

Dual roles keep Guard general busy

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For Canton resident Carol Ann Fausone (make that General Fausone), it was an opportunity just too good to pass up.

Fausone, formerly director of nursing at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, has been named assistant adjutant general for the state of Michigan for veterans' affairs. Fausone was promoted to brigadier general in the Michigan Air National Guard last year, the first woman in the 54-year history of the Michigan Air National Guard to attain that rank.

She is also the first woman in the 163-year history of the Michigan National Guard and the first Michigan medical officer of either sex to attain the rank of general.

She was appointed to the assistant adjutant general post earlier this year by Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

"This was an opportunity I don't believe I could pass up," she said. "There are 861,000 veterans in the state of Michigan. I'm working with the veterans homes in Grand Rapids and Marquette. It's a fabulous opportunity to represent caring with my nurse background."

But that's only one of her jobs. When Fausone was pro-

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Air National Guard brigadier general

moted to general, she was also assigned as an assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, Force Health Protection and Readiness in Washington, D.C. In that role, she assists the deputy assistant secretary in developing and implementing programs, policy and operations for Reserve Affairs.

She commutes to Lansing on a daily basis and said she spends about 40-60 hours a month in Washington.

She declined to discuss pre-

cisely how the present situation in Iraq has affected her work in Washington, but said the two jobs are blending together in regard to helping the troops.

"I'm sort of on this continuum with the men and women serving our country today in Operation Iraqi Freedom and as they come home post-campaign as veterans to take care of them," she said.

She said so far as she knows no Michigan service people have returned home with injuries and been placed in either of two veterans' facilities in the state. But she still spends lots of time visiting the two homes.

"There are more than 700 beds in Grand Rapids and 241 in Marquette," she said. "I go out and look at the veterans homes to make sure care is being delivered and that we're doing it efficiently. Care is foremost. And helping take care of the men and women and their families who have served and taken care of our country is such an honor."

She also said her background in nursing helps in her new role.

"When I go to visit the homes," she said, "to see the men and women who served, it's doing nursing in a different way."

Despite the dual commutes, Fausone somehow finds time

to attend speaking engagements.

On May 8, she'll be the keynote speaker for the American Business Women's Association dinner in Southfield to recognize the Woman of the Year.

On May 18, she'll be the keynote speaker for the Northville Foundation Prayer Breakfast.

And on May 24, she'll be the keynote speaker and grand master of Livonia's Memorial Day Parade.

But what she likes most is talking to students in school.

"When kids want you to go to their high school and come to their class, that's really important," she said. "I talk to them about what it means to protect our country, the importance of freedom, values and integrity. Then they'll ask questions like 'Where have you been?' and 'Where have you traveled?'"

She said that recently on the street where she lives in Canton, she saw three or four young kids waving a huge sign that said, "If you support our men and women (troops), Honk!"

"They were out there for at least five or six hours," she said. "It was great to see them and their enthusiasm."

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Seed appointed

ArvinMeritor, Inc. announces the appointment of Bob Seed to vice president, Global Sales and Marketing, for the organization's Light Vehicle Systems (LVS) business group.

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With more than 30 years of experience, Seed most recently was global vice president of sales, marketing and corporate relations at Lear Corporation. He began his career in 1966, as a buyer with Ford Motor Company, followed by more than 22 years in sales management positions with various automotive suppliers.

Seed holds a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Drexel University in Philadelphia, Penn. He and his family live in

Farmington Hills.

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In her new role, Rosinski will oversee ACRO's employee relations functions and initiatives. Rosinski previously served as an employee relations specialist for the company.

Rosinski earned her bachelor's degree in social science from Michigan State University and a master's degree in administration in human resources from Central Michigan University. She currently resides in Farmington Hills.

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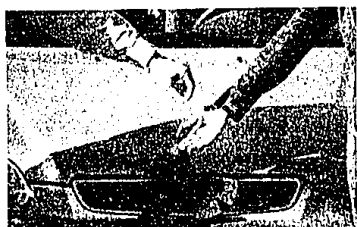
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