

WASHINGTON AIR NATIONAL GUARD
HEADQUARTERS 252D COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS GROUP
AIR NATIONAL GUARD COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY
CAMP MURRAY, TACOMA, WASHINGTON 98430

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HISTORY
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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: CC

5 August 1981

SUBJECT: Letters of Commendation

TO: 143 CMBTCS/CC
242 CMBTCS/CC
242 ATCF/CC
244 CMBTCF/CC

244 CMBTCS/CC
256 CMBTCS/CC
262 CMBTCS/CC

1. Attached are letters from Governor Spellman and MG Coates that will be of interest to you.
2. I hope you will read these letters to all personnel at your next Commander's Call.


BENJAMIN W. FABER, Colonel, WA ANG
Commander

2 Atch

1. Ltr from Gov Spellman, 17 Jul 81
2. Ltr from MG Coates, 22 Jul 81



State of Washington

JOHN SPELLMAN, Governor

July 17, 1981

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR


Major General George E. Coates
The Adjutant General
State of Washington
Camp Murray
Tacoma, WA 98430

Dear General Coates:

Congratulations on your Group's selection as the recipient of the Air Force Communications Command Air National Guard Unit Achievement Award for 1980. I am proud that the men and women associated with the 252d Combat Communications Group have been honored in this way, especially in view of the strong competition.

The State of Washington is fortunate to have such a fine unit whose members are not only dedicated to the defense of our country but to assist our state in times of emergency as well. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by me and all the citizens you serve in the state. General Herres' comments are a reflection of my own with the added thought that the state of Washington could not be more pleased. You have all performed in an outstanding manner.

Sincerely,



John Spellman
Governor



22 July 1981

Colonel Benjamin W. Faber
Commander, 252d Combat Communications Group
Camp Murray
Tacoma, Washington 98430

Dear Colonel Faber

I want to include my congratulations to you and your organization.
This is a great honor for the Washington Air National Guard and
the Military Department.

Sincerely

GEORGE E. COATES
Major General, WashARNG
The Adjutant General

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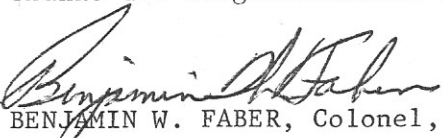
24 June 1981

SUBJECT: Unit Achievement Award

TO: 143 CMBTCS/CC
242 CMBTCS/CC
244 CMBTCF/CC
~~244~~ CMBTCS/CC
256 CMBTCS/CC
262 CMBTCS/CC

1. Attached is a congratulatory letter from MG Robert Herres on the 252 CMBTCG selection for the AFCC ANG Unit Achievement Award for 1980.

2. This is an exceptional honor and I want each of you to extend my personal thanks and congratulations to all your personnel for a job well done.


BENJAMIN W. FABER, Colonel, WA ANG
Commander

1 Atch
AFCC/CC Ltr, 10 June 1981

Cy to: OTAG/AA
252 CMBTCG/CD
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OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER
AIR FORCE COMMUNICATIONS COMMAND
SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE

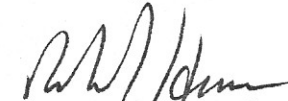
10 JUN 1981

Colonel Wayne Faber
252d Combat Communications Group
Camp Murray
Tacoma WA 98430

Dear Colonel Faber and Members of the 252d Combat
Communications Group

Congratulations to the men and women of the 252d Combat Communications Group on receiving the Air Force Communications Command Air National Guard Unit Achievement Award for 1980. Your selection for this award in the ANG Combat Communications Group Headquarters Unit category recognizes your outstanding contributions. Among your many accomplishments, your participation in the Team Spirit and Gallant Eagle exercises, support of the NORAD mission, and assistance following the Mount St. Helens disaster serve as noteworthy examples of extraordinary professionalism. Your combined efforts have been essential to the successful completion of a complex and critical mission. Please accept my personal appreciation--well done!

Sincerely



ROBERT T. HERRES
Major General, USAF

HISTORY

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

SPECIAL ORDER

GB- 452

10 Aug 1981

1. The following ANG/AFCC organizations are awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for exceptionally meritorious service from 1 October 1978 to 30 September 1980 unless otherwise indicated:

202d Electronics Intallation Squadron

211th Electronics Installation Squadron

299th Communications Squadron (1 Jan 79 - 31 Dec 80)

2. The 252d Combat Communications Group (ANG/AFCC) is awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for exceptionally meritorious service from 1 January 1979 to 31 December 1980. The following organizations will share in this award for the same period:

256th Combat Communications Squadron

143d Combat Communications Squadron

242d Combat Communications Squadron

242d Air Traffic Control Flight

244th Combat Communications Flight

244th Combat Communications Squadron

262d Combat Communications Squadron

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE



LEW ALLEN, JR., General, USAF
Chief of Staff

VAN L. CRAWFORD, JR., Colonel, USAF
Director of Administration

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JOHN SPELLMAN
Governor



MG GEORGE E. COATES
The Adjutant General

STATE OF WASHINGTON
MILITARY DEPARTMENT

Camp Murray • Tacoma, Washington 98430

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: OTAG/AA

31 August 1981

SUBJECT: Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

TO: 252d CCGp/CC

1. The recent announcement that the 252d Combat Communications Group is the recipient of the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award is good news indeed. This award coupled with the AFCC Special Achievement Award should leave no doubt that your Group and its subordinate squadrons is far and away the best CTE unit in the Air National Guard and United States Air Force. General Coates and I are proud of every member and the leadership that made the outstanding reputation you currently enjoy.

2. We look for bigger and better achievements in the future. Again, we offer our congratulations for a job well done.

FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Milton H. Towne".

MILTON H. TOWNE
Colonel, WA ANG
Asst Adjutant General, Air



State of Washington

JOHN SPELLMAN, Governor

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

September 15, 1981

Colonel Benjamin W. Faber, Commander
252d Combat Communications Group
Camp Murray
Tacoma, WA 98430

Dear Colonel Faber:

It is a pleasure to offer my congratulations to you and the members of the 252d Combat Communications Group for having been awarded the 1981 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. This coveted honor reflects outstanding competence and dedication.

As your Governor, I wish to extend the thanks of all our citizens for bringing this honor and recognition to the National Guard and to the state of Washington. The 252d Combat Communications Group has performed in an outstanding manner, and I am confident you will continue to excel.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



John Spellman
Governor



15 September 1981

Wayne
Dear Colonel Faber,

Congratulations on winning the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award!

Each year the competition for this coveted award gets keener, and the selection of the 252nd Combat Communications Group for this year's AFOUA is well deserved. The dedication of your people and their heroic accomplishments during the terrible eruption of Mount St Helens is a source of pride for all Guardsmen and women. Their contribution to saving lives and relieving suffering during that awesome disaster is most deserving of this honor and recognition.

Please extend to all the members of the 252nd, my sincere congratulations for an outstanding achievement. Keep up the good work!

Warm regards,

IRVIN G. RAY

Maj Gen, R.I. ANG

ANG Assistant to the Commander of
AF Communications Command

Colonel Wayne Faber
Commander
252 Combat Communications Gp
Camp Murray
Tacoma, WA 98430

cc: TAG WA

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: CC

21 October 1981

SUBJECT: AFOUA (252 CMBTCG)

TO: 143 CMBTCS/CC
242 CMBTCS/CC
242 ATCF/CC
244 CMBTCF/CC

244 CMBTCS/CC
256 CMBTCS/CC
262 CMBTCS/CC

1. Attached are copies of letters of congratulations on the selection of this Group for the AFOUA.
2. You may want to post them, use them at Commander's Call, etc. Winning the AFOUA is a great honor and we should certainly let our people know that this gives the 252 bragging rights!


BENJAMIN W. FABER, Colonel, WA ANG
Commander

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1. Ltr, 15 Sep 81, Maj Gen Ray
2. Ltr, 15 Sep 81, Gov Spellman
3. Ltr, 31 Aug 81, Col Towne

COPY TO: Commander
HISTORY



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE COMMUNICATIONS COMMAND
SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, ILLINOIS 62225

9 July 1980

Lt Col Gene A. Katke
Commander, 244 CMBTCS
Portland IAP OR 97218

Dear Colonel Katke

I have just reviewed the Executive Summary of your 1-4 May 1980 Management Effectiveness Inspection. The fact that your unit received an overall "Excellent" is indeed noteworthy. The five "excellents" in the functional areas also are indicative of the type of unit you command and certainly of the caliber of the people who belong.


We seldom see so many laudatory items in a report and felt compelled to note this fact to you and your people. We certainly hope that the performance will continue and that your folks will work hard to find 31 quality people to fill out the authorized manning.

A special note of thanks should certainly be given to Major Hallmark, CMSgt Lambertson and MSgt Mooney. They received some very nice comments from the Inspector General. Our thanks to all your managers and supervisors as well.

It would appear to us that you and your people are but a "hare's breath" away from our overall outstanding rating. A little work on the manning, attendance and training documentation is apparently all that stands in the way of an absolute first for the 244th Combat Comm Squadron, the Air National Guard or for anyone else as far as we can determine. This certainly is a goal worthy of the efforts of you and your people.

Again, our sincere appreciation for the fine effort of the men and women of this unit. We can point to your organization with justifiable pride in the knowledge that this country can call upon you to do a job should an emergency arise. Very well done! You'll probably hear more of this from some other people who are equally happy with the super effort.

Warmest regards


WILLIAM D. ROBERTS, Colonel, USAF
Assistant for Reserve Forces

Cy to: 251 CMBTCG/CC
TACCA/RF

OHIO AIR NATIONAL GUARD
HEADQUARTERS 251ST COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS GROUP (AFCC)
MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, SPRINGFIELD, OHIO 45501



REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

CC

11 July 1980

SUBJECT:

Excellent MEI

TO:

244CMBTCS/CC

I have been advised by Col W. Robert that your personnel were rated excellent during your recent MEI. Congratulations.

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PASQUALE A. GICALE, Colonel, Ohio ANG
Commander

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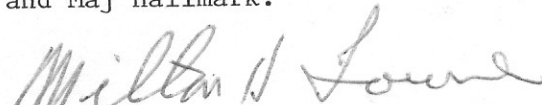
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5 May 1980

SUBJECT: Command Performance, 244th Combat Communications Squadron

TO: TAG OR/DAG

1. I wish to express my personal congratulations to the Oregon Air National Guard for the fine Management Effectiveness Inspection report the 244th CCS received, 1-4 May 1980. I am particularly proud to count the unit as part of the 252nd Cmbt Comm Gp as I am sure you are to have such a high caliber unit under your Command. The overall Excellent rating achieved by the 244th CCS is most gratifying and is a tribute to outstanding leadership as well as outstanding support from other ANG units in your state.
2. Specifically, I recognize the professionalism displayed by LTC Gene Katke, Commander and Maj Kieth Hallmark, Det Commander. These two officers are the most dedicated, loyal, competent and hard working with whom I have had the pleasure to associate. Actions throughout their tenure have always been executed in the finest tradition of the Air National Guard, duty to State and Country. Your expert choice in assigning their current Command responsibilities has assured unit rewards and successes.
3. I would be pleased if you were to pass my feelings along to LTC Katke and Maj Hallmark.


MILTON H. TOWNE, Colonel, WA ANG
Commander

1st Ind to HQ 252 CMBTCG/CC Ltr, dated 5 May 80. Subject: Command Performance, 244th Combat Communications Squadron.

TAG-Ore/DAG

15 May 1980

TO: Commander, OreANG

I am pleased to add my congratulations and appreciation for the accomplishment of the 244th Combat Communications Squadron and its two leaders.

FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL



STARYL C. AUSTIN, JR.
Brigadier General
Deputy Adjutant General

2nd Ind, HQ OreANG/CC

16 May 1980

TO: 244 CMBTCS/CC

It is my pleasure to forward Colonel Towne's letter and add my appreciation to the remarks of Colonel Towne and General Austin. The accomplishments of the 244th Combat Communications Squadron have brought much credit and respect to the Oregon Air National Guard. This latest achievement is a tribute to the professional leadership and can-do attitude that exists in your command. Please extend my congratulations to the outstanding men and women in your unit who have supported your leadership. My personal congratulations to you and Major Hallmark for a job well done.



CHARLES A. SAMS, Brig Gen, OreANG
Commander

244th Combat Communications Squadron (Contingency)

OUTSTANDING UNIT SENIOR NCO 1980

Chief Master Sergeant **Bob J. Mitchell**

Oregon Air National Guard

OUTSTANDING AIRMAN 1980

Chief Master Sergeant **Bob J. Mitchell**



OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

MANPOWER,
RESERVE AFFAIRS
AND LOGISTICS

21 FEB 1980

(Reserve Affairs)

Major General Richard A. Miller
The Adjutant General
2150 Fairgrounds Road, N.E.
Salem, OR 97303

Dear General Miller:

I want to convey my appreciation to you for the support and assistance the members of my TMS-RC Study Group received during their January visit to Oregon. The reception Colonel Biehn and his team received was outstanding and contributed significantly to our examination of the training management of your units.

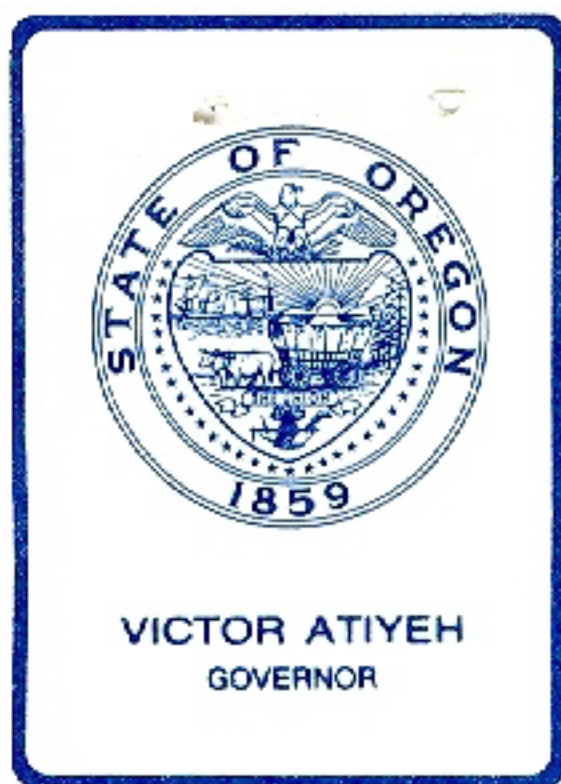
Brigadier General Nudo was extremely helpful during our visit to his units. His staff and battalion commanders provided invaluable information in support of the OSD-directed study effort in which we are engaged. Lieutenant Colonel Cantrell, the staff and company commanders of the 2/162 Infantry went out of their way to accommodate the needs of my group and provide information which will certainly be reflected in the final TMS-RC report.

Your 244th Tactical Communications Squadron displayed a locally-developed time management system that is an excellent example of an innovative training management technique. It is hoped that successful programs such as this might eventually be adopted by other RC headquarters regardless of service.

My thanks to those of your command who made our visit so profitable.

Sincerely,

John B. Hirt, BGen, USMCR
Director, Training Management
Study of the Reserve Components



Military Department

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

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4 March 1980

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

Lt Col Gene A. Katke
Commander, 244th Comb Comm Sq
Portland International Airport
Portland, Oregon 97218

1. I am in receipt of a letter from Brigadier General John B. Hirt, Director, Training Management Study of the Reserve Components, Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense. In his letter General Hirt has related his sincere appreciation for the outstanding support he received from you, your staff and squadron commanders during his recent visit to Oregon. His Training Management Study of Reserve Components reflected positively on the attributes of the Squadron and the Oregon Army National Guard.

2. Please accept my personal thanks for a very fine job in taking the time to insure that the wants and needs of this traveling group were met. You have made a very positive impact on this General Officer as well as members of his committee.

RICHARD A. MILLER
Major General
The Adjutant General

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: CC

11 April 1980

SUBJECT: DSTE Traffic Via HF

TO: 244 Cmbt Comm Sq

1. The attached message was received from TACCA.
2. We don't very often receive messages of congratulations and we want to add our congratulations to those of TACCA.
3. As you can see from the message TACCA is very interested in the Guard developing their capability to send DSTE traffic over HF.



MILTON H. TOWNE, Colonel, WA ANG
Commander

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Cy to: All Cmbt Comm Units

Copies To: OPS

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COMMANDER

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TO RUVH8JA/252CMBTCS CAMP MURRAY TACOMA WA//CC//

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SUBJ: DBTE TRAFFIC VIA HF

REF 252/CC 282300Z FEB 80.

1. CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING INITIATIVE IN TAKING THAT EXTRA STEP TO ENHANCE YOUR COMMUNICATIONS ABILITIES. YOUR ACTIVITY HAS NOT GONE UNNOTICED. MANAGEMENT AT THIS LEVEL HAS SPREAD WORDS OF PRAISE TO TACCA/CC, STAFF, AND OTHER UNITS OF YOUR ENDEAVOR.

2. WE AT TACCA ARE PROUD TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH A HIGH CALIBER UNIT SUCH AS YOURS. AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

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#7066

CDR US TO OPS

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HISTORY FILE 94K

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 142 FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR GROUP (ANG)
Portland International Airport, Oregon 97218



REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

142/CC

14 Aug 80

SUBJECT:

Letter of Appreciation

TO:

ATD/CSS MB
ATD/BSM
244 CCS/CC

1. The 142 CEF Prime Beef deployment to Camp Bonneville, Washington on 9-10 August 1980 proved to be highly successful. The deployment would have been impossible without the outstanding support of your unit.

2. I wish to express my thanks for the loan of various items of equipment for this exercise. Cooperation and support as displayed by your unit has resulted in a definite up-grading of the 142 CEF Prime Beef training program. It is this kind of cooperation which makes the Oregon ANG the great organization which it is.

Robert E. Thompson
ROBERT E. THOMPSON, Lt Col, OreANG
Commander 142 CEF