

# Native Air Force Airman Chooses Explosives

Few people have the occupational risks that Airman First Class Bonnie Richardson faces. She is the first woman explosive ordnance disposal specialist attached to the 2701st Explosive Ordnance Disposal Squadron at Hill Air Force Base in Utah.

Airman Richardson is the former Bonnie Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Williams of Beulaville. She is a 1981 graduate of East Duplin High School. She and her husband, Airman Troy Richardson of LaPush, Washington, are now stationed at Little Rock Air Force Base in Arkansas.

Recently Richardson had her first chance to participate in disposal at the Lakeside Range in Utah. One of the responsibilities of the EOD Squadron is the elimination of old ammunition. They do this by using explosive charges to blow up outdated ammunition. An EOD specialist places the explosive charges and detonates them.

Major Raymond J. Gonthier, commander of the squadron, explained that ammunition is assigned a

shelf-life during storage. After a certain period, determined by the type of ammunition, it is designated as not safe and reliable. Then it is turned over to EOD. At Hill AFB this ammunition is taken to Lakeside Range for disposal.

Airman Richardson doesn't view her work as extraordinarily dangerous "... as long as you do what you're supposed to do," she said.

She explained that U.S. weapons have built-in safety features making them less hazardous to work with. There's always the chance for a mistake, she admits, but she equates that danger with the chances of an automobile accident when driving. She chose the EOD specialty in November 1980 while she was a high school senior in Beulaville. She decided to go in to the Air Force following graduation and she didn't want an ordinary job.

Airman Richardson said, "I haven't had second thoughts about the decision. The school was rough," she added. "If you didn't give

175 percent, you were out."

There were 16 men and two women in the class. That was an unusually large class, but she said it helped her learn to deal with the ratio of men to women in EOD. There are only 54 women in the EOD field in all branches of the military, and just 26 in week.

Airman Richardson finds that working in a predominantly male field can be difficult for women. She had trouble at first, but the experiences at EOD school helped her adjust.

She grew up in a sheltered small town atmosphere and feels this contributed to her initial difficulties. She said the rough language and constant teasing were the toughest factors to overcome, but she learned to take them in stride.

She describes herself as a tomboy who enjoys working with mechanical items and credits this interest as the reason she enjoys being in EOD.

Story by Ms. Lucinda Schuff, Ogden ALC Office of Public Affairs



**AIRMAN FIRST CLASS BONNIE RICHARDSON** - an explosive ordnance demolition specialist, uses a crimping tool to make a cap well in mock C-4 material. The material is resting on an inert bomb in the 2701st Explosive Ordnance Disposal Squadron's proficiency range at Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

# JSTC Holds 20th Commencement

The 20th commencement exercises of James Sprunt Technical College were held Sept. 26 in the Kenan Memorial Auditorium. One hundred and twenty-five graduates received two-year associate degrees, one-year diplomas or one-year certificates in 21 curriculum programs.

In addition, approximately 100 completed the GED test and received the N.C. high school equivalency certificate.

Mrs. Lentz in memory of her parents. The Lentz and Linn Scholarships were presented by Warren Lentz Brewer and Ellis Craven Brewer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Craven Brewer of Warsaw and grandsons of Mrs. Lentz.

Oscar Lambert of Mount Olive, instructor in the electrical installation and maintenance program, received the outstanding faculty award, given each year to the faculty member who has met

criteria such as professionalism, ability to work with others, attitude toward students and co-workers, occupational meetings and committee work, continued professional growth and excellence in teaching.

The following received ten-year service awards: Jack Alphin, agriculture instructor; Mary Ireland, learning lab coordinator; Gladys Nethercutt, bookstore manager; and Mary Wood, coordinator of curriculum/staff development. Lou Alice Thomas, library assistant, received a 15-year service award.

Dr. Carl Price, president, introduced the guests. Dr. W. Dallas Herring, member of the Board of Trustees, introduced Dr. Charles F. Carroll, the speaker.

Outstanding graduates were recognized for their academic achievements as follows: highest grade point average in a degree program, Timothy James Bell, criminal justice technology; Linda Scott Harrell, general education; and Claudius James Morrissey, criminal justice technology. For second highest: Debra Hall, executive secretary. James Diston Herring, air conditioning, heating and refrigeration, and Jeffery Ennis Taylor, electrical installation and maintenance, were both recognized for the highest grade point average in diploma programs. The highest was earned by Elwood B. Jones, air conditioning, heating and refrigeration.

# Red Cross News

Phyllis Ellenberg of Warsaw, who is 1982 Fund campaign manager for the Duplin County chapter of the American National Red Cross, reminds Duplinites that October is the month chosen for this year's campaign.

She worked during the month of September trying to get all communities covered but still needs volunteer workers for several areas.

Among the co-workers are: Linda Heath, Albertson; Mrs. Henry Shields, Bowden; Charite Chasten, Beulaville; Donna Cowan, Cedar Fork; Mrs. Walter Rhodes, Cabin; Doris Garner, Faison; Mrs. J.W. Smith, Hallsville; Carol Klemm, Kenansville; Mrs. R.J. Skelton, Magnolia;

Diane Wells, Rose Hill; Hilda Smith, Smith's; Hazel Williams, Sarecta; and Rose Swain for Warsaw.

If you have not already made your contribution this year, please see one of the above co-workers and make your donation or send it to Mrs. N.B. Boney, Secretary, Duplin County Red Cross, P.O. Box 56, Kenansville, NC 28349. We are making every effort to reach our goal of \$6,000, said Ms. Ellenberg.

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# District Presbyterian Meeting

Members of Grove Presbyterian Church who attended the District #5 conference at Pink Hill Sunday afternoon were: Mesdames Anne Houston, Ruth Jones, Louise K. Boney and Louise Mitchell, also Miss Annie Catherine Rhodes and Rev. David Dickey.

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# Deaths And Funerals

**BEN T. WATSON**  
WALLACE - Ben Tillman Watson, 86, died Thursday. Funeral, Wallace Presbyterian Church, Rockfish Memorial Cemetery.

Surviving: wife, Mrs. Frances Watson; daughter, Mrs. Frances Cording of Huntsville, Texas; sons, Ben T. Watson Jr. of Plano, Texas, Richie Watson of Raleigh, Robert C. Watson of Wallace; 12 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

**PRISCILLA E. HOLT**  
MOUNT OLIVE - Mrs. Priscilla E. Holt, 36, of Couchatta, La., died Monday. Funeral, Tyndall Funeral Home chapel. Burial, Maplewood Cemetery.

Surviving: husband, Johnnie Sherwood Holt; sons, Jamie Sherwood Holt and Jeffrey Edwin Holt, both of the home; father, Louis David Breshars of Goldsboro; mother, Mrs. Johnnie Burch of Virginia Beach, Va.; brother, John Breshars of Goldsboro; sisters, Mrs. Patricia Amory and Mrs. Pamela McDonough of Goldsboro.

**LELA S. BLIZZARD**  
KINSTON - Mrs. Lela Smith Blizzard, 85, died Thursday. Funeral, Howard & Carter Funeral Home chapel. Burial, Blizzard

family cemetery near Deep Run.

Surviving: daughters, Mrs. Naomi B. Johnson, Mrs. Rachel B. Jones and Mrs. Wilda B. Stroud, all of Kinston; sons, Herman Blizard of Wrightsville Beach, Raeford Blizard of Richards, J.B. Blizard of Deep Run, Norman Blizard and Lonnie Blizard, both of Kinston; sister, Mrs. Katie Quinn of Pink Hill; brothers, Gurney Smith of Colonial Heights, Va., Glennie C. Smith of Pink Hill; 16 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

**LLOYD G. BROWN**  
CHINQUAPIN - Lloyd George Brown, 62, died Wednesday. Funeral, Edgerton Funeral Home chapel, Beulaville. Burial, Brown Cemetery.

Surviving: wife, Mrs. Maggie Irene Brown; daughters, Mrs. Jean Arsenault of Maysville, Mrs. Vivian Harrell of Kenansville; sons, Donald L. Brown of Rocky Point, Charles O. Brown of Wallace; brothers, Hubert M. Brown of Green Cove Springs, Fla., J.R. Brown of Rose Hill; 13 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

**CARRIE P. HERRING**  
MOUNT OLIVE - Mrs.

Carrie Powell Herring, 70, died Sunday. Funeral, Tyndall Funeral Home chapel. Burial, Maplewood Cemetery.

Surviving: daughter, Mrs. Lynn Joyner of Mount Olive; a grandchild.

**PEARL H. SMITH**  
MOUNT OLIVE - Mrs. Pearl Harris Smith, 88, of Route 2, Seven Springs, died Wednesday. Graveside service, Maplewood Cemetery.

Surviving: sons, William Harris "Bill" Smith and Roy Smith, both of Mount Olive, Morrison Smith of Seven Springs; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

**ROBERT L. BOWEN**  
CHINQUAPIN - Robert Lee Bowen, 67, died Sunday. Arrangements by Edgerton Funeral Home, Wallace.

**LELA H. SIMMONS**  
BEULAVILLE - Mrs. Lela Hall Simmons, 88, died Saturday. Funeral, Beulaville Baptist Church. Burial, Hallsville Cemetery.

Surviving: daughters, Mrs. Donnie Jackson of Kinston, Mrs. Adell Edwards of Beulaville; sons, Exum W. Simmons of Wilmington, Robert Earl Simmons of Castle Hayne; 25 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren.

**EDNA L. JOHNSON**  
TURKEY - Mrs. Edna L. Johnson, 67, of Route 1, Turkey, died Thursday. Funeral, Community Funeral Home chapel, Warsaw. Burial, Johnson family cemetery.

Surviving: husband, Lewis Johnson; sons, Harry Johnson and Durwood Johnson, both of Dudley, Jack Johnson of Raleigh; sister, Mrs. Pearl Corbett of Turkey; brother, A.D. Johnson of Calypso; nine grandchildren.

**JAMES WILLIAM TODD**  
TABOR CITY - James William Todd, 47 and retired assistant principal of Tabor City Primary High School, Columbus County, died Sept. 25 of cancer.

Born in Ayden, Dec. 30, 1934, he was the fourth son of the late Daniel Eason Todd Sr. of Warsaw. He earned a B.S., M.S., and Six-Year Certificate from East Carolina University. He served as Tabor City Primary-High School 21 years, ten as teacher of biology, chemistry and science, and 11 as assistant principal.

In 1955-58 he served the U.S. Army during a tour of duty in Korea. Affiliations with various educational and civic organizations included NCAE-NAESP and NASSP, NEA, Tabor City Baptist Church (young adult men's teacher), Columbus County Wildlife Club (secretary and treasurer 1981-82), Tabor City Lions Club (president 1977-78), Tabor City recreation commission (secretary 1981-82), the committee for the establishment of the Tabor City Public Library, and the Boy Scouts of America (Scoutmaster).

Mr. Todd received numerous awards in his lifetime, including the Jaycee's Outstanding Young Educator, the Lion's Club Faith in God and Presidential awards, and Teacher of the Year.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Betty Faye Fowler Todd; one daughter, Jami Michelle Todd of the home; his mother, Mrs. Clara Sutton Todd of Warsaw; four brothers, D.E. Todd Jr. of Wallace; Charles Rei Todd of Warsaw; Jacques Ohnne Todd of Houston, Texas, and Tommy Lawrence Todd of Wilmington; sisters, Mrs. Clara Jean Todd Daane of Oostburg, Wisconsin; Mrs. Peggy Ruth Todd Greer of Jacksonville; and Mrs. Rebecca Todd Edwards of Warsaw; eleven nieces and seven nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Sept. 26, Inman Funeral Home in Tabor City, by the Reverend Daniel M. Deaton Jr. Interment followed in Twin Cities Memorial Gardens, Loris, S.C.

It is requested that memorials may be made to the James W. Todd Educational Fund, Tabor City Primary-High School, Tabor City.

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# Revival

Revival services will be held at the First Original Free Will Baptist Church of Warsaw beginning Oct. 11 and continuing through Oct. 15. Services will begin each evening at 7:30. The guest evangelist will be Rev. Arnold Price, pastor of Northern Free Will Baptist Church of Durham. The public is cordially invited to attend.

# Wednesday Night At The Movies

DUPLIN COUNTY LIBRARY

The October movie will be "Godzilla vs. The Cosmic Monster," a color film for all ages. It will be shown Oct. 13 at 7 p.m. in the children's area. You are all invited to witness the battle of Godzilla and King Seeser against a cosmic monster controlled by invaders from outer space. You will love every moment of this science fiction thriller starring a wonderful assortment of monsters which are both good and evil. Show time is 84 minutes and the movie is free.

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