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FOUNDATION REPORT AUGUST 7, 2007

The Foundation was fortunate to be the beneficiary of several recent fundraising events around the State of Georgia. A BIG THANKS to all involved in these efforts:



TOP GUN RIDE FOR CHILDREN GENERATES \$11,000 FOR THE FOUNDATION

Mike Worley and Bob Fremin present check to LtCol Jay Peno, Foundation President, at The Center for Children and Young Adults in Marietta, GA on May 22, 2007.



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On MAY 22, 2007, MIKE WORLEY, Assistant to the Executive Vice President of External Affairs for Georgia Power Company, and BOB FREMIN, from Earl Small's Harley Davidson, presented a check in the amount of \$11,000.00 to LT COL JAY A. PENO, Foundation President, from the proceeds of the recent TOP GUN RIDE FOR CHILDREN fundraiser. Mr. Worley and Mr. Fremin were Co-Chairs of the Organizing Committee for the Event. Sherri Roberson, Marketing and Development Director, provided a tour of The Center for Children and Young Adults in Cobb County, GA. Harriet Morgan, Foundation Administrator, and Ken Baldowski, GA NG Public Relations, were also in attendance as well as Rob Feller, Marketing Director for Earl Small's Harley Davidson.

The 5th Annual Top Gun Ride for Children was held in Kennesaw, GA on 21 April 2007. The police escorted motorcycle ride traveled through West Cobb County to the Flight Works hangar at McCollum Air Field. There was food from six vendors, a live band and a silent auction. There were over 300 bikes in the Ride which generated the \$11,000.00 contribution for the Foundation. The 1/171 AVN Group provided a UH-1 helicopter as a static display. The GA NG Foundation was designated as a co-beneficiary of the event with The Center for Children and Young Adults in Marietta, GA. The Center provides facilities and support programs for abused, neglected and abandoned children in the Metropolitan area of Atlanta. The Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) organization and provides emergency relief assistance to members and families of the Georgia National Guard. Both organizations depend on private and public donations for support and extend heartfelt appreciation to all who participated in this fun and worthwhile event.

The 78th Troop Command, hosted the 9th "NOT SO" ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT, on April 27, 2007 at the Hickory Ridge Golf Course, north of Thomaston, GA. COL Gregory Edwards and MAJ Reggie Cook credit 1LT Nini Antoine from the 170th MP BN and CSM Barry Smallwood from the 878th Engineer BN for making the event a huge success. 1LT Antoine collected donations and prizes from local businesses for "amazing door prizes", handled the mail outs to organizations for support and set up the registration at the golf course. CSM Smallwood located and coordinated the use of the golf course, collected donations and more. Proceeds from the Tournament were presented to LtCol Jay Peno, Foundation President, in the amount of **\$ 600.00 in CASH** for the Georgia National Guard Foundation!

On May 8, 2007, the Army Aviation Association of America – Greater Atlanta Chapter hosted a Tournament Charity Donation Support and Golf Sponsorship at the Stone Mountain Golf Club in Stone Mountain, GA. A portion of the proceeds from this event will be donated to the Foundation. Update: **The Tournament raised \$4,400.00 for the Foundation** and a check for this amount has been presented to LtCol Jay Peno by MAJ Jim Schroeder. We want to thank everyone involved for their contribution to benefit the Foundation.

The Annual ARMED FORCES MEMORIAL DAY FESTIVAL held on May 25-27 on River Street in Savannah had another successful (and hot) Festival and everyone enjoyed themselves. Many unit members put in long hours of work – labors of love – as well as assistance from the **Youth Challenge Academy** reports Frank Baker, Wing Family Program Coordinator of the 165th Airlift Wing. **A check in the amount of \$4,000.00 was presented to the Foundation** as a contribution to aid members of the Georgia National Guard and their families.



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The Foundation was represented by Harriet Morgan at the **Family Readiness Conference in Augusta, GA. on April 13-15, 2007.** Awareness about the Foundation was raised when we provided a framed *Freedom* print signed by the artist, Steve Penley, as a door prize for the event which was well-attended and organized.

On April 20-22, 2007, Mrs. Venus Terry, represented the Foundation at the **EANGGA Convention in Valdosta, GA.** We again provided the *Freedom* print as a door prize for their banquet. In addition, the Foundation recognized Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dixon, regular contributors to the Foundation. The Dixon's live in Valdosta and Mrs. Altamese Finch invited them to the banquet dinner as Foundation guests. They were presented a Certificate of Appreciation signed by LtCol Jay Peno for their ongoing support of the Foundation.



MR AND MRS ROBERT (INES) DIXON OF VALDOSTA, GA. AND MRS. ALTAMESE FINCH

On May 5, 2007, the American Legion Post 141 and the Woodmen of the World Lodge 183 of Camilla, GA held a Donation Breakfast. Individuals and businesses **contributed \$3,708.20 to the Foundation!** These organizations are strong and continuing supporters of the Foundation and we extend special thanks to Mr. Julian Stoudenmire for his efforts on our behalf.



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MAY 2007: MEMORIAL FUND ESTABLISHED IN THE NAME OF LTCOL CHARLES MOULTON.

The family of LTC (R) Charles Moulton requested that donations in his name be made to the Georgia National Guard Foundation, in memory of him and his true love for, and devotion to, the Soldiers and Airmen of the Georgia National Guard. To date, we have received \$315.00 in his name with \$130.00 of this amount coming from his HRO friends at the Kentucky National Guard.

On June 1-3, 2007, Harriet Morgan attended the 59th Annual NGAGA Convention in Jekyll Island, GA.

The convention was well attended with over 500 members and over 40 corporate sponsors. General Poythress was generous with his praise and support of the Georgia National Guard Foundation, as well as the Georgia Guard Insurance Trust, the State insurance program, and the Georgia Guard Credit Union, support organizations of the Georgia National Guard. The Foundation donated a framed *Freedom* print signed by the artist, Steve Penley, as a door prize for the event and gave out hundreds of giveaway items to the convention attendees.

June 8th – July 8th, 2007, the Grand Harbour Import Company announced their “Support Our Troops Month”.

They will donate 1% of their gross sales from June 8th – July 8th to the Foundation. They will be holding a special sales event “giving great customer discounts, military discounts and weekend giveaways” at 11 stores in the metro-Atlanta area: Roswell, Marietta, Dunwoody, Snellville, Alpharetta, Lawrenceville, McDonough, Douglasville, Newnan and Duluth. **UPDATE: Over \$11,000.00 received as a result of this effort!**

June 21-24, 2007 is the date of the Department of Georgia VFW & LAVFW 2006-2007 State Convention

in Atlanta (Norcross) GA. Harriet Morgan and J.P. Stevens attended the convention to raise awareness about the Foundation to the membership of the VFW, hosted by Al Spears, State Adjutant/Quartermaster. We received a warm reception and we were able to generate interest about the Foundation. Collected \$ 180.00 in CASH donations! We provided a signed and framed *Freedom* print as a door prize and it was won by Margie Brickman from Douglas, GA.

July 4th, 2007 CITY OF CONYERS hosted its annual celebration at the Georgia International Horse Park in Conyers. There were vendors, foods, bands, fireworks, etc. A percentage of the proceeds will be donated to the GA National Guard Foundation to honor the GA National Guard and the 48th BDE. Tommy Clack, President of the Georgia Veterans Leadership Program, is helping organize the event with representatives from the City of Conyers. We have provided Mr. Clack with our “Your Donation Will Make a Difference” flyer for distribution to an estimated 5,000 families expected to attend. A signed and framed *Freedom* print was donated for their raffle. BG Ross attended the event on behalf of General Poythress. UPDATE: Mr. Clack sent us \$150.00 from the 4th of July Event in Conyers.

July 4th, 2007 CITY OF FAIRMOUNT, hosted by the Fairmount Salacoa Valley Kiwanis, is organizing their annual event for local families and businesses to make donations to the GA National Guard Foundation. Peg Haight contacted us about raising funds to benefit the Foundation and we have provided her with our “Your Donation Will Make a Difference” flyer (see attached). The City of Fairmount raised \$300.00 for the Foundation. Special thanks to Peg for contacting local businesses and community leaders for their support!



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AUGUST 1, 2007 – MEMORIAL FUND ESTABLISHED IN NAME OF WILLIAM BRYANT CAMPBELL. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn E. Campbell of Canal Point, FL established a Memorial Fund at Canal Point United Methodist Church for their son, William Bryant Campbell. To quote Mrs. Campbell, “He was a proud member of Company H, 121st Infantry (Airborne) (Long Range Surveillance) of the Georgia National Guard. He served in the current Iraqi conflict as well as the hurricane disaster relief in Mississippi. At the time of his passing, William was a fulltime student at Georgia Tech, majoring in mechanical engineering, and would have graduated in about 3 semesters. He died as a result of a traffic accident which occurred last Thanksgiving. At that time, we decided to honor his life by sharing these gifts with others in the Georgia National Guard”. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell and the Canal Point United Methodist Church donated \$3,891.00 to the Foundation in memory of their son. We extend our sympathies to the Campbell family and greatly appreciate their decision to honor his memory with their contribution to the Foundation.

AUGUST 24-26, 2007 – SAVANNAH, GA: STRONG BONDS Program organized by CH (COL) John Owings. CH Owings contacted the Foundation earlier this year about reaching out to some of our generous contributors in order to raise funds for the STRONG BONDS PROGRAM. “It is a military program led by GA National Guard Chaplains to assist soldiers who have recently returned home from the war zone. This program is designed to bring soldiers and their spouses together in a retreat setting with hopes of restoring a relationship after being separated for a year”. We were **very fortunate** to receive the entire amount requested of **\$ 5,000.00** from Mr. Lee Rhyant, Executive Vice President and General Manager, and Ms. Susan Bradford from **LOCKHEED MARTIN**. Currently the funds are in the Foundation’s restricted account waiting instructions for disbursement from CH Owings.

COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN (CFC) FOR 2007: We have made application and we have been APPROVED by each agency in the State of Georgia. **Our new 5-digit agency code number is 70602.** Kick-off Campaigns will begin in the fall of 2007.

SOUTHWEST GA AREA CFC – ALBANY, GA

NORTHEAST GA AREA CFC – ATHENS, GA

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA AREA CFC – ATLANTA, GA

CSRA CFC – AUGUSTA, GA

TRI-COMMUNITY AREA CFC – COLUMBUS, GA

MIDDLE GEORGIA AREA CFC – MACON, GA

CFC FOR COASTAL GA – SAVANNAH, GA
[Note: Col Wexler, CFC Director]

GREATER CHATTANOOGA AREA CFC – CHATTANOOGA, TN
(includes Dade, Catoosa, Chattooga, Gordon, Murray, Walker and Whitfield Counties, GA)

NORTHEAST FLORIDA-SOUTHEAST GEORGIA REGIONAL CFC – JACKSONVILLE, FL
(includes Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Ben Hill, Berrien, Brantley, Camden, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Cook, Echols, Glynn, Irwin, Pierce, Telfair, Turner, Jeff Davis, Ware, Wayne, Wheeler and Wilcox Counties, GA)