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From the AG

A Tangible Reward for Your Troops



Just returned from spending the better part of a week with the Outstanding Soldier Award winners.

Disappointed to learn that most commanders are not making monthly selections and most winners were not aware of the program until advised of their selection.

The state cost to fund this program exceeds \$5000 annually. It provides the commander with a tangible reward he can offer his personnel for excellence.

Commanders should take steps now to see that the program is publicized and emphasized in all units during the coming year.

Annual Training is now complete, with the exception of a few Air Guard units. Generally reports are improved over past years with the exception of unit strength.

The reports I have seen have been ob-

jectively prepared and can be very useful to commanders when planning future training. Review your report and make changes in your training program to provide additional instructions in the areas indicated as needing improvement in this year's report.

I would like for everyone to review their accident prevention and safety procedures. I mean not only commanders but all the way down to squad and individual levels. We had a fatality last month involving a track vehicle that should never have occurred. Ninety-two military vehicles have been damaged since the first of this year. Several men have been injured. True, some were due to blizzard conditions; but most were just plain carelessness. Stress safety and accident prevention at every drill. Take care of one another.

Making this short so we can squeeze

in more stories from the field — you unit PIO's are doing a great job. Sorry we can't afford to publish a bigger magazine so all the stories submitted could be in each issue. Keep up the good work.

An Important Message . . .

Here's an important message from the Adjutant General to all Guardmembers enlisted under the tuition grant program; unit commanders, CAA's, AST's and recruiters:

Applications for those planning to attend college this winter quarter under the Ohio Guard's Tuition Assistance Program *must* arrive at the Adjutant General's Department in Worthington no later than November 15, 1978.

General Clem emphasized, "Promises have been broken to at least six enlistees because some commanders, CAA's AST's or recruiters have failed to follow through to insure applications are submitted on time." The Board of Regents has 80,000 tuition assistance grants to administer. It is impossible to manage this program unless everyone gets their applications in on time.

Remember — students enrolled in the program must carry a minimum of 12 credit hours, and complete the courses — or the tuition must be refunded. Also remember that failure to attend drill can result in a Guardperson being dropped from the program. Everyone has a responsibility to make the program work. If you are in the program, don't hesitate to ask the unit commander if your papers have been submitted on time.

Our Cover . . .

Our cover photo was taken by Ohio Air National Guard Staff Sergeant Jim Knapp, a photographer with the 180th Tactical Fighter Group, Toledo Express Airport, Swanton, Ohio.

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A Proud Recruit

Editor's Note: BG James M. Abraham, Assistant Adjutant General for Army, recently received this letter from an Ohio recruit undergoing basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. The general recently completed a fact-finding mission to several active Army Basic Training posts.

Dear General Abraham:

It was a real pleasure to talk to you today. I was also very proud to have been the one to demonstrate the live fire run for you. My buddy was Terry Owens who is from the Washington National Guard. We work good as a team. Running that range was fun and exciting.

This summer has been quite an experience for me. I've learned a lot. Also I paid close attention to how the other enlisted men related and what their gripes are. This will give me great insight when I get my commission.

I look forward to going to Ohio U. this fall. I just hope all goes well from here on in. I'm sure I will do my best.

Again, I wish to tell you that I'm proud to be an Ohio Guardsman. I'm glad I'm carrying out a family tradition.

PVT FRED SCHWARTZ

Tribute to Dr. Thomas

To The Editor:

All the persons of the 148th Infantry wish to congratulate you and your fine magazine for a job well done during 1977 and the first part of 1978.

We would also like to show our appreciation to Mrs. Donald R. Thomas, the widow of Donald Thomas, an outstanding Guardsman.

This being the first year of the annual Donald Thomas Award for best medical unit, we wish to express our gratitude to the people who made it possible for us to win this award.

We feel we deserve the award because we truly are the best but we feel that all National Guardsmen are the best.

I have also enclosed a copy of the letter which we sent to Mrs. Thomas in hopes that you might print one or both of them.

Please give consideration to our request for printing this in your fine magazine.

**PSG LARRY E. FAIRBURN and
the MEDICAL PLATOON
1/148th Inf., Lima**

Editor's Note: Thank you for both your letters and comments, Sergeant Fairburn. We're most happy to see units with pride such as yours. Your letter to Mrs. Thomas follows:

Dear Mrs. Thomas,

It gives me great pleasure to express the gratitude of the medical platoon of the 1/148th infantry for the service of your husband. We want you to know of the great impression he had on us, and how grateful we were for his contribution to the service and to his country. We also wish to show our appreciation for the many personal sacrifices that you made during his time in the National Guard.

As you are aware, our company won the first Donald Thomas Award. We will feel greatly the loss of such a fine person.

Again, we wish to thank you for your personal sacrifices that were made.

**PSG LARRY E. FAIRBURN
Platoon Leader**

Women Are Patriots Too . . .

BY SFC STAN FLAUGHER

Whether or not you believe in the women's ERA movement, you can not help but to be touched by the following letter written by SP5 Vickie M. Lehr, of Delta Company of the 216th Engineer Battalion, located in Tarlton, Ohio. The male domination of the military is at an end, and the male members for the most part are happy to have women such as Specialist Lehr on the National Guard team.

LTC (then Major) Gerald G. Naylor, Commander of the 216th Engineer Battalion of Portsmouth, paid a command visit to the Tarlton armory recently. There were a few complaints, not uncommon in the military. Specialist Five Vickie Lehr decided she had heard enough of the down side of the National Guard, and wanted to tell her side of the story. The following is her story, and is printed with her permission.

America's daughters have served her well, both in uniform and in more conventional dress. Without the dedication of women American history could well have changed for all time. Time and time again young ladies have answered the call to serve, going

all the way back in our history. They are proud of their accomplishments as well they should be.

The Vickie Lehr story could be repeated a thousand times for the other women who serve us in today's armed services.

SERVES BY CHOICE

"I suppose I joined the Guard for the same reason I joined the Marine Corps. I feel I have an obligation. So many men and women have given their lives for this. Who am I to just sit back and take all the rights that they fought and died for without giving something in return? To give of yourself and your time means to sacrifice. Granted the Guard can be inconvenient at times, but if one will stop to think of those who have given of their time and their lives to this country, it makes one feel obligated, and yes, privileged to sacrifice their time."

"Some in this, and other companies, think women join the service, be it active service or the Guard, for more personal reasons; but they never stop to think that women can have the same patriotic feelings that the majority of you reading this have whether you will admit it or not.

"I look forward to coming to drills I feel I'm contributing to my country and community. It may be a small job to others but to me it's my way of saying thanks to those that have gone on before me. I plan to be a 'lifer', be it with this unit or another, because I'm proud to be a 'New Minuteman'."

SP5 VICKIE M. LEHR

Vickie's current duty assignment is Personnel Management Specialist with the Administrative Section in the 216th Engineer Battalion Headquarters in Portsmouth. This is no small job.

The old saying "There are no small jobs, there are only small people" would apply here.

Vickie and each fellow Guard member take these small jobs and turn the entire unit into an effective, alive organization.

It doesn't matter how menial or boring the task assigned to her, she completes it both correctly and with promptness.

The old saying should read "There are no small jobs, each job is a building block in the entire National Guard structure."

Low Strength Creates Burden

Editor's Note: This month's "It's Your View" column was co-authored by TSgt. Charles M. Davidson and SMSgt. David A. Hayes, both members of the Ohio Air National Guard. Any Guardmember, Army or Air, is invited to express his or her opinion on any topic concerning the Guard in this column. Send your typewritten, double-spaced article (in less than 250 words) to "It's Your View", care of BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine, 2825 W. Granville Rd., Worthington, Oh. 43085. We reserve the right to edit all articles for clarity.

When America took to the air, so did the Minutemen! Guardsmen like Charles A. Lindbergh, the first to solo the Atlantic non-stop, and "Rusty" Schweickart of Apollo 9, continued a volunteer tradition, which dates all the way back to 1636.

Today, all across America, thousands of young men and women head for a different way of life in a different set of clothes one weekend a month. They're the New Minutemen; they comprise the Air National Guard.

THREE MISSIONS

The need for the Air National Guard is even greater today than those needs of yesteryear. Today, the Guardsmen face three missions, each of which must be carried out effectively and professionally. Accomplishment of these missions, Federal, State and Community Services, depends primarily upon personnel strength. Low strength places an extra burden on our present members since our commitments are firm and we are resolved to carry them out.

As members of the Air National Guard, one of the oldest and most honorable professions of our country, we are expected to actively par-

ticipate in supporting the assigned missions, as well as maintaining Air National Guard membership goals. The Guard shall never grow if we are satisfied with what we have done and with what is accomplished to date. We must look to a successful, progressive future, if we are to continue an active and professional participation in meeting our mission requirements in maintaining the ANG's powerful status. In order for this to become a reality, we must, each and everyone of us, sell our program and our ideas to the members of our communities.

The Air National Guard has many outstanding programs and benefits available to all of its members in this "patriotic organization". The Ohio Guard has educational benefits beyond compare, for the young men and women who wish to pursue an advanced level of education. Other benefits include, but are not limited to, insurance at a very nominal fee, retirement and travel. Personnel actively participating in the program are in pay status, and can earn hundreds, and even thousands, of extra dollars in a part time situation.

We cannot expect a future member of the ANG to consider our program, if his first, and usually lasting impression, is one of crudeness, indifference or belligerence.

THINK POSITIVE

We must think positive! It is more imperative for our future Guard that men and women become interested in us. Dale Carnegie in his book, "How to Win Friends and Influence People" tells us "Arouse interest in people, and they will like being with you". In attaining, retaining and augmenting Air National Guard membership, there is no substitute for personal contact.

All too often, everyone of us has experienced a reluctance to asking others to belong. One reason many young men and women are not members of the Air National Guard is that they have never been asked to belong, or they do not know enough about it, and in some cases, the disappointment of being turned down. We want to hear our future Guardsmen and women say "yes", and therefore we must be optimistic. Ask your prospective recruit(s) to consider our program and expect them to say "yes". Tell them that they are needed.

More Guardmembers, men and women, are needed and they are needed now. The future of the Air National Guard depends on each of us to search out, communicate with, instill an interest in, and to sell our program to those young men and women who may be seeking some additional assistance in furthering their education, obtaining additional financial aid, or simply desirous of having a feeling of belonging. Self esteem is possessed within all of us as individuals.

We cannot wait for a disaster, such as a tornado, or blizzard, or flooding, or even worse, a national disaster of hellish destruction, to bolster our membership. It must be done now, and it must be done well. We are the strength, support, and back-up defense of our Country, State, and Community; we must remain strong to carry out our assigned missions.

Let us all pull together in an untiring effort to gain the full-strength attainable in our units. It cannot be done by one or two persons alone, but must be a group effort. Only through your dedication to your program, assistance in recruiting and unselfishness in your attitude, can we be successful.

Guard Adds Blizzard Equipment

The Ohio National Guard has sent out bid specifications for over \$770,000 in snow removal equipment approved for purchase recently by the State Controlling Board.

According to Major General James C. Clem, The Adjutant General for Ohio, "After the contracts are awarded, we should have most of this equipment in our hands by the first of January."

General Clem emphasized, "The

equipment being purchased is not available through federal supply channels, and is necessary to provide greater and more rapid assistance during weather emergencies." Clem added that lead time for the delivery of some equipment may take as long as 90 to 180 days after orders are received.

Included in the equipment purchase are the following items: 18 reversible angle snow plows; 18 spreader units;

modifications to the lighting systems of 18 five-ton dump trucks; 12 portable auger snow blowers; six four-wheel drive commercial vehicles with mounted snow plows; 25 twenty-five watt four frequency mobile radios; one 800 KW auxiliary power system; ten 10 KW auxiliary power systems; and 20 installations of automatic throw over systems to accommodate the 10 KW auxiliary power systems.



A 'Howling' Success Story . . .

The uniforms of the day for SGT Norm Steele and SSG Larry Jones are likely to be those of Dracula and Werewolf.

Rest assured, it has nothing to do with the new look for the Ohio National Guard. It's just that Steele and Jones are recruiters with the Guard and they find a bit of ham cuts the mustard when it comes to recruiting new Guardmembers.

They appeared at the Ashtabula County Fair recently and the response was so good that they have been asked to appear at other fairs and festivals. In fact, they have also appeared at the National Air Show at Burke Lakefront Airport where they raced their customized three-wheel motorcycles on an airstrip.

The "gruesome-tuosome" are also scheduled to be the guests of honor at a giant Halloween rock concert to be held at the Engle Rd. armory in Brook Park on Oct. 28. They'll be doing the "Monster Mash" to the music of the Full House Band and Equinox and their custom vehicles will be on display.



Photos by SP4 Rick Lewis

Ohio's Top Guardmembers Earn More Than Just Recognition . . .

16 Treated to Five Days S.A.D., Cedar Point, Free Beach Cottages

BY SFC BOB DEVOE

How would you like a five-day vacation in one of Ohio's nicest resort areas, free passes to Cedar Point, plus five days state active duty pay?

It's all possible if you're selected your unit's outstanding Guardmember.

Sixteen Guardmembers and their families enjoyed these privileges — and more — as part of the Ohio National Guard's unique Outstanding Guardmember Program held at Camp Perry recently.

Under the program outstanding enlisted members in pay grades E-3 through E-6 are given some very special treatment, according to LTC Doile Lama, the officer in charge.

Those selected by their units receive five days state active duty pay; free use of a family housing unit at Camp Perry for five days; and some planned activities and functions involving free tickets for the family to Cedar Point, fishing, water skiing, swimming, golf and a family steak fry. It all amounts to approximately \$300 for each Guardmember.

Twelve hours of "situational rehearsal training" are also provided for all Guardmembers involved in the program. Many consider these morning classes to be a highlight of the affair.

Instructors CPT William Reffett and CPT Brad Stokes conduct practical exercises on situations an NCO is most likely to encounter at the unit level.

SGT Darrell Williams, 29, enjoyed this year's activities and positively feels more people should become involved in this "worthwhile program".

Asked why he was selected as his unit's top Guardsman, he emphasized "probably because I put in more time than the average guy". In addition to his primary duties as a motor pool section sergeant with the 26th Engineer Co., Brook Park, he also assists his unit in recruiting and is personally responsible for bringing a number of people into the Guard.

As a civilian Williams keeps busy as both a school teacher and project engineer for the Cleveland Regional Transit Authority.



SGT DARRELL WILLIAMS and his family enjoyed this year's Outstanding Guardmember Program. Sergeant Williams believes the key to the Guard's retention problem is "meaningful training". (PHOTO BY SFC BOB DEVOE)

He had the opportunity to bring his wife Rhonda and two children along and they all "enjoyed every minute".

MEANINGFUL TRAINING

SGT. Williams firmly believes the key to the Guard's retention problem is "meaningful training" . . . and so does Air Guard SSgt. Mark Kline, another top Guardmember.

Kline, who is a full-time technician with the 179th Tactical Airlift Group, Mansfield, would also like to see the Army and Air Guard work more closely together.

He believes too many activities are being crammed into a drill weekend and the net result is insufficient training.

Kline, who has been a member of the Ohio Guard for nine years, spoke highly of the Outstanding Guardmember Program. "It's a great idea," he said.

His wife enjoyed the vacation and she, too, thought the recognition given her husband was "fantastic".

OTHERS HONORED

Others selected as Outstanding Guardmembers this year included: SGT Danny Adams, Ravenna; PFC Debora Anderson, Newark; SP4 Robert Curtner, Middletown; SP5 Donald Gorjup, Eastlake; SGT Ruth Lane, Plain City; SP4 David Manns, Columbus; SGT Mark Mines, Warren; SGT John Rozsa, Wintersville; SGT Homer Reed, Toledo; SP5 Ronald Colby, Columbus; SP5 Thomas Druschel, Toledo; SGT David J. Johnson, Derby; SGT Jonathan Ratliff, Monroe; SGT Larry Wonn, Lakemore; SP5 Robert E. Brown, Columbus; SP5 Philip Miller, Lima; SGT John Mathews, Columbus; SGT Daniel Wagner, Cincinnati; SGT Richard Hudson, Sidney; SSgt Jack Bishop, Groveport; SSgt Earl Lutz, Bellbrook; SSgt David Neundorf, Toledo; SSgt Charles Somerville, Dayton; Senior Airman John Ruley, Springfield; SGT Debra Gilliam, Hamilton; SSG Stuart Walker, Toledo; and SSG Eugene Watson, Heath, Ohio.

RECRUITING ROUND-UP



The latest news on recruiting and retention including kudos for our go-getters!

RECRUITING ON THE UPSWING

Since our last publication, recruiting continues to drive on. The ONG had over 700 enlistments during July and August alone and September looks healthy as well. Our tuition grant program continues to be our number one benefit to blue-chip, non-prior service prospects. In fact, the Ohio Army Guard is the No. 2 state in the country in recruiting non prior service applicants. Let's drive on and become number one.

CHIEF'S CHALLENGE

Although September figures were not available by press time, several Army units have excellent chances of succeeding in General Weber's Chief's Chal-

lenge program. We'll publish all winners in the next issue of BUCKEYE GUARD.

BLUE STREAK REFERRAL PROGRAM

In order to stimulate more qualified unit prospect leads, the OHARNG will implement the blue streak referral program on October 1, 1978.

This concept enables all guardmembers to send bona-fide recruiting leads directly to the State R & R office. The leads in turn will be given *top priority* by all full time recruiters to convert these names for the units sending in the leads into enlistments. As a benefit to members forwarding leads, requests for state bonus dollars can be generated right at the eight recruiting centers around the state. In this manner, eligible recipients

should receive their state active duty recruiting checks about 20 working days after the prospect enlists.

You can read more about this exciting program in the AGOH-PA-RR red bordered letter dated October 1, 1978 and AGO Circular 601-201.

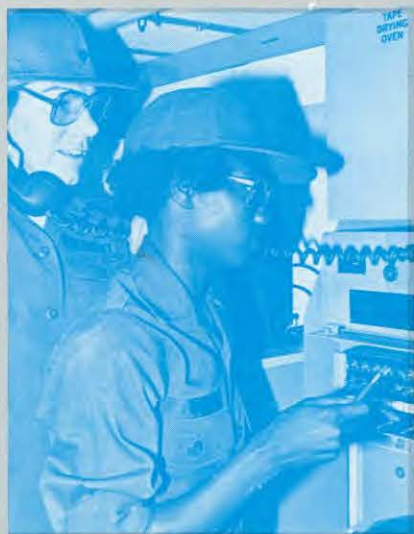
SPECIAL MENTION TO . . .

MSGT Robert L. Speakman (Columbus) who became Ohio's first gold badge Army recruiter. The prestigious gold badge is authorized by MG Clem to any qualified recruiter who reaches the milestone of 50 non-prior service accessions (that's 300 years of obligation to the OHARNG!)

Since the issuance of the first gold badge, several other guardmembers
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Weekend in the Park

37th Signal Displays its Wares



TELETYPISTS — SP4 Karen Harper (left) and PV2 Linda Mims demonstrate the operation of a switchboard in a teletype van belonging to the Ohio Guard's 37th Signal Company. (PHOTO BY SP4 RICK LEWIS)

BY SFC BOB DEVOE

Forty men and women from Lakewood's 37th Signal Company recently spent a weekend in their city park conducting a huge display and practical demonstration of equipment common to a Guard signal unit.

SSG Thomas Glover, Wire Section Sergeant and unit Public Information NCO, explained the display's dual purpose. "The idea behind this type of display is to handle our unit's own practical training plus have some exposure to the local community".

Sergeant Glover compared the unit to a "small telephone company".

The million-dollar equipment display included two teletype vans, a switchboard frame and van, a power generator and thousands of dollars in sophisticated electronics equipment.

Those stopping by to view the display had the opportunity to use one of 20 field phones, send messages over the teletype system, and were briefed on how the phones and other equipment operate.

The 37th Signal's Photo Section showed visitors how to operate a

broad range of photographic equipment too. In addition, they provided photo coverage of their own event.

SFC Ralph Skjoldal, the field first, enthusiastically termed the display both "productive and beneficial."

He emphasized, "We're only one of four National Guard signal companies that has this type of equipment." He added, "There are very few National Guard signal companies in the nation."

Most members of the unit are school-trained and have attended the active Army's 18 week Communications-Electronics Course at Fort Gordon, Ga.

One unit member, SP5 Art St. Clair, brought his own piece of equipment to the park display — a 1971 West Coaster Mini-van, valued at nearly \$2000. The van is emblazoned with National Guard stickers and also sports an Ohio flag. St. Clair says he gets 100 miles per gallon from the two-cylinder 3.5 horsepower engine.

The 37th Signal Company also earned a great deal of mileage from its display in the park.



Ohio Guard Honors Vets at State Fair

The Ohio National Guard recently spent a day at the Ohio State Fair honoring veterans from across the state.

The program, which drew dozens of senior veterans, began in early August when a call went out for Ohio's "Oldest Vet Yet". The entrants ranged in age from 72 to 99.

William Frank Banks, former member of Company M, Eighth Infantry, Ohio National Guard, was saluted as the oldest veteran in attendance at the fair. Banks was a member of the Mansfield unit from 1901 to 1906. During his tour of military service he served in the Honor Guard at the funeral of President McKinley.

Banks retains a copy of his handwritten discharge, and has framed the discharge papers given to his father, a veteran of the Civil War.

Major General James C. Clem presented a plaque and Buckeye Colonel certificate to the oldest vet. Banks also received a ribbon from Therese Vogel, 1977 "Ideal Miss", and a miniature flag from Michael Cannistra, 5, son of SSG Joseph Cannistra of the 112th Engineers.



'BROWN SHOES' — Ninety year old Homer Purdum (above left) and Derrel Rothwell, 88, recently shared memories of their "brown shoe days" at the Ohio Guard's Oldest Vet Ceremony held at the Ohio State Fair. William Frank Banks, 99, (above) was honored as the oldest vet to attend this year's state fair. Twenty other veterans were also honored at the colorful event.

PHOTOS BY MSGT
BOB BARKER

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It Was 'Refreshing'

73d Bde Trains With Campbell's 101st Airborne

BY SFC DON LUNDY

"It was invigorating, stimulating training," said Brigadier General Robert W. Teater, Commander of the Ohio National Guard's 73d Infantry Brigade.

General Teater was referring to his command's two-week summer training stint at Fort Campbell, Ky., in July.

The Buckeye Brigade trained at Fort Campbell with the assistance of the

famed 101st Airborne Division.

Training at an active army installation was a refreshing event for many of the 73d Brigade troopers who were impressed with the support and guidance provided by the 101st personnel.

"The training we received at Fort Campbell gave our people as well as the soldiers of the 101st Division who helped us, the true meaning of what we mean when we talk about the 'One-Army Con-

cept," General Teater said.

GERMAN VILLAGE

One of the highlights for 73d Brigade troopers was a unique mock German village which was erected at Fort Campbell to train 101st personnel for combat in a European Theater of War. The terrain and area in and around the village provided excellent training for the 73d at the unit level.

Another of the highlights of the first week of training at Fort Campbell was a midweek visit from Major General LaVern E. Weber, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, and William Clark, Undersecretary of the Army for Reserve Affairs.

After spending the first week in con- tonement area (main base), the units of the 73d trekked to the field for their second week of training.

An FTX dubbed "Buckeye Eagle," highlighted the second week of activities.

Each unit of the 73d had a role to play in the FTX which saw the entire brigade go fully tactical for a 24 hour period.

While in the field, the troops were visited by Brigadier General James M. Abraham, the Assistant Ohio Adjutant General for Army, and Mr. David Skylar a civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army for Northern Ohio.



HE'S A SCOUT – Pvt Oren Oates of Findlay, a member of Spt. Co., 1/148th Inf. Bn., spent his summer camp at Fort Campbell working with the M60 machine gun as a member of the Scout Platoon. The platoon is the "eyes and ears" of the battalion commander. (PHOTO BY SFC EDWARD RADABAUGH)

Chillicothe Unit Soars at AT

BY PV2 LEE THURMAN

The Chillicothe-based Company A, 216th Engineer Battalion, passed annual training at Camp Grayling this year with flying colors.

Fifth Army evaluators tested the members of Company A on their skills in completing such tasks as tackle rope rigging; nuclear, biological and chemical training; installing barbed wire obstacles; anti-tank obstacles; and building tank positions.

During the second week of AT Company A fired the M-60 machine gun and light anti-tank weapon (LAW); installed demolition charges; practical military orienteering; constructed a Bailey Bridge; and rounded out the two weeks with a convoy movement back to the home station.



CPT SAMUEL JENKINS, Executive Officer for the 437th, feels the training his unit is receiving is more "intensive and professional. (PHOTO BY CPT MICHAEL LAFFERTY)

437th Switches From Taxi to Attack

BY CPT MICHAEL B. LAFFERTY

The men of the Ohio Guard's 437th Aviation Company are out of the taxi service and into the thick of things more than ever. The company's mission is now aerial attack rather than troop transport.

"All of our training is oriented toward attack helicopters," emphasized CPT Samuel Jenkins, executive officer of the 437th (formerly Troop D, 238th Air Cavalry). "The training now is a lot more intensive and professional," CPT Jenkins said. Every month at least one of the company's three platoons will fly to Fort Knox, Ky. for aerial gunnery practice.

MORE SLOTS

"We can't just take people who want to come out and fly every couple of weeks," CPT Jenkins said. In addition to monthly drills, pilots can practice every Tuesday and Thursday night. However, for those who are interested, CPT Jenkins said the company's new mission has

opened many more pilot and support slots. Presently, the 437th has about 50 pilots and 200 enlisted men.

The company has 36 helicopters for its new mission including 12 OH-58s for scouting; 21 UH-11 gunships; and 3 UH-1's for headquarters and maintenance use. It's also likely the company will receive several of the Army's new and lethal Cobra gunships.

Instead of inserting infantry troops in a landing zone, the 437th will use a wide array of weapons to cover ground assaults, destroy fortifications, or knock out armor and other equipment of Warsaw Pact or other enemy forces. Gunships are armed with various combinations of 2.75 inch rockets, 17-pound warhead rockets, anti-tank guided missiles, 40 mm grenade launchers capable of firing 400 rounds per minute.

The 437th is commanded by MAJ Lynn Coriell and is headquartered at Beightler Armory in Worthington.

112th Trans Travels To Fort Hood

BY CPT CHARLES TEMPLIN

Headquarters Detachment, 112th Transportation Battalion (Ohio National Guard) located in Middletown, recently conducted their annual training at Ft. Hood, Texas.

The group, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Raymond Trickler, left Dayton via commercial air to Dallas. They completed their journey to this central Texas Army reservation by chartered bus.

During the first week of training, members of the unit worked with members of the 180th Transportation Battalion (active Army). Fundamental job proficiency at all levels was stressed during this period.

During the second week, the Guard unit actually ran the 180th Trans. Bn. and was evaluated by members of the host organization.

Subordinate units of the 112th Transportation Battalion completed their two weeks training at other locations: 1483rd Company (Eaton, Ohio) at Ft. Campbell, Ky.; 1484th and 1485th Companies (New Philadelphia and Covington, Ohio respectively) at Camp Grayling, Mich.; and the 1486th Company (Ashland, Ohio) at Camp Perry, Ohio. The 1487th Company (Mansfield, Ohio) is on year-round training status and did not participate in a formal two week program this year.

178th TFG Sends Troops to Germany

Fifty civil engineering members of the Ohio Air National Guard's 178th Tactical Fighter Group, Springfield Municipal Airport, recently conducted two weeks of annual training in Germany.

In August, the Springfield men and women boarded a bus which took them to Rickenbacker AFB near Columbus. From there, they were airlifted, with their tools and equipment, to Rhein-Main Air Base in Germany.

Their mission in Germany was to complete construction of a material control building. The finishing work included interior walls, floors and ceilings plus installation of related electrical, heating, ventilating and air conditioning.

Ohio Guard's 135th MP's Dig Germany, Paris, Europe

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY PFC RICK LEWIS

For most members of the Ohio National Guard, AT (Annual Training) this year was conducted at Camp Grayling, Camp Perry, Fort Campbell, or other places within the boundaries of the United States; but for the members of the 135th Military Police Company, Fairview Park, AT was conducted in Germany.

The 135th met at their local armory early in the morning of their departure for AT. There was the usual formation, roll call and an inspection of uniforms.

At 9 a.m. Captain Larry Rutherford, Company Commander, indicated it was time to leave for Cleveland Hopkins Airport. After goodbyes to relatives and friends the trip to Germany began.

The Guardmembers were taken swiftly through the airport and soon boarded a plane for McGuire AFB, New Jersey, for the second leg of their trip to Germany.

At McGuire we waited for eight hours for our flight to Frankfurt. The reason for the delay was that every person flying out of McGuire must be present eight hours prior to the departure in order to reserve space on the flight, according to local officials.

After a flight of eight hours and 20 minutes, the plane touched-down at Rhine-Main AFB, Frankfurt.

RAINY AND COLD

"The weather in Cleveland, when we left, was clear and sunny with a temperature of 96 degrees; but the weather in Germany was rainy and cold," noted SP4 Andy Arnone.

Completing the customs check, members of the 135th were split up into four groups and bussed to four different locations in Germany: Mannhiem, Karlsruhe, Kaisersluetern and Pirmecens.

"The weekend was reserved for our people to rest and do a little sight seeing before going to work on Monday," said Capt. Rutherford. "Most people were exhausted after the long trip to Germany and used this time to rest," he added.

On Monday the MP's went through weapons qualification. With the Black Forest as a backdrop and West Germans watching, the MPs fired their weapons with a lot of proficiency.

"We were able to learn about the German's weapons and the Germans learned about ours," said Specialist 4 Gerald Baker.

Starting on Tuesday the people were split up once again. This time they were divided into working shifts. "The reason for this was to make it possible for everyone to have free time during the daylight hours to see the country," said 2LT Andres Lebron.

EUROPEAN LIBERTY

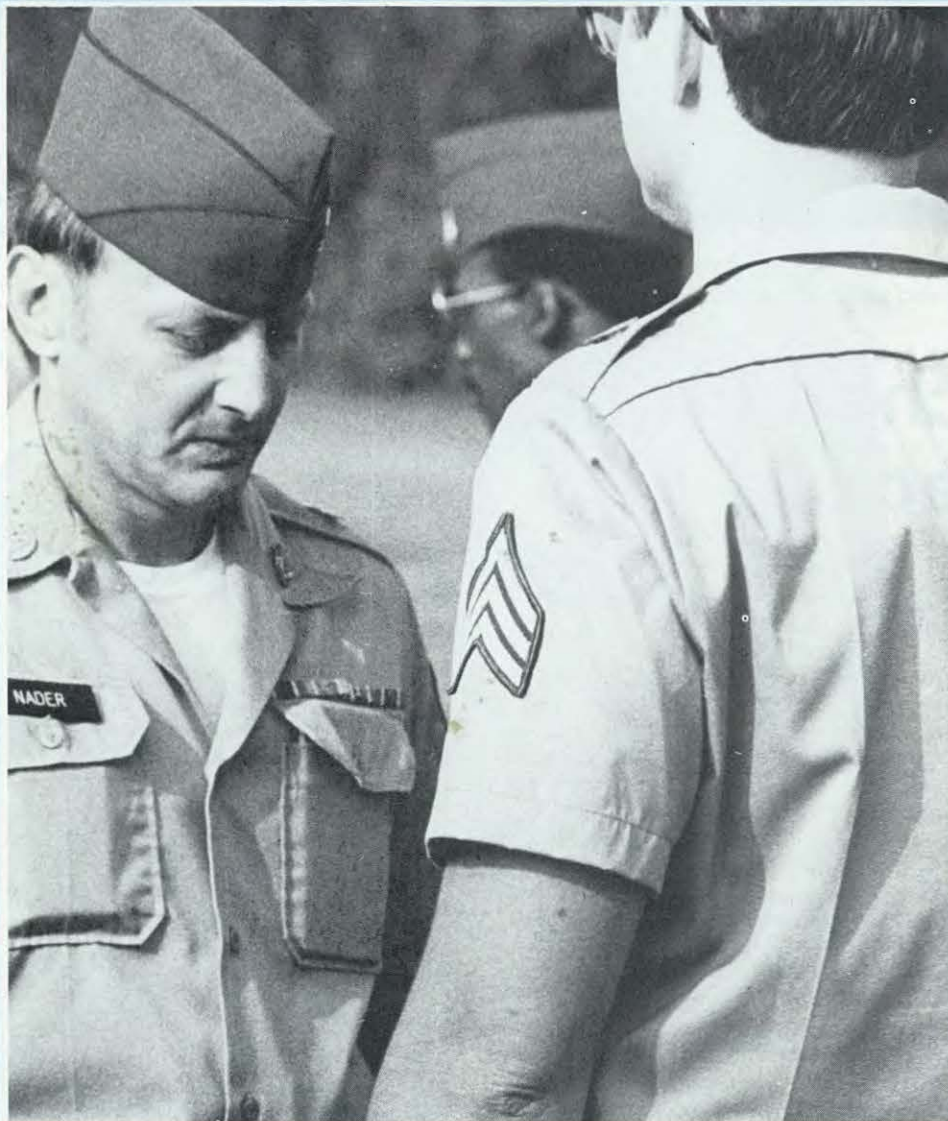
On the middle weekend of summer camp all members of the 135th were given liberty from noon Friday to noon Monday to go anywhere they pleased in Europe. There were tours set up for Paris, and a lot of people decided to take advantage of them, according to Captain Rutherford.

As with all good things, they must come to an end.

Most Guardmembers felt the time in Germany was too short.

"In two weeks you're just getting to know the country and its customs. I think that they should make AT in Germany or any other foreign country four weeks long instead of two," said Specialist 4 Alfred Michaels.

Everyone loaded up their cuckoo clocks and other souvenirs for the trip back to Fairview Park, thousands of miles away.



SFC JOSEPH NADER, 135th M.P. Company, inspects his platoon before they depart from the Fairview Park Armory for their 17-hour trip to Germany.



WHILE IN GERMANY, members of the 135th M.P. Company were given ample opportunity to do some sight-seeing. One of the many fountains in the city of Manhiem is shown here.

South of the Border

179th Tactical Airlift Group Conducts Embassy Supply Missions

BY LT. COL. JACK ARLEN
AND MSGT ZANE ZIMMERMAN

It is eight o'clock in the morning as the first engine of our C-130 turns over. There is a thick pea soup fog within the aircraft as the air conditioner begins to fight the oppressive heat. As we start to taxi to the end of the runway at Howard

AFB, Panama, the fog begins to clear. Our one and a half hour flight will take us to Bogota, Columbia. It is a mission of cargo resupply to our embassy and support personnel.

The aircraft and crew are from the 179th Tactical Airlift Group based at Mansfield, Ohio. The unit is involved in the "Volant Oak" exercise. They are

working side-by-side with the 167th TAG, another Air National Guard unit from Martinsburg, W. Va. The Air National Guard has taken the place of regular Air Force crews and, now on a rotational basis with the Air Force Reserve, are setting new standards of performance. Over 100 personnel and three C-130 aircraft from Mansfield have accomplished all the missions with precision that earned the unit an outstanding rating in its last inspection.

For the past five weeks the C-130 aircraft of the 179th have been involved in paratroop drops, search and rescue missions, medical evacuation flights, and resupply flights over Central and South America. This flight will return today, but not all flights are so short. Many are overnight missions into various Central American countries. Others will involve almost thirty hours of flying time over a period of four or five days while transporting mail, cargo, and passengers "down country" to our embassies in South America.

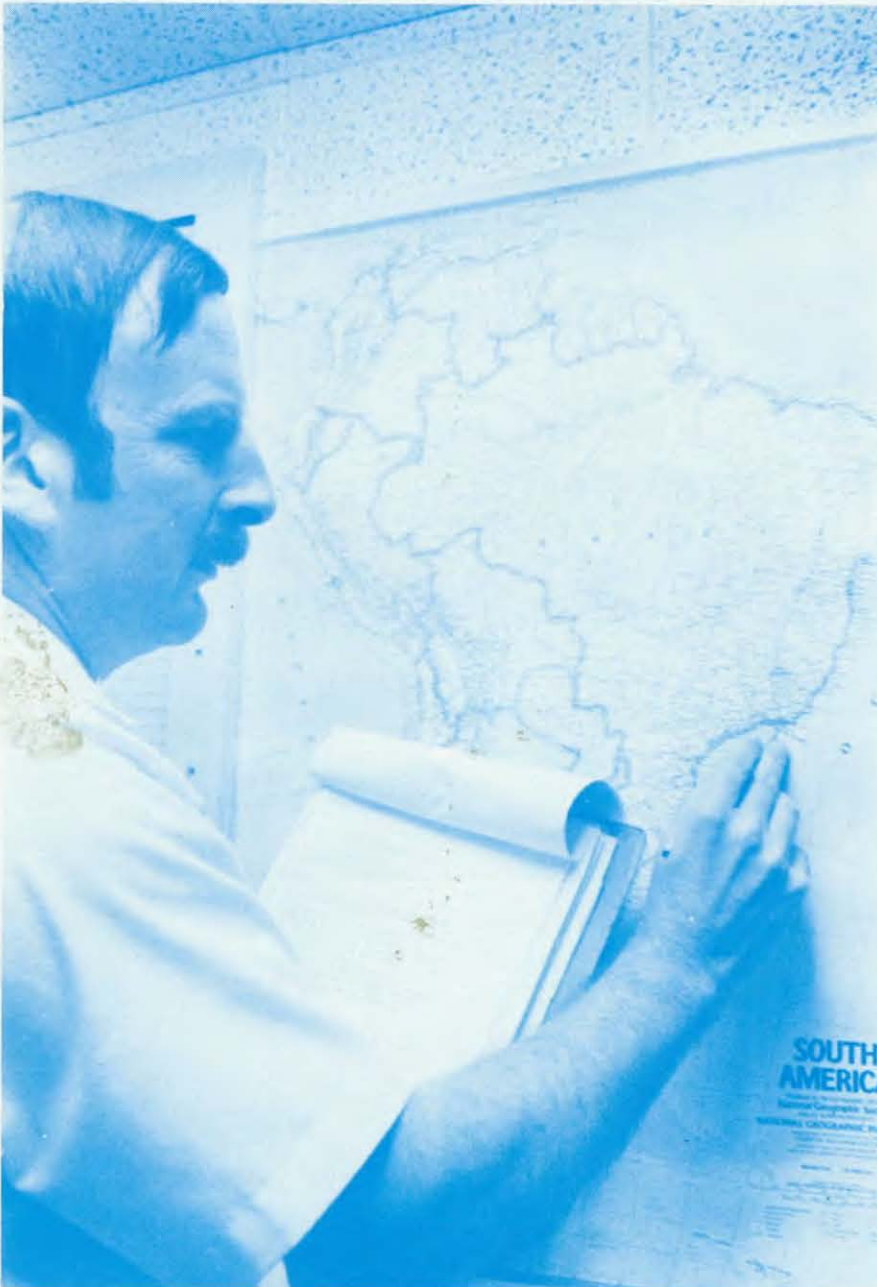
PERU VS. HOLLAND

The first leg of a South American trip took us to an overnight stop in Lima, Peru. Here we learned where certain priorities are placed. We landed as Peru played Holland in the World Cup Soccer Series. Getting fuel for the aircraft and an inspector for customs took a small miracle. When these soccer matches are played everything else in South America stops.

The next day our aircraft winged its way to Santiago, Chile. The area between Peru and Santiago is even dryer than our American Southwest, with no trees and a harsh landscape — not at all what we had imagined South America to be like. Our C-130 climbed to higher altitudes as we approached the Andes Mountains. Our altimeter read 23,000 feet as we flew aside mountains with snow-capped peaks still higher.

BATTLE SCARS

It was three o'clock when we landed at Santiago, and the air was considerably cooler. It was the approach of winter in South America — the type of weather we in Ohio would have in October. The crew was quartered in a hotel beside the presidential Palace where in 1972 President Alende was killed during an 18 hour revolution. Battle scars still mar the downtown buildings. Armed soldiers are still present. We reflected a bit on the privileges we have in our U.S.A. Curfew from midnight to five in the morning is



LT. COL. BILL PHANEUF, mission commander for one of the two-week sessions, checks the location of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where the Mansfield-based 179th Tactical Airlift Group has been requested to make a cargo delivery. (PHOTO BY SSGT JOHN RENOCK)

still in effect in Peru and Chile as the governments attempt to control any future strife.

The next day of the airlift mission took us again over the Andes and into Montevideo, Uruguay. Montevideo sits on the shores of the Atlantic and is on the 36 degree south parallel, which is the same as Ohio in the north parallel. It has the four seasons, but mild winters. As we drove to our hotel the leaves were falling and the chilled air and sunny sky gave us the feeling that we should be seeing a football game.

The next day we were airborne and on our way to Concepcion, Uruguay, where our C-130 was refueled. Two hours later we were on our way to Lima for an overnight stop. This time, however, the curfew had been lifted and the people were crowding the streets in a holiday atmosphere.

REFLECTIONS

As we headed back to Panama the next day we reflected upon this experience of a lifetime — one of the many things learned, on the misconceptions corrected, on the fun and the excitement of the South Americans, but above all, on some of the friendliest and warmest people we have known.

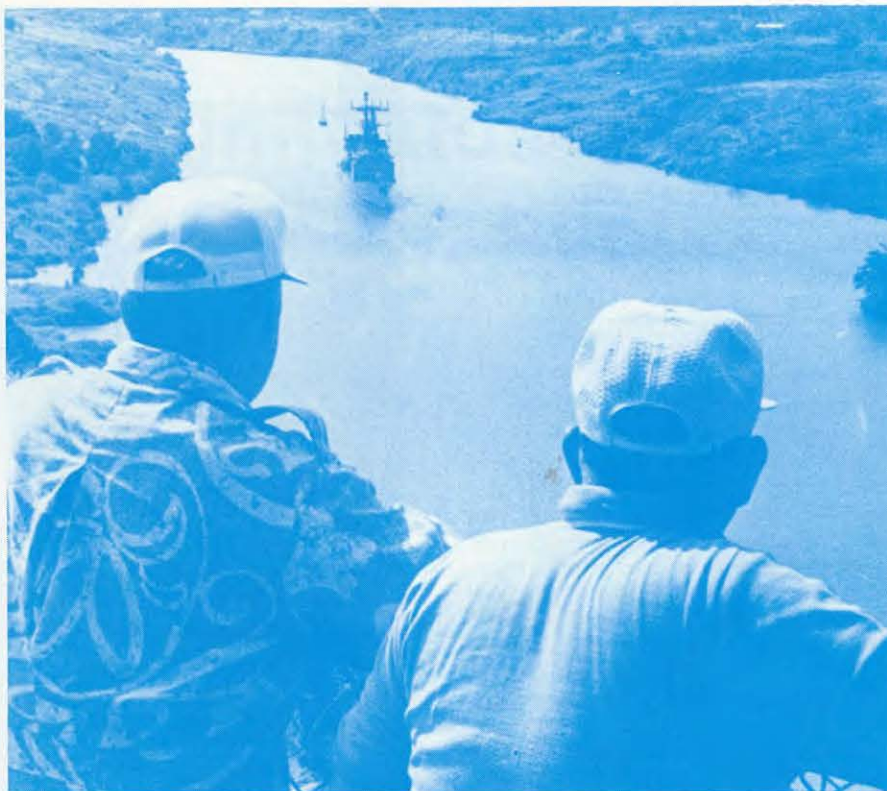
The mission was important and the Air National Guard proved it could perform in a top notch manner whatever it was called upon to handle. The 179th completed 125 sorties, logging over 500 hours of flying time. They had airlifted over 250,000 pounds of cargo to South and Central America.

178th Flies Support Mission in Florida

The Ohio Air National Guard's 178th Tactical Fighter Group recently deployed six of its A-7D Corsair II attack aircraft from the Springfield Municipal Airport to Patrick Air Force Base, Florida.

A total of 50 men and women of the 178th were involved in this deployment. After arrival at Patrick AFB, Springfield, Air Guard pilots flew 10 straight days in support of the 549th Tactical Air Support Training Group which trains Forward Air Controllers (FACs) for the U.S. Air Force.

This was the first major deployment for the 178th since it converted to the advanced A-7D aircraft. Earlier this month, the 178th deployed three A-7Ds to Niagara Falls International Airport in New York for three days — during which time they flew aggressor missions against F-105 Thunderchief aircraft from the 113th Tactical Fighter Wing, a Washington, D.C. Air National Guard unit.



CANAL ZONE – Members of the 179th Tactical Airlift Group watch a ship in the Panama Canal. The ship is about to enter one of the locks below which the men are standing. (PHOTO BY SSGT JOHN RENOCK)



TIME OUT FOR SHOPPING – TSGT Green, a member of the 179th TAG, holds some of the purchases he made in a market in San Salvador, El Salvador, Central America. A two-hour trip to the market was made while cargo was loaded on the aircraft during a resupply visit to the U.S. embassy there. Wagon wheel electric lamps and brilliantly colored towels were among the treasured items bartered for in San Salvador. (PHOTO BY SSGT JOHN RENOCK)

Grandmother Completes First AT in Texas

BY SSG CHARLES V. SKAGGS

"I always wanted to be in the service, even when I was a child, but I married too young." But now this thirty-six year-old grandmother has just completed her first summer camp with the Ohio Army National Guard.

Specialist 4 Carol Davison came from a Navy family, with a brother and a brother-in-law in that branch of the service, so after her divorce when she decided she needed more training, she went to the Navy first. "They said I was too old to join unless I had prior service, but I could do a tour with the National Guard, come back, and I would meet the requirements." Now, after two years and her first summer camp with the Guard, she's not so sure she wants to go to the Navy.

With the Guard, Carol was the first female from the state of Ohio to complete the Ground Control Approach (GCA) Radar course at Ft. Gordon, Georgia. She gave up a job as a welder to go to basic training and radar school, but got a job with Arcair in Lancaster as an electronics assembler after her return last summer.

During her two weeks of Annual Training at Corpus Christi Army Depot and Naval Air Station, Texas, she worked with the Navy personnel on their radar equipment, and at the end of that time she received a letter of commendation from the Navy for her work.

When asked if she felt she was treated better or worse than a man in the Guard she replied "No, except for different



GOOD TRACE - "There now we have a good trace". Seaman Davis instructs SP4 Carol Davison in the adjustments of the radar screen display. (PHOTO BY SP6 B. CENESKIE)

quarters, I'm treated just like one of the guys, and that is what I like."

Although she quit high school in her Junior year to get married, she obtained a GED equivalence diploma in 1967, and has since attended two years of college at Ohio State University and Franklin University.

Marriage plans? "I do have a boyfriend in Columbus, but I don't see anything in the immediate future."

Her training in the Guard probably

won't help her in civilian life immediately, but she may apply for a job with the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA). "I would like to go to school on the TPX-40 Transponder Receiver Set, and only the Air Force and the FAA have schools on it."

Whatever this bright young grandmother tries, we are sure she will succeed, and we think that the Ohio National Guard and the 1416th Transportation Company (Aircraft Maintenance) are definitely improved by her presence.

160th Air Refueling Group Receives Top Honors for Its Maintenance

BY ANNA M. ISAAC

The 160th Air Refueling Group of the Air National Guard was the only Guard unit to receive top honors in the world wide competition for the Daedalian Maintenance Award.

The Daedalian Trophy was established by the Daedalian Foundation in 1960, and made available to the Air Force by the Order of Daedalian, an organization founded by World War I pilots.

Each year one maintenance unit is chosen as the best within their command and submitted to the Headquarters USAF as their nomination for

this award.

These nominations are evaluated by maintenance officers from HQ USAF Logistic Maintenance and Supply (LGY) for the Chief of Staff who approves the final selection.

The evaluation consists of an examination of statistical and narrative information and an on-site evaluation of the top contenders.

The winner of this competition was USAF's 36th Tactical Fighter Wing, Bitburg AB, Germany.

Head members of the 160th Air Refueling Group Maintenance Crew included Lt. Col. William Fuller, Deputy

Commander for maintenance, and Captain Joseph Carr, Assistant Maintenance Officer.

"The fact that we placed so well in this competition is an honor in itself. It is recognition of the pride and outstanding performance of all the maintenance personnel of the 160th, both air technicians and our Guardsmen who belong to and train with our unit," Col. Fuller said.

Col. Edward Power, Group Commander, commented, "Team effort and hard work put forth by the crew members involved made the receiving of this award possible.

A-7D Flight Simulator Provides Safe Thrill for 121st Pilots

On a spring morning in Ohio, the sky flashes a brilliant blue and the land seems to stretch out forever. The newly plowed soil holds all the sharp edges in perfect patterns. It was on just such a morning recently, that Captain Roger Drummond, 121st Tactical Fighter Wing, headed for Rickenbacker Air Force Base. There could be no question, it was a perfect day to fly. Not a cloud in the sky. There was a cloud present, however — a cloud of uncertainty.

Captain Drummond, senior pilot, headed for his pre-flight briefing and then on to the aircraft and climbed into the cockpit of the A-7D Corsair II. And there was the cloud of uncertainty. Surely, there was no question in Roger's mind about his abilities. What a list of credentials — two thousand hours of flying, military and private. He had flown the T-37, T-38, F-100C and D, and the O-2, and is a qualified air and ground Forward Air Controller. What was the problem?

Roger was seated in the cockpit of an aircraft he had never flown before. On the surface, the scene is set for almost certain disaster. No way!!

HOT SEAT

As Master Sergeant Andy Dudash gave the traditional final wave, he quickly took his place in the seat attached to the outside of the cockpit of Captain Drummond's aircraft. You see, this particular cockpit is the hot seat for pilots using the A-7D Flight Simulator and it is bolted to the floor of a specially constructed simulator building. The simulator was designed to provide a safe and efficient means to teach and to improve pilot proficiency.

The simulator facility at Rickenbacker is manned by a crew of ten, highly trained and dedicated Air National Guardsmen under the direction of Senior Master Sergeant Larry Freeze. When you deal on a daily basis with a mass of electronic equipment valued in excess of \$8,000,000, you can bet that they know their business. Their goal is to make certain that all the kinks are worked out before a pilot faces a serious problem in actual flight.

NATURAL SENSATION

A pilot can learn basic kinds of information about the aircraft such as location and function of all instruments and controls, aircraft handling characteristics, and become familiar with weapons deliv-



SWITCHOLOGY—Master Sergeant Andy Dudash (right) points out the many switches in the simulator cockpit to first-time A-7D Corsair II pilot, Captain Roger Drummond. (USAF PHOTO BY TSGT. TOM FOLEY.)

ery systems, head-up display, and radar scope interpretation. Cockpit motion is included in the simulator which provides realistic response to control movements. The pilot gets a natural sensation of movement produced by a hydraulically-actuated motion system that really moves the 30,000 pound simulator around.

In later phases of simulator training, the pilot will be exposed to emergency situations which could occur during flight. With a monitoring system of lights, dials and electronic digital readouts, the instructor maintains constant watch to improve the pilot's procedures. Advanced training brings together all phases into a complete mission situation with the introduction of various hazards and emergency situations.

There are only five such simulators in the Air Force and three of those belong to the Air Guard. Small wonder that pilots from many units, locations and branches of service come to the 121st for assistance. Modification will begin shortly to

provide visual simulation through the pilot's wind screen.

THUMBS UP

Captain Drummond is typical of the pilots who learn the ropes and hone their combat skills in the modern Ohio Air Guard. When Sergeant Freeze and his crew give Roger the thumbs-up signal, he can be confident that he has had the best training possible. On another spring morning when it's a great day to fly, he will be doing his thing, and recalling the motto of the simulator crew, "Leave your mistakes here!"

Story by
Captain
Stephen
Koper

UPDATE:

A Report From the Ohio
National Guard Officers'
Association

BY CPT. STEVE KOPER

COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COURSE OFFERED

The 2075th USAR School, 1600 Seymour Ave., Cincinnati, is offering the Command and General Staff course in seminar beginning in early October. Officers from southern Ohio and nearby Kentucky and Indiana have found this seminar to be just the answer to the C&GS requirement. Those interested should contact LTC Michael Morgan, c/o Procter and Gamble Co., telephone (513) 977-7496.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE APPOINTED

The Board of Trustees has approved the Nominations Committee for 1978-1979. The committee will be chaired by Captain Orville Miller, 134th Engineer Group. Members of the committee are Brig. Gen. Frederick Wenger, retired; COL. Robert Orr HHD OHARNG; LTC Lester Carr, 73d Inf. Bde; Maj. Jack Sanford, 160th AREFG; Maj. Anthony Cookro, 54th Spt. Cen.; Maj. Robert Thompson, 107th ACR; and Capt. Robert Dearth, 121st TFW. Members of the Association who wish to place names in nomination should contact members of the committee directly or address the chairman c/o the Association office.

TRUSTEES CONSIDERING ONGA JEWELRY

For those of you who attended the state Conference at Salt Fork, you may recall the display of proposed designs of an Ohio National Guard Association ring and belt buckle. These designs were prepared at our request by the Recognition Division of Josten's. Josten's is a nationally known firm specializing in recognition jewelry including championship rings for most collegiate and professional sports teams.

The initial cost estimates prepared by the company were based on the Association absorbing the cost of manufacturing dies and the sale of items on an individual basis. 10K gold rings were to be approximately \$150, and bronze belt buckles, \$10. The Board of Trustees rejected the original proposal on rings as being economically unattractive to our members. They also directed Josten's to prepare an alternate design for the bronze buckle. This has been accomplished.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on October 17, at the Forest Park Inn, Columbus, beginning at 6:30 p.m., the trustees will consider the newly designed buckle and take appropriate action. In addition a new price schedule and proposal on rings will be presented in a cost range of \$75. Members who would like to see these designs are welcome to attend. Your interest should be made known to any of the officers or trustees of the association.

FUNDS SOUGHT FOR PERSHING MEMORIAL

The Pershing Park Memorial Association is the sponsor of a \$3 million project to build the Pershing Memorial Museum which will not only honor John J. Pershing.

If you would like to help in this project, contributions are tax deductible. Contributions or requests for information should be directed to: Pershing Memorial Museum Development Fund, P.O. Box 177, Laclede, Missouri, 64651

Recruiting Round-up (Continued from page 7)

have qualified for "gold" status. These include: SFC Kenneth Crew and SSG James Powers (Cincinnati); SSG Larry Jones (Cleveland); SGT James Costello (Norwalk); and SSG Pamela Recroft (Columbus).

Hats off to Company C, 216th Engineers (Felicity) on receiving the coveted Governor's Cup award for best retention of troops during calendar year 1977.

Special pat on the back to the 2/174th ADA, their commander, NCO's and SSG Maynard Tescar (recruiting manager) for developing a very comprehensive and hard charging unit-level recruiting program. At press time the Southeast Ohio battalion was at 93.3 per cent strength

and moving up. Other battalions continuing to excel include 612th Engineer Battalion (99.2 per cent); 112th Transportation Battalion (93.6 per cent); 437th Military Police Battalion (91.0 per cent); and 137th S & S Battalion (90.4 per cent).

Battalion commanders are reminded to keep Oct. 14 and 15 open for a special commanders Recruiting and Retention workshop in Worthington.

And last but not least,

A one-of-a-kind mention to MSG Guy Gennett (Akron-Canton) for pulling non-existent resources out of a hat, to build a fantastic recruiting van. (More on the van in the December issue).

Keep moving on, and we will be the number one R & R state in the nation!

From the President's Desk. . .

Each year at the state conference, the subject of our retired officers is raised. There are always some retired officers in attendance who do their very best to point out, in a logical fashion, the importance of a fully integrated Association structure and the need for contingency planning for our Association in the event of a general mobilization.

Not once in the last 10 years have I heard a ground swell of opposition voiced to these premises. We can safely assume that our elder statesmen are absolutely right and that we, the active members, have dropped the ball.

The National Guard Association of the United States have begun to implement a plan to develop and expand retiree participation. They have asked and we have agreed to support this program at the state level. Accordingly, I have asked Colonel Dennis Rodgers to serve as our retired representative at a working breakfast hosted by NGAUS at the 100th General Conference.

I have asked Colonel Rodgers to begin work in several areas which urgently need attention. These include: chairing our Continuity Committee; updating of retired rosters; beginning a study of a permanent site for the Hall of Fame; and, in conjunction with the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, a review of contingency plans in the event of an emergency call-up.

In addition, I have made a concerted effort to appoint a retired officer to each of the committees of the Association.

Speaking now to our retired officers,—you can be of great help. First of all, if you are not now receiving Association mailings and/or are not registered as a Retired Life Member, please contact the Association secretary immediately. No dues are required. Secondly, you have travelled many of these roads before and we have need of your experience. Let us hear from you, loud and clear.

**Deadline For
Next Issue
Oct. 31**



Enlisted Association Rap

A column designed to keep members of the Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association informed of the latest developments

BY MSG WARREN MYERS

The first annual Family Picnic, held at Geauga Lake Park, was attended by 400 people in August. This was considered a good turn-out for the first year, and we are looking for a much larger attendance next year.

Approximately 150 (members and spouses) attended the National Conference in Hawaii, from September 22 to October 2.

The conference was very productive, and all had a great time.

The last Board of Directors All State meeting was held at the Ramada Inn, Fremont, Ohio. The meeting consisted of registration, a cocktail hour, Awards

Banquet and a Saturday night party, and was followed by a Board of Directors Meeting on Sunday. All general membership were encouraged to attend.

Special congratulations to the 145th ARS, Air National Guard, for a 100 percent membership. D. J. Harris is the unit representative. We hope to see a lot more units reach 100 percent membership.

If you are not a member, contact your unit representative. He or she will give you details on joining.

Every member of the Enlisted Association should receive a copy of the VOICE. If you do not receive it, please notify the Secretary, Nancy Clevenger, at P.O. Box 215, Dublin, Ohio 43017.

Excitement Builds for Hawaii Trip

As I write this, I am feeling very excited in anticipation of the trip to Hawaii. It is odd that by the time you receive this issue, I will be back home and Aloha time will be over.

We are very happy to inform you that the Survivor's Benefit Bill has unanimously passed the House of Representatives and now goes to the Senate where it is still in Committee. Please write your senator in regard to S. 2856. The senator in charge of the committee on this bill is: Senator John C. Culver of Iowa. Let's make the final push and get this very vital legislation over the last hurdle.

Are you promoting membership for our Lima Convention? It will be here before we know it and we want to share the fun with others. We would like to have 200 members by convention time. Remember, there will be a prize for the member bringing in the most new members.

I hope I'm not out of line congratulating Lois Goodson on her election as President of the EANGUS Auxiliary. She has been serving as such since the resignation in March 1978 of the former president and deserves a vote of confidence.

Congratulations Lois, keep promoting the Auxiliary no matter where you may be—many are unaware of the good times we have together or our goals in helping the Association. Have a bountiful Thanksgiving.

BEVERLY S. ARN
President, EANGO Auxiliary

Letter From The President

One of the things which bothers me most is the "seemingly" lack of enthusiasm to become involved in the activities of EANGUS.

Many of you may feel that you don't want to become involved because you may not feel welcome or you may feel out of place. The activities of the Enlisted Association are planned and attended by people just like you who have the same interests and needs that you do.

It is to your advantage to get involved. Many of the things that EANGUS do affect your lives as well as ours. We need to grow and make our presence known to really be effective.

Area and Regional Directors should make sure that your local interests and needs are made known to the Ohio Association and further, these ideas are carried on to the national level at the national convention each year.

JAMES H. SEBETTO
President

Congress Makes Additional Benefits Available to Guard

BY LTC WILLIAM SHIMP

In September of 1976, Congress passed the Public Safety Officer's Benefit Act of 1976 (P.L. 94-430), which provides a death benefit of \$50,000 to dependents of Public Safety Officers who die as a result of personal injury sustained in the line of duty while acting as firemen, involved in crime or juvenile delinquency control or reduction, or enforcement of the criminal laws.

When Guardsmen are called to duty to participate in these capacities, they qualify as public safety officers, and their de-

pendents are eligible for this benefit in the event of death resulting from personal injury while in the line of duty. Claims for benefits are administered by the Federal Law Enforcement Assistance Administration and processed through the Adjutant General's Department.

This program is another in the continuing line of programs which recognize the vital role played by Guardsmen and other law enforcement officers in public service to their local, state and national governments.

Awards Conference Set for PIO's

The Second Annual State Public Affairs Awards Conference will be held on November 4 in Worthington, Ohio, at the Beightler Armory.

The conference will begin at 9 a.m. and will conclude at 1 p.m.

Both top unit PIO's and outstanding civilian news media will be honored at the affair.

BG Robert Solomon, Chief of Information for Department of the Army, Washington, will be the guest of honor.

Buckeye Bits

37th Holds Reunion

The annual reunion of the 37th Division took place recently at the American Legion Hall in Portsmouth.

Members of the "Buckeye Division" came from as far away as Maryland to take part in the festivities.

The reunion was headed by Ernie Cole of Minford and Colonel (Ret.) Walker Warner of Portsmouth, according to SFC Stan Flaughter, unit PIO for the 216th.

Disney Discounts

According to Colonel Charles Conner, Commander of the Ohio Army Guard's 371st Support Group, Kettering, Guardmembers who wish to visit Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla., between Oct. 7-23 will receive substantial discounts upon presentation of their identification card.

Those interested in receiving advance tickets for this special military package should write to Walt Disney World, Admissions office, P.O. Box 40, Lake Buena Vista, Fla. 32830.

Tickets are \$7.50 per person with unlimited access to all rides and performances.

123rd Selected for 'Eagle'

The 123rd Tactical Control Flight, Blue Ash ANG Station, has been selected to participate in "Gallant Eagle 79." The Unit will be deployed from October 22 to November 5 near Eglin Air Force Base at Fort Walton Beach, Florida.

The 123rd will be the principal aircraft control system facility for all the aircraft activity duty and Guard, participating in the exercise in that area, according to CPT J. A. Coning, 123rd TCF PIO.

"We have an excellent opportunity to test our radar and communication capabilities in this type of exercise," according to Major Richard P. Scherer, Flight Commander.

English Exchange

This September, 150 members of Company A, 1st Battalion, 166th Infantry, 73rd Brigade, (Sep) of the Ohio National Guard, stationed in Xenia and Washington Court House, winged their way to England for two weeks of Annual Training and Company maneuvers.

While Company A was airlifted across the Atlantic, 150 members of England's 2nd Regiment, 52nd Lowlands Territory Voluntary Army, traveled to Fort Knox, Ky., for similar training with American weapons and equipment.

The men from Company A spent from



AIRMAN JUDY BURDINE is the first woman other than administrative, to be assigned to the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing's Civil Engineering Flight. She is an apprentice site developer with the unit and a graduate of the 17-week civil engineering course at Sheppard AFB, Tex. (121st TFG PHOTO)

Sept. 16 to Oct. 1 training with English weapons and equipment at Sunnebridge in South Wales, 200 miles west of London.

Although other units of the Ohio National Guard have trained overseas for several years, this will be the first time a full exchange program has taken place.

Help for Tami

Employee's of the Adjutant General's Department in Worthington combined with WNCI Radio, Columbus, and the Full House rock group from Toledo to help the family of 15-year-old Tami Crabtree, from Dublin, Ohio, recently.

Tami recently had a delicate liver transplant operation resulting in nearly \$195,000 in medical bills.

To help the family, Mrs. Flossie Mathena acted as chairman for a benefit rock concert at Dublin High School.

Dublin H.S. donated its cafeteria; the Full House Band (who also played at this year's Ohio State Fair) donated their services; and WNCI radio's Chris Tyler agreed to emcee the affair at no charge.

Employees from the AG department generously donated over \$100 to the Tami Crabtree Fund.

180th Hosts Public

The Air Guard's 180th Tactical Fighter Group, Swanton, recently conducted its second annual open house at Toledo Express Airport.

Static displays of various aircraft and other equipment, along with demonstrations, were part of the festivities.

Movies and a concert by the 555th Air Force Band were also featured.

Felicity Unit Honored

While at annual training this year at Grayling, Co. C, 216th Engineer Battalion, Felicity, received the Governor's Cup for outstanding retention of its troops.

The unit maintained the highest retention figure of all the Ohio Army National Guard units for calendar year 1977.

The award was presented to unit commander CPT Patrick Garner, according to SSG Ray Kraft, unit PIO.

Picnic Draws 300

Norwalk's Co. C., 612th Engineer Battalion, held its company picnic recently.

Over 300 Guardmembers and their families attended the affair, according to SGT Jim Cosello, unit recruiter.

Company C has also formed a volunteer color guard which has already won an award for its performance in a local parade and represented the Ohio Guard during Veterans' Day ceremonies at this year's Ohio State Fair.

PFC Audie Meade is NCOIC of the color guard, which was formed to perform at football games and to promote the tuition program.

Other color guard members include PFC Ronald Miller, PVT Timothy Webb, and PVT Tim Altomare.

251st Named Tops

Headquarters 251st Combat Communications Group has been selected as the outstanding combat communications group headquarters in the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve by the Commander of the Air Force Communications Services.

The Commander of the 251st, Colonel Pasquale Gicale, was informed his unit was named recipient of the AFCS Unit Achievement Award for 1977 for their sustained, outstanding support and contribution to AFCS and the total forces mission.

Major General Robert E. Sadler, Commander of AFCS, presented the award.

The 251st has also been recipient of the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award in 1973 and 1975.

All About People-

DEBORAH ANN GREEN, 19, of Columbus, has enlisted in the Ohio Army National Guard for a six year period. She will be a member of the 122nd Army Band, headquartered in Worthington. She is the daughter of **LTC and MRS. ROBERT D. GREEN** of Worthington.

SGT MARY DURHAM, a full-time technician with Ohio Air Guard headquarters in Worthington, was recently presented the Sustained Superior Performance Award for her duties as a military personnel clerk. **BG PAUL HOOVER**, Assistant Adjutant General for Air, presented the award.

CPT BARRY JENKINS recently turned over command of Headquarters Company, 612th Eng., Bn., to **CPT JAVERIO GIARRUSSO**.

When **TSGT LARRY BENDING** attends weekend drills with the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing he won't be leaving his wife **VICKI** at home. **VICKI** recently joined the same unit.

British **CAPTAIN B. L. TOMLINSON**, an Army chaplain from Glasgow, England, recently visited ONG headquarters in Worthington. The chaplain, who was on an exchange mission with another church received a Certificate of Recognition from the Adjutant General.

Ohio Army Guard **SGT WALTER KERN** was honored while on annual Training at Camp Grayling by the Grayling Chamber of Commerce as the Buckeye Guard's top soldier at AT this year. Kern is a motor sergeant with the 1193rd Engr. Co.

Air **SSGT KEITH DANIELS**, 121st Tactical Fighter Wing won a trophy on the Warner Cable TV show "QUBE Talent Search". **DANIELS** sang the Hank Snow song "I've Been Everywhere" to win the nightly competition and finish second in the weekly contest.

Also with the 121st **AIRMAN BASIC DAVID HENNESSEY** recently returned from basic training where he was named the honor grad for his training flight. **HENNESSEY** is assigned to the 121st Mobility Flight, Admin. Section.

Ohio Distinguished Service Medals were recently presented to active army personnel by **COL. EDWARD POWER**, Commander of the 160th Air Refueling Group, Rickenbacker AFB. Those receiving Medals for their blizzard rescue efforts include: **SP5 JOE D. ROGERS**, Circleville; **SP5 CHARLES RAY**, Blacklick; and **1LT WARREN CHILDREE**.

COL. RAYMOND GALLOWAY was presented the Meritorious Service Medal during training at Camp Grayling, Michigan, recently. **GALLOWAY** was recognized for his outstanding military leadership while commander of the 107th Ar-



Bucket Brigade

SALLY HERTZFIELD, a member of the 180th Tactical Fighter Group's Water Ball Team, decided to cool off a team member during the State Waterball and Bucket Brigade Contests held recently in Whitehouse, Ohio. The 180th team placed sixth. (PHOTO BY SSGT JIM KNAPP)

mored Cavalry Regiment, Cleveland. **MG CHARLES JONES** presented the award.

TSGT CLYDE F. LOGAN from the 160th Air Refueling Gp., Rickenbacker, was credited with saving the life of three-year-old **GARY PENCE** recently. The boy had just been pulled from a neighbor's swimming pool when **LOGAN** was called to the scene. Finding no pulse, he administered CPR which he continued until an ambulance arrived. Gary is now at home and in good condition thanks to Sergeant Logan.

Ohio State Highway Patrol Trooper **DOUGLAS TURPENING**, who is also a sergeant in the Air Guard assigned to the 180th Tac Ftr Gp, received the Citation of Merit from the Patrol recently for saving the lives of several residents of a burning apartment building in Maumee, Ohio.

MSGT WALTER MOTZ, a recruiter for the Ohio Air Guard at Rickenbacker, became one of the first OANG members to take advantage of the Community College of the Air Force college degree program.

TSGT DAVE EDWARDS, first sergeant for the Civil Engineering Flight of the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing at Rickenbacker, recently received tickets to a Cincinnati Reds game, compliments of the Information Office Internal Source Program. His tip on **JUDY BURDINE**, a member of his flight, was judged best of all entries received. Internal Source is a program which provides 121st members an opportunity to report news to the information office from the individual units.

Ohio National Guardsmen from Manchester's **Company B, 216th Engineer Battalion**, completed a combat engineer efficiency test while on annual training at Camp Grayling, Michigan, recently. Nearly 400 other Guardsmen were involved in the test which included advanced bridge building techniques, a compass course, and map reading.

Company B's third platoon, led by **SECOND LIEUTENANT CALVIN W. CAMPBELL** of Springboro, and **STAFF SERGEANT TIMMY PAUL**, of Manchester, took first place awards for the combat efficiency test. The test was part of the Manchester unit's two week annual training session at Grayling in June.

The Ohio Army Guard's **684th MEDICAL COMPANY** and personnel from the **112th MEDICAL BRIGADE**, recently conducted physical examinations and immunization support for the 174th Air Defense Artillery Battalion.

Physicals were conducted in the Zanesville armory and immunizations were provided at armories in McConnsville, Athens and Logan.

If the superstition about chimney sweeps being lucky is true, then Joseph Germani has a very lucky future to look forward to.

Joe, with the help of his wife Helen, spends about two weekends a month cleaning chimneys in central Ohio. They have formed their own company, named the Chimney Sweeps.

Oddly enough, the idea that formed the company came during what could have been a disaster.

Joe was in the Air Force, finishing an eight year hitch. At that time, the couple was living a few miles from the base in a small English town. Since the fireplace in their home was the main source of heat, they used it frequently.

One day, when Joe was at work, a fire started that left a charred mantle and some minor smoke damage. Luckily no one was injured, and Joe relates, "We didn't know we were supposed to have the chimney cleaned. But after the fire we had it cleaned by a chimney sweep, and made sure it was kept clean."

ENERGY CRISIS

When Germani left the service, he and his wife moved back to Columbus and Joe worked alternately for a mining company and the Coast Guard. But last year the idea of opening a business as a chimney sweep came back when the energy crisis surfaced.

"I figured a lot more people would be using their fireplaces to heat their homes", he said. "And if they were using them frequently, I figured they had to be cleaned."

It takes Joe and Helen about an hour to clean a fireplace, but some places have taken considerably longer. Their marathon sweep lasted five hours. "The house was about 100 years old", Joe said, "and some young kids had just moved in and they really wanted to use the fireplace." Joe added that the fireplace was so dirty, he guessed it hadn't been used in 40 years.

TOUGH ASSIGNMENT

Another tough assignment Joe remembered occurred last Christmas eve. "This individual used the fireplace all winter, and during that time he had three separate fires. One time he resorted to throwing a set of tire chains down the chimney trying to put the fire out. Finally he called us." The house was 19 years old, Joe related, and the fireplace had never been cleaned.

Folk lore has it that it's good luck to touch a chimney sweep, and that you should always be kind to them. Joe remembered one customer, an English woman, who was thrilled to have him in her home. "She brought all her kids in so they could touch us", he said. "Then they gave us each an apple."

Joe joined the Army National Guard last September, as an E5, and is currently assigned to the 238th Cav., Troop D, in Worthington and is attending the Guard's Non-commissioned Officers Leadership School.



BY SSG BECKY MONEYSMITH

THE OTHER HALF

BY SUSAN BROWN

Warm smiles, animated conversation and delicious food were the order of the day! The Ohio National Guard Officers' Wives Club was meeting for the first time this season.

The occasion was the annual Friendship Tea held at Rickenbacker AFB Officers' Club on September 26. Tea chairman, Jo Ellen Griffith, with the able assistance of OWC board members, was responsible for a lovely and successful season-opening party. Hostesses were the OWC board members, who combined their efforts to come up with quite a tempting array of sweets.

The inventive herbal nametags, decorations and hostess corsages in beautiful autumn shades, were most ingenious. "Welcome", is always the key word from the OWC in September and the many ladies in attendance surely got the word! Thanks are due to the hostesses who helped to begin this year in such a grand fashion.

'ROOM WITH A VIEW'

Is that painting hung too high? Can I combine this pattern and that stripe in one room? What really are the key elements in a pleasing color scheme? The answers to all of the above, and other home decorating questions will be available to us all at the October 24 luncheon. Jeannie Daily, of J. Daily Interiors, Delaware, Ohio, will present a program

intriguingly entitled "A Room With a View" (Inside!). Jeannie will demonstrate the step-by-step decoration of a room, and will be happy to answer our questions.

Most of us love the idea of a well decorated home, with lots of style, but are unsure about how to create the look we desire. Here is a chance to pick up some professional pointers on a subject near and dear to your heart, your home!

This luncheon will be at the DCSC Officers' Club. Remember we are alternating between Rickenbacker and the DCSC this year. Luncheon will be served at twelve-thirty, with social hour beginning at eleven-thirty.

HOLIDAY AUCTION

The OWC annual holiday auction in November has been planned to include a new and very important element, our husbands! Many members have expressed a desire to have an evening meeting, which would be a social occasion with husbands attending. Therefore, since the auction is one of the most lively, interesting get-togethers of the year, it was decided to make it an evening affair. Mark your calendars in red for Thursday, November 30, at seven p.m., at Rickenbacker AFB Officers' Club.

There will be time for cocktails, followed by a delicious dinner. Then we will all sit back and enjoy the entertain-

ing auction of items brought by members. It is a marvelous way to Christmas shop! Donations are always varied and the bidding is brisk.

Holiday decorations, plants, baked goods, and many lovely hand-made things are sold each year. So MAKE, BAKE, GROW or SEW! Bring your handiwork, and if possible, your special Ohio Guardsman. Join us for this very enjoyable evening. Each year the auction is the primary fund raising event for OWC. A good attendance is very important and guests, of course, are most welcome.

A VALUED MEMBER

Reservations for any of the meetings can be made with the telephone contact ladies. This committee does a remarkable job each month, but it is very difficult to contact each member. Therefore, if you miss your call, or live out-of-town, please feel free to mail a reservation to Arlene Wayt, 1579 Ramblewood, Columbus 43220. Each Ohio National Guard Officer's wife is a valued member of the group. The officers and board of OWC are hoping to encourage many new ladies to attend the meetings, this year.

The 1978-79 programs have been planned with care and a lot of enthusiasm. Included in the future meetings will be a program on travel, one on cooking, a style show, and more. Pick up a copy of the schedule, and look for more details in the December BUCKEYE GUARD.

Help Wanted:

BY SFC JERRY CONDO

Looking for a full time job? The Ohio Army and Air National Guard may have one for you.

The Technician Personnel Office (TPO) at Beightler Armory in Worthington, notes an estimated 15 full time technician job openings are available around the state at any given time.

The Guard's TPO employs about 2,000 technicians.

The Technicians are federal Civil Service employees, most of whom are required to be members of the Guard, according to CPT Charles Ebert, personnel management specialist.

TPO makes it a practice of announcing vacancies by publishing "merit promotion and placement opportunities" announcements which are distributed to all units and bases.

These announcements should be

Full-time Civil Service Jobs Available with Guard

posted on the unit bulletin boards.

As an example of the number of vacancies in the technician ranks, Ebert pointed out that as of Aug. 6 there were 38 job openings.

The following are *examples* of the types of jobs that normally become available. They are *not* actual vacancies.

ARMY ENLISTED ENTRY LEVEL

—Administrative supply technician. Openings at various locations in the state GS-5 or \$9,959 per year.

—General mechanic. For the Operational Maintenance Support (OMS) shops. WG-8. The pay varies depending on the location of the shops and ranges from a low of \$6.67 per hour to a high of \$7.91 per hour.

—Operations and training specialist one in each battalion headquarters. GS-9, \$15,090 a year.

—Flight instructor (helicopter). At

Army Aviation Support Facility, Worthington, GS-12, \$21,883 per year.

AIR ENTRY LEVEL ENLISTED

—Aircraft mechanic. At all flying bases. WG-10. Pay varies from \$7.27 per hour in Columbus and Mansfield to \$7.60 per hour in Springfield and \$8.39 per hour in Toledo.

—Administrative specialist. All bases, \$9,959 per year. GS-5.

Anyone interested in being considered for a full time technician's job can learn how to apply by reading the first page of the posted job announcements or by calling CPT Ebert at (614) 889-7057.

You may submit an SF171 "Personal Qualifications Statement" to CPT Ebert, Technician Personnel Office, 2825 W. Granville Rd., Worthington, Ohio 43085.

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