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Task Force mourns loss of their own

NEW ORLEANS --- Ana Emperor Dezarn died Saturday, Dec. 13, 2003, after a brave battle with breast cancer at Ochsner Foundation Hospital. She was 39.

She joined the Louisiana Air National Guard in 1987 and earned the rank of Senior Master Sergeant. She was assigned as a traditional guard to Jackson Barracks Headquarters. She served as a legal assistance to the JAG. She also worked full-time as an intelligence analyst assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration through the Counter Drug Task Force.

She was born in New Orleans and lived most of her life in Jefferson. She graduated from Riverdale High School and attended the University of New Orleans.

Ana's funeral mass was held in St. Agnes church, where she was confirmed and attended all her life.

Her brother, Jose Emperor, a Lieutenant with the Army's 877th AGCO in Phoenix, expressed his appreciation to everyone at the service.

"This is a testament to how many people loved Ana," he said. He shared his memories of his sister by telling everyone who Ana was:

She was first confirmed in St. Agnes, baptized in Venezuela;
She was know as Tia by many;

Her nicknames were Lapoullia and Companarita;

She love her country;

She was a true patriot;

She played the clarinet, loved the Sunshine Kids and glitter shirts;

She did not like to wake up early nor did she like slow drivers;

She was the best salad maker;

She drove a Porshe on a German autoban;

She love her son Travis and her Chihuahua, Peanut;

Her favorite teacher was Sister Rosario;

She loved to take pictures;

Her pet cats were named Ennie, Meenie and Moe;

She love the rock group Kiss and even met Gene Simmons;

She was married on the bayou;

She loved to dress up;

She loved the Dallas Cowboys;

She loved the beach, swans, angels and her mom;

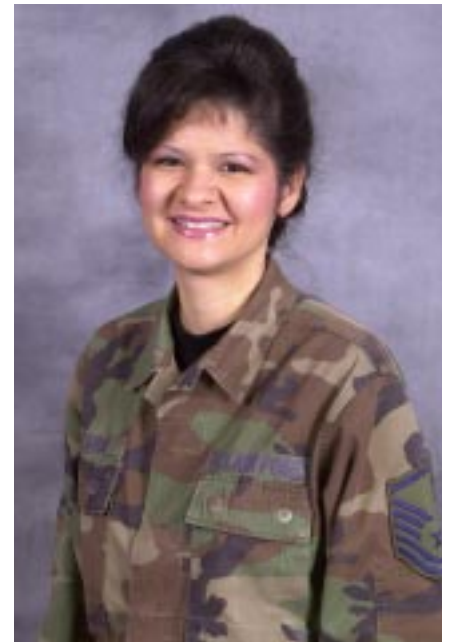
She loved her son and taking him to Tai Kwando;

She loved to fly and the thought of aiming high;

After the church service, Ana was laid to rest with full military honors.

Taps were played solemn and steady as a cool breeze carried the notes through the trees.

The Keesler Air Base Honor Guard served as pall bearers at the cemetery as



Senior Master Sgt. Ana Dezarn

Nov 20, 1964- Dec 13, 2003

well as honoring her with a 21-gun salute that pierced the crystal blue sky.

Through her military career her awards included the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Joint Service Achievement Medal and the Air Force Achievement Medal with one device.

Survivors include a son, Travis Samuel Dezarn; her father Rafael Emperor; her mother Candida Emperor; a brother, Jose Emperor; and a sister, Evelyn E. Baker.

State Round-up



ALEXANDRIA---Mama Bear and Papa Bear are involved, but this is no fairy tale.

Alexandria Metro Narcotic Agents claim it is a serious case of prostitution, methamphetamine and viagra offenses when the Honey Bear Escort Service offered customers more than companionship.

Mama Bear would set up clients with a date, once the client was with his "date" the opportunity to purchase drugs was offered.

"The Pineville-based service is believed to have operated in Alexandria for at least five years, and the ring had an extensive client list," said Lt. James Rauls, supervisor of the parishwide narcotics task force.

Investigators have the list but refused to release the exact number of clients or the names.

After a two-month investigation, the prostitution ring and drug operation ended with its alleged madam and her boyfriend arrested at a MacArthur Drive hotel, said Rauls.

Sgt. 1st Class Yolanda Neal supports the Alexandria Metro Narcotic Task Force

ABBEVILLE--- Vermillion Parish Narcotic Officers received information that a drug dealer was holding a large amount of illegal drugs at his residence.

After going to the location and interviewing the subject, a full-scale search was conducted.

The subsequent search yielded more than 600 ecstasy pills, two handguns and \$2,082 in U.S. currency. The street value of the drugs is estimated to be \$15,175.

The 22-year-old subject was charged with possession with intent to distribute MDMA (ecstasy) and possession of a firearm with a controlled dangerous substance present.

This investigation was in cooperation between the Vermillion Parish Sheriff's Office and the Abbeville Police Department.

Staff Sgt. Peggy Miguez supports the Vermillion Parish Sheriff's Office

The LSA Violent Crimes and Narcotics Task Force is holding its annual training seminar March 29 - April 2, 2004 at the Holiday Inn Holidome in Lafayette. Topics to include Eye Accessing and Non-Verbal Communications, Surveillance Techniques, Criminal Street Gang Investigations, Rolling Clan Lab, Use of Drug Informants and SPEARS (close quarters defensive tactics).

Contact **SFC Travis Stelly** @ (337) 788-8763 or travis@lsaii.org. This training is open to CDTF members with their LEA approval.

POVs continued to be the number one killer of soldiers in FY 03

"... declaring war on accidents is important, even as we fight this War on Terrorism. It hurts just as much to bury a loved one who died in an accident as one who died on the battlefield. Maybe, in reality, it hurts more. Death in combat is at least for a purpose. Death from an accident does little except to provide a sad example."

Countermeasure, [January, 2004], "Declaring the War on Accidents"

The Mardi Gras holiday is right around the corner and we're all looking forward to the festivities! SGT Leonard's recommendations to ensure a good time:

Designated Driver, Seat Belts, Drink Responsibly, Plenty of Rest before a long trip behind the wheel.

Be smart. Plan to celebrate safely and come back to tell us all about the fun you had!

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Exercise your writes

The monthly newsletter of the Louisiana Drug Guard is a forum to highlight the achievements of members of the Louisiana Counter Drug Task Force. Send in your stories, comments, drug reduction activities, births, promotions and anything to share with the members of the task force. Contact Tech. Sgt. Suzanne Chaillot at Chaills@gchidta.org, or phone 337-262-6774, fax 337-262-6770

**Have a happy
and safe
Mardi Gras**

