

Chief Mitchell

MILITARY DEPARTMENT  
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Pursuant to recommendation of the Commander, Oregon Air National Guard and authority contained in OreANGR 900-11, attachment 1, announcement is made of the Oregon Air National Guard Outstanding Unit Award for calendar year 1979 to the 244th Combat Communications Squadron.

BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR:

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RICHARD A. MILLER  
Major General  
The Adjutant General

CC

7 February 1980

OreANG Outstanding Unit Award 1979

Hq OreANG/CCE

1. A first for this unit was the recognition of one of its members by the Air Force gaining command (Air Force Communications Command AFCC) for award of "C-E Professional Achievement Award on 23 March 1979. Selected from a field of 15,000 company grade officers, Capt Stephen L. Pettersen, was chosen as one of ten in the nation to receive the Air Force Communications-Electronics Professional Achievement award. The award identifies the recipients as the best at meeting the communications-electronics needs of the US Air Force.

2. The 244th Cmbt Comm Sq received congratulations from Brigadier General Rippetoe (Air Force Readiness Command) for its participation in JCS Exercise "Team Spirit 79", a single largest peacetime exercise conducted in the PacCom. The 244th Cmbt Comm Sq provided long haul communications for the Military Airlift Command from Travis AFB, California.

3. The Oregon National Guard Association Commendation Award was presented to the 244th Cmbt Comm Sq, 18 May 79. The citation is as follows:

*"In late January 1979, the U.S. Air Force lost message traffic capability at Kingsley Field. The Oregon Air National Guard exhibited responsiveness and professionalism by establishing an alternate high frequency secure circuit to support the needs of the Air Force. The 244th Cmbt Comm Sq prepared the message traffic for re-entry into the Defense Communications system. The enthusiasm and can-do attitude of the 244th certainly contributes to the total force concept."*

4. The 244th Cmbt Comm Sq also participated in exercise Jack Frost in Alaska, for which a letter of commendation was received from the Alaskan Air Command and endorsed forward by Col Towne, 252 Cmbt Comm Gp Commander.

5. 11-25 Aug 79 found the main contingent of the 244th Cmbt Comm Sq deployed to a hilltop on Yakima Ridge. The mission was to manage and host a major relay function serving all Air Force and Army elements east of the Cascade Mountains (Brave Shield XX). A total of twelve organizations were located on the ridge, including ANG, AF and Army. The 244th was charged with the responsibility of management of:

- a. Seven tropospheric scatter systems.
- b. Three microwave systems.
- c. Four wideband VHF systems.

The 244th Ombt Comm Sq also had the additional responsibility for providing all logistical support to all personnel on the ridge, 216 personnel. 244th provided minor augmentation at three other sites, Yakima Municipal Airport, Hog Ranch Butte and North Fort Lewis. The Yakima Ridge site received favorable comments from distinguished visitors, the AFCC Commander, Maj Gen Herres, he said, "It is the best laid out combat site I have ever seen".

6. Civic activities and community support:

a. Ten school tours, grade school through college students, including teachers and counsellors. A total of 450 young people were given unit mission orientation, career opportunity and complete tours of the units mobile communications facilities, electronics shops, hands on training and classroom training

b. Two off base speaking engagements were given: Portland Community College, Electronics Department, 120 students. A display of the latest state of the art communications techniques using the AN/TSC-60, Communications Central. Test procedures relating to solid state devices and digital communications technology. Clackamas County High School, Vocational Technical Center. A display of mobile digital subscriber terminal equipment (DSTE) and wideband radio links between the high schools provided a path for connection of data terminals. Active displays of high speed digital communications and related test procedures were demonstrated also some hands on experience was provided for added interest. Assemblies were held in each of the schools and the subjects discussed were employment opportunities in the Air National Guard and comparison of AF skills and technical training to the educational goals as they relate to civilian occupations.

c. In coordination with Recruiting an extensive public awareness program was conducted during 1979, displaying and operating mission C&E equipment in several of the local shopping malls. Mobile communications facilities were shown in actual operation along with slide presentations and photographs of both military and emergency deployments.

d. This unit provided vehicles (2 1/2 ton 6X6x) and drivers for a community project called "Second Wind". This is a project in which Boy Scouts collect from door-to-door food for the less fortunate citizens. Our unit furnished transportation to assist the Scouts in the collection of the food which was delivered to a warehouse for sorting and processing. Two weeks later the food is delivered by the same method to the needy.

e. Unit personnel volunteered as counsellors and food services, also unit vehicles and other equipment to support the annual HAP/ANG Camp at Camp Rilea, near Seaside, Oregon. A community project developed by the Portland Housing Authority and supported by the Oregon National/Air National Guard for the development of underprivileged children.

f. The 244th Cmbt Comm Sq is a prime mover of a support agreement between the Oregon National Guard and the US Forest Service to provide communications in the event of forest fires. Records will show that communications support provided by this unit on two separate occasions, help to reduce substantially the loss of needed forest products within the State of Oregon. Success and publicity of this program in Oregon has prompted other National Forests to seek the same type of agreements with communications units in their states (Washington and California).

g. Unit personnel continued to support the American Red Cross Blood program during 1979.

h. This unit provided mobile generating equipment (10KW to 60KW) to the National Weather Service during the ice storm in Jan 79. Unit personnel moved the generating equipment to locations in very hazardous road conditions, connected them to the power boxes and provided operational services until commercial power was restored.

i. Dependents of unit personnel are periodically invited to participate in the Cardio-Pulmonary-Resuscitation (CPR) training conducted by 244th Cmbt Comm Sq certified instructors. A worthwhile community service which also involves the families of Guardsmen.

j. Officers and airmen of this unit, who are traditionally spokesmen for the Air National Guard and their unit, are members of the following organizations who also have a basic goal of improving the social well being of the communities in which they exist:

- (1) Boy Scouts of America
- (2) Cub Schots of America
- (3) Little League Baseball (coaching)
- (4) Chamber of Commerce
- (5) Kiawanas Clubs
- (6) Lions Clubs
- (7) Internal Order of Eagles
- (8) Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
- (9) US Jaycees
- (10) Veterans of Foreign Wars
- (11) American Legion
- (12) Citizens Actions Committee
- (13) Advisor to High School Key Clubs
- (14) US Power Squadron
- (15) USAF Military Affiliate Radio System.

7. For the first time in the awards history an Air National Guard wife was named Oregon National Guard Spouse of the year at the Oregon National Guard association ceremonies held at the Red Lion Inn in May 79. The award recognizes personal contributions to home, community and the Guard. Jacky Mitchell, wife of CMSG Bob Mitchell, was selected.

KEITH E. HALLMARK, Major, OreANG  
Deputy Commander



10 APR 1979

Captain Steven L. Petterson  
244th Combat Communications Squadron  
Portland, Oregon 97218

Dear Captain Petterson

It is indeed a pleasure to congratulate you on your selection for the 1978 Communications-Electronics Professional Achievement Award.

This recognition is a tribute to your personal and professional qualifications and reflects most favorably on your attitude, initiative, and performance of duty. You may feel a justifiable pride in having earned this designation.

Congratulations on your selection for this distinct honor. I wish you the best of luck and continued success in your Air Force career.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert E. Sadler".

ROBERT E. SADLER  
Major General, USAF

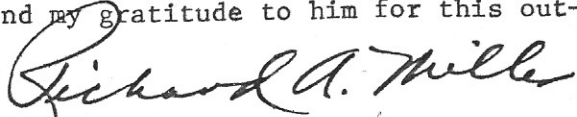
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TAG-Ore/CCE

20 Apr 79

TO: Commander, OreANG

It gives me a distinct pleasure to forward Major General Sadler's letter to Captain Pettersen. In addition to Captain Pettersen's personal and professional qualities, this recognition gives visibility to the fact that our Air National Guard forces are indeed capable and equal to the task of shouldering the responsibility of upholding the national interest of this country. Captain Pettersen's contribution far exceeds the normal capabilities which is commendable. He has brought honor to this State, his unit, and himself. Please extend my gratitude to him for this outstanding achievement.



RICHARD A. MILLER  
Major General  
The Adjutant General

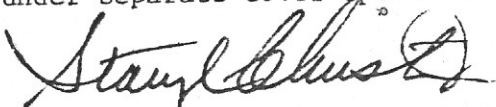
2nd Ind

20 Apr 79

Hq OreANG/CC

TO: Hq 252 CMBTGP

I am very pleased to add my comments to those expressed by Major General Sadler, Commander, Air Force Communications Service, and Major General Miller, the Adjutant General of Oregon. Since Captain Pettersen's assignment to the Oregon Air National Guard, his contributions have been varied and many, but always at a very high level of professionalism. He has been a valuable asset to the 244th Combat Communications Squadron and we have certainly enjoyed his talents. In that respect it is plain to see your keen interest in bringing him back to your Washington units. I am confident his high level of performance will continue to be a contributing factor in the future achievements of your outstanding organization. The Oregon Air National Guard will always have its door open to Captain Pettersen should future endeavors bring him this way again. Please extend my congratulations for his most noteworthy contributions to the Oregon Air National Guard and his most recent recognition as recipient of the 1978 Communications-Electronics Professional Achievement Award. The awards elements will be forwarded under separate cover upon receipt.



STARYL C. AUSTIN, JR., Brig Gen., OreANG  
Commander

## Nomination for Spouse of the Year Award

TAG Ore/PA

1. Jacqueline June "Jackey" Mitchell, wife of CMSGT Bob J. Mitchell is nominated for the Oregon National Guard Spouse of the Year Award.
2. Jackey is an active member of the Kern Park Christian Church. She is always people oriented and is available to render assistance and comfort where it is needed. She is the "helping hand" in the neighborhood where she and her husband reside.
3. Jackey is an active member of the 142 Elks Club, she is the Second Assistant Marshall, which is an elected position, and the Americanism Chairman of the 133 Emblem Club. As the Assistant Marshall she carries the flag in all the ceremonies. She also collects and delivers blankets and clothing to the Raphael House, a shelter for battered women, and to other similar types of civic organizations. As the Americanism Chairman she promotes Americanism within the Elks and other organizations; e.g., she purchases and delivers greeting cards to the elderly, confined in local nursing homes and she recently presented an American Flag to the Second grade class in one of the local grade schools.
4. Jackey also finds the time and energy to do volunteer work for the American Red Cross. Three days a week she works at the Red Cross Bloodmobile. She also responds to all local emergencies, e.g., when United flight 173 crashed she responded voluntarily, she worked from early in the evening until 3:00am the following day. In her volunteer work with the Red Cross she places emphasis on the Air National Guard. She makes certain that she is always on the schedule when the Bloodmobile comes to Portland Intl Aprt. She was also instrumental in the planning for the Bloodmobile to come to Camp Rilea where the 244th Cmbt Comm Sq was deployed for annual training. Her long association with both the Red Cross and Air National Guard serves the best interests of both the organizations. When guardspersons or members of their families are in need of blood, her knowledge is invaluable in expediting the availability of blood and donors. Through her work she has become acquainted with most of the regular donors and can anticipate that when a need arises she can call them and that they will respond.
5. She is also active with other civic organizations: she sells Buddy Poppies for the VFW; once a month she makes bandages for the Cancer Society; serves refreshments to participants in the March of Dimes Telethon.

6. Jackey has instituted a baby sitting and transportation service for the young mothers who are military members of the 244th Cmbt Comm Sq. Her services, which are completely voluntary, include transportation as well as qualified baby care. The service which she instituted has significantly raised the attendance of these guardswomen.

7. She, in her involvement with the many civic organizations, frequently comes into contact with young people. She has been an active spokeswoman for the opportunities to youth in the Air National Guard.

8. Jackey has been the key person in CMSGT Mitchell's life. Her inspiration and enthusiasm for the Guard has helped tremendously in her husband's long and successful career. During the past 26 years she has been an excellent homemaker and has managed her home in such a way that her husband has always been free to pursue his career. During his many absences from home to attend various military activities Jackey has always managed so that any problems which arose were never allowed to interfere with her husband's performance of his military duty. With a home and family, it does not take much imagination to realize that the problems did arise. It is also due to her behind the scenes management that her husband's uniforms are always immaculately maintained.

9. Jackey Mitchell has been very much a key part of the highly successful career of CMSG Mitchell, as well as an unselfish, hard working volunteer within the community. She epitomizes the qualities of wife, homemaker and help mate. She is truly deserving of recognition for her many years of devotion and dedication.

*Gene A. Katke*  
GENE A. KATKE, Major, OreANG  
Commander

# Wife 'Jackey' top spouse

PORTLAND—For the first time in the award's history, an Air Guard wife was named Oregon National Guard Spouse of the Year, at National Guard Association ceremonies held at the Red Lion Inn here May 19. The award recognizes personal contribution to the home, the community, and the Guard.

Jacqueline June "Jackey" Mitchell, wife of Chief Master Sergeant Bob J. Mitchell of the 244th Combat Communications Squadron, is a people-oriented woman who renders assistance and comfort where it is needed. In the Portland area where she and her husband reside, she is the neighborhood "helping hand." "Five neighbors sort of depend on us," she said. "They depend on Bob as much as they do me," she added, "for maintenance, errands, and other jobs around the house.

"There is a 90-year-old woman who lives across the street from us. We keep in contact with her and take her out to dinner once in awhile," she said. "She has given me a key to her home so I can check on her."

Her helping nature takes her out three days a week to work at the Red Cross Bloodmobile, sealing, handing out blood packs, ushering to the tables and to the canteen, and working in the canteen. Her involvement with the Emblem Club, the women's auxiliary to the Elks Club, takes her into more charity work, purchasing and delivering greeting cards to the elderly, working with a shelter home for battered women, and into local school activities.

She is active in other civic organizations as well, selling Buddy Poppies for the Veterans of Foreign Wars, making bandages for the Cancer Society, and working with the March of Dimes. When United Airlines flight 173 crashed she volunteered, working from early in the evening until 3 a.m.

As a service to the Air Guard, Jackey instituted a babysitting and transportation service for the young mothers who are members of the 244th Combat Communications Squadron.

The couple will have been married 38 years in

November. They were married exactly a month before Pearl Harbor, she said.

Both Eastern Oregon natives, Jackey from Baker and Bob from Mosier and Baker, the two have spent most of their lives in the state. They went to school together before he went into the service.

"He was scheduled to go overseas a couple of times, but didn't, due to family emergencies—one of which I caused," she said.

"After the birth of one of their children, she was in the Oakland hospital and not expected to live. He was in Rhode Island and his gear was on board ship to Germany. At the last minute they pulled his gear and he returned to Oakland. She was in the hospital for two weeks until recovery.

The couple have two sons and five grandchildren.

Mitchell has been a member of the Air National Guard for 38 years. He was a technician for the squadron until his recent retirement. He is still an active member of the unit.

"I learned to live with the military when Bob was in the Army Air Corps," Jackey said. "I developed a lot of patience from that. Much of the time I was away from him, when he was in another part of the States. I rather like his being in the Guard, and often when he has gone to schools and field training, I have been able to go with him."

Her message to other Guard wives is this: "It's rewarding and gives you a good feeling to do good for other people. I have enjoyed it—and it has been appreciated."

Other nominees for the award were Sherry (Mrs. Bob) Overton, Tony (Mrs. Juan) Ortegon, Lucy R. (Mrs. Marcus) Hines, Annie (Mrs. Jerry) Gilmer, Carmelita (Mrs. Steve) Green, Carol J. (Mrs. Robert) Harrison, and Nancy R. (Mrs. Leo) Despain, Jr.





Portland General Electric Company

November 19, 1979

Gene A. Katke Lt./Col. OreANG  
Commander  
Oregon Air National Guard  
244 Combat Communications Squadron  
Portland Air National Guard Base  
Portland, OR 97218

Dear Sir:

The exercise of October 25, 1979 designed to check the overall response to an emergency at the Trojan Nuclear Plant is over. Enough time has now passed to allow P.G.E. and other interested parties to study and evaluate the results. Naturally each exercise adds to our knowledge of the overall problem, reveals some of the existing plan's strengths and weaknesses, and suggests desirable improvements.

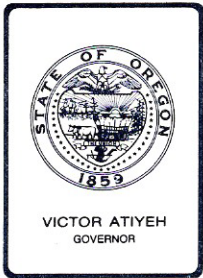
It was my privilege to act not only as the Portland General Electric Company observer during the Air National Guard exercise of October 21 and 22 relating to emergencies such as this one but also to work with the officers and men of your Command during the planning, installation, and operation of the Air National Guard Radio System which provided communications between the Portland Office of the Oregon State Health Division and their Field Mobile Units patrolling in the Trojan area during the October 25th exercise.

Working with the Guard on those projects has been both a pleasure and education for me. I now have a much better understanding of the 244th's emergency capabilities and know how very cooperative they are. May P.G.E. and I both extend our sincere thanks for the help so willingly extended to us in these undertakings. Well done.

Sincerely,

Albert L. Cooper  
Communication Engineer

ALC/pn



## *Department of Energy*

LABOR & INDUSTRIES BUILDING, ROOM 111, SALEM, OREGON 97310 PHONE 378-4040

October 29, 1979

Major Keith Hallmark  
244th Combat Communications Squadron  
Oregon Air National Guard  
Portland International Airport  
OR 97218

Dear Major Hallmark:

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank you for the fine communications support that you provided the Oregon Field Monitoring Teams during the recent Trojan Emergency Response Drill. I understand that the equipment satisfied our needs to communicate with mobile field teams in the vicinity of Trojan from the State Office Building in Portland. The ability of your organization to accomplish this on such short notice is commendable. Further, your eagerness to volunteer your help and your can-do attitude are attributes that are greatly appreciated by the Oregon Department of Energy. Your ability to achieve results demonstrate that you are a credit to your profession. I hope that we will be able to work together again in the future.

Sincerely,

Lynn Frank  
Director

LF/BD:swd

cc: Brigadier General Staryl Austin  
Oregon Air National Guard

# The Chronicle

and THE SENTINEL-MIST

USPS 610 380

St. Helens, Oregon 97051

Thursday, October 25, 1979

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**COMMUNICATIONS LINK** — Members of the 244 Combat Communications Squadron of the Oregon Air National Guard established communications link between Columbia County, Cowlitz County, Wash., Olympia, Portland and Salem as part of a

test of backup communications systems in the event of an accident at the Trojan nuclear power plant. The guard exercise was held last weekend. (Another photo appears on Page 21.)



**CHECKING TRANSMITTER** — Oregon Air National Guard SSG Douglas Comstock of St. Helens checks communications transmitter system, while on the ground Sgt. Loren Von Ahn uses telephone as part of last weekend's test of communications link between Columbia County, Salem and Olympia. The drill was part of a test of backup communications in the event of an accident at the Trojan plant.

VICTOR ATIYEH  
GOVERNOR



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
STATE CAPITOL  
SALEM, OREGON 97310

December 19, 1979

Staryl C. Austin, Jr.  
Brigadier General  
Deputy Adjutant General  
Oregon Military Department  
2150 Fairgrounds Road N.E.  
Salem, OR 97303

Dear Staryl:

I would like to personally comment the members of the 244th Combat Communications Flight and Squadron who participated in demonstrating the capability to establish a supplemental communications network that could be used in the event of a radiological emergency at the Trojan Nuclear Plant on October 20 and 21, 1979. Based on the observations and testing of the network by members of various state, county and private agencies, I am aware that the Guard has clearly demonstrated this capability. The observers were impressed with the high caliber and knowledge of your people, their "can do" attitude, and the results they produced.

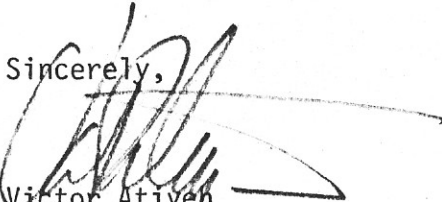
I understand that there were some minor problems with the communications network which you may want to resolve in future exercises. These involve:

1. Late connection of the Salem link due to snow at the relay station in the Cascades. This problem might be alleviated by establishing an alternate relay site in the Coast Range.
2. Lack of communications with Kelso, Washington due to radio equipment failure.
3. Weak, but intelligible communications between some extreme ends of the network, such as between Salem and Stasop, Washington.
4. Weak and sometimes unintelligible conference communications among various stations.

Staryl C. Austin, Jr.  
December 11, 1979  
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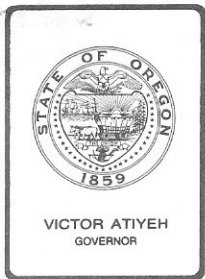
In light of the relatively short planning time available for the exercise and the fact that this was the first time that the Guard attempted to establish such a network, these minor problems are not unexpected and in no way discredit the performance of your people. This exercise was a job well done.

Sincerely,



Victor Atiyeh  
Governor

VA:md



## *Military Department*

2150 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD N.E., SALEM, OREGON 97303

CCE

11 January 1980

SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation

TO: Commander Oregon ANG

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to forward Governor Atiyeh's letter and add my own comments. The 244th Communications units have demonstrated the epitome of the National Guard's responsibility to provide protection for the lives and property of the citizens of Oregon. Their contribution to the Governor's exercise to respond to a possible radiological emergency was highly professional and productive. Their "Can Do" attitude exemplifies the meaning of the "Magic Word" that I discussed during our most recent Senior Commanders Conference. I am very pleased with the positiveness of the approach to this difficult task taken by the 244th Communications Squadron and Flight. Please extend my profound gratitude for their most noteworthy accomplishment.

RICHARD A. MILLER  
Major General  
The Adjutant General

1st Ind, HQ/CC

15 Jan 80

TO: 244 CMBTCS/CF/CC

I am very pleased to be given the opportunity to express my comments along with Governor Atiyeh's and General Miller's. Those individual members who personally participated in this exercise are to be commended. They reflect overall spirit of cooperativeness and military professionalism that exists in both of your units. Please convey my appreciation to the members of your units for their professional responsiveness and job well done.

CHARLES A. SAMS, Brig Gen, OreANG  
Commander



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

Forecast Office  
5420 N. E. Marine Drive  
Portland, Oregon 97218

January 24, 1979

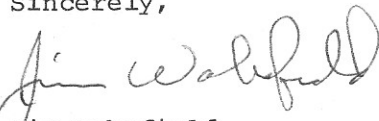
Lt. Col. Wilfred S. Unverricht  
Base Support Manager  
Oregon Air National Guard  
Portland International Airport  
Portland, Oregon 97218

Dear Colonel:

I want to thank the Oregon Air National Guard and all of the staff involved for the assistance that they gave the National Weather Service during our ice storm and power outage problem January 10 thru 12. Your staff with assistance from the Port of Portland staff moved one of your generators to our building on Thursday and enabled us to have heat and a partially lighted building until the power came on Friday afternoon.

This was a real service to us at a time when we were having a lot of trouble. We appreciate it and want you to extend our thanks to your staff.

Sincerely,

  
Jim Wakefield  
Meteorologist in Charge

PROVIDED BY BWHCCS

CC:  
WFW,WRH


1st Ind

29 January 1979

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244 CSS/CC

Forwarded for appropriate recognition of those members of your unit who participated in support of the National Weather Service.

  
WILFRED S. UNVERRICHT, Lt Col, OreANG      Cy: TAGore/DAG  
Base Support Manager

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

HEADQUARTERS NORTHERN COMMUNICATIONS AREA (AFCS)

GRIFFISS AIR FORCE BASE, NEW YORK 13441



8 FEB 1979

Brig Gen Staryl C. Austin, Jr  
TAG-ORE  
2150 Fairgrounds, N.E.  
Salem OR 97303

Dear General Austin

I would like to express my appreciation to you and three of your units for the responsiveness and professionalism so ably exhibited from 18-26 January 1979. We had lost our message traffic capability at Kingsley Field and your units came to our assistance by establishing an alternate HF secure circuit to support our needs.

Specifically, Lt Colonel John A. Carter, 104th Tactical Control Flight (ANG), and notably, SSgt Donald R. Hoisington, did a superb job in providing and setting up a mobile communications center and establishing communications between Kingsley Field and Portland. The 116th Tactical Control Flight (ANG) at Portland worked the other end and delivered the traffic to the 244 Mobile Comm Squadron (ANG). They made the necessary conversion of teletype tapes and delivered the traffic to my Det 5, 1905 CS at the airport for reentry into the Defense Communications System via AUTODIN.

The enthusiasm and "can do" attitude of your units and the success of their efforts demonstrate the sound leadership and readiness essential to our national defense and the "Total Force" concept.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Charles B. Jiggetts", is written over the word "Sincerely".

CHARLES B. JIGGETTS, Brig Gen, USAF  
Commander

1st Ind to Ltr, Cmdr, Hq Northern Communications Area, 8 Feb 79

TAG-Ore/AFP

15 Feb 79

TO: Hq OreANG/CC

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to forward Brigadier General Jiggetts' letter of appreciation and my comments. The assistance provided the Air Force by the Oregon Air National Guard units exemplifies the readiness capability possessed by our Guard men and women to meet the challenge of the Total Force Policy. Special recognition must be given to Lt Colonel Carter, Commander of the 104th Tactical Control Flight and SSgt Hoisington of the same unit. Additionally, those personnel from the 116th Tactical Control Squadron and the 244th Combat Communications Squadron must be singled out for their professional response to this urgent matter. Please extend my congratulations for a job well done.



RICHARD A. MILLER  
Major General  
The Adjutant General

2nd Ind to Ltr, Cmdr, Hq Northern Communications Area, 8 Feb 79

Hq OreANG/CC

23 Feb 79

TO: 244th CMBTCS/CC

I am very pleased to add my comments to those expressed by General Jiggetts, Commander, Hq Northern Communications Area (AFCS) and General Miller, our Adjutant General. I am particularly pleased in the professional manner your units accepted the challenge and the ingenuity used to accomplish the task. Once again, the Oregon ANG Combat Communications units have demonstrated their unparalleled readiness capability. Please extend my appreciation to those members involved in the support at the Kingsley communication outage.



STARYL C. AUSTIN, JR., Brig Gen., OreANG  
Commander

**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE**  
DETACHMENT 1, 2049TH COMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATION GROUP (AFCS)  
KINGSLEY FIELD, OREGON 97601



REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: CC

24 January 1979

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

TO: 244 MOB Comm Sq (ANG)/CC  
Portland Intl Arpt  
Portland OR 97221

1. Please convey my personal appreciation and gratitude to the members of your organization for the outstanding support rendered during the outage of our telecommunications equipment.
2. At all times the members of your unit displayed the professionalism and dedication expected of military personnel and demonstrated to all concerned the high degree of efficiency that can be maintained by an Air National Guard unit.
3. The team spirit and contributions by your personnel were significant. Many laudatory comments have been received on both the knowledge and interest shown by your people. Thanks for a job well done.

*Robert W. Halpin Jr.*

ROBERT W. HALPIN, JR, MSgt, USAF  
Detachment Chief

Cy to: 827CC

244th Combat Communications Squadron (Contingency)

**OUTSTANDING UNIT AIRMAN 1979**

Airman **Robert D. Camp**

CC

1 December 1979

Nomination for Annual Outstanding Airman Award (Category #1)

Hq OreANG

1. Airman Robert D. Camp, 544-74-8468, is submitted for nomination of outstanding airman award (Category #1) in accordance with ANGR 900-2 and OreANGR 900-11.

a. Annual outstanding airman award (category #1).

b. 27 Apr - 1 Dec 79

c. Robert D. Camp,

d. 4 Mar 58

e. 244th Combat Communications Squadron, Portland International Airport, Portland, Oregon 97218

f. Telecommunications Systems/Equipment Maintenance Specialist.

g. 6605 SE 60th, Portland, Oregon 97206

h. Nominated for outstanding work since his enlistment in the Oregon Air National Guard.

i. Ann Robert Camp joined the Oregon Air National Guard on 27 Apr 79. He attended basic military training and graduated as honor student for which he received the Lackland Honor Graduate Ribbon. His next assignment was at Sheppard AFB for technical training in teletype maintenance. He was again honor graduate with a 98% academic average. A certificate for his outstanding work in the technical school was forwarded to his Commander for presentation. Ann Camp plans to continue his electronics training through higher education and wants to couple aviation training with it for a goal of being admitted to the Air Force flight training program through the Air National Guard. He was also an honor graduate in high school where he was a member of the Fryers Club, an honor student association. He is also a member of the Oregon Amateur Soccer league for which he was selected the most valuable player during his junior and senior years.

*Gene A. Katke*

GENE A. KATKE, Lt Col, OreANG  
Commander

244th Combat Communications Squadron (Contingency)

**OUTSTANDING UNIT SENIOR NCO 1979**

Senior Master Sergeant **Richard P. DeMars**

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1 December 1979

Nomination for Annual Outstanding Airman Award (Category #3)

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1. SMSGT RICHARD P. DE MARS, 544-46-1659, is submitted for nomination of annual outstanding airman award (Category #3) in accordance with ANGR 900-2 and OreANGR 900-11.

- a. Annual outstanding airman award (Category #3)
- b. 1 Dec 78 to 1 Dec 79
- c. Richard P. De Mars, SMSGT,
- d. 5 Dec 42
- e. 244th Combat Communications Squadron, Portland International Airport, Portland, Oregon 97218
- f. Maintenance Control
- g. Post Office Box 29, Welches, OR 97067
- h. Nominated for his outstanding support of Joint Readiness Exercise and unit training mission.
- i. SMSG Richard DeMars has distinguished himself and his unit during the past year in his efforts to support Jack Frost 79 and Brave Shield XX, joint readiness exercises. Sgt DeMar's past experience coupled with many years of service in the US Army and the Oregon ANG have given him a background necessary to provide the unique ability to provide an outstanding Workload Control function. This vital function is key to the success of the unit mission. During exercise Jack Frost 79 Sgt DeMars distinguished himself through his superior performance as Job Controller for which he received a letter of commendation from the Commander, 124th TCF (FACP), Ohio ANG. He was also awarded a "grateful acknowledgement certificate" in support of this joint readiness exercise. He again demonstrated his outstanding management ability during Brave Shield XX. The Yakima Ridge site layout was planned by Sgt DeMars, he met with construction teams of the 2nd Combat Comm Group USAF and Readiness Command. Sgt DeMars directed the construction teams of the 2nd CMBTCG and layout of a site that supported seven tropospheric scatter systems, three microwave systems, four lower frequency wide-band systems and housing (tents) for 216 people from his own and 13 other units. The Yakima Ridge Site received favorable comments

from distinguished visitors. The AFCC Commander said "it is the best laid out combat site I have ever seen". Again his superior management ability, his excellent pre-planning and coordination, combined with his excellent controlling expertise, were a major factor in the success of the Brave Shield XX Exercise.

Sgt DeMars also is a prime mover in the unit's training mission, he is assigned the additional duty "Training Management" with the maintenance activity. Since his assignment the unit has achieved C-1 FORSTAT status in the operational readiness rating.

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