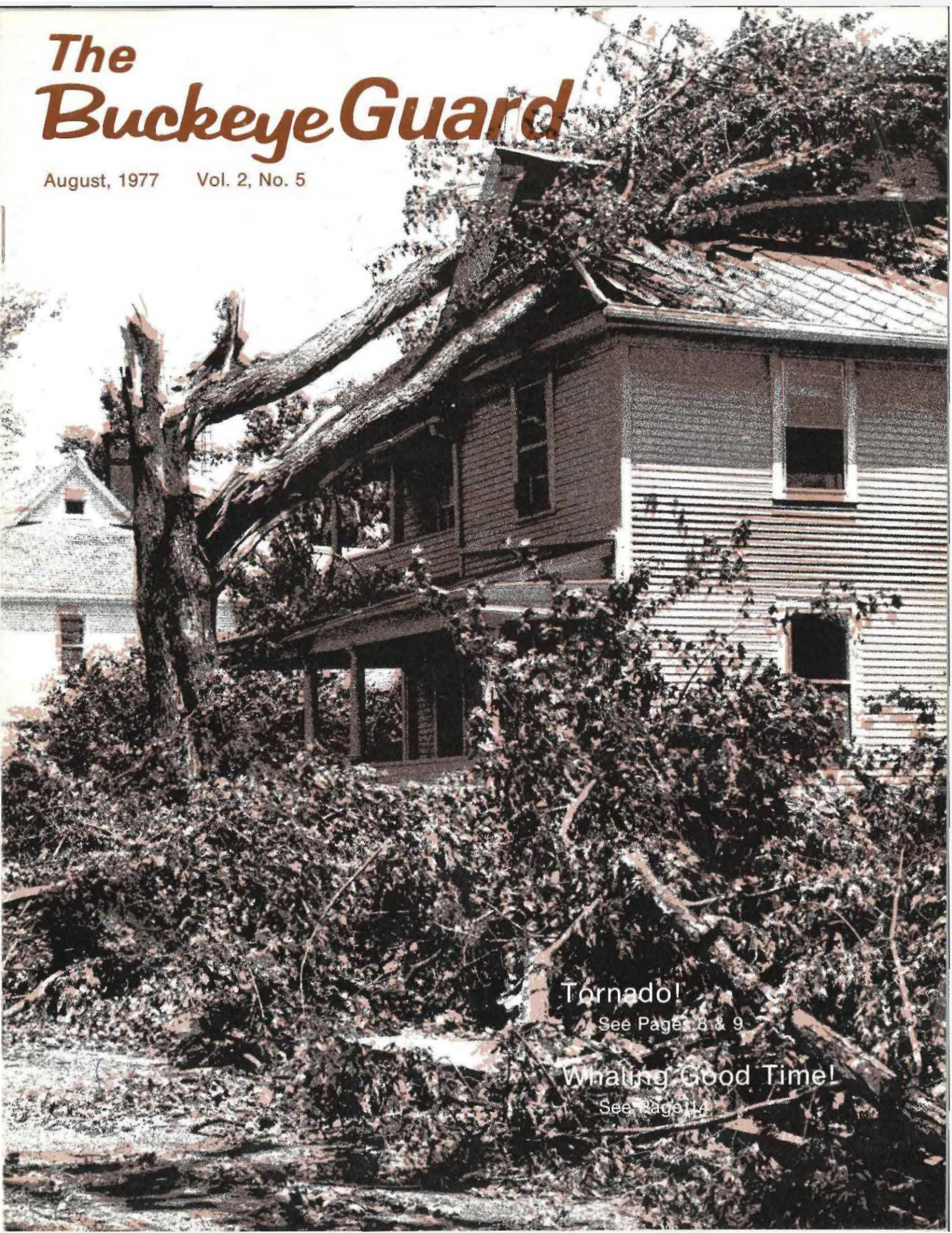


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With Annual Training completed, except for the 73rd Brigade, it's time to think about the new training year.

Before going to the new year's problems however, one thing that came to my attention during visits to AT upsets me. I found some men who were injured during last year's AT who had not received their incapacitation pay until April and May of this year. Line of duty reports, incapacitation statements and payrolls must be submitted promptly for those injured and unable to return to civilian jobs.

Last year, some commanders failed to fulfill their responsibilities in this area. Officers and NCOs, make sure your men are receiving the assistance they need this year. Remember, "TREAT ME WELL."

The big challenge of the new training year is the organization and man-

agement of armory drills to maintain interest, reduce lost motion and wasted time for our members. It takes imagination, hard work and more involvement of junior officers and NCOs to make sure that our limited training time is used in the most effective manner possible. Remember, "USE ME WELL."

A continuing problem for the training year will be recruiting and retention. In the all-volunteer environment, we must return to pre-1955 recruiting methods if we are to maintain strength. Everyone must recruit and the effort must be continuous.

The problem is national but other states are doing a better job than Ohio.

A massive nationwide National Guard recruiting campaign can be expected this fall. Plan now how to meet your strength objectives if your unit is below 100% strength. If you can improve your

retention rate, you will reduce your recruiting requirements. Better not forget the good people you now have. Let them know how valuable they are to you, the unit, their state and the nation. Remember, "USE ME WELL, TREAT ME WELL AND I'LL STAY GUARD."

I also wish to express my thanks to all of you who have offered your prayers, sympathy and assistance during the long illness and the subsequent death of my wife, Jane. My daughters and I appreciate your kindness.

Retired Officers: We are looking forward to seeing you at Camp Perry on October 1-2 for the second annual reunion. Colonel Siemer will be sending you details soon.

MG. J. C. CLEM
Adjutant General

Buckeye Guard Honored in Cleveland

The Ohio National Guard was honored during Cleveland's fourth annual Armed Forces Day dinner-dance on May 27.

MG James C. Clem, the Adjutant General, accepted a special award from the Armed Forces Day Committee, saluting the Ohio National Guard for "extraordinary services above and beyond the call of duty during the severe winter crisis."

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Our Cover

This month's cover photo was taken by SGT Mike Gilbert, a unit PIO with Co. D, 612th Engineer Bn., Norwalk. The photo was taken in Fremont, Ohio, hours after a tornado devastated this city causing nearly \$5 million in damage. More photos and information on the Ohio National Guard's assistance to this community are on Page 9.

Deadline Announced For October Issue

All submissions for the October, 1977, issue of BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine must be received by September 1.

All articles submitted for publication in BUCKEYE GUARD must be typewritten and double-spaced.

Photographs should be accompanied by complete captions including full identification of all individuals involved.

Submissions that do not adhere to these guidelines will be returned to the sender with an explanation for the rejection.

Be sure to include your name and phone number so you can be contacted if there are any questions.

All articles and photos should be mailed to SSG Bob DeVoe, Editor, The BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine, 2825 W. Granville Rd., Worthington, Oh. 43085.

Big Bang at Whitehall

To The Editor:

The City of Whitehall and those persons responsible for the many youth programs funded by the city have had a desire to expand the existing program by organizing a competitive marksmanship program for our youth. We were prevented from developing such an organization due to the lack of experience and knowledge in this area.

We were recently made aware of the experience and competitive marksmanship abilities of MSGT A. W. Martin, a resident of Whitehall and a member of the Ohio Air National Guard. SGT Martin was contacted and asked to study the feasibility of establishing an extensive youth marksmanship program in Whitehall. When he reported back to us, his findings were quite encouraging. Agreements had been made which permitted Whitehall to use Rickenbacker and Air Guard shooting ranges, the ranges at the Navy/Marine Reserve Center and Ohio State University ROTC ranges, and the agreement had been made with the Department of the Army to issue the city sixty match-grade target rifles valued at \$10,000 for the express purpose of training our youth.

The Whitehall Competitive Marksmanship Association, Inc., had the promise of ranges and equipment and also had 50 untrained adult members who were to become the instructors of the youth shooting teams. Under the direction of SMSGT Raymond A. Yeager, the 121st TFW Rifle Team came to Whitehall, bringing with them the experience and talent

necessary to conduct the National Rifle Association Instructors Training courses to the W.C.M.A. adult membership. At the completion of the instructors school, 50 adults were certified as N.R.A. Rifle Instructors and were assigned to coach and instruct the youth teams.

To date, 16 Air National Guardsmen are members of the W.C.M.A. and serve as instructors on nine of the twelve youth teams which consist of approximately 100 youth shooters, while others serve as officials and officers within the program. The following named persons are those Air Guardsmen who elected to become a member of the W.C.M.A. and who have assisted in providing our youth with this most constructive program. The fact that this city enjoys one of the newest, yet one of the largest, competitive youth marksmanship programs in this country is largely due to these people and their professionalism, knowledge and discipline they brought with them from their units. Those persons are as follows: David Baker, Terry Broyles, Melvin Fridley, William Groves, James Lewis, A. W. Martin, Terry Martino, Eugene Morrissey, Terry McCondlis, Neal Piek, Dorothy Roberts, Jerry Rufer, Raymond Yeager, Konrad Schiefer, Richard Numma and Belinda Creasser.

In consideration of the tremendous contributions of the Ohio Air National Guard and its personnel to the youth of this city, it is my desire that the commander of the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing, Brig. General Harry L. Cockran, Jr., and the men and women of the

121st who have so unselfishly given their time and talents to be officially recognized for their efforts in this most worthwhile program. Please convey to these persons my personal gratitude and the gratitude of the people of our city.

JOHN A. BISHOP
Mayor

Top Soldier Snubbed

To the Editor:

It is a privilege and honor having the Soldier of the Year in our unit, Specialist Five John L. Morrow.

I hope I don't offend people the wrong way, but I feel obligated and concerned in the manner in which this Guardsman was treated.

SP5 Morrow worked very hard to make Soldier of the Year. When he found out he made it he was very proud, and our unit was too.

He was honored at the convention (ONG Enlisted Assoc.) in Cincinnati recently. I feel I must comment on what took place there.

John and his wife attended the convention with the understanding the Enlisted Association would pay for their registration. He had to pay to get into the dinner and dance to receive the award, along with the expense for the motel room and for travel.

The battalion Soldier of the Year receives more recognition—he receives a week's state active duty pay and a free week's lodging at Camp Perry.

The State Soldier of the Year should be a high honor and should be accompanied by a few privileges and benefits.

I also feel that the AG Department should provide all of the expenses for the individual.

SFC ERNEST BEAN
AST, HHB 2/174 ADA
Athens

EDITOR'S NOTE: BUCKEYE GUARD has asked the Enlisted Association respond to your letter. To date, we have not received an answer.

Bugler Honored for His Work

The Veterans Association of State Commanders and Adjutants has presented a Civil War bugle to Rossiter J. Chappelle in appreciation for the bugler's 30 years of participation at veterans' funerals.

Chappelle, a sergeant in the Ohio Army National Guard's 122nd Army Band, has played taps at the funerals of more than 2,000 veterans of the Civil War, Spanish-American War, World Wars I and II, Korea and Vietnam.

Talk About Morale...

Special From
16th Bde. PIO

YOUNGSTOWN, O.—Talk about troop morale.

Ohio Army National Guardsmen here were reorganized May 1 from the 107th Armored Cavalry to the 112th Engineer Bn.

In effect, they traded their tanks for trucks.

Downhearted?

Guess again.

LTC Carroll G. Arndt of Elyria, Commander of the 112th Engineer Bn., visited the troops here May 14 and found them "all fired up learning to be engineers."

In fact, the May 14 visit between Arndt and the former troops of the 107th (L Troop, 3rd Squad) was an informal one.

Some 45 or more enlisted Guardsmen showed up at the Armory on their own time to meet the battalion commander.

The volunteer assembly was a lively one, with Guardsmen asking numerous questions about the kind of work involved in engineer activities.

The unit's morale was reported as being high at AT, where people really got into the engineer business.

Notes from the Asst. AG for Army. . .

For some, Annual Training is not a thing of the past for this year, for others it's still to come. My comments will not be restricted to Annual Training but I do want to cover a few items that I found in my various visits.

While I was at Camp Grayling in June, I visited the Retention Center and found that it was well-organized and being handled quite well. In fact, I spoke to one group that was going through an orientation.

A sergeant asked me why those individuals with over 12 years of service could not extend for one year but rather had to enlist for a longer period. The question to me has a great deal of importance and dictates a reply that should be available to everyone.

Simply put, most of our key people—squad leaders, platoon sergeants, section sergeants, etc., are individuals with over 12 years of service. On a one year extension or enlistment, the day after the papers are signed, the individual becomes a short-termer and his status in the event of a call-up becomes doubtful.

Can you imagine the position we would be in if all of our key people had less than one year's service remaining and the Ohio National Guard was called into federal service? Conceivably many of these people could or would be left behind, and if that occurred, a great deal of the experienced leadership would be lost. This, in turn, would require a tremendous amount of retraining which we would not have

time to do.

While there are certain advantages to the new enlistment requirements, certainly our primary focus has to be on the mission assigned to the National Guard and this has to come first above everything else.

A visit to the dispensary indicated a shortage of qualified medical personnel, some problems with the equipment which was new but not complete, and maintenance being accommodated. In spite of the disadvantages, I'm proud to say our Ohio Guardsmen were doing a very dedicated job of treating everyone who was reporting for sick call. Oh sure, there were a few things that could have been better and this is usually the case, but overall, at least while I was there, everyone seemed to be trying very hard.

The thing that dismayed me, however, was the fact that we had so many injuries as a result of recreational activities (frisbee, softball, etc.) and they seemed to outnumber the injuries that were occurring in training. I'm not sure how one goes about being careful playing ball or whatever—perhaps we're playing too hard. In any event, I'm pleased to report that no serious injuries had occurred as of the time of the writing of this article.

CONVOY SAFETY

My greatest concern this year has been the matter of convoy safety. Some things we all need to remember is that we are guests on the public roads and highways of both Ohio and Michigan. Thus, the State

Highway Patrol has jurisdiction. When the large number of equipment and vehicles that we have are put on the road along with normal civilian traffic, certain safety problems become apparent. Military problems are only a part of the total safety and traffic considerations. All of us have to be safety conscious all the time. We must consider that civilian traffic must be maintained and kept moving and that we don't create situations that could become traffic hazards. Anytime you are traveling in a vehicle, particularly in a military convoy, keep safety in mind as a number one priority.

For those of you who still have Annual Training ahead, you will find that the training is good, tough and effective. Unit commanders are working harder and longer hours this year because more than ever before, the National Guard has to be ready. In various categories, both Army and Air, 45% to 75% of the combat strength of both services is in the National Guard.

The day is gone when we have the luxury of being able to take the time to equip and train in the event of aggression. Either we are substantially ready now or the probability is great that we will not be able to recover from an attack.

That's how important the National Guard is today. That's why we, as patriotic Americans, are members of the National Guard.

BG JAMES M. ABRAHAM
Asst Adj Gen — Army

The Asst. AG for Air Speaks . . .

Review of our total recruiting efforts indicates that most of our units are doing a very acceptable job.

The biggest problem facing us now is that individuals are leaving our program at a greater rate than we are able to replace them.

This, then, indicates that we should have two completely separate programs in recruiting and retention. In fact, it would be best if we stopped using the total phrase "recruiting and retention."

The basic reason is that first we sell the individual on why he should be a member of the Air National Guard, then after he joins we think we have a captive member and forget that everyone wants basically to learn, to contribute, to be recognized for their efforts, and to enjoy being a member.

The major commander can personally welcome each new member into the unit and explain his or her importance,

but if the subordinate organizational commanders, first sergeants, and key NCOs or section supervisors do not strive to fully utilize the individuals and to recognize their achievements, the commanders' efforts will be in vain.

The amount of attention and responsibility we give our members is directly related to the degree of satisfaction they will receive from attending drills or field training.

The air technician must adjust from his daily responsibility of getting the job done to that of instructor, teacher, training supervisor, or whatever term is appropriate, whenever he has the non-technician present for training. The old approach of having everything done prior to drill and then not being able to utilize or train the individual certainly is not going to give anyone a sense of achievement or self-satisfaction. Basically, the majority of people do not

want something for nothing, so personnel will not continue to show up for drill just to receive a green check. They must feel they are learning, achieving, and contributing to the overall mission responsibility.

Keeping the individual in mind, we must develop programs and attitudes toward the keys to retention, and that is again—to learn, to achieve, to contribute, and to be recognized for one's efforts.

Anyone, regardless of rank, who has read this article and has a responsibility to train or supervise even one individual but has not asked himself, "What can I do to insure he or she is a happy, contented participant?", has not recognized the importance of their own position and could, in fact, just be "passing the buck".

BG PAUL E. HOOVER
Asst Adj Gen — Air

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Spirit of St. Louis Meets Her Namesake

Everyone knows about the famous flight of the original Spirit of St. Louis aircraft.

But there was another—an Air Force F-100F Super Sabre, serial number 56-3730. On May 21, 1957, in commemoration of the 30th anniversary of

Lindbergh's flight, then - Major Robinson Riser flew that F-100F non-stop from New York to Paris.

That aircraft still had the "Spirit of St. Louis II" markings when she arrived at Springfield Municipal Airport to be assigned to the Ohio Air National

Guard's 178th Tactical Fighter Group.

The second "Spirit" met a replica of the original "Spirit" when the replica came to Springfield in June as a stop on a 4½-month, 48-state tour. The Experimental Aircraft Association is sponsoring the Commemorative Tour.

OSU's Mershon Center Assists Guard With Race Relations Seminars

BY SCOTT SHERRY

It's been a well kept secret of the Ohio Army National Guard; but there is contact between Ohio State University and the Guard.

"It's evident to us that perceptions and values held by people in the civilian community manifest themselves when Guard personnel attend their monthly training functions," Major Richard Alexander, Equal Opportunity Officer and a member of the Adjutant General's staff, said, "And we have been working with Ohio State's Mershon Center to keep problems from occurring."

Major Alexander, who has been working through these problems for over five years, definitely sees goals and reasons for the contact between the two institutions.

"The character and minority makeup of the Guard has changed significantly in the past two years," Alexander noted.

Current figures indicate that since 1975 minority involvement in the Ohio National Guard has gone from 3.9% to a current figure of 12%.

"Considering these figures we have become involved with Ohio State's Mershon Center," Alexander

added, "And you've got to realize the Ohio Guard hasn't always had a large contingent of blacks or women until the present time."

The Mershon Center has been engaged by the Ohio Guard to assist in a program of preventative maintenance.

The Mershon Center and J.D.S. Associates have become involved in presenting seminars for staff officers and senior NCO's.

Rhetorically, what is the Mershon Center?

Ralph D. Mershon, a retired Army lieutenant colonel, left the Ohio State University \$10 million with the stipulation that a portion of the money be used for military education.

Dr. Allan Millett, Director of Mershon's Program for Force and Policy, and a lieutenant colonel in the Marine Corps Reserves, as well as being a military historian of national note, puts it this way—

"The Ohio Guard came to us years ago knowing that we had the money to work with them on some of their problems."

RACE RELATIONS SEMINARS

One of the biggest efforts made through the center has been the de-

velopment of race relations seminars.

Success has been found in the areas of attitude and change.

"Guard personnel have been interviewed following these seminars, and the most common response has been that people attending the seminars feel they have had their attitudes changed toward racial and other minority problems," Millett noted in reviewing the programs of the Mershon Center.

Mershon's involvement has covered a multitude of other areas as well during the past four years.

Seminars and other working sessions have covered such diverse topics and international politics and disaster work, but the main thrust has been in human relations in the military.

And Dr. Millett is not the only person who thinks the work has been successful.

The National Guard Bureau has awarded a grant to J.D.S. Associates, a subsidiary group of personnel who consult with Mershon on the human relations seminars, to videotape their sessions for National Guard training programs nationally.

This may well be the high mark in Ohio's program for human relations.

RANGER TRAINING



BOY FLIPS GIRL—The Rangers awed the cadets with a demonstration of hand-to-hand combat . . . but soon it was their turn to prove what they learned.

'It Was A Fantastic Experience'

33 OMA Cadets Hit the 'Boonies'

BY JERRY CONDO

Thirty-three Ohio National Guard officer candidates braved Georgia heat, Army Rangers, and fire ants in a four-day field exercise here April 21-24.

They seemed to come away with plenty of first-hand experience of text book material.

"It was a fantastic experience," said cadet Danny Arledge, 29, a Columbus police officer. Fellow cadets echoed the same.

HAND IN HAND

The cadets, 30 males and three females, worked hand-in-hand with Army Ranger instructors. The soon-to-be officers ran a grueling two-mile run, repelled from 55-foot and 20-foot towers, and conducted jungle patrol missions during the stay at Benning's Ranger Department Headquarters.

The Cadets were accompanied to Ft. Benning by LTC James J. Hughes, Commandant of the Ohio Military Academy (OMA), LTC Robert Pettit, assistant commandant, and other Guard officers.

"This type of training generates pride and confidence in the cadets," said LTC Pettit.

So it did.

Item: Marlene Shapiro, one of the three female cadets, was coaxed down the 20-foot Ranger repelling tower. She obviously fought back some tears.

But, the same 25-year old Cleveland-er managed the taller, 55-foot repelling tower minutes later to the cheers of her fellow cadets.

She got some "Ranger" confidence rather quickly.

The field exercise with the U.S. Army Rangers was a high point of the 15 month OCS program. Cadets said as much.

Richard Keyser, 30, Barnesville, O. school teacher, said he learned more from this training at Ft. Benning "than all the time I was in the Navy."

HUFFING AND PUFFING

The lean-looking Army Rangers led the cadets on a two-mile run in the early hours of April 22 that left a lot of cadets huffing and puffing.

But, not Rangers.

"We were 'dying' on that run and the

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Rangers weren't breaking a sweat," said Lamont Applegate, 21, Marion, O. resident who works at the Marion Correctional Institution.

Eight of the OCS candidates failed to finish the grueling run.

SGT Shelley Singleton of Oklahoma City, one of the Rangers, said the majority of the OCS candidates "should be in better shape."

However, Singleton had special praise for one of the female cadets—Jennifer Gilbert, 23, of Cincinnati.

Miss Gilbert, a one-time student athlete at Tennessee State University, did quite well in the run as well as the punishing PT exercises.

"She's the only female I've encountered who would have a good chance of completing Ranger training," said Singleton.

The Rangers do not accept females.

The cadets had only two radios, compasses, when they broke down in groups of three to tackle a moonlight Ranger-instructed mission.

Ranger SFC Lester George, 41, Seminole, Okla., left the cadets out in the Benning "boonies" late in the evening of Saturday, April 23. They came back to main station hours later on the morning of Sunday, April 24.

George warned of snakes, fire ants, and other dangers on the five to six mile affair.

But, no one sustained a snake bite. Fire ants stayed away.

AWED BY HAND TO HAND

The Rangers awed the cadets with a demonstration of hand-to-hand combat.

It wasn't just a demonstration. Soon, the Rangers had the cadets in the training pit, trying out the various techniques on each other.

The Ohio National Guard has been sending OCS candidates to Benning for Ranger training since 1971, according to LTC Pettit.

This year, the OCS candidates from Ohio were joined by an OCS contingent from Kentucky.

The jungle-fatigued Rangers never looked at the clock while working with the Ohio Guardsmen. They seemed to enjoy their instructing.

The Ohio Air National Guard flew the OCS class to Benning for the exercise.

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Photos By Bob Vincent

Jennifer Gilbert

124 lbs. of Dynamite

BY JERRY CONDO

A tough, no-holds barred cadet of the Ohio National Guard Officers Candidate Class.

Likes to own and shoot weapons. Works in an Army surplus store. Holds a green belt in judo. Knows some karate.

Held a track scholarship at Tennessee State University.

Thinks "well built women are very sensuous."

She is 124 pound, five-foot three inch Jennifer Gilbert, 23, of Cincinnati.

Miss Gilbert is one of three women in the current Ohio OCS class which visited Ft. Benning recently for training with the U.S. Army Rangers.

The female Guard person more than held her own in the male-dominated OCS class.

A Ranger instructor watched her in action and couldn't say enough about her.

"I've never seen a woman come through here (Benning) as good a shape as she is in," said the Ranger.

The Ranger said Miss Gilbert was doing push-ups better than most of the men in the OCS class.

"I've been playing Army since I was this high," said Gilbert, holding her hand up to her hip.

"This is the fulfillment of a lifelong dream," she adds.

The cadet says her affiliation with the Guard brings strange looks to the faces of girl friends.

"Most females I know are pacifists. They don't understand why anyone would want to be in the service," she explains.

She says she is in the Guard because she is patriotic and is seeking a commission "because I enjoy being a leader."

She is working hard in OCS.

"I learned that you have to prove yourself much more than a man would," she says. She has.



PHYSICAL FITNESS played a key role in the training received by OMA Cadets at the Ft. Benning Ranger School. Jennifer Gilbert positively held her own in this and many other areas.



TORNADO!



Guardsmen Soothe Damage in Fremont

BY BOB DEVOE

Tornadoes and strong winds pummeled northwestern Ohio on June 30, leaving the community of Fremont in shambles.

The downtown area was hardest hit and countless trees were uprooted throughout the city, smashing parked cars as they fell.

At the request of Mayor Richard Maier, Governor Rhodes dispatched Ohio National Guardsmen from both Norwalk and Port Clinton to the scene immediately.

Seventy Army Guardsmen from Co. C, 612th Engineer Bn., Norwalk, arrived late that night. The troops, commanded by LTC Karl Obert, Battalion Commander, and CPT. Robert Arheit, Company Commander, helped local police maintain order and prevent looting.

Ohio Air Guardsmen from the 200th Civil Engineering Squadron, Port Clinton, provided generators and lighting equipment to keep the downtown area illuminated during the night because of the large number of downed live wires.

An additional 80 Guardsmen, dispatched from Camp Perry, used chain saws, earthmoving equipment, dump trucks, and a five ton crane to aid in clearing debris and trees from the city streets.

Another 40 men and 16 pieces of equipment were sent to Fremont by the State Department of Transportation to assist in the clean-up operations.



The mayor estimated damage in the city at \$5 million to 1,200 homes and buildings and over 200 autos.

As a result of the tornado, Fremont res-

idents held their Fourth of July observance a week late. The program was postponed because street travel was impeded by fallen trees and branches.

Photos by Mike Gilbert



A Bustling New Activity at Grayling

Benefit Center is Local Oasis

BY DON LUNDY

Camp Grayling, Michigan, always a beehive of activity during the summer months, has a bustling new activity for Ohio Guardsmen this summer.

It's a place where troopers can go to relax, listen to music, have a soft drink with pizza or popcorn, and even try their hand at a game of ping pong. It's all free, compliments of the Guard.

It's the Buckeye Guard Benefit Center, the brainchild of state recruiting and retention people under the direction of Captain Dennis Jankowski.

The building (233M on Howe Rd.) features a huge sign outside that reads: "BUCKEYE GUARD—BENEFITS CENTER—STOP AND SHOP."

In addition to relaxation and good conversation, Guardsmen can get updated on the benefits available to them in the Ohio Guard.

An excellent 5-minute slide show provides a detailed overview of Guard benefits. Any questions following the slide show can be fielded by one of the state R & R staffers who are manning the Benefits Center through the summer from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

"We're trying a different approach to recruiting and retention with this thing. The soft-sell approach appears to be working well," said MSG Robert Allberry.

Allberry said many people who wander into the building to see what it's all about wind up staying for an hour or so, often getting involved in heated discussions about the Guard, pro and con.

SSG Paul Ward, of the State R & R office, has been on duty at the Grayling benefits center since it opened on June 13.

"We've had nearly 2,000 men

through here in three weeks," Ward said.

Ward praised the cooperation the Ohio Guard has received from the Michigan Guard and Camp Grayling personnel in operating the center.

Recruiting Sergeant Ilario Fabbrini of the Michigan Guard personally has kept the center stocked with frozen pizza and popcorn since it opened. The wholesale food distributor from Alpena, Mich., had spent an estimated \$300 out-of-pocket by July 4.

"I strongly believe in the Guard and have a personal commitment to do what I can," said Fabbrini.

If you are at Grayling this summer and have a discharge date coming up within the next year or so, you owe it to yourself to visit the Benefits Center. When you're shopping around for a part-time job, the Guard stacks up pretty well against the competition.

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Retired Officers Reunion Set at Camp Perry

The Ohio National Guard Retired Officers Reunion will be held at Camp Perry again this year on Oct. 1 and 2.

The former officers will be given briefings on the current status of the Ohio Guard, its tuition grant programs, and future plans.

A dinner and social hour will highlight the renewal of past friendships.

Letters have already been sent out to all ONG retired officers. Each letter is accompanied by a registration form.

If you're interested in attending this affair, and you have not received a letter, write to Colonel John Siemer, Treasurer, Ohio National Guard Officers Reunion, The Adjutant General's Dept., 2825 W. Granville Rd., Worthington, Oh. 43085.

Over 200 retirees attended last year's reunion.

Guardsman Gives Away \$200 to Unit

An Ohio Army National Guard recruiter from Battery A, 2nd Bn., 174th ADA, Logan, is giving away \$200.

Officer Candidate Jack E. Taylor, 22, recently won a \$200 savings bond as a second place winner in the Operation GO GUARD incentive drawing.

He's decided to "re-invest" that \$200 in his unit. Taylor indicated, "I consider it an investment. Besides, I can't think of any better way to boost our recruiting effort."

Taylor, who is currently a full-time recruiter, gave away \$100 on July 5 to the top recruiter in Battery A; and again on July 7 he gave \$100 to the top recruiter from the battalion.

He is currently attending the Ohio Military Academy in Worthington on weekends. He accomplishes his training at OMA during regular drill periods. In addition, the ambitious Guardsman is a part time student at Hocking Technical College, Nelsonville, where he is majoring in police science.

He has been a member of the Ohio National Guard since March, 1976, and has also served with the U.S. Navy where he received advanced schooling in both boiler technology and public relations.

Taylor, his wife Patricia, and their two year old son, Jack III, reside in Chauncey, Ohio.

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News of Note

Current Addresses Sought for Retired Guard Officers

The Adjutant General's Dept. experiences a great deal of difficulty maintaining current addresses on retired Guardsmen.

From time to time, special information must be sent to them, particularly at or near retirement time. In addition, certain changes occur that must be passed on.

It has been literally impossible to maintain any kind of list of current addresses.

This department would appreciate hearing from anybody who knows the name and address of a retired member of the National Guard.

The information should be sent to The Adjutant General, 2825 W. Granville Rd., Worthington, Oh. 43085.

Veterans Invited to Attend Special Day at State Fair

Veterans from all over the state are being invited to attend a Veteran's Day celebration at the Ohio State Fair.

This celebration, jointly sponsored by the Ohio National Guard and the Ohio State Fair, will begin at 11 a.m. August 20, in front of the Rhodes Building.

During the gathering an award will be presented to the oldest veteran in uniform.

Also scheduled are award presentations to the "Best Straight Shooters" (participants in the Ohio National Guard B.B. Gun Clinic) and awards honoring the local news media. Presenting the awards will be BG James Abraham, Assistant Adjutant General for Army.

Application forms for the Oldest Vet Yet Award are available by writing to the Public Affairs Office, Adjutant General for Ohio, 2825 W. Granville Rd., Worthington, Oh. 43085.

Applications will also be available Aug. 16-19 inside the Buckeye Building. Veterans wishing to compete for the award should plan to be in front of the Rhodes Building by 10 a.m. on August 20.

Deduction Available for Group Term Insurance

Premiums for the Ohio National Guard's new Group Term Life Insurance may be paid by deduction from a Guardsman's drill pay. This feature allows a convenient method to pay premiums and helps avoid inadvertent lapse of the insurance. Allotment instructions and insurance brochures are available at each unit.

The plan features various amounts of Term Life Insurance and Accidental Death and Dismemberment Coverage ranging from a high of \$148,000 for a monthly premium of \$15.80 for non-flyers under age 31—to a low of \$26,000 for \$2.50 a month for the same age group.

A special plan is available to Guard members under age 36 on military flight status. This provides a \$35,000 term life insurance plus \$10,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment for a monthly premium of \$12. With 1,000 or more military flight hours, they may also request the add-on option at non-flyer rates. Guardsmen on flight status over age 36 are considered non-flyers for insurance purposes.

Family coverage is also available covering the spouse and all eligible, unmarried, dependent children for a single monthly premium of \$1.50. This coverage is determined by age, with a maximum of \$5,000 for the spouse age 40 and under, and \$1,000 for each child. There is no limit to the number of eligible dependents who can be covered.

The plan is administered by USBA and all correspondence should be directed to them at 1221 Baltimore, Kansas City, Missouri, 64105, or call them toll-free at 1-800-821-7912.

NEW HOPE • *Everyone Wins at the Special Olympics*



The Buckeye Guard

New Hope . . . Those are the words printed on the front of the young girl's tee-shirt. It was a message. It wasn't meant to be, but none the less it was there just the same.

New Hope is the name of two schools for the trainable mentally retarded in Richland and Knox County, Ohio. They were among schools from nine counties participating in the Special Olympics for the Mentally Retarded of Ohio, Area Five. The Special Olympics began in Chicago under the direction of the Joseph P. Kennedy Foundation in 1968. It has grown into an international event with more than half a million participants. Air National Guardsmen from Ohio's 179th Tactical Airlift Group, Mansfield, assisted the Galion, Ohio, Kiwanis Club in the operation of the Regional Special Olympics.

This is the second year that the Kiwanians, with the help of the Guardsmen, have sponsored the event.

The task of keeping times, compiling score sheets, and passing out ribbons for each event was more than the Galion Kiwanis could handle alone. There were 10 events with more than 400 participants ranging in age from eight years to the 30 and over group. Major Jack Arlen, a member of both the 179th TAG and Galion Kiwanis, suggested that the Guard unit might offer some assistance.

"We couldn't have done it without the Guardsmen," said Bob Burks, President of the Kiwanis. "The really helped out and did a super job."

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

Jim Kreis, a tech sergeant in the 178th and president of the unit's NCO Academy Graduate's Association, was asked last year to find volunteers. Those who helped out last year were eager to return a second time. In fact, the number of volunteers doubled this year.

"Once you come and see these kids, you don't have any problems getting people to come back," Kreis stated. "Everybody gets as much out of this as the kids."

"Some of the kids have amazing ability," puffed Master Sergeant Dale Echelberger as he chased softballs thrown by the junior olympians.

"Amazing" would also describe the effort put forth by those labeled by society as mentally retarded. Indeed, there were some severely handicapped people out there sweating and laughing



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and enjoying a beautiful spring day with their friends. One could not help feeling while watching the expressions of determination or answering so many thoughtful questions, that these people had an amazing grasp of their own world. What seemed to be missing in terms of what society considers normal development was replaced by a fascinating insight into what mattered in life.

COMPETITION WITHOUT PRESSURE

They could compete and not feel the pressure of competition. They could win and feel the joy of success. They could lose and be spared the agony and frustration of defeat. Even more important, they seemed to be able to share with each other their deepest feelings of happiness, of exhilaration at having experienced the sensation of live.

ALL-OHIO OLYMPICS

In June, the entire scene was repeated on a greater scale at the Ohio State University Stadium. This was the All-Ohio Special Olympics with more than 2,500 participants from 12 regions within the state. If they have the desire, many of these same youngsters could be there. After that, some would go to the national meets and compete with retarded athletes from around the world at the international games.

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"We have no qualifying events or eliminations," said Pete Emmons, Area Five Coordinator for the Special Olympics. "If they have the desire to try, they can go all the way. The only thing we try to do is see that each person competes with others of the same ability."

The feeling among teachers at the event was that these children "need" to be involved. One teacher stated that this was the biggest event of the year for the kids. Each year more kids try, she said.

Judging from the happy expressions on the faces of the Guardsmen helping

with the Olympics, there will also be more members of the 179th TAG involved. One Guardsman even suggested that the entire Special Olympics program be sponsored by the state's National Guard.

Each person who left the athletic field on that bright Spring day was a winner.

Some left with ribbons and trophies, others with the pride of having done something useful for humanity. Everyone, however, left with something more. It was that hidden message; the words on the front of the little girl's tee-shirt . . . New Hope.

All About People-

1SG HARRY L. COCHRAN had diplomatic duties while commanding the 121st Tac Ftr. Wing during Operation Coronet Whist. He received a personal letter and statue of Christopher Columbus from Columbus, Ohio Mayor **TOM MOODY** to take to Germany with the 121st Wing. In Germany, Ingolstadt Peter Schnell accepted the Ohioans' gifts and presented a stein in return. Likewise, Mayor Hans Stutz of the Village of Manching, closest to the Air Base, presented a stein and book on the village's 2000-year history.

DR. E. C. HORMAN, Englewood, Ohio, has been commissioned a Major in the Ohio Air National Guard and appointed Commander of the 178th Tactical Fighter Group's Clinic at the Springfield

Municipal Airport. He became a certified Air Force flight surgeon recently by attending a special nine-week program at the Brooks School of Aerospace Medicine in San Antonio, Texas.

SSG DONALD LUDOLPH, 26, has been named the most outstanding Guardsman for FY 77 by 2nd Bn., 174th ADA in Marietta. Ludolph and his family reside in New Matamoras, Ohio. He is employed as a maintenance dispatcher for Quaker State Oil in St. Marys, W. Va.

CPT EDWIN E. HALL, of Hilliard, was named the outstanding Jaycee of the Year by the Hilliard Jaycees recently during an awards banquet. CPT Hall is in charge of the Officer Personnel Section for the Adjutant General's Dept. in

Worthington.

DANIEL E. PICKLE (D.D.S.), assistant professor of periodontics and medical service liaison officer at the West Virginia University School of Dentistry, has received for the second consecutive year a commendation for "outstanding public service support" from the Air Force Recruiting Service. Dr. Pickle holds the rank of lieutenant colonel in the Ohio Air National Guard.

The Outstanding Young Educator award was presented to **PSG JEFFREY REINHARD**, HHD, 112th Medical Brigade, by the Hilliard, Ohio, Jaycees at their Distinguished Service Award Banquet.

PSG Reinhard is principal of Britton Junior High School in Hilliard.

Have a Whale of a Time!

The Ohio National Guard has become a corporate member of Sea World's Dolphin Club.

This club entitles all Ohio National Guard members to a 15 per cent discount to Sea World of Ohio, as well as Sea World Parks in Orlando, Florida, and San Diego, California.

Additional benefits of the card entitle the user to 20 per cent with Avis Rent-A-Car; 20 per cent discount at the Pro Football Hall of Fame; ten per cent savings on rooms at L-K Motels and much, much more.

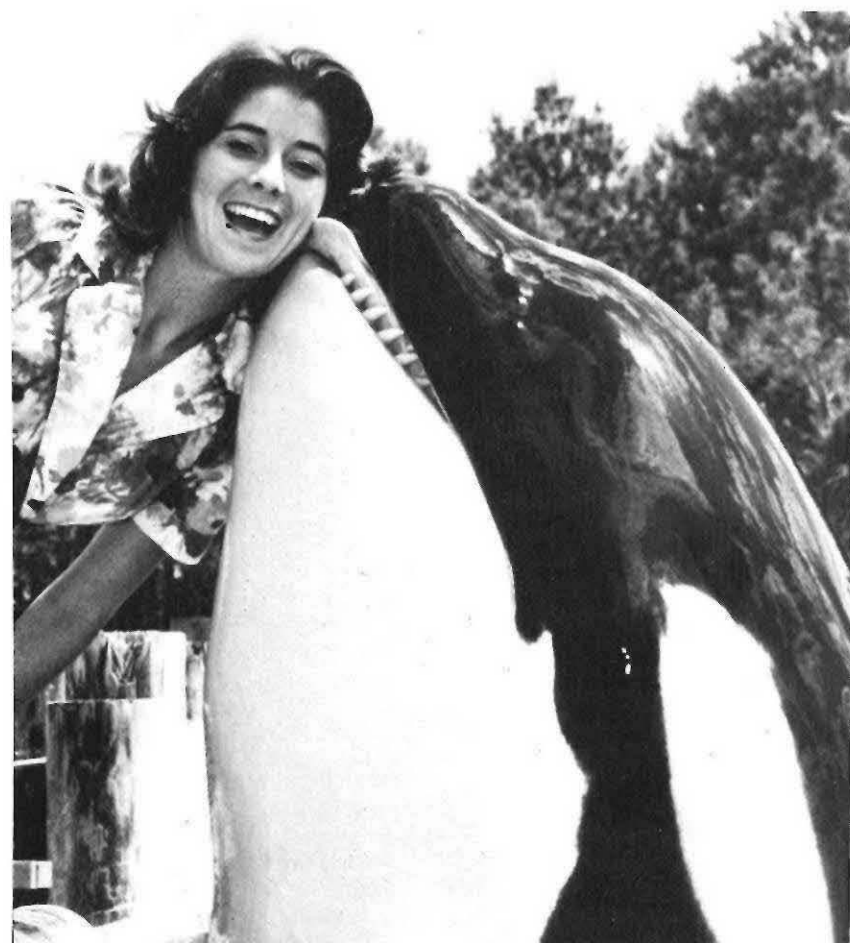
There are no strings attached. Any Ohio National Guard member is entitled to these discounts.

The Dolphin Club cards will be available through your unit commander or AST. One card is good for a member and his guests. These cards are not available to the general public.

In order to take advantage of this year's card, all Guard members are reminded that Sea World of Ohio closes this year's season on September 11.

Sea World of Ohio is located on Route 43, Geauga Lake, Aurora, Ohio, 23 miles southeast of Cleveland (Ohio Turnpike Exit 13).

The Dolphin Club Cards expire April 30, 1978.



SHAMU THE KILLER WHALE plants a big smooch on the cheek of a Sea World visitor. A volunteer from the audience can share this thrill in daily performances of the "Shamu Goes to College" show. Members of the Ohio National Guard are now eligible for discount passes to Sea World. For additional information contact your company commander or unit AST.

Buckeye Bits

TSGT TERRY L. MARTINO of the Ohio Air National Guard is the 1977 All-Army Rifle Champion.

Martino, of Orient, Ohio, won over regular Army, Reserve and National Guard marksmen in the All-Army Rifle and Pistol Matches held at Ft. Benning, Ga.

The 555th AIR NATIONAL GUARD BAND from Toledo performed at the Lutheran Orphans and Old Folks Home 117th Annual Festival in Toledo during June. Nearly 3,000 attended the festival.

CHILLICOTHE was invaded recently by bike riders on the Tour of the Scioto River Valley.

Medical helicopters and several Guard ambulances were used to take care of any injuries which might have occurred.

Company B (Med), 237th Support Bn., with headquarters in Worthington, furnished the MEDEVAC chopper and the tents and ambulances to assist the Red Cross.

The unit had approximately 30-40 men on duty and were bivouacked overnight at the Armory in City Park, according to 1SG B. W. Flowers.

House Passes Tuition Bill

House Bill 228 was passed by the Ohio House of Representatives in May. The bill would provide educational assistance to Ohio National Guard members.

The bill, originally introduced by State Representative Robert W. Jaskulski (D-Garfield Heights), was passed by an overwhelming 84-6 margin.

The legislation would provide for tuition assistance at any state-certified college or university to eligible Ohio National Guard members.

Jaskulski stated this bill would help boost the ranks of the Ohio Guard by providing an incentive to present and future Guard members.

"I think Ohio is aware of the fact that we have an outstanding Guard," he said.

"We've got to continue support of our Guard if we are to insure quality personnel and leaders will be provided in the future," he added.

The bill will now go before the Ohio Senate.

MAJ Thomas C. Phillips, commander of the medical unit, said the training was a great prelude to summer camp.

The 684th MED CO. Westerville, provided 12 tents, ambulances, and other assorted equipment in support of the Special Olympic Games at Ohio State University in Columbus recently.

The event, sponsored by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Retardation, featured track and field

events, bowling, gymnastics, diving, floor hockey, volleyball, ice skating and events for handicapped persons confined in wheel chairs.

Ohio National Guardsmen from the BLUE ASH AIR FACILITY, Blue Ash, Ohio, played the WUBE Radio All-Stars in a charity softball game on July 9th. All proceeds from admission to the game were donated to Childrens Hospital of Cincinnati.

Wives Club News

The Other Half

BY SUSAN BROWN

The Officers' Wives Club will start the 1977-78 season of meetings with a Tea on Monday, September 26 from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. The group will get together at the Officers' Club at Rickenbacker AFB for this party in lieu of a formal meeting and luncheon.

Officers and members of the board will host the tea and are hoping for a large turnout of members, new and old.

Nancy Ingler and Jo-Ellen Griffith are planning and making the arrangements, thus guaranteeing a very lovely party! There will be no charge for this meeting! So come out and be the guest of OWC in September. It is a wonderful way to meet some new Guard wives and see old friends. Reservations may be made with the telephone contact ladies, or by mail to Nita Elliott, 3623 Grafton Ave., Columbus, 43220.

The newly formed Board of OWC is enthusiastically planning activities for the coming year.

Regular luncheon meetings will be held, as before, at the DCSC Officers' Club on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The Social Hour begins at 11:30 and the luncheon is served at 12:30. Two exceptions to this will be in September and April, when get-togethers will be held at the Rickenbacker Officers' Club. Details will be forthcoming, but, as of this writing, the season sounds busy and very exciting. Included in the plans are craft demonstrations, Crazy Bridge, a style show, the annual Holiday Auction, and other programs designed to capture the at-

tention and interest of all Guard wives.

President Jo-Ellen Griffith has expressed her wish to increase the active membership in Guard Wives this year.

The club will be using many innovative ideas to increase attendance and, primarily to make welcome any new wives who do venture out to join the fun!

Active membership in OWC is an important way for a wife to acquaint herself with the people and purpose making up the organization with which her husband is associated.

Included in the planning for the programs is the spotlighting of individual units around the state, to let the members hear a bit about various facets of the total Ohio National Guard mission.

In short, the OWC would like to remind each Ohio National Guard Officer's wife that she is already a member of the club and to urge her to become as active as possible.

There is nursery service available at the DCSC for those with small children. This is a great help to many gals who, otherwise, might not be free to come to the luncheons. It is a very difficult task to contact each lady, personally, but the effort is being made to get the pertinent information distributed.

Let's make the September Welcoming Tea a big success and the 1977-1978 season the year many families of Ohio Guardsmen become truly "Guard Families"!

Can You Afford A \$1200 Pay Cut?

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The kind of things you take for granted now. But they'll be a lot harder to come by once you've left the Guard.

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