

# INFANTRY NEWS



INFANTRY SCHOOL developers are constructing the first Infantry School training course using computer-based instruction (CBI) as the primary delivery tool. Designed to allow learning at locations away from the "schoolhouse" for members of the Active and Reserve Components, CBI is also aimed at making traditional military instruction more interesting and more interactive.

The first beneficiary of this new approach is the Tactics Certification Course (TCC), which "trains the trainers" in the delivery of tactical instruction. While the TCC plays a crucial part in the educational development of the combat arms community, attending the course is a challenge for Army National Guardsmen and Army Reservists with full-time civilian occupations, as well as for Active Army personnel deployed overseas or on real-world missions. Distance learning technology enables the Infantry School's Multimedia Training Development Department to take the schoolhouse to the student.

The most important breakthroughs may be in the pace of learning and in the CBI orientation on outcomes in training. Because conventional classroom learning is often paced to the slowest learner, more proficient students can become bored or lose interest in the material. With CBI, each student learns at his own pace, and the level of interest and enthusiasm is higher.

Added attractions of CBI in teaching the TCC include its interactivity and its orientation on context. Students are greeted by an interactive program of instruction that lets them work their way through the course, assisted along the way by contextually relevant examples, discussions of underlying concepts, and a context-based help glossary.

A less obvious benefit of CBI is its focus on training results, as opposed to a specified level of expertise a student must

bring to the course. Some students simply take longer to complete the course of instruction.

While far from complete, the use of CBI in reformatting the TCC clearly heralds future trends in training for the Infantry School and the military community. Planning is now under way for further forays into the world of computer-based training delivery, using the TCC as a testbed for other, more extensive infantry training experiences.

For more information on the CBI-TCC initiative, call MAJ Henderson, Multimedia Development Department, U.S. Army Infantry School, at (706) 545-6105, or DSN 835-6105.

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THE U.S. ARMY OFFICER Candidate Alumni Association, Inc., is planning a membership meeting and reunion 3-5 April 1997. Events being planned at Fort Benning are those frequently requested by members and available at that time.

Included in the schedule will be a visit with officer candidates, an Association business meeting, a briefing on the current status of OCS, a visit to Wigle Hall, site of the Fort Benning OCS Hall of Fame, and Nett Hall, which is currently home to the OCS battalion's headquarters and headquarters company, a classroom, and the OCS Store. Also on the agenda are a banquet, a reception, a memorial service, and the recognition of graduation anniversaries. One class will celebrate its 50th anniversary and another its 40th at this time.

#### INFANTRY HOTLINE

To get answers to infantry-related questions or to pass on information of an immediate nature, call DSN 835-7693 or commercial (706) 545-7693.

For lengthy questions or comments, send in writing to Commandant, U.S. Army Infantry School, ATTN: ATSH-ES, Fort Benning, GA 31905.

Wigle Hall was recently rededicated after renovations. The names of those honored are now completely indexed so they can quickly be found in the record books, the photograph display, and the computer system that now stores the records, including the inductees' photos and biographical sketches. The National Infantry Museum staff has also prepared several exhibits about OCS graduates and placed them in Wigle Hall to enhance the experience.

If you would like more information about this event, send your request to Secretary, The U.S. Army Officer Candidate Alumni Association, Inc., P.O. Box 52192, Fort Benning, GA 31995-2192. You will be mailed information about membership in the association and its activities. You will also be placed on the list to receive a registration packet when it is available. If your class is planning a reunion in 1997 and would like to combine it with this meeting, let us know early so we can accommodate you.

Association membership dues are \$10.00 per year. Graduates of any Army OCS program are eligible.

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A NEW MEDICAL IMAGING device is being tested in Bosnia. MUSTPAC-1 (short for medical ultrasound, three-dimensional and portable with advanced communications) allows a field medic or physician to do three-dimensional scans of an ill or injured soldier and have the scans interpreted by experts anywhere in the world.

Physicians are using Bosnia field operations to evaluate how the system's many aspects, including three-dimensional visualization, can make a difference in a remote environment.

MUSTPAC weighs about 85 pounds and fits in a backpack. It operates on standard 120-volt AC power and can be configured to operate on batteries.