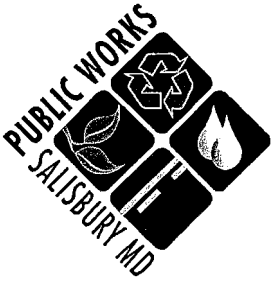


August 1, 2005



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Memorandum for City Administrator

**Subject: Proposed Adoption of a Military Unit**

**Purpose.** To provide information on a proposed adoption by the City of Salisbury of the United States Army's Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC) of the 101<sup>st</sup> Aviation Brigade, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault) stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

**Bottom Line Upfront Recommendation:** I request the City Council consider the proposed adoption.

**Discussion.**

- Last month a former student of mine, Major Christopher Albus called me asking if the City of Salisbury would consider sponsoring his unit since they were on orders for a yearlong deployment to Iraq in August. He is the Executive Officer of the 101<sup>st</sup> Aviation Brigade of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault). Two years ago he and his family visited Salisbury and attended the Zoo's Friends of the Salisbury Zoo picnic.
- The Adopt-a-Unit Program is organized by a non-profit organization that is recognized by the United States Army. The organization is "America Supporting Americans." Enclosure 1 provides background information.
- Following MAJ Albus' phone call, I queried the Chamber of Commerce and senior leaders of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts on the program. They were all very supportive of the adoption and are willing to implement various programs of support.
- The proposed adoption unit is officially called the "Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 101<sup>st</sup> Aviation Brigade." The unit's mission is to provide command and control of five aviation battalions. The unit's history is at Enclosure 2.
- The 101<sup>st</sup> Aviation Brigade is part of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault).
  - The 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division was the unit that was surrounded by German armored forces at Bastogne, Belgium in World War II. When asked to surrender, the 101<sup>st</sup> Division Commander replied with "Nuts."
  - The Division's insignia is the head of a North American Bald Eagle on a black shield. Their nickname is the Screaming Eagles, which is appropriate considering they parachuted into battle in WW II.
  - Currently, the 101<sup>st</sup> is a light infantry division, which relies on helicopters as their primary mode of transportation, which is why the division has the designation "Air Assault" at the end of their unit title.

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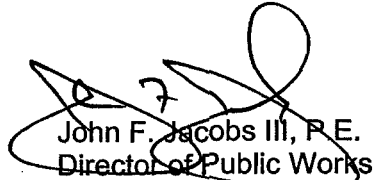
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- Army aviators are impressive and courageous. In addition to the hazards of normal flight operations, they frequently operate in weather conditions and hostile environments supporting soldiers on the ground that are frequently in very tough conditions. As a former light infantryman and combat engineer, I depended on them and have the utmost respect for the challenges they overcame to provide us support.

Unless you or the Mayor, have further questions, please forward this memorandum to the City Council. For any additional questions you may have, I can be reached at (410) 548-3170 or by e-mail at [jjacobs@ci.salisbury.md.us](mailto:jjacobs@ci.salisbury.md.us).

Sincerely,



John F. Jacobs III, P.E.  
Director of Public Works

RESOLUTION No. 1284

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY,  
MARYLAND APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY'S  
HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 101<sup>ST</sup> AVIATION  
BRIGADE OF THE 101<sup>ST</sup> AIRBORNE DIVISION (AIR ASSAULT) LOCATED AT  
FORT CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY

WHEREAS, American military forces are either engaged in defending or are prepared to defend and support American interests and principles;

WHEREAS, the Adopt-a-Unit program created by America Supporting Americans on March 4, 1968 provides a mechanism whereby all branches of the United States Armed Services can be "adopted" by American communities;

WHEREAS, the purpose of this adoption program is to create a bond between American communities and the military men and women who bravely serve their country;

WHEREAS, this bond is intended to support the morale of said service men and women without regard to individual political ties or affiliations; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the challenges confronting American service men and service women, it is appropriate and fitting that the City of Salisbury in the State of Maryland show its support by adopting the United States Army's Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 101<sup>st</sup> Aviation Brigade of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault) stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland does hereby adopt and offer its ongoing respect and support in the time of war and in time of peace to the United States Army's Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 101<sup>st</sup> Aviation Brigade of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault) located at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland hereby encourages all City employees, businesses, service clubs, charitable organizations, and private citizens to become involved in supporting this adoption.

THE ABOVE RESOLUTION was introduced and duly passed at a meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2005 and is to become effective immediately upon adoption.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Brenda J. Colegrove  
CITY CLERK

\_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Dunn  
PRESIDENT, City Council

APPROVED by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2005

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Barrie P. Tilghman  
MAYOR, City of Salisbury

## HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Visit the ASA website, [www.asa-usa.org](http://www.asa-usa.org), where you can find more information and adoption forms online.
- Connect ASA with a city, town, or county that may be interested in adopting a military unit.
- Connect ASA with a military unit at home or abroad that may be interested in being adopted.
- Make a donation to support the work of ASA or, if you prefer, to support adoption activities for a particular unit or community.

FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND SEND IT TO ASA  
FOR MORE INFORMATION  
OR TO RECEIVE OUR ONLINE NEWSLETTER:

(We do not share our mailing list with any other organization.)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

I AM WITH A \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ UNIT INTERESTED IN THE  
ASA ADOPTION PROGRAM. PLEASE CONTACT ME.

OTHER INTEREST: \_\_\_\_\_

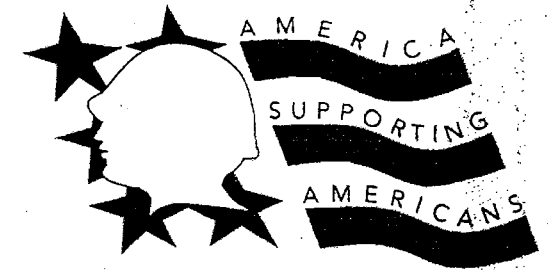
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## ADOPT-A-UNIT PROGRAM

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Enclosure 1

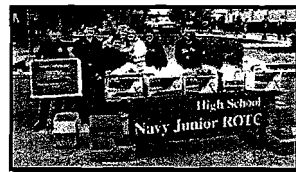
## WHAT IS AMERICA SUPPORTING AMERICANS?

ASA is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization committed to building caring, supportive connections between the young men and women serving in all branches of our armed forces and people living in towns and cities throughout the country.

Working primarily through mayors, city managers, and local chambers of commerce, we facilitate "adoptions" between towns, cities, or counties and individual military units. In many cases, a city is already "home" to a particular unit, and the municipality and unit may want to solidify this relationship in unique, caring, personally meaningful ways. In other cases, a city, town, or county wants to establish a strong, supportive connection with soldiers in a unit, sailors on a ship, or airmen in a squadron not already affiliated with the municipality involved. In either case, ASA facilitates this process and provides the ongoing support needed to help make the adoption a success.

Adoption support services provided by ASA include the following:

- The ability for individuals to make secure, designated donations via the ASA website in support of adoption activities in a specific city, town, or county.
- Guidance in setting up activities and events to support the adopted unit.
- Promotion of local adoption-related events and activities on the ASA website.



Through the Youth Civic Action and Education Program (YCAP), students participate in adoption activities and their teachers are able to integrate materials and resources provided by adopted units into their curriculums. Here, students collect school supplies and donate them to their city's adopted unit for distribution to school children in Iraq.

## HOW DID ASA GET STARTED?



Joe Artavia

AMERICA SUPPORTING AMERICANS began its work in 1967 when Linda Patterson, a young woman living in San Mateo, California, convinced her hometown to adopt her brother, Joe's, unit in Vietnam. Believing that the individual soldiers charged with fighting an unpopular war desperately needed to feel the interest and concern of communities back home, San Mateo agreed to Linda's request, and the morale of Joe's fellow infantrymen was, in Joe's words, brought "as high as the clouds." Joe, at age nineteen, was killed in Vietnam trying to rescue a fellow soldier three weeks after the adoption took place, but many of the men who served with him gratefully remember Joe and Linda each time they look at a cherished medal that reads, "City of San Mateo, Adopted Son." Based on the success of this experience, Linda founded ASA.



Linda Patterson at  
Camp Eagle in Vietnam (1968)

Having geared up the adoption program again during Desert Storm, and now for a third time in the wake of 9/11, ASA is committed to facilitating these adoptions on an ongoing basis. Through ASA adoptions, both military personnel and civilians are benefiting from the unique and crucial link that exists between the men and women of our armed services and those they are charged to protect.

Visit our website:

[www.asa-usa.org](http://www.asa-usa.org)

## HERE ARE SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES COMMUNITIES HAVE ENGAGED IN WITH THEIR ADOPTED UNITS:

Exchanging letters between school children and the men and women serving in the adopted unit.

Incorporating members of adopted units into 4<sup>th</sup> of July and/or homecoming parades.



Having members of adopted units speak about their experiences to school and community groups.

Writing letters of condolence to families of service men and women who have been killed or wounded.

Acknowledging both unit members' military service and community members' support with awards and recognition ceremonies.



Shipping school supplies to be donated to Iraqi school children by units stationed in Iraqi villages.

Shipping surplus law enforcement equipment to be donated to Iraqi policemen by members of the adopted units working with local Iraqi police.

Enclosure 1

# *101st Aviation Brigade*

## *"Wings of Destiny"*

On 1 July 1968, at Camp Eagle in the Republic of Vietnam, the 160th Aviation Group was constituted. On 25 June 1969, the 160th was redesignated as the 101st Aviation Group. With the air mobility concept added to the organic capabilities of the 101st Airborne Division, the bravest and most talked about soldiers in the world were delivered to the battlefield by the helicopters of the 101st Aviation Group. In battle after battle, from the Delta to the DMZ and from the east coast to Cambodia and Laos, the 101st Aviation Group served with one desire, to add the prestige and standing of the finest combat division in the history of warfare. In October 1970, the 101st Airborne Division was presented the Outstanding Aviation Unit of the Year Award for 1969-1970 at the Army Aviation Association of America Convention in Washington, D.C. In 1972, the 101st Aviation Group returned to Fort Campbell, Kentucky with the other units of the 101st. The Aviation Group and the Screaming Eagles of the 101st Airborne Division proved to the world that Army Aviation and the Air Assault concept were indeed up to the challenges faced on the modern battlefield.

On 15 August 1986, the 101st Aviation Group was redesignated as the Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). The Aviation Brigade deployed its units throughout the United States, from the deserts of the National Training Center to the flood ravaged valleys of the Appalachians. The Brigade also deployed overseas, with a contribution to exercise Bright Star in Egypt in 1980, 1983, 1985, and 1987. The Brigade has supported operations in Puerto Rico, Grenada and elsewhere in the Caribbean. The Brigade has supported the Ahuas Tara exercises in Honduras and has self-deployed CH-47s from the states to Honduras to support Joint Task Force Bravo.

The Aviation Brigade was alerted on 7 August 1990 to deploy to Saudi Arabia following Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. The Brigade began arriving in Saudi Arabia on 18 August 1990. The Aviation Brigade fired the first shots of Operation Desert Storm when elements of 1-101 Aviation Regiment attacked and destroyed a major early warning radar installation in Southwest Iraq on 17 January 1991. During the war, the Aviation Brigade validated the doctrinal use of divisional aviation as a fourth maneuver brigade. Maneuvering over 300 miles into enemy territory, over the course of 4 days, the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) successfully turned the flank of the Iraqi Army. Enveloping the enemy vertically, as well as, laterally, with the lightning speed of air assault forces, the 101st created a "shock effect" similar to the "Blitzkrieg" of World War II.

**Enclosure 2**

Upon returning from the Gulf War the Aviation Brigade deployed forces to Somalia to defend democracy and Florida to assist recovery from Hurricane Andrew. Additionally, the Brigade deployed a cavalry troop to support operations in Bosnia and Kosovo as well as aviation packages in support of operations in Kuwait. Most recently, the Brigade deployed 3-101 Aviation Regiment to Afghanistan in support of combat operations during Operation Anaconda. The Brigade has and continues to support rotations at both the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, Louisiana, and the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California.

On 9 October 1997, the Aviation Brigade split into two brigades, the 101st Aviation Brigade and the 159th Aviation Brigade. The 101st Aviation Brigade, whose members stand before you today consists of three attack battalions, 1-101, "Expect No Mercy," 2-101, "Eagle Warrior," 3-101, "Eagle Attack," the Division's general support battalion, 6-101, "Spirit of the Eagle," and the Division's cavalry squadron 2-17 Cavalry, "Out Front."

The 101st Aviation Brigade is continually at the forefront of Army Aviation. Honor, duty, and innovation are the hallmarks of the Aviation Soldiers who continue the proud tradition of the Wings of Destiny

Reference: <http://www.campbell.army.mil/101avnbde/History.htm>

**Enclosure 2**

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