



**At enlistment**

The Knott family gathers following the enlistment into the Army of "J.P." "J.P." stands between his parents, Command Sgt. Maj. and Mrs. James P. Knott, with his brother, Peter on the end.

# Hoke County youth continues tradition

Most of the family was present to witness the continuation of family tradition.

James P. Knott II repeated on July 25 the oath of enlistment into the Army that his father had said over 26 years ago.

Command Sgt. Maj. James P. Knott advised his son to "remember the words he said in that oath" to help get him through some of the tough times ahead. That he's getting paid for it will help some, but he should remember that he is preparing to protect and defend his country and his family, Knott said.

Knott is command sergeant major of the 82nd combat Aviation Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division. The battalion commander, Lt. Col. Robert M. Seigle, administered the oath of enlistment to the 1984 Hoke High School graduate.

"This is not an oath to be taken with fear and trepidation," Seigle told Knott. "This should be a proud day for you."

Knott, who has wanted to follow his father's footsteps into the Army "for quite a while," is attending basic training and advanced individual training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. At AIT he will learn the skills of a cavalry scout.

From Fort Knox he will go to Fort Benning, Georgia to earn his paratrooper's wings. On his last training jump Knott will be accom-

panied by his father. Knott hopes to be stationed at Fort Bragg.

For enlisting for four years as a cavalry scout, Knott will receive a \$4,000 cash bonus when he completes his training. He also qualified for and chose to participate in the Army College Fund.

In that program he will designate an amount between \$25 and \$100 to have deducted from his pay each month. It will be deposited into his personal Army College Fund account. He may contribute up to \$2,700.

The government will match every dollar he puts in with two more dollars. Then the Army adds \$12,000 for enlisting for four years in a critical skill. At the end of his enlistment, Knott will have \$20,100 in his Army College Fund to further his education.

Witnessing the swearing in of Knott were his parents, CSM and Mrs. James P. Knott; his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Knott; his brother Peter, all of Route 1, Shannon, and his cousin, Rusty Knott, who was visiting from Frederick, Maryland.

Also present was Lt. Col. Richard H. White, command of U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion, Raleigh. White, the battalion commander of Knott's recruiter, will assume command of the 82nd Combat Aviation Battalion next year.

## Thompson completes ROTC basic training

Melissa A. Thompson, daughter of Ruth Thompson of Moore Street, Raeford, has completed training in fundamental military skills at the Army ROTC basic camp at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

The basic camp is designed to give junior college graduates and college sophomores who have not taken ROTC courses the chance to enter the program.



David E. Butler

## Butler finishes guard instruction

Staff Sergeant David E. Butler of Aberdeen, completed the Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course conducted by the Office of the Adjutant General and the 3268th U.S. Army Reserve School at the North Carolina Military Academy, Fort Bragg.

The two-week course consisted of training in many areas, such as, Personnel Management, Radio-Telephone Procedures, Land Navigation, Training to Lead and Issuing Platoon Orders.

SSG Butler is a member of Headquarters, Headquarters Company (-), 2nd Battalion, 252d Armor of the North Carolina Army National Guard in Raeford, N.C.

## Campbell promoted

Mark I. Campbell, son of Charles E. and Emma L. Campbell of E. Lucas St., Bucyrus, Ohio, has been promoted in the U.S. Army to the rank of sergeant first class.

Campbell is a missile crew member in Herzogenaurach, West Germany.

His wife, Ann, is the daughter of Frederick R. and Katherine K. Weber of Lumber Bridge.

The camp also qualifies high school graduates for the ROTC program at any of the nation's six military junior colleges.

During the encampment, cadets received training in basic rifle marksmanship, military drill and ceremonies, communications and individual and small unit tactics.

Thompson plans to enter the ROTC program at Western Carolina University, Cullowhee.

## Command changes

A Change of Command ceremony will be conducted for the 1st Corps Support Command on Seay Field at Fort Bragg at 10 a.m., August 17.

Colonel Dane Starling will assume command of the 1st Corps Support Command (1st COSCOM) from Colonel William J. Richardson, Jr. Richardson has been the 1st COSCOM commander since June 1980.

Starling is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy and entered active duty as an artilleryman in 1960. He transferred to the Transportation Corps in 1963. He holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Michigan State University. Starling is also a graduate of U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

## Wrench honored

Marine Lance Cpl. Herbert W. Wrench, son of Shirley A. Wrench of E. Seventh Street, Raeford, has received a Certificate of Commendation.

He received the letter for superior performance of duty while serving at Henderson Hall Arlington, Va.

A Certificate of Commendation is official recognition of an individual's outstanding accomplishments, and is presented during formal ceremonies.

## Ray in Germany for Army duty

Army PFC. Michael Ray, son of Peter D. and Nina R. Ray of Rural Route 2, Raeford, has arrived for duty in Garlisted, West Germany.

Ray, a food service specialist with the 2nd Armored Division, was previously assigned at Fort Detrick, Maryland.



**In the guard**

Preston N. Moore Jr. of Yadkin Trail, Raeford was enlisted as a Private First Class in the North Carolina National Guard, on Thursday, August 2. PFC Moore is a 1982 graduate of Hoke County High School, and is a Junior at North Carolina Central University, in Durham. PFC Moore is a Criminal Justice major at NCCU and he will be working with the Headquarters section in Raeford as a Legal Clerk. He will leave for training next summer. Shown here left to right, are Moore, and Captain Steven A. Sloan, training Technician for the 2-252nd Armor, North Carolina National Guard in Raeford.

## Covington finishes Army food course

Army National Guard Pvt. Tony L. Covington, son of Percy and Maggie L. Covington of Hill Street, Raeford, has completed an Army food service specialist course at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. The course trained personnel to

prepare and serve food in large and small quantities.

Students received training in baking, field kitchen operations, and the operation of an Army dining facility.



**New Guardsman**

James W. McQueen was enlisted in the North Carolina National Guard, on July 27. James graduated from Hoke County High School this past June and will attend East Carolina University this fall, where he plans to study computer science. James will join the 2/252 Armor in Raeford and will join the unit's Medical Section as a Medical Specialist. He will attend Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training in Texas next summer. McQueen (center) is shown here with Captain Norman G. Dean, III (left) Adjutant for the 2/252 Armor and his mother Rosa Lee McQueen.

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