

Army life is contagious

Driscoll family raises their own military corps

By TERI BANAS
"We're just like any other family," she said.

But not quite. What other group of kids as infants were rocked to sleep to the Star Spangled Banner rather than more traditional lullabies?

What other group of brothers and sisters, collectively, looked to General Douglas MacArthur as a childhood hero?

What other group of brothers and sisters created a family affair out of Army life?

If the United States Army awarded Medals of Honor to private citizens who helped beef up Army enlistment — Dorothy and Terrence Driscoll of Plymouth Township would be in the top running.

The Driscolls, parents of five, have seen four of their children join the army. And for the youngest, Patrick, 14, there's still time.

The four eldest are graduates of Plymouth Salem High School. Cadets Kathleen, 21, and Kevin, 23, presently are spending several summer weeks in training at Fort Riley, Kan. Younger sister Maureen, 19, has

spent the summer in basic camp at Fort Knox. Older sister Kelly, 24, spent two years in the Army before marrying her company commander and settling down to raise an infant son, now 19 months old.

KELLY HAD BEEN IN the military police and stationed in Panama when she met her husband, Johnnie.

Both Kevin and Kathleen are studying military leadership at the Army's ROTC advanced camp in Kansas. During the school year, they both attend Eastern Michigan University. Kevin is studying criminal justice and Kathleen is studying political science.

Kevin had gotten a head start at his career goals when he traveled to

Frankfort, Germany where he attended, and later graduated from, American military school.

"He had played soldier since he was a little boy and was anxious to go over there," his mother recalls.

He now looks to a career in military intelligence while his sister, Kathleen, has expressed interest in the Army's

signal corps.

The youngest female child, Maureen, is a '76 graduate of Plymouth Salem and spent four years as a school cheerleader. She now majors in dance at Eastern Michigan.

Asked how her children became interested in this way of life, Mrs. Driscoll admits "I think I might have had a lot to do with it."



KATHLEEN DRISCOLL



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KELLY DRISCOLL

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