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Yes, Virginia, there IS a Santa Claus



Clark's Christmas Kids Campaign
- Story by guest writer Jane Robelot
Radio & TV Personality

Yes, Virginia, there IS a Santa Claus and he's in the shape of a five hour mob of people at Wal-Mart led by CPT Clark Howard!

My husband, CW2 Mario de Carvalho, and I took our son George to Marietta where our pal Clark Howard was collecting toys for children who'll spend this Christmas in Georgia's foster care system, that's a lot of children and it's estimated that Clark's effort will ensure that every foster child in the state receive a gift for Christmas this year. Now, that's a Christmas miracle!



Clark was on the air live, broadcasting his plans and encouraging Georgians (and a few of us South Carolinians) to come to Wal-Mart, to become part of this large anatomy of people that make up the full body of Santa, and Clark is the brain AND the heart! Oh they heard and they came! People of all ages, races and incomes came, stood in line

to choose a piece of paper or two, with a child's name, age, county and wish list... then they were selflessly off to the aisles to make dreams come true! They chose one or all of the gifts on the list, brought it back to Clark's well assembled team, who label and code everything to be sure the right gifts go to the right child.

This takes heart and planning! It was, not surprisingly, a well-oiled machine, a mission of love! Each volunteer knew exactly how to help the "Santa's", and how to complete the processes for delivery. The men and women of the Georgia National Guard 124th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment and the GSDF were there, in force, in uniform, helping with every aspect of the operation.



Yes Virginia, Santa does wear ACU's too! To see our men and women in uniform working so hard to make Christmas so special for these children in foster care was equally inspirational!

People also donated over \$3,000 for the opportunity to shave the head of a soldier. Four soldiers received a full shave. Due to contractual reasons with his network, CPT Howard just got a trim.



You don't believe in Santa anymore? You think men and women who wear our country's military uniforms are tough, hard and cold?

Join CPT Howard next year for Clark's Christmas Kids and see for yourself that Santa is indeed alive and

real - and that the people who serve in our Military do so because they are the MOST caring, self-sacrificing people in our country... and our friend Clark Howard tops the list!!!



Photos by Sgt. Jim Zegers

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Band Makes Christmas Merry for Veterans

-Story by Cpl. Diane Hawkins-Cox - Photos by Sgt. Jim Zegers

The 105th GSDF Band completed a very special item on its pre-Christmas to-do list; a performance for retired service members at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Decatur on Dec. 19.

Led by 2LT Eddie Anthony, the band played a variety of holiday and patriotic tunes, including The Army Song, Sleigh Ride, National Emblem, Christmas Rock, and This is My Country, which the



crowd of veterans especially appreciated. One vet repeatedly requested the Air Force service song, and the band obliged, playing it twice for him.

2LT Anthony said he was

pleased to perform for a group that has sacrificed so much for our country. At the end of the concert, the 105th's First Sergeant, SFC Larry Carey, called the band to attention, and the musicians saluted the audience.

Participating in the performance were SSG Melisha Rucker, CPL Regis Stamey, and CPL Diane Hawkins-Cox on flute/piccolo; CPL Dawn Swinehart-Jones, alto saxophone; SSG Calvin Waldroup,

tenor saxophone; guest musician Matt Trotter, French horn; SSG Bill Bancroft, SGT David Adams, CPL Tom Carlisle, and CPL Marc Kornfield, trumpet; SSG Susie Scarr and CPL Mike Craver, trombone; and LTC Joel Brown and CPL Joseph Imafidon, percussion.



The band is actively recruiting new members; contact SFC Larry Carey at 770-362-4949, airbrne_mp@yahoo.com for more information. Additionally, musicians already serving in other GSDF units are welcome to play with the band as their schedules permit.



Col (Ret.) Dennis Brown

Newly Organized Committee Sets Sights on Future Museum for Georgia Guard's History

- Story and Photo by Cpl. Eric Tedder

An exciting new emphasis is currently underway in Georgia in assembling, categorizing, organizing and displaying the history of the Georgia National Guard. The new focus on the history of the Georgia Guard builds upon the years of extensive collecting and organizing, documents, reports, pictures, and artifacts now safely stashed away in Guard archives. What's new is the possibility of an actual museum being built, both to showcase some of the unique artifacts of the history of the Guard, and additionally to serve as the definitive source for research and study of the nearly 300 years of Georgia Guard history.

Only in its beginning stages, the Georgia Military Museum will focus primarily on the role of Georgia's citizen-soldiers throughout the state's and nation's history. Georgia's rich military history is evidenced in the fact that Georgia Guardsmen have participated in all the nation's wars from conflicts of its earliest settlers against Spanish controlled Florida in 1733 to the modern battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan.

Colonel Dennis Brown, of the Georgia Army National Guard is spearheading this ambitious historical effort. With command support from Maj. Gen. Nesbitt and Brig. Gen. Tim Britt, Colonel Brown is calling upon he newly organized history committee, comprised of Georgia Guard representatives from the Army, Air and State Defense Force as well as from various operational and logistical specialties, to assist with the effort. Brown also has sought the able assistance of past Georgia Guard's historians, Dr. Beryl Diamond, formerly a public affairs officer for the GA DOD; Major Rich Elwell, command historian for the Georgia State Defense Force; and Gail Parnell, a former Army Guard historian for the Georgia Army National Guard.

Colonel Brown says, "With the items we already have and the new ones that are constantly coming to us, we will have the makings of a superb collection of artifacts that tell the story of the Georgia National Guard from its earliest days."

Discussions on a future Georgia Military Museum are now underway, and several sites are being assessed but no decision has been made at this time. "The committee has agreed that a museum is most effective if it is readily accessible by the public," said Brown after visiting other military museums in Illinois, South Carolina, and Texas.

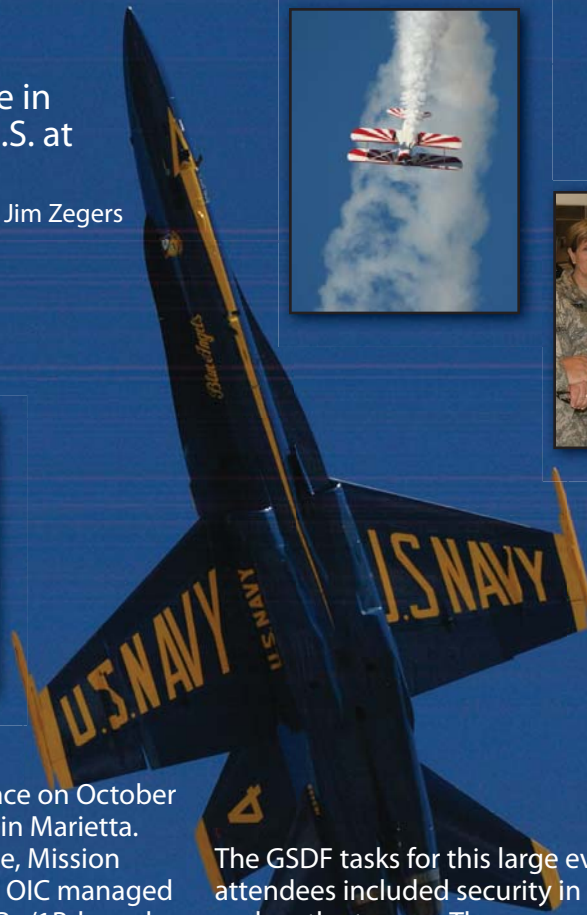
In addition to a traditional museum setting with a myriad of displays of vintage military hardware, uniforms, and military memorabilia, plans for the museum also call for it to have a comprehensive research capability to collect and categorize historical documents chronicling the history of the military in Georgia and the Georgia National Guard.



Wings Over Atlanta

GSDF soldiers assist Air Force Reserve in one of the biggest air shows in the U.S. at Dobbins in October

- Story and Photos by Sgt. Jim Zegers



The 2010 Wings Over Atlanta Air Show took place on October 16th and 17th at the Dobbins Air Reserve Base in Marietta. Cpt. Jeff Hatchew, Mission OIC, Maj. Allen Vance, Mission Commander, and Cpt. Debbie Redling, Medical OIC managed 88 soldiers from 911th SUPCOM, 1st MedCo, 2Bn/1Bde and HQ in a highly visible mission that integrated the GSDF with the 94th Security Forces Squadron, Air Force Reserve. The GSDF donated over 1100 mans hours to help support this successful event.

The air show is one of the biggest and best in the United States featuring close to 50 different formations and the best stunt pilots in the world. The Navy's Blue Angels, the United States Air Force Academy's Wings of Blue parachute team, Red Eagle Air Sports, Otto the Helicopter, Viper East, the Canadian Snowbirds and the C-130, affectionately known as "Fat Albert" the Blue Angels' support plane, were the highlights of the show. Visitors also had the opportunity to walk around and through the wide variety of military and civilian airplanes on display.

The GSDF tasks for this large event that had over 200,000 attendees included security in the parking lots, at the gates and on the tarmac. There were 127 busses in use to transport spectators to and from the parking lots. 1st MedCo, led by CPT Redling, was busy providing triage and first aid to the civilian population, mostly were heat related issues due to the warm weather. There were 273 people examined by 1st MedCo and 11 of them were transported to local hospitals. The new Medical Battalion Office also served as the liaison for the event with Cobb and Douglas County Public Health, and the 94th AES and ATS Units. Another Georgia State Defense Force mission completed with flying colors.



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Chaplain Roger D. Lanter named Chaplain of the Georgia State Defense Force

The Daily Tribune News - November 27, 2010

Brig. Gen. Jerry Bradford, Command General of the Georgia State Defense Force, announced Nov. 6 that Chaplain Roger D. Lanter would be the New Command Chaplain upon the completion of the retirement ceremony later that day of Col. Mike Vidal, the current Command Chaplain. The announcement came while attending annual training at Fort Stewart Army Base.

Chaplain Lanter has been with the Georgia Department of Defense GSDF Chaplain Corps since 2005. Lanter is currently serving as Liaison Officer at the Joint Forces Headquarters Chaplain Office. He is on the staff of State Chaplain, Lt Col. Elizabeth Harris-Lamkin of the Air National Guard at Dobbins Air Reserve Base. He also serves with the 1st Battalion HQ at the Rome Army National Guard Armory as part of a Search and Rescue Unit for the state.

On Nov. 6, The Chaplain Corps performed the military ceremony called the "Passing of the Stole" from the Current Command Chaplain to the New Command Chaplain that afternoon. Chaplain Lanter will now serve as the General's personal staff advisor and the Joint Forces GSDF Division Command Chaplain as staff member for Lt Col. Harris-Lamkin at Dobbins ARB. He is to lead the Chaplaincy of three Brigades and 12 Battalions and is responsible for the Chaplain Training Center staff and training materials. He has been recommended for promotion to Major.

More than 500 troops attended training at Fort Stewart. Upon the completion of the Passing of the stole, Command Chaplain Lanter stated "No Greater Honor could I receive than that of simply the military title of Chaplain. Today I promise to uphold the traditions and conduct of all those that have held this title of Chaplain. As the Command Chaplain I will lead the way to honor our service to God and Country. Thank you and may God Bless our State and Nation."

Lanter has been a full-time employee of Phoenix Air Group Inc. for eight years at the Cartersville Airport. He serves with the guard on monthly drills and as needed when called for state active duty operations. Phoenix Air is supportive of his work for the military troops.

Chaplain Lanter holds a masters degree, graduated from Chaplain Officer Basic Course, Chaplain Advanced Officer Course and completed numerous other military courses in Search and Rescue for military soldier skills. He has earned the state's Mission Badge for serving on active duty missions more than five times. He now will attend Command General School.


2011 Drill and Event Schedule

Drill Dates:

January 8,9	July 9,10
February 5,6	August 6,7
March 5,6	September 10,11
April 2,3	October 1,2
May 14,15	November AT 4-6
June 4,5	December 3,4

Event Dates:

- ANCOC 2011- Begins 21 January
- OCS 2012 Boarding September 2011, Class Begins January 2012
- Command Group, HQs Staff and MSC /DRU Commanders Disaster Response Rehearsal of Concept Drill May 14th GPSTC
- Annual Training 4-6 November



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