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FOUNDATION REPORT- JANUARY 31, 2007

MILLION DOLLAR GOAL REACHED!

In a story titled [Top Leaders Give Georgia Chamber Preview of Session](#) by Anne Waters dated January 9, 2007 for the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, Ms. Waters writes: "A sellout crowd of more than 2,500 business and civic leaders and scores of local and state elected officials, packed the Georgia World Congress Center on Tuesday, January 9, to kick off the 2007 session of the Georgia Legislature at the Georgia Chamber's Eggs & Issues Breakfast, the state's oldest and largest pre-legislative forum".

"As part of the breakfast program, a check was presented to Gov. Perdue from the Georgia business community for more than \$1 million to help fund the Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation. In early 2006, Gov. Perdue challenged the Georgia business community to contribute to the foundation, which assists the families of Georgia Guard members who are serving on active duty. The Georgia Chamber rallied business leaders to contribute to the fund and it went over its goal".



"Gov. Perdue proudly accepted a check for \$1 million, raised by the Georgia business community to be used to help families of Georgians serving on active duty in the National Guard. Shown from (L-R) are: Lt. Gen. David B. Poythress, Adjutant General of Georgia; Gov. Perdue; George Israel; and Mike Worley, representing Georgia Power."

In a separate story by Anne Waters for the Georgia Chamber of Commerce dated December 20, 2006 and titled First Chance to Hear from Georgia's Top Leadership at the Georgia Chamber's Eggs & Issues Breakfast on Jan. 9, 2007, she writes "Throughout 2006, the Georgia Chamber has worked with businesses across the state to raise money for the Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation. Gov. Perdue challenged Georgia's business community to raise \$1 million for the foundation, which provides assistance to the families of Georgia's National Guard".

"A touching painting will be on display during the dinner, which will be auctioned off to raise money for the Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation. The Georgia Chamber is close to the reaching its \$1 million goal with the help of Georgia's business community, and this piece will help reach the target.

Sidney Randolph Maurer's *My Country* is a stunning collage that evokes proud feelings for the privilege of being an American. This original painting is an excellent addition to Maurer's collection, and the artist enthusiastically donated it to the auction to raise money for the Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation".



The winning bidder for the original artwork was Ms. Anna Cablik of Anasteel, Inc. in the amount of \$8,500.00. Reproduction prints are available through our office.

Prior to the GA Chamber Events in January 2007, the Foundation was the beneficiary of an \$8,500.00 check presented to Col (Ret) Edward Chamberlain, Director of DOWD, and a member of the Foundation Board, by the Greater Atlanta Home Builders Association at their annual luncheon.



GREATER ATLANTA HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION'S SALES AND MARKETING COUNCIL DONATES \$34,000 TO CHARITY

ATLANTA – At its 2006 holiday luncheon, the Atlanta Sales and Marketing Council (SMC) donated \$34,000 to four different charities. The funds, raised through the silent auction held in the fall, were distributed equally in **\$8,500** checks to Georgia Canines for Independence, CURE Childhood Cancer, **Georgia National Guard Foundation** and HomeAid Atlanta.

Ginny Bishop of Sharp Residential and SMC Events Chairman comments, "We want to thank everyone who attended the Silent Auction in October, as well as those who donated money or auction items. The auction was a big success thanks to everyone's collective efforts."

Established in 1981, SMC is a 400+ member council comprised of sales and marketing professionals in the homebuilding industry. **The SMC is currently the largest and most viable council in the Greater Atlanta Home Builders Association (GAHBA).** The SMC is committed to education, programs, membership, awards and charity. For more information on SMC, visit www.atlantasmc.com or call 770-938-9900.

The **SOUTHERN COMPANY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION, INC.** gave the Foundation a check for \$100,000.00 to help reach the million dollar goal initiated by Governor Perdue. This was the second contribution made in this amount to the Foundation and our continued appreciation goes to Mr. David Ratcliffe, President of the Southern Company, and Ms. Judy Anderson, President of the Southern Company Charitable Foundation, and Mr. Mike Worley, Assistant to EVP, External Affairs for Georgia Power Company for their ongoing interest and support.

In November 2006, a fundraiser was held at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. Matt Towery**. **Ms. Andrea Ruef** organized the event which was attended by LtCol Jay A. Peno, Foundation President, and Col Steve Joyce, HRO, Lt Gen David Poythress and BG Stewart Rodeheaver. A check in the amount of \$ 125,000.00 was presented to the Foundation. Special Thanks to everyone who supported this effort.



2006 STATE OF GEORGIA TAX CHECK-OFF

Georgia taxpayers again have the chance to make donations to the Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation when they file their taxes for the year 2006. A simple “check-off” box on the Georgia income tax return allows taxpayers to make donations that will automatically be deducted from their refund, or included in their payment. The new check-off box was added to the Georgia state income tax forms by the Georgia Legislature last year as a show of support for the Georgia National Guard. **Last year we received a check from the Department of Revenue in the amount of \$107,559.40. Reportedly 98% of the amounts collected by the State were from \$1.00 donations! Imagine if all Georgia taxpayers contributed just \$1.00 on their 2006 Tax Return!!!**

FREEDOM

Renowned Georgia artist, Steve Penley, created an original artwork, entitled **FREEDOM**. Through the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, the original painting was auctioned and the winning bid was \$12,000.00 with the proceeds to the Foundation in 2006. We have signed prints from a limited edition of 2000 reproductions available through our office and our website (www.georgiaguardfamily.org) for \$50.00. The Woodmen of the World recently purchased a large quantity of these prints for distribution through their membership. Now would be a great time to order your copy!



We have also been fortunate to be a part of the **United Way Combined Federal Campaign** for the past several years and we are proud to again be approved for the 2006-2007 Campaign Year as follows:

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA CFC – ATLANTA:	# 6076
CENTRAL SAVANNAH RIVER AREA – CSRA – AUGUSTA	# 3041
TRI-COMMUNITY CFC – COLUMBUS	# 5021
MIDDLE GEORGIA AREA CFC – MACON	# 9091
COASTAL GEORGIA CFC – SAVANNAH	# 9016
SOUTHWEST GEORGIA CFC – ALBANY	# 4014
NORTHEAST GEORGIA AREA CFC – ATHENS	# 7052
NORTHEAST FL-SOUTHEAST GA REGIONAL CFC- JACKSONVILLE	# 3020

Thanks to all who have contributed through the CFC Campaign!

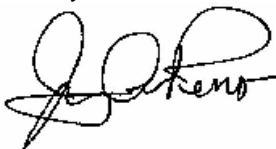
During the Christmas Holidays of 2006, the Foundation was contacted by individuals and organizations wanting to help some of our Guard families. The Foundation and the Family Readiness Program were able to arrange for sponsors for over 100 families throughout the State of Georgia. A SPECIAL THANKS goes to Mr. Dan Katz of Wilensky & Company, P.C.; Mr. Steve Little of National Restoration Contracting and Consulting, Inc. (NRCC); Mr. Marc Wallenstein and Ms. Julie Counterman of Recordant; Ms. Debby Lee and Ms. Lorraine Parish at Bank of North Georgia and their support teams. The Woodmen of the World organization, through the regional efforts of Mr. William Bailey, Central Georgia; Mr. Keith Reaves, South Georgia; and Mr. Curtis Waters, North Georgia and their membership provided holiday food and gifts to over 35 families. This was truly a grass roots effort and was greatly appreciated by our families.

The Foundation has been able to assist families throughout the State of Georgia with emergency relief assistance in the form of Grants or *interest free* installment loans. As of December 31, 2006, the Board of Directors has approved Grants in the amount of \$ 213,368.00 and *interest free* Loans in the amount of \$ 39,010.00 for a total of \$ 252,378.00.

As a comparison, in 2005, we approved 52 Grants in the amount of \$ 32,027.00 and 42 Loans in the amount of \$ 20,700.00 for a total of \$ 52,727.00.

We have assisted with payments to avoid eviction, utilities disconnection, and repossession of vehicles. We have helped victims of house fires and water damage. We were able to buy beds for two young boys living with their grandmother while their mother, a deployed soldier, served in Iraq. We helped an IED brain injured soldier and his young family with their debts in order to stabilize their changed lives. We purchased an auditory device for the 6-year old daughter of a deployed soldier. A single mom, a traditional soldier, lost her job, her unemployment benefits stopped, her rent was past due, her car insurance had lapsed, and her license had expired. Her 4-year son has a serious case of sickle cell anemia. He was released from the hospital after having his gall bladder and spleen removed and having a port put in his chest. We were able to help her with immediate financial assistance and temporary housing. We have helped with emergency travel expenses to attend unexpected funerals of family members. A loan was provided to a soldier for funeral expenses for her infant daughter until her life insurance benefits were received almost ninety days later. Recently, we helped a young Guard Member with funds for boarding with a family friend in order for her and her younger sister to move out of their mother's house because "mother financially unstable and irresponsible and unable to pay rent". This young soldier is attending an alternative school to complete her high school education and has goals of completing college and becoming a Commissioned Officer in the Georgia National Guard. These are some of the issues we see each week. Many applications include job loss, and we expect even more applications now that many of our soldiers are returning home.

Thank you!



Jay A. Peno
Foundation President

THE GEORGIA NATIONAL GUARD
FAMILY SUPPORT FOUNDATION, INC.

**ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2006
DECEMBER 31, 2006**

The Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation, Inc. was organized in the State of Georgia in 1994 exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The Foundation's sole purpose is to provide emergency relief assistance during times of financial crisis to the members and families of the Georgia National Guard, our State's reservists and qualified active duty service members in the State of Georgia.

- **Contributions received in calendar year 2006:**

War Book	\$ 2,882.00
166 th Maint Co – Jackson, GA	200.00
Armed Forces Memorial Day Festival	2,500.00
GA Chamber of Commerce	770,369.11
GA Dept of Revenue Check-Offs	82,559.40
Individuals	1,587.38
Office Auction	2,503.40
United Way/CFC Campaign	19,388.12
Website	3,235.99
Woodmen of the World	<u>750.00</u>

TOTAL: \$ 885,975.40

- **Distribution of funds in calendar year 2006:**

The Foundation approved 35 <i>no interest</i> loans in calendar year 2006 in the total amount of:	\$ 38,995.33
The Foundation approved 197 Grants in calendar year 2006 in the total amount of:	<u>\$ 214,451.04</u>
Total Loan and Grant Disbursements:	\$ 253,446.37

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