kicking off the base's golden anniversary this week, according to the committee's co-chairmen, Orby Ferguson and Cliff Goodwin III.

Events planned for Shaw's 50th anniversary include special editions of Shawfest and Sumter's Iris Festival in May, a music festival in May, and a reunion of former Shaw military personnel stationed at Shaw, a golf tournament, a tour of Sumter and the base and the Shaw 50th Anniversary Ball in August.

Goodwin said the famous Air Force aerial display team, the Thunderbirds, is set to perform at this year's Shawfest, and he said the F-117 Stealth fighter-bomber may also be featured.

"We want to recognize the economic and cultural impact that Shaw has on Sumter," said Goodwin, general manager of Goodwin Buick-Jeep-Eagle. "It's obvious that they inject a lot of money into the community, but their cultural influence is enormous.

"The diversification of its people and the retirement community that's here be-

cause of it has an impact that is immeasurable."

The celebration, which is slated to run through August, is being kicked off by the sale of prints done specifically for the occasion by renowned Sumter aerospace artist Bill Reynolds.

The prints, depicting an F-16 Eagle fighter jet and a BT-13 fighter training plane and an aerial view of the base, are available to the public. Reynolds has a limited edition of 300 signed prints for sale at several area businesses.

An F-16 tactical fighter wing is now based at the Sumter installation, and the BT-13 was the first aircraft to land and be stationed at Shaw when the base opened in the early 1940s to train fighter pilots.

Ferguson, the Sumter city executive for South Carolina National Bank, said Sumter's annual Iris Festival will also pay tribute to Shaw this year, and he said the committee is trying to get country music recording artist Lee Greenwood to come to Sumter for a patriotic music festival in May.

Ferguson said more than 75 people from Shaw and Sumter are working on plans for the anniversary.

"It is a special occasion, and we are trying to involve as many people in the community as possible," he said. "With the variety of events that we have planned, we should be able to do that."

*For information on Shaw's 50th anniversary or the limited edition Bill Reynolds prints, call the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce at 775-1231. The chamber can also provide information on tickets to the Shaw 50th Anniversary Ball slated for August.*

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# Sumterite, soldier marry via telephone lines

By **TONYIA MCGIRT**  
ITEM Staff Writer

Just hours before Operation Desert Shield became Operation Desert Storm, wedding bells drowned out the drumming sounds of imminent war for at least one Sumter County resident.

On Wednesday morning, Leandra Roth married Capt. Timothy Marburger, a member of the 9th Tactical Intelligence Squadron who deployed in August from Shaw Air Force Base to the Middle East.

The ceremony took place over transatlantic telephone lines.

"I'm very glad we did it," the new Mrs. Marburger said this morning. "We waited a long time. It's just peace of mind we got married."

Their original wedding plans had to be postponed when he was deployed, she said.

Marburger said she was at a neighbor's when Desert Shield was upgraded to Desert Storm. "It really caught me off guard," she said. "Of course it scared me."

But she said she is confident her husband will be home soon and will be all right. "I have a really good feeling that now it's started, they'll be home real soon."

"Now I know why we got married when we did," she said.

The bride was in an office at Shaw for the 10 a.m. phone ceremony. "All I had to do was go in there and they did everything," she said.

The call was interrupted several times, she said — including once just before she was supposed

to say, "I do."

Meanwhile, her co-workers at Gay & Taylor Insurance Adjusters anxiously awaited her return from the base. They had planned a surprise reception for her, complete with a cake, champagne and confetti. "We've been so excited here this morning," co-worker Margie Zelano said Wednesday.

Marburger and her husband decided about two months ago to get married by phone, the idea of another deployed officer who is married to one of her co-workers, she said.

"I never thought of getting married over the phone," Marburger said, remembering that her first reaction to the suggestion was, "You boys have nothing to do but dream up all these ideas."

But "this was so easy," Marburger said. All the couple had to do was fill out an application, get a notarized affidavit and set up a time, she said.

"Our forms kept getting lost," she said — but the groom finally got the forms by mail and returned them by express mail. They arrived in Sumter on Monday.

The couple couldn't exchange wedding bands by phone, but they have their engagement rings for the time being, Marburger said, explaining that she had given her fiancée a ring for his birthday because he'd complained that only women got to wear engagement rings.

"We're going to have a real wedding when he comes back," Marburger said. But for now, "It means so much to both of us to just be married."



TONYIA MCGIRT / The ITEM

**LEANDRA ROTH** was married Wednesday by phone to Capt. Timothy Marburger, of the 9th Tactical Intelligence Squadron which was deployed from Shaw Air Force Base in August. The marriage took place just hours before the United States initiated Operation Desert Storm in the Middle East. Above, Roth holds a picture of her new husband at a reception following their wedding.

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# Sumter cheers triumph

## Rally marks cease-fire in Persian Gulf

By JOHN FRITZ  
and AMANDA STURGILL  
ITEM Staff Writers

Mary Jo Horner, whose husband led the U.S. air war against Iraq, raised her hands into the air Friday and echoed the words on the lips of hundreds of relatives and friends of Shaw Air Force Base troops.

"They're coming home," she shouted jubilantly to the cheering crowd gathered at Sumter's Volunteer Park for a bell-ringing, flag-waving celebration of the cease-fire in the Persian Gulf war.

As many as 200 people took part in the noon rally, Sumter's first official celebration of the cease-fire. All over the city, fire trucks blew their sirens and schools and churches rang their bells. The ear-numbing din of the celebration at the park lasted for two minutes.

Women, some with tears welling up in their eyes, bub-



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# Wives feel pride, joy as they wait for troops' return

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bled over with glee, and children waved flags. Red, white and blue were in style.

"I'm very excited," said Debbie Karaps, whose husband, Maj. Skip Kamps, is a Shaw F-16 pilot. "We have been waiting a long time for this to happen. I can say I'm proud of every one of them over there."

Mrs. Kamps wore a silver bracelet around her wrist engraved with her husband's name and deployment date, Aug. 9, 1990. She said she is looking forward to the day she adds his return date to the bracelet.

Mrs. Horner, wife of Lt. Gen. Charles Horner, said her husband told her Shaw troops could be home in six to eight weeks, although nothing is sure. "They're going to try to get out of there as fast as they can," she said.

Mrs. Horner said she greeted the end of the war with mixed emotions. "I was very cautious," she said. "It was almost too good to be true."

But she threw caution to the wind Friday and celebrated the end of the fighting for the first

time since the cease-fire was announced. When noon rolled around, she cheered with the other wives and rang a large bell she had borrowed from a neighbor. It was the loudest one she could find, she said.

The end of the war also marked the end of a silence between Horner and his wife that started when the first bombs dropped on Kuwait and Iraq.

On Monday, during a town meeting at the base, Horner made his first call home since the start of the fighting. For about 35 minutes, he talked to spouses, whom he recognized by name, and answered questions, Mrs. Horner said.

But while others are calling Horner, the architect of the allied air attack, a hero, his wife says, "He's just Chuckie to me."

"Every one of them is a hero over there," she said. "I don't think my husband is any more of a hero than any of them."

Jo Anne Morris of Volunteer Sumter, who helped organize the celebration with Sumter Mayor Steve Creech, declared the rally a success. "I was happy because I know people were ringing bells

all over town," she said.

And Creech, who briefly addressed the crowd, said the party is not over. A homecoming celebration is in the works for whenever Shaw's men and women in the desert finally return home, he said.

"We just think it's a great example of the great support Sumter has been giving us the whole time," said Staff Sgt. Mary McHale, who works at Shaw's public affairs office.

But while Friday was a day of celebration, some of the Shaw wives said they had trouble allowing themselves to believe the war is over.

Sherri Perkins, wife of 33rd Tactical Fighter Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Ron Perkins, said she was talking to her husband on the phone when President Bush announced the cease-fire.

"It was almost hard to have a reaction left after all the ups and downs," she said. Her mood is now "cautiously optimistic," she added.

Leslie Bonds, whose husband, Jim, is an F-16 pilot with the 33rd, said, "I didn't want to get

all excited in case I would just have to be disappointed again." But with some help, the women began to believe the war was over.

Bonds said she started to believe it really was over when "my husband called and told me not to write any more letters," she said.

Theresa Kesterson, whose husband, Bob, is also an F-16 pilot, said, "I didn't believe it until he called me today."

The feelings of relief that loved ones are out of danger have been complicated by not knowing when the troops from Shaw will be returning.

Perkins said her emotions are still mixed. "I feel as much in turmoil as I did on the first day of the war," she said.

"It won't be over until they get back here," Kesterson said.

But one thing was obvious — these wives are proud of their fighting men.

"It's not very often that you get to experience this kind of pride," Perkins said. The pride comes from knowing her husband did a good job and saved lives, she said.

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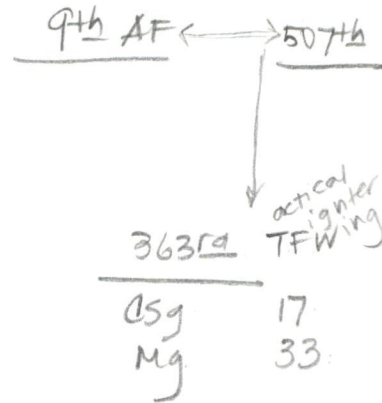
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Carolyn:

Two updates on the Sumter research:

- \* I spoke with Mr. Phillip Ballenger (803-775-1231), Executive Director of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce. You will meet him tomorrow on the site survey.

While he did not have any of the information accessible, he will prepare a packet for you containing the following: history on the city and area, biography of Charles Sumter, effects of operation on area, actions taken by businesses, and some human interest stories.

You may be interested to know that Charles Sumter was a Revolutionary War hero. He stood at over 6 feet and lived until he was 98 years of age, two characteristics not common to people of his time. The following speech line came to mind: "We stand in the city named after a man who fought for freedom over two hundred and ten years ago..." Or something like that.

I would be remiss if I did not point out that the weak mayor/manager form of government originated in Sumter.

Look for Mr. Ballenger. I gave him your name.

- \* Shaw Air Force Base is in close proximity to the city. The PAO at Shaw is Captain Carol Grimmig (803-668-3621). She was out of the office when I called. The base operator's phone number is 668-8110.

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## BRIEF INFO POINTS ON KEY UNITS DEPLOYED FROM SHAW

- 9TH AIR FORCE/U.S. CENTRAL COMMAND AIR FORCES (USCENTAF)
  - Began deployment in August 90
  - Provided Joint Forces Air Component Commander (Horner)
  - Provided core & cadre of operations and planning staffs for coalition and allied operations for Desert Shield and Desert Storm (augmented by liaison forces from Navy, Marines and Army and allied officials)
  - Responsible for the air campaign -- air campaign consisted of classic air support, counter-air, reconnaissance, close air support, enemy interdiction and intelligence and combat assets (equipment and supplies)
  - Focal point for extremely successful "Air Tasking Order," which served as the document to execute the air war for all U.S. and allied/coalition air forces
  - From the get-go, responsible for the deployment of all Air Force fighters, tankers, bombers, reconnaissance, cargo and transport aircraft; personnel; and equipment/supplies
  
- 363D TACTICAL FIGHTER WING/COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP/HOSPITAL
  - Fighters began deployment August 10, 1990
  - First combat air-to-ground, F-16 fighter unit to deploy to Desert Shield (Persian Gulf region)
  - Two squadrons deployed (33rd/17th Tactical Fighter squadrons) and associated maintenance units
  - F-16 FIGHTERS RESPONSIBLE PRIMARILY FOR:
    - air-to-ground combat operations
    - interdiction
    - close air support
  - COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP RESPONSIBLE FOR: (examples)
    - (Civil Engineers) laying out and setting up compound
    - (Services) dining facilities and laundry
    - (Morale, Welfare and Recreation) movies, game rooms, setting up officer/NCO clubs, arranging for bands and other entertainment and activities
    - personnel actions, legal services (powers of attorney, wills and court actions), security and overall safety
  - HOSPITAL RESPONSIBLE FOR: (examples)
    - first Air Transportable Hospital to be operational
    - 90-bed casualty receiving hospital mission at Shaw
    - activated a critically needed blood donor center at Shaw
  
- 507TH TACTICAL AIR CONTROL WING
  - Detachments and units under this wing deployed from Shaw and other locations in the United States. Provided for:
    - Command and control for close air support
    - the nerve cell: the Tactical Air Control Center
    - "Air Task Order" production
    - radar control, communication nodes at virtually all locations in theater, tactical radars for airspace, tactical intelligence gathering, air liaison function to virtually all Army/U.S./Allied forces, and numerous augmentees from translators to postal clerks

- 14 Units from the 507 TAIRCW began deploying on 8 Aug 90 from locations throughout the eastern U.S. - 1935 personnel deployed.
- Tactical Air Control Center - Produced Air tasking order (the daily "Game Plan"). Ran the ongoing air campaign.
- Tactical Air Support Squadron - Performed liaison duties and provided close air support control on the battlefield for U.S. Army and Allied Forces.
- Air Support Operations Center (ASOC) - Provided direct command and control of close air support sorties for the 18th Airborne Corps.
- Tactical Intelligence - Collected, analyzed and presented current intelligence summaries for execution of the air war.
- Control and Reporting Centers - Correlated and distributed offensive/defensive air situation information to command centers.
- Combat Communications - Provided long haul communications between operations center and CENTAF Headquarters. Furnished mobile control tower, air traffic controllers, and liaison to integrate allied forces.

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12. AMERICA

27 America is woven of many strands; I would recognize them and let it so remain. . . . Our fate is to become one, and yet many—This is not prophecy, but description.

RALPH ELLISON, *Invisible Man*, 1952.

28 I esteem it a chief felicity of this country that it excels in women.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON, "Manners," *Essays*, Second Series, 1844.

29 In America the geography is sublime, but the men are not: the inventions are excellent, but the inventors one is sometimes ashamed of.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON, "Considerations by the Way," *The Conduct of Life*, 1860.

30 The office of America is to liberate, to abolish kingcraft, priestcraft, caste, monopoly, to pull down the gallows, to burn up the bloody statute-book, to take in the immigrant, to open the doors of the sea and the fields of the earth.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON, entry written in 1867, *Journals*, 1909-1914.

31 America is the country of young men, and too full of work hitherto for leisure and tranquility; yet we have had robust centenarians, and examples of dignity and wisdom.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON, "Old Age," *Society and Solitude*, 1870.

32 I hate this shallow Americanism which hopes to get rich by credit, to get knowledge by raps on midnight tables, to learn the economy of the mind by phrenology, or skill without study, or mastery without apprenticeship.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON, "Success," *Society and Solitude*, 1870.

33 America means opportunity, freedom, power.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON, "Public and Private Education," *Uncollected Lectures*, 1932.

34 We're not a political people. We've just been preaching the issues. We're trying to be the moral conscience of the nation. I don't equate America with Christianity. I don't wrap the cross in a flag.

JERRY FALWELL, at a news conference in Washington, D.C., January 27, 1981.

35 Who stole America?

LAWRENCE FERLINGHETTI, *Starting from San Francisco*, 1961.

36 France was a land, England was a people, but America, having about it still that quality of the idea, was harder to utter—it was the graves at Shiloh, and the tired, drawn, nervous faces of its great men, and the country boys dying in the Argonne for a phrase that was empty before their bodies withered. It was a willingness of the heart.

F. SCOTT FITZGERALD, *The Crack-Up*, 1945.

37 We go forth all to seek America. And in the seeking we create her. In the quality of our search shall be the nature of the America that we created.

WALDO FRANK, *Our America*, 1919.

38 There is much cant in American moralism and not a little inconsistency.

J. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT, in a speech in the U.S. Senate, March 25, 1964.

39 Our country has liberty without license, and authority without despotism.

JAMES CARDINAL GIBBONS, in a speech in Rome, Italy, March 25, 1887.

40 America will tolerate the taking of human life without giving it a second thought. But don't misuse a household pet.

DICK GREGORY, *The Shadow that Scares Me*, 1968.

41 Thou, O my country, hast thy foolish ways, Too apt to purr at every stranger's praise.

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES, SR., "An After-Dinner Poem," 1843.

42 America is the only place where man is full-grown!

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES, SR., *The Professor at the Breakfast-Table*, 1860.

43 One flag, one land, one heart, one hand, One Nation, evermore!

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES, SR., "Voyage of the Good Ship Union," 1862.

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WALT WHITMAN, "When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom'd," 1865-1866.

113 I hear America singing, the varied carols I hear.

WALT WHITMAN, "I Hear America Singing," 1867.

114 I say, the true nationality of the States, the genuine union, when we come to a mortal crisis, is, and is to be, after all, neither the written law, nor, (as is generally supposed) either self-interest, or common pecuniary or material objects—but the fervid and tremendous Idea, melting everything else with resistless heat, and solving all lesser and definite distinctions in vast, indefinite, spiritual, emotional power.

WALT WHITMAN, *Democratic Vistas*, 1871.

115 I say we had best look our times and lands searchingly in the face, like a physician diagnosing some deep disease. Never was there, perhaps, more hollowness of heart than at present, and here in the United States. Genuine belief seems to have left us. The underlying principles of the States are not honestly believ'd in, (for all this hectic glow, and these melodramatic screamings) nor is humanity itself believ'd in. What penetrating eye does not everywhere see through the mask?

Ibid.

116 Sail, sail thy best, ship of Democracy, Of value is thy freight, 'tis not the Present only,

The Past is also stored in thee, Thou holdest not the venture of thyself alone, not of the Western continent alone,

Earth's *résumé* entire floats on thy keel O ship, is steadied by thy spars, With thee Time voyages in trust, the antecedent nations sink or swim with thee.

WALT WHITMAN, "Thou Mother with Thy Equal Brood," 1872.

117 There exists in the world today a gigantic reservoir of good will toward us, the American people.

WENDELL WILLKIE, *One World*, 1943.

118 America is not a mere body of traders; it is a body of free men. Our greatness is built upon our freedom—is moral, not material. We have a great ardor for gain; but we have a deep passion for the rights of man.

WOODROW WILSON; in a speech in New York City, December 6, 1911.

119 Just what is it that America stands for? If she stands for one thing more than another, it is for the sovereignty of self-governing people.

WOODROW WILSON, in a speech in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, January 29, 1916.

120 America is not anything if it consists of each of us. It is something only if it consists of all of us.

Ibid.

121 America cannot be an ostrich with its head in the sand.

WOODROW WILSON, in a speech at Des Moines, Iowa, February 1, 1916.

122 Sometimes people call me an idealist. Well, that is the way I know I am an American. . . . America is the only idealist Nation in the world.

WOODROW WILSON, in a speech in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, September 8, 1919.

123 Ours is become a nation too great to offend the least, too mighty to be unjust to the weakest, too lofty and noble to be ungenerous to the poorest and lowliest.

STEPHEN WISE, in a speech, July 4, 1905.

13. AMERICAN INDIANS

1 The Indians have not been without excuse for their evil deeds. Our own people have given them intoxicating drinks, taught them to swear, violated the rights of womanhood among them, robbed them of their dues, and then insulted them! What more would be necessary to cause one nation to rise against another? What more, I ask. Yet there are many who curse this people, and cry "Exterminate

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25 Patriotism is a centrifugal emotion intensifying at the outskirts.

ALICE JAMES, in a letter to her sister-in-law, Mrs. William James, December 10, 1888.

26 My affections were first for my own country, and then, generally, for all mankind.

THOMAS JEFFERSON, in a letter to Thomas Law, January 15, 1811.

27 I look upon the whole world as my fatherland. . . . I look upon true patriotism as the brotherhood of man and the service of all to all.

HELEN KELLER, in the *New York Call*, December 20, 1915.

28 The mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battlefield and patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone all over this broad land.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN, in his first inaugural address, March 4, 1861.

29 There is something magnificent in having a country to love. It is almost like what one feels for a woman. Not so tender, perhaps, but to the full as self-forgetful.

JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL, in a letter to Charles Eliot Norton, April 13, 1865.

30 Certainly it is no shame to a man that he should be as nice about his country as about his sweetheart. . . . Yet it would hardly be wise to hold every one an enemy who could not see her with our own enchanted eyes. It seems to be the common opinion of foreigners that Americans are *too* tender upon this point.

JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL, "On a Certain Condescension in Foreigners," 1869.

31 Whenever you hear a man speak of his love for his country it is a sign that he expects to be paid for it.

H.L. MENCKEN, "Sententiae," in *The Vintage Mencken*, 1955.

32 Patriotism is often an arbitrary veneration of real estate above principles.

GEORGE JEAN NATHAN, *Testament of a Critic*, 1931.

33 There are not wanting men so weak as to suppose that their approbation of warlike measures is a proof of personal gallantry, and that opposition to them indicates a want of that spirit which becomes a friend of his country; as if it required more courage and patriotism to join in the acclamation of the day, than steadily to oppose one's self to the mad infatuation to which every people and all governments have, at some time or other, given way.

JOHN RANDOLPH, opposing war with England, in an open letter, published in Virginia newspapers, dated May 30, 1812.

34 A man who is good enough to shed his blood for his country is good enough to be given a square deal afterwards. More than that no man is entitled to, and less than that no man shall have.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT, in a speech in Springfield, Illinois, June 4, 1903.

35 The pacifist is as surely a traitor to his country and to humanity as is the most brutal wrongdoer.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT, in a speech in Pittsburgh, July 27, 1917.

36 There can be no fifty-fifty Americanism in this country. There is room here for only 100% Americanism, only for those who are Americans and nothing else.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT, in a speech at the State Republican Party Convention, Saratoga, New York, July 19, 1918.

37 The man who loves other countries as much as his own stands on a level with the man who loves other women as much as he loves his own wife.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT, in an address in New York City, on the anniversary of the first Battle of the Marne, September 6, 1918.

38 Patriotism is just loyalty to friends, people, families.

ROBERT SANTOS, quoted in Al Santoli, *Everything We Had: An Oral History of the Vietnam War by Thirty-three American Soldiers Who Fought It*, 1981.

39 Our country, right or wrong. When right, to be kept right; when wrong, to be put right.

CARL SCHURZ, in a speech in the U.S. Senate, January 17, 1872.

40 I feel that this do-or-die, my-country-right-or-wrong kind of patriotism is not merely out of place in a nuclear armed world, it is criminal egotism on a monstrous scale. The world won't be safe until people in all countries recognize it for what it is and, instead of cheering the leader who talks that way, impeach him.

BENJAMIN SPOCK, *Decent and Indecent*, 1968.

41 I venture to suggest that patriotism is not a short and frenzied outburst of emotion but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime.

ADLAI E. STEVENSON, in a speech at the American Legion Convention, August 27, 1952.

42 There is the National flag. He must be cold, indeed, who can look upon its folds rippling in the breeze without pride of country. If in a foreign land, the flag is companionship, and country itself, with all its endearments.

CHARLES SUMNER, in an address entitled "Are We a Nation?" delivered at the Cooper Institute, New York City, November 19, 1867.

43 The name of American, which belongs to you in your national capacity, must always exalt the just pride of patriotism more than any appellation derived from local discriminations.

GEORGE WASHINGTON, in his Farewell Address, September 17, 1796.

44 Let our object be, our country, our whole country, and nothing but our country.

DANIEL WEBSTER, in his address delivered at the laying of the cornerstone of the Bunker Hill Monument, June 17, 1825.

45 Thank God. I—I also—am an American!

DANIEL WEBSTER, in his address upon the completion of Bunker Hill Monument, June 17, 1843.

46 I shall know but one country. The ends I aim at shall be my country's, my God's, and Truth's. I was born an American; I will live an American; I shall die an American.

DANIEL WEBSTER, in a speech, July 17, 1850.

47 There would never be a moment, in war or in peace, when I wouldn't trade all the patriots in the country for one tolerant man. Or when I wouldn't swap the vitamins in a child's lunchbox for a jelly glass of magnanimity.

E.B. WHITE, "Coon Hunt," *One Man's Meat*, 1944.

48 I hold that it would be improper for any committee or any employer to examine my conscience. They wouldn't know how to get into it, they wouldn't know what to do when they got in there, and I wouldn't let them in anyway. Like other Americans, my acts and my words are open to inspection—not my thoughts or my political affiliation.

E.B. WHITE, in a letter to the *New York Herald Tribune*, dated November 29, 1947.

49 The principle of demanding an expression of political conformity as the price of a job is the principle of hundred percentism. It is not new and it is blood brother of witch burning.

E.B. WHITE, in a letter to the *New York Herald Tribune*, dated December 4, 1947.

50 The lines of red are lines of blood, nobly and unselfishly shed by men who loved the liberty of their fellowmen more than they loved their own lives and fortunes.

WOODROW WILSON, in a speech on Flag Day, May 7, 1915.

## 181. PEACE

See also WAR

1 Peace, *n.* In international affairs, a period of cheating between two periods of fighting.

AMBROSE BIERCE, *The Devil's Dictionary*, 1906.

2. Thank God for peace! Thank God for peace, when the great gray ships come in!

GUY WETMORE CARRYL, "When the Great Gray Ships Come In," dated August 20, 1898.

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3 War is an invention of the human mind. The human mind can invent peace with justice.

NORMAN COUSINS, *Who Speaks for Man?* 1952.

4 God and the politicians willing, the United States can declare peace upon the world, and win it.

ELY CULBERTSON, *Must We Fight Russia?* 1946.

5 Mankind will never win lasting peace so long as men use their full resources only in tasks of war. While we are yet at peace, let us mobilize the potentialities, particularly the moral and spiritual potentialities, which we usually reserve for war.

JOHN FOSTER DULLES, *War or Peace*, 1950.

6 A peaceful world is a world in which differences are tolerated, and are not eliminated by violence.

Ibid.

7 You have to take chances for peace, just as you must take chances in war. . . . The ability to get to the verge without getting into the war is the necessary art. If you try to run away from it, if you are scared to go to the brink, you are lost.

JOHN FOSTER DULLES, quoted by James Shepley in *Life* magazine, January 16, 1956.

8 Unless the cause of peace based on law gathers behind it the force and zeal of a religion, it hardly can hope to succeed.

ALBERT EINSTEIN, quoted in the *Atlantic Monthly*, 1947.

9 I say we are going to have peace even if we have to fight for it.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, in a speech at Frankfurt-am-Main, Germany, June 10, 1945.

10 The peace we seek is nothing less than the fulfillment of our whole faith among ourselves and in our dealings with others. This signifies more than the stilling of guns, easing the sorrow of war. More than an escape from death, it is a way of life. More than a haven for the weary, it is a hope for the brave.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, in his first inaugural address, January 20, 1953.

11 Nothing can bring you peace but yourself. Nothing can bring you peace but the triumph of principles.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON, "Self-Reliance," *Essays*, First Series, 1841.

12 The real and lasting victories are those of peace, and not of war.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON, "Worship," *The Conduct of Life*, 1860.

13 The god of Victory is said to be one-handed, but Peace gives victory to both sides.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON, entry written in 1867, *Journals*, 1909-1914.

14 Even peace may be purchased at too high a price.

Attributed to Benjamin Franklin.

15 I have never known a peace made, even the most advantageous, that was not censured as inadequate, and the makers condemned as injudicious or corrupt. "Blessed are the peacemakers" is, I suppose, to be understood in the other world; for in this they are frequently cursed.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, in a letter to John Adams, October 12, 1781.

16 May we never see another war! For in my opinion, there never was a good war or a bad peace.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, in a letter to Josiah Quincy, September 11, 1783.

17 Let us have peace.

ULYSSES S. GRANT, in his speech accepting the Republican presidential nomination, May 29, 1868.

18 [Peace:] An idea which seems to have originated in Switzerland but has never caught hold in the United States. Supporters of this idea are frequently accused of being unpatriotic and trying to create civil disorder.

DICK GREGORY, *Dick Gregory's Political Primer*, 1972.

19 Peace: A monotonous interval between fights.

ELBERT HUBBARD, *The Roycroft Dictionary and Book of Epigrams*, 1923.

20 Peace and friendship with all mankind is our wisest policy, and I wish we may be permitted to pursue it.

THOMAS JEFFERSON, in a letter to Charles William Frederick Dumas, May 6, 1786.

21 In this age when there can be no losers in peace and no victors in war, we must recognize the obligation to match national strength with national restraint.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON, addressing a joint session of Congress, November 27, 1963.

22 No man should think that peace comes easily. Peace does not come by merely wanting it, or shouting for it, or marching down Main Street for it. Peace is built brick by brick, mortared by the stubborn effort and the total energy and imagination of able and dedicated men. And it is built in the living faith that, in the end, man can and will master his own destiny.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON, *The Vantage Point: Perspectives of the Presidency, 1963-1969*, 1971.

23 Nonviolence is the answer to the crucial political and moral questions of our time; the need for man to overcome oppression and violence without resorting to oppression and violence. Man must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in his speech accepting the Nobel Peace Prize, Stockholm, Sweden, December 11, 1964.

24 Peace! and no longer from its brazen portals  
The blast of War's great organ shakes the  
skies!

But beautiful as songs of the immortals,  
The holy melodies of love arise.

HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW, "The Arsenal at Springfield," 1845.

25 Buried was the bloody hatchet,  
Buried was the dreadful war-club,  
Buried were all warlike weapons,  
And the war-cry was forgotten,  
There was peace among the nations.

HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW, *The Song of Hiawatha*, 1855.

26 Ef you want peace, the thing you've gut to  
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Is jes' to show you're up to fightin', tu.

JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL, *The Biglow Papers*, Second Series, 1866.

27 Wars are bred by poverty and oppression. Continued peace is possible only in a relatively free and prosperous world.

Attributed to George C. Marshall.

28 There is only one threat to world peace, the one that is presented by the internationalist communist conspiracy.

RICHARD M. NIXON, in a commencement address at Whittier College, June 12, 1954.

29 Our goal will be peace. Our instrument for achieving peace will be law and justice. Our hope will be that, under these conditions, the vast energies now devoted to weapons of war will instead be used to clothe, house, and feed the entire world. This is the only goal worthy of our aspirations. Competing in this way, nobody will lose, and mankind will gain.

RICHARD M. NIXON, in *The Challenges We Face*, 1960.

30 If there must be trouble let it be in my day, that my child may have peace.

THOMAS PAINE, *The American Crisis*, No. 1, published in the *Pennsylvania Journal*, December 19, 1776.

31 It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it.

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, in a Voice of America broadcast, November 11, 1951.

32 More than an end to war, we want an end to the beginnings of all wars.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, in a speech intended for broadcast on April 13, 1945. (Roosevelt died the day before.)

33 Peace is normally a great good, and normally it coincides with righteousness, but it is righteousness and not peace which should bind the conscience of

a nation as it should bind the conscience of an individual; and neither a nation nor an individual can surrender conscience to another's keeping.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT, in his sixth annual message to Congress, December 4, 1906.

34 We should do all in our power to hasten the day when there shall be peace among the nations—a peace based upon justice and not upon cowardly submission to wrong.

Ibid.

35 For lo! the days are hastening on,  
By prophet-bards foretold,  
When with the ever-circling years,  
Comes round the age of gold;  
When Peace shall over all the earth  
Its ancient splendors fling  
And the whole world send back the song  
Which now the angels sing.

EDMUND HAMILTON SEARS, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," 1850.

36 Peace is not the work of a single day, nor will it be the consequence of a single act. Yet every constructive act contributes to its growth; every omission impedes it. Peace will come, in the end, if it comes at all, as a child grows to maturity—slowly, imperceptibly, until we realize one day in incredulous surprise that the child is almost grown.

ADLAI E. STEVENSON, in a speech at New Orleans, December 4, 1954.

37 Our first, our greatest, our most relentless purpose is peace. For without peace there is nothing.

ADLAI E. STEVENSON, in a speech at Chicago, November 19, 1955.

38 Peace will never be entirely secure until men everywhere have learned to conquer poverty without sacrificing liberty or security.

Attributed to Norman Thomas.

39 I want peace and I'm willing to fight for it.

HARRY S TRUMAN, in his diary, May 22, 1945, quoted in Robert H. Ferrell, *Off the Record*, 1980.

40 The Marshall Plan will go down in history as one of America's greatest contributions to the peace of the world.

HARRY S TRUMAN, "Years of Trial and Hope," from *Memoirs*, 1955.

41 To discerning men, nothing can be more evident, than that a peace on the principles of dependence, however limited . . . would be to the last degree dishonorable and ruinous.

GEORGE WASHINGTON, in a letter to John Bannister, April 21, 1778.

42 There is nothing so likely to produce peace as to be well prepared to meet an enemy.

GEORGE WASHINGTON, in a letter to Elbridge Gerry, January 29, 1780.

43 Would to god, the harmony of nations was an object that lay nearest to the hearts of Sovereigns; and that the incentives to peace . . . might be daily increased!

GEORGE WASHINGTON, in a letter to the Marquis de Lafayette, January 10, 1788.

44 To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace.

GEORGE WASHINGTON, in his first annual message to Congress, January 8, 1790.

45 If we desire to avoid insult, we must be able to repel it; if we desire to secure peace, one of the most powerful instruments of our rising prosperity, it must be known that we are at all times ready for war.

GEORGE WASHINGTON, in his fifth annual message to Congress, December 3, 1793.

46 Peace with all the world is my sincere wish. I am sure it is our true policy, and am persuaded it is the ardent desire of the government.

GEORGE WASHINGTON, in a letter to the Rev. Jonathan Boucher, August 15, 1798.

47 Peace is always beautiful.

WALT WHITMAN, "The Sleepers," 1855.

48 Beautiful that war and all its deeds of carnage must in time be utterly lost,

3 No hardier republicanism was generated in New England than in the slave states of the South, which produced so many great statesmen of America.

WILLIAM E. GLADSTONE, "Kin Beyond the Sea," published in the *North American Review*, September, 1878.

4 Southerners can never resist a losing cause.

MARGARET MITCHELL, *Gone with the Wind*, 1936.

5 In the South the war is what A.D. is elsewhere; they date from it.

MARK TWAIN, *Life on the Mississippi*, 1883.

6 O magnet-South! O glistening, perfumed South! my South!

O quick mettle, rich blood, impulse and love!  
Good and evil! O all dear to me!

WALT WHITMAN, "O Magnet-South," 1860.

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## 215. SOUTH CAROLINA

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1 Animis opibusque parati (Prepared in mind and resources).

Dum spiro spero (While I breathe, I hope).

State mottoes.

2 South Carolinians are among the rare folk in the South who have no secret envy of Virginians.

### Robert E. Lee: farewell to his army, April 10, 1865

The surrender of General Robert E. Lee to General Ulysses S. Grant on the day before had been marked by generosity. Grant allowed all soldiers to keep their horses and the officers to keep their side-arms as well. The Civil War was over.

After four years of arduous service, marked by unsurpassed courage and fortitude, the Army of Northern Virginia has been compelled to yield to overwhelming numbers and resources. I need not tell the survivors of so many hard-fought battles, who have remained steadfast to the last, that I have consented to this result from no distrust of them; but, feeling that valor and devotion could accomplish nothing that could compensate for the loss that would have attended the continuation of the contest, I have determined to avoid the useless sacrifice of those whose past services have endeared

them to their countrymen.

By the terms of the agreement, officers and men can return to their homes and remain there until exchanged. You will take with you the satisfaction that proceeds from the consciousness of duty faithfully performed; and I earnestly pray that a merciful God will extend to you His blessing and protection.

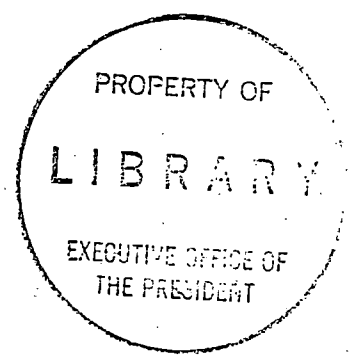
With an increasing admiration of your constancy and devotion to your country, and a grateful remembrance of your kind and generous consideration of myself, I bid you an affectionate farewell.

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Our shelter and our shield is God. May our attackers' new weapons not deflect you from your thoughts which are dedicated to your defence of Ethiopia's freedom.

Your King who speaks to you today will at that time be in your midst, prepared to shed his blood for the liberty of Ethiopia.

HAILE SELASSIE I, emperor of Ethiopia, address to the Ethiopian Parliament, July 18, 1935.—*My Life and Ethiopia's Progress, 1892-1937*, trans. Edward Ullendorff, p. 220 (1976).

**1722** The patriot volunteer, fighting for country and his rights, makes the most reliable soldier on earth.

Attributed to THOMAS J. (STONEWALL) JACKSON.—Hunter McGuire, *Stonewall Jackson: An Address*, p. 16 (1897).

**1723** Oh, it's Tommy this, an' Tommy that, an' 'Tommy, go away';  
But it's 'Thank you, Mister Atkins', when the band begins to play—  
The band begins to play, my boys, the band begins to play,  
Oh, it's 'Thank you, Mister Atkins', when the band begins to play.

RUDYARD KIPLING, "Tommy," stanza 1, chorus, *The Collected Works of Rudyard Kipling: Departmental Ditties and Barrack-Room Ballads*, vol. 25, p. 168 (1941, reprinted 1970).

**1724** Honor to the Soldier, and Sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause. Honor also to the citizen who cares for his brother in the field, and serves, as he best can, the same cause—honor to him, only less than to him, who braves, for the common good, the storms of heaven and the storms of battle.

President ABRAHAM LINCOLN, letter to George Opdyke and others, December 2, 1863.—*The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln*, ed. Roy P. Basler, vol. 7, p. 32 (1953).

**1725** This extraordinary war in which we are engaged falls heavily upon all classes of people, but the most heavily upon the soldier. For it has been said, all that a man hath will he give for his life; and while all contribute of their substance the soldier puts his life at stake, and often yields it up in his country's cause. The highest merit, then, is due to the soldier.

President ABRAHAM LINCOLN, remarks at closing of sanitary fair, Washington, D.C., March 18, 1864.—*The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln*, ed. Roy P. Basler, vol. 7, pp. 253-54 (1953).

**1726** I have every confidence in the ultimate success of our joint cause; but success in modern war requires something more than courage and a willingness to die: it requires careful preparation. This means the furnishing of sufficient troops and sufficient material to meet the known strength of a potential enemy. No general can make something out of nothing. My success or failure will depend primarily upon the resources which the respective governments place at my disposal. My faith in them is complete. In any event I shall do my best. I shall keep the soldier's faith.

General DOUGLAS MACARTHUR, first public statement upon arriving in Australia, March 1942.—*A Soldier Speaks, Public Papers and Speeches of General of the Army Douglas MacArthur*, ed. Vorin E. Whan, Jr., p. 115 (1965).

**1727** Old soldiers never die; they just fade away.

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*Congressional Record*, v

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*New York Times*, Jun  
1945, pp. 1, 16 (where  
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FRANCIS QUARLES, "Of Common Devotion," *The Complete Works in Prose and Verse of Francis Quarles*, ed. Alexander B. Grosart, vol. 2, p. 205 (1880).

President John F. Kennedy quoted this in remarks to members of the First Armored Division, Fort Stewart, Georgia, November 26, 1962: "Many years ago, according to the story, there was found in a sentry box in Gibraltar a poem which said:

God and the soldier, all men adore  
In time of danger and not before  
When the danger is passed and all things righted,  
God is forgotten and the soldier slighted.

This country does not forget God or the soldier. Upon both we now depend. Thank you."—*Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States: John F. Kennedy, 1962*, p. 840. The First Armored Division had been deployed during the Cuban crisis.

**1732** So, as you go into battle, remember your ancestors and remember your descendants.

TACITUS, *Agricola, an English Version of a Roman Tale*, trans. G. J. Acheson, chapter 4, paragraph 22, final sentence, p. 72 (1938).

**1733** These endured all and gave all that justice among nations might prevail and that mankind might enjoy freedom and inherit peace.

Author unknown. Normandy Chapel, inscription on the exterior of the lintel of the chapel.—American Battle Monuments Commission, *Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial*, p. 16 (1975, rev. 1984).

This World War II memorial inscription is very similar to the World War I memorial inscription at Oise-Aisne Cemetery: These endured all and gave that honor and justice might prevail and that the world might enjoy freedom and inherit peace.—American Battle Monuments Commission, *Oise-Aisne American Cemetery and Memorial*, p. 9 (1978).

**1734** Here rests in honored glory an American soldier known but to God.

Author unknown. Inscription on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Arlington National Cemetery.

## Solution

**1735** And we must face the fact that the United States is neither omnipotent or omniscient—that we are only 6 percent of the world's population—that we cannot impose our will upon the other 94 percent of mankind—that we cannot right every wrong or reverse every adversity—and that therefore there cannot be an American solution to every world problem.

President JOHN F. KENNEDY, address at the University of Washington's 100th anniversary program, Seattle, Washington, November 16, 1961.—*Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States: John F. Kennedy, 1961*, p. 726.

**1736** There is always an easy solution to every human problem—neat, plausible, and wrong.

H. L. MENCKEN, "The Divine Afflatus," *A Mencken Chrestomathy*, chapter 25, p. 443 (1949).

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The quotation from the Greeks has been attributed to Aeschylus but has not been found in his works.

**1865** For the strength of the Pack is the Wolf, and the strength of the Wolf is the Pack.

RUDYARD KIPLING, "The Law of the Jungle," *The Second Jungle Book*, p. 29 (1899).

**1866** And see the confluence of dreams  
That clashed together in our night,  
One river born of many streams  
Roll in one blaze of blinding light!

GEORGE WILLIAM RUSSELL (AE), "Salutation," last stanza.—Kathleen Hoagland, *1000 Years of Irish Poetry*, p. 617 (1947).

This was written for those who took part in the Irish rebellion against England, 1916.

**1867** It manus in gyrum; paullatim singula vires  
Deperdunt proprias; color est *E pluribus unus*.

Spins round the stirring hand; lose by degrees  
Their separate powers the parts, and comes at last  
*From many several colors one that rules.*

VIRGIL, "Moretum," lines 103-4, *The Works of Virgil*, trans. into English verse by John Augustine Wilstach, vol. 1, p. 123 (1884).

*Moretum* literally means garden herbs. From Virgil's minor poems, this is a tribute "to common things and plebian associations. The lines are laudatory of early habits and rustic poverty. They close with a description of the ingredients and mode of preparation of a salad composed of garlic, parsley, rue, and onions, seasoned with cheese, salt, coriander, and vinegar, and finally sprinkled with oil.

"The poem is a brief one, of uncertain, but probably early date. But, brief as it is, and insignificant as it seems to be, certain of its words formulate the talisman of our National Government.

"So that we may say, with probable truth, that, in describing an Italian salad, a frugal shepherd of the Roman Republic dictated that motto [*E pluribus unum*] which has served as the symbol of union for States in a hemisphere then unknown, for a Republic which uses, with enthusiasm, even the language of that illustrious government to which it is indebted, under so many forms, for safe precedents and wise examples" (p. 124).

## Values

**1868** It is not our affluence, or our plumbing, or our clogged freeways that grip the imagination of others. Rather, it is the values upon which our system is built. These values imply our adherence not only to liberty and individual freedom, but also to international peace, law and order, and constructive social purpose. When we depart from these values, we do so at our peril.

Senator J. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT, remarks in the Senate, June 29, 1961, *Congressional Record*, vol. 107, p. 11703.

## Victory

**1869** The people who remained victorious were less like conquerors than conquered.

## War and peace

**1957** An analysis of the history of mankind shows that from the year 1496 B.C. to the year 1861 of our era, that is, in a cycle of 3357 years, were but 227 years of peace and 3130 years of war; in other words, were thirteen years of war for every year of peace. Considered thus, the history of the lives of peoples presents a picture of uninterrupted struggle. War, it would appear, is a normal attribute to human life.

JEAN DE BLOCH, *The Future of War*, trans. R. C. Long, p. lxx (1903).

**1958** In War: Resolution  
In Defeat: Defiance  
In Victory: Magnanimity  
In Peace: Good Will

WINSTON CHURCHILL, *The Second World War*, p. viii (1948-1954). This motto, the "moral of the work," appeared on p. viii of each of the six volumes in this work.

**1959** War is an invention of the human mind. The human mind can invent peace with justice.

NORMAN COUSINS, *Who Speaks for Man?*, p. 318 (1953).

**1960** Such subtle Covenants shall be made,  
Till Peace it self is War in Masquerade.

JOHN DRYDEN, *Absalom and Achitophel*, part 2, lines 268-69, p. 9 (1682, reprinted 1970).

A variant of the second part, "And Peace it self is War in Masquerade," appears earlier in the poem, part 1, line 752, p. 23.

**1961** Peace will never be won if men reserve for war their greatest efforts, Peace, too, requires well-directed and sustained sacrificial endeavor. Given that, we can, I believe, achieve the great goal of our foreign policy, that of enabling our people to enjoy in peace the blessings of liberty.

JOHN FOSTER DULLES, secretary of state, news conference statement, December 31, 1954.—*Department of State Bulletin*, January 10, 1955, p. 44.

**1962**

WAR IS PEACE  
FREEDOM IS SLAVERY  
IGNORANCE IS STRENGTH.

GEORGE ORWELL, *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, p. 5 (1949).

These three slogans of the Party were engraved on the Ministry of Truth building.

**1963** You bring me the deepest joy that can be felt by a man whose invincible belief is that Science and Peace will triumph over Ignorance and War, that nations will unite, not to destroy, but to build, and that the future will belong to those who will have done most for suffering humanity.

LOUIS PASTEUR, speech at celebration honoring his seventieth birthday, the Sorbonne, Paris, France, December 27, 1892. Pasteur's son read the speech of thanks because of the weakness of his father's voice.—René Vallery-Radot, *The Life of Pasteur*, trans. Mrs. R. L. Devonshire, vol. 2, p. 297 (1902).

On his 1956 Christmas card, Adlai E. Stevenson used a version of this passage which varies slightly from the arrangement and translation given above: "Not to destroy