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641st Water Purification Detachment...

**Wartime veterans with  
a peacetime mission**



## Ohio's National Guard doing great job in Iowa

I commend the citizens of the central Ohio community and the state for sending their 641st Quartermaster Detachment, Ohio Army National Guard, to the Des Moines, Iowa, area to assist with providing water to our community.

Undoubtedly, Ohioans have been watching the devastation the floods have caused across our state. It is every bit as bad as the news is reporting, and the loss of the water system has had a tremendous impact on the Des Moines area.

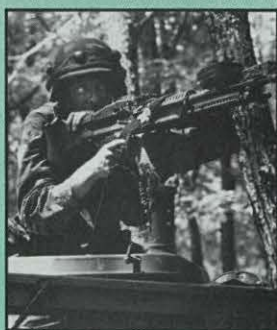
Soon after I called Ohio's adjutant general, members of the Ohio National Guard were on their way to Des Moines with their equipment. They arrived within 24 hours and immediately became operational. Our first priority was to provide full water service to the seven major area hospitals. We have water distribution units from Alabama, Arkansas and North Dakota that have been assigned this mission. The 641st is set up at Easter Lake, on the southeast side of Des Moines, and is producing water for distribution to the citizens of the Des Moines area through a network of 94 distribution points.

Ohio's soldiers are doing an outstanding job in support of our community. They are representing the central Ohio community and state in an outstanding manner. Ohioans can be extremely proud of them. The city of Des Moines and its surrounding suburbs, with more than 250,000 residents, and this headquarters are eternally grateful for their help. They are professionals of the finest order.

Maj. Gen. Warren G. Lawson  
Iowa Army National Guard  
Office of the Adjutant General  
Des Moines



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**ABOUT THE COVER:** Spec. Ryan and Spec. Green, 641st Water Purification Detachment, pump water into bladders in preparation for purification. (Photo by Spec. Nicole Smith, 196th Public Affairs Detachment)

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## NATIONAL NEWS

### VA Benefits Handbook

The 1993 edition of the Department of Veterans Affairs publication "Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents" is available from the U.S. Government Printing Office. The 105-page handbook describes federal benefits for veterans and family members, such as medical care, education, disability compensation, pension, life insurance, home loans, vocational rehabilitation and burial assistance. People can order the handbook by requesting GPO stock number 051-000-00-200-8 from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, and enclosing a check or money order for \$3.25 per copy. To order with VISA or Mastercard, phone (202) 783-3238. (AFNEWS)

### Transition assistance available for Guard

Good news for National Guard and Reserve members affected by force reductions; a new transition assistance program, similar to that offered to active duty soldiers, was authorized by Congress in the 1993 Defense Authorization Act.

In general, the new program affects members who are involuntarily discharged or transferred from the Selected Reserve between Oct. 1, 1991 and Sept. 30, 1995. For more information, National Guard members should contact the personnel office at their state headquarters. (Directorate for Defense Information)

### Senate confirms Lee appointment

In the Pentagon, stewardship of the Total Force Policy has been passed on to a former senior staff member of the House Armed Services Committee. Ms. Deborah R. Lee, confirmed by the Senate May 28, now serves as the third Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs. Her principal role is to advise Secretary Aspin on National Guard and Reserve matters. She is an advocate for boosting Reserve component readiness via realistic training, especially in full partnership with active duty forces, and with adequate equipment. "Readiness is what it is all about," Lee said. "Making sure we can get the job done." (On Guard)

### Army Guard pay system undergoes major change

In the first major change to Reserve component military pay procedures since 1975, the Joint Service Software Reserve Component system came on line during July. The program will provide faster computation and more accurate military pay records for members of the Army National Guard. For most members, the visible change will be a new Leave and Earnings Statement mailed directly to homes approximately three days prior to the payment issue date. The new JSS-RC makes federal income tax withholding based on the required daily tax table rather than the previously used monthly tables. The change will result in more federal taxes withheld from pay. For the 1993 tax year, Army National Guard members will receive two W-2 forms because the tax data from the old system will not be carried over to JSS-RC. (On Guard)

### Enlisted Promotion Changes

Effective Mar. 1, 1993, the Air National Guard changed the Time-In-Service (TIS) required for promotion to staff sergeant (E-5), from three years to four years. The professional military education requirements include mandatory completion of Airman Leadership School by correspondence or in-residence (the NCO Prep Course or NCO Leadership School meets these requirements). Also, the TIS requirements for promotion to technical sergeant (E-6) has changed from five years to six years. (AFIS)

# Wartime veterans with a peacetime mission



Spec. Kenneth Green and Pvt. 2 Keith Ryan direct water tankers through the distribution point as sunset brings a surge in demand for water at the 24-hour water purification operation.

Iowa was in the midst of the worst flood in its history. The water plant that serves the Des Moines area was completely flooded by July 11, leaving 250,000 residents without drinkable water.

When the soldiers of the 641st pulled away from the gates of Grayling on July 14, they were physically and mentally prepared for the task ahead, although they had no idea what to expect from the devastated area awaiting them.

"On the trip over, we were laughing and having a good time on the bus," said Spec. Amy L. Magill, water purification specialist. "Then we saw some of the disaster areas and everyone got quiet. I realized that Iowa had problems, but I didn't know how severe they were. I was shocked to find people with absolutely no water."

"When we were told of the deployment, 10,000 things ran through my mind," said Sparrow. "It was like a small scale de'ja'vu of Saudi Arabia. This is our mission (water purification); we're lucky because we get to do it twice in three years. It's a great feeling, a feeling some soldiers never get to experience.

"Everyday I spent in Saudi was a great day, and everyday I spend here in Iowa will be a great day," Sparrow said. The intensity in Sparrow's eyes and the serious tone in his voice more than hinted at the sincerity of his thoughts.

Many soldiers from the 641st share some of Sparrow's feelings. "I was extremely excited when I found out I was coming to help," said Spec. Olivia Guerra, heavy equipment repair specialist. "This is much different from when we went to Saudi in support of Desert Storm. That was something that needed to be done. But for me, this

Story and photos  
by Spec. Nicole Smith  
196th Public Affairs Det.

"When you leave for annual training you expect to be gone for two weeks," said Sgt. James K. Sparrow, a water purification specialist. "You pay the bills, kiss the family good-bye, lock up the house, and in two weeks you're home."

That is of course if everything goes as expected.

Annual training for 62 Ohio Army National Guard soldiers has been anything but typical this summer. Soldiers of the 641st Quartermaster Detachment in Kettering and their support unit, the 1485th Transportation Co., Dover, arrived safely at Camp Grayling, Mich., in mid-July. The twist came four days later when they were deployed from Camp Grayling and chartered to Camp Dodge, Iowa. Their new mission was to provide as much potable water, as fast as they possibly could, for the residents of Des Moines, Iowa.



Clockwise from above: Pfc. Jennifer Mitchell (left) and 2nd Lt. Joseph Pizza attach a product water hose into a distribution pump. Flood victim receives purified water from Spec. Ryan Adkins. 2nd Lt. Joseph Pizza receives homemade cookies and brownies from local resident Paula Mimnaugh. Pvt. 2 Shawn Marvin (left), Spec. Sean Farley (center), and Spec. Ryan Adkins set up lighting equipment for evening water distribution.



is a better experience because this is my country, these are my people, and this is my home.”

The unit brought four of its six Reverse Osmosis Water Purification Units (ROWPUs) with them to Camp Grayling for their planned training. Upon their deployment to Iowa, a group of soldiers flew back to Kettering to get the two additional ROWPUs. In Ft. Wayne, Ind., they met up with the transportation unit driving the four ROWPUs from Camp Grayling, and all six convoyed to Camp Dodge. The soldiers and the equipment rolled in late the evening of July 15; within the hour, they started their mission at Easter Lake, located south of Des Moines.

Prior to the equipment arriving, an advance party viewed the site and planned where they would set up the ROWPUs. “There are three key things to look for when picking a purification site,” said 2nd Lt. Joseph Pizza. “A large source of water, easy access to the water, and a hard, firm terrain base for

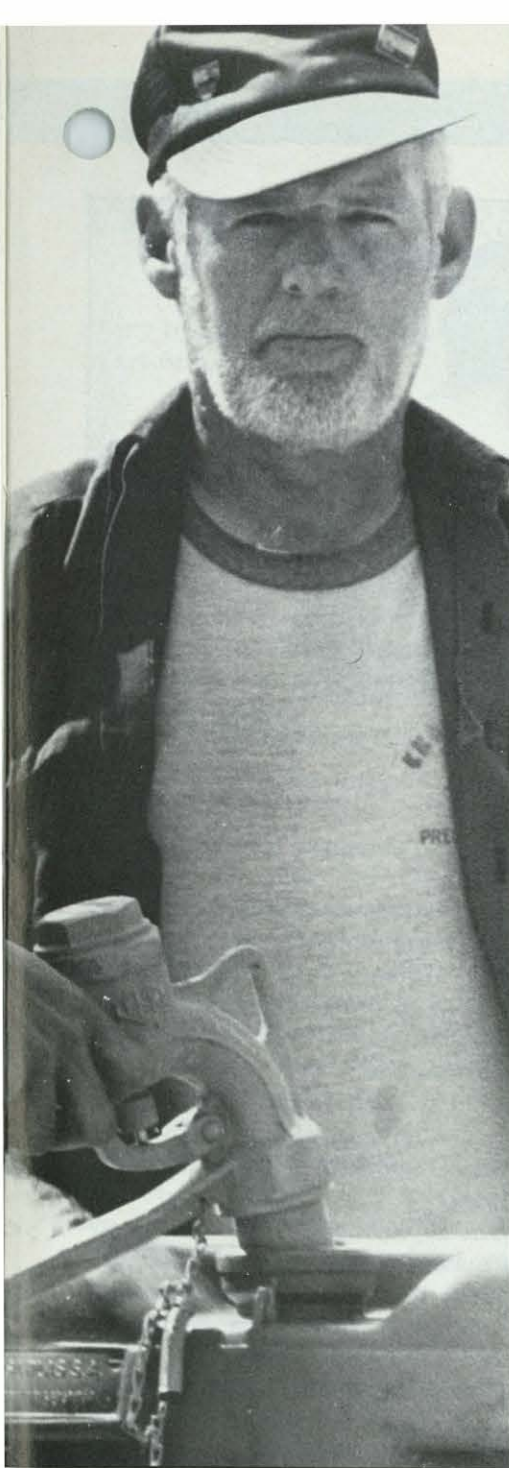
the ROWPUs.” Fortunately, all were found at Easter Lake.

According to Spec. Jonathan M. Wolfe, water purification specialist, it took about seven hours to get the ROWPUs up and running.

Each ROWPU is capable of purifying 3,000 gallons of water an hour and can operate for 20 hours, purifying up to 60,000 gallons a day. It takes four hours a day to clean and maintain the equipment.

“We had to run the ROWPUs for 36 hours to flush impurities out of the system before distribution,” said Wolfe. “The water is put through intensive filtration and chemical tests before it even reaches the storage bladders.” After the series of tests, the water is ready for distribution to residents and local hospitals.

This is a great hands-on learning opportunity for the soldiers who haven’t been officially trained on the equip-



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two years ago, the 641st has attracted many new soldiers to the unit. “Quite honestly, I wasn’t looking forward to setting up, because this is new equipment and most of the unit has not been trained on it,” Magill explained. “But everyone pulled together and things got done.”

Members of maintenance, food service, and other support sections are not only kept busy with their designated duties, but they also have the additional responsibility of assisting in purifying water.

“The unit has been working on 24 hour rotations and the teamwork has been outstanding,” said 1st Lt. Sean M. Paul, company commander. “Coming here, I knew we had a great unit, but watching their performance amazes me.”

Not only is the unit working well with each other, some residents of Des Moines are growing attached to the Ohio soldiers. Sgt. 1st Class Don J. Mimnaugh, a member of the Iowa National Guard, and his wife Paula, visit the soldiers at Easter Lake almost every day. “We pretty much have adopted Ohio,” said the Mimnaughs. Carrying a tub of homemade brownies, Paula smiled and said, “Well, we’ve got to take care of these soldiers one way or another.”

“The feedback from the residents has really inspired us,” said Guerra. “Everyone says thanks, and tells us

how much they appreciate our help. I will never forget when a couple with two young children pulled up to the water point. Showing their enthusiasm about finally getting water, they repeatedly thanked us.

It wasn’t just the ‘thanks’ that reminded me of why I was here, it was the look they gave me that made the difference.” ■

**Editor’s Note:** At the time of publication, NGB approved funding for the 641st to stay in Des Moines beyond their scheduled annual training, which would have ended July 24. Thirty-six volunteers elected to stay through Aug. 11. National Guard units from Alabama, Arkansas and North Dakota joined Ohio in supporting the mission with their own purification equipment and storage bladders.



ment, explained Sparrow. “For those who don’t have much experience, they make up for with enthusiasm,” he added.

“It’s a watch and learn experience for me,” said Spec. David A. McKinney, water purification specialist. “After watching and asking questions from those who have been officially trained, I now feel confident enough to run the equipment myself.”

Since returning from Saudi Arabia

1 month  
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*The 371st Support Group helps the Ohio Guard...*

# Make the Most of Training

Story by Pfc. Richard McGivern  
196th Public Affairs Det.

**M**aking the most of an annual training (AT) period requires clear command and control, constant communication and the ability to adapt in a changing environment. That was the message from Maj. Craig Hoon, operations officer of the 371st Support Group.

The 371st consists of a core support group headquarters along with transportation, maintenance and service/support battalions. Their mission during AT93 was two-fold: First, to develop a support plan for new equipment transition and Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) qualification training. Second, to provide command and control for schools and support elements at Camp Grayling, Mich.

"Our primary goal is to provide support... to let the schools conduct their training and not have to worry about support functions," said Hoon. Because units of the nature of the 371st Support Group, it can effectively provide service in such a way that units won't have to count on utilizing their own internal resources.

Providing effective service support results in two primary benefits for units supported by the 371st. Those units can spend more time and energy on their specific training. Also,



Pfc. Amy Egbert (left) and Spec. Kim Howard use a grid map to locate units during AT 93.

overall support functions can be conducted in a more organized and controlled manner. Elements that the 371st supported during AT93 included the 136th Field Artillery Battalion, the M106 and M113 Schools and internal units. Each of these had specific goals regarding training.

The 136th Field Artillery trained with the M109 self-propelled Howitzer, gaining proficiency in maneuver-

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ing the vehicle, providing fire direction control and engaging targets. The teamwork required to effectively utilize the M109 can only be mastered with intensive training hours. The 136th also conducted training for mortar personnel and Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck (HEMTT) training.

The M106 and M113 Schools provided training for soldiers in transition from ground-based mortars to mechanized infantry and armor. Their training is focused on vehicle skills — from maintenance, to maneu-

vering, to engaging targets with the mortar.

Units attached to the 371st were also performing valuable training. The 135th Military Police Company was training to provide combat support. The 135th also provided area security during the AT period.

This myriad of missions and training objectives illustrates the need for clear command and control in service support.

The deployment of the 641st Quartermaster Detachment to Iowa provided unexpected administrative training. According to Hoon, the actual deployment of the troops was not very difficult since most of the soldiers and their equipment was already at Camp Grayling. However, organizing their transportation and quickly resolving administrative matters required cooperation from many individuals. "The 137th Service and Support Battalion did a great job of organizing the whole situation," said Hoon.

Hoon stressed the need for effective communication within and across units in organizing this AT. Due to reorganizations throughout the Guard and the institution of Total Quality Management, effective communication was paramount. ■



# Weaponeer: "gaming" with tomorrow's technology

Story by Staff Sgt. Dan Darragh  
371st Support Group

**C**rack! Crack! Crack! The sound of an Army M-16 rifle echoed through the second floor of the 371st Support Group Headquarters.

"Down range" targets popped up at various distances only to be knocked down again and again by the person behind the rifle.

But this was no indoor rifle range. It was weapons training on a relatively new piece of equipment to the National Guard called the Weaponeer. While it might look like some kind of a game you would find in an arcade, the Weaponeer is much more.

Available to units training at Grayling, it is a tool used to develop rifle marksmanship and provide diagnostic and remedial training in preparation for live fire.

Simulating the operation and firing of an M-16, the skills developed using the Weaponeer transfer directly to live fire. The Weaponeer provides a continuous video display of the actual sight picture: where the soldier is pointing the weapon and where each shot hits. When the soldier is finished firing, the monitor can show where each shot hit and exactly where the soldier was aiming in the seconds before the round was fired.

A coach is able to stand next to the shooter and make on-the-spot corrections to any firing problems.

Finally, the soldier gets a hard-copy printout record of targets showing hits, misses, late shots, total shots fired and targets exposed. The Weaponeer can also be converted to all firing positions: standing or foxhole, kneeling and prone.

Members of the Kettering-based 371st Support Group and other units



practiced on the device before going to the rifle range to qualify during their two weeks annual training.

Sgt. 1st Class Ed Stoker, 371st, said the Weaponeer is "really an excellent training tool. It gives people a chance to fire a lot of rounds and really become familiar with the weapon."

"When you only fire once a year, you can forget what worked for you the year before, and things go pretty quickly on the range," Stoker said. "Once you start firing, it's too late to get any help and you usually have to live with your score until the next year."

Pfc. Amy Egbert, 371st, said: "It helped me a lot. I hadn't fired for over a year and it really helped refresh my memory before I went out on the range."

Egbert scored 32 out of 40 hits when she went to the range, qualifying for the year as a sharp shooter. ■



Above: A video screen on the weaponeer's control panel shows where the bullet hits the target and where the aiming point was. Top: Spec. Kim Howard sights down the barrel of a M16 attached to the Weaponeer.

# The Infantry goes mobile

Story by  
Pfc. Richard McGivern  
196th Public Affairs Det.

**E**ngaging the enemy and achieving mobility was the goal of the M106 New Equipment Transition Training (NETT) Project experienced by soldiers at Camp Grayling, Mich. during annual training, 1993 (AT93).

The transition training was designed for infantry soldiers of the 1/147th and 1/148th Infantry Battalions who will transition to Armor and Mechanized Infantry, respectively. Thirty-nine students, all 11-Charlie mortar personnel, completed the training.

"Providing for the transition from ground-based to mechanized mortar operations is the primary mission," said Maj. Ed Jones, Officer-in-Charge (OIC) of the project.

Staff Sgt. John McNamara, Troop F, 2/107th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Canton, explained the five phases of the training. The first phase was devoted to vehicle maintenance and driver training. The second phase focused on mounted tactics and occupying firing positions with the M106 mortar carrier vehicles. Phase three was fire direction control training, which was designed to teach soldiers how to respond to calls for fire. The PGE, or Primary Gunner's Exam, was considered the fourth phase of the project;



Two soldiers train on a M106 mortar carrier at Camp Grayling. Thirty-nine infantry soldiers from the 1/147th and 1/148th Infantry Battalions are transitioning from ground based to mechanized mortar operations.

this exam tests soldiers on skills learned up to that point. The fifth and final phase is the live fire, allowing students to engage targets downrange.

"With ground-based mortars, you have to physically move the baseplate," said McNamara. The mobile mortars combine the movement of the turntable within the vehicle and the vehicle itself to acquire a firing position. This mechanized equipment gives the soldiers the ability to both fire and move quickly.

First Lt. Todd Libby, assistant OIC, explained the challenges of the training. "Mechanical maintenance of the

vehicles and mounted operation such as driving and maneuvering are the two primary skills we need to teach," said Libby. The soldiers in this school are already well-accomplished in firing mortars. Making adjustments for the mobile mortar carriers constitutes the bulk of the instruction.

A total of ten vehicles were used in the training. Eight M106 mortar carriers equipped with 107mm mortars and two M577 Mobile Command Posts — which relay Forward Direction Control (FDC) information to the M106s. The soldiers participating in this class had plenty of practice during their AT, firing approximately 200 rounds of the high explosives per day.

Jones was particularly pleased with the students' positive attitude

and willingness to learn. "So far, the training has been excellent," said Jones. The positive attitude was particularly evident among the instructors from the 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment who volunteered for the program. The instructors spent their drill weekends in April, May and June at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., in preparation for this school.

At the completion of this training, the soldiers learned the skills necessary to make a smooth transition from Infantry to Mechanized Infantry and Armor, keeping them in step with the rapid pace of change in the Ohio Army Guard. ■



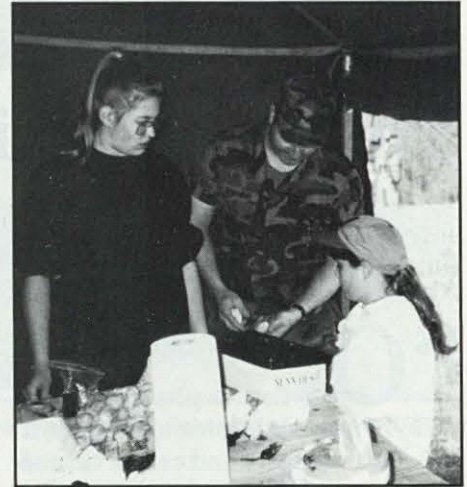
June 13, 1993—After rainy weather slowed the efforts of North Royalton community volunteers building a playground, members of the 112th Eng. Bn. were called in to help. Unit members like Spec. Steve Petroski were happy to lend a hand in the construction of the 15,000 square foot playground.

*The Ohio Guard's  
Community Relations  
program is...*

# Ohioans serving Ohio



On May 22, 1993, twenty-eight members from the Adjutant General's Department, and their spouses or children, participated in a One Day Multiple Sclerosis Bike Tour. The T.A.G. Team rode a 50 mile course, raising \$3338 in funds to support research, education, support groups, job raising and retention.



On May 1, members of C Co., 237th Medical Support Battalion participated in the 21st Annual Emergency Preparedness for Youth Challenge. Nearly 400 Girl Scouts from Central Ohio were tested on what they had learned in a course that taught first aid, CPR and general safety skills. Co. C. was on hand to answer questions and provide constructive criticism.

Sunday, May 16, 1993 was a chilly, overcast morning as the riders rolled into Portage Lakes State Park. But this wasn't a leisurely weekend excursion, it was the second of the three Tour de Cure rides for the benefit of the American Diabetes Association. Assisting with route security and safety were members of the 107th Chemical Co. and I Troop, 3/107th. The all-day affair lasted until about 4:15 p.m. All told, 222 riders logged more than 9,000 miles and promised greater than \$22,000 in pledges.





Staff Sgt. Steven Keble (left), Staff Sgt. Richard Noonan, and Senior Airman Christian Zlocki load a practice missile on an F-16 during Snowbird.

# F-16's first deployment builds confidence

Story by Tech. Sgt. Lon Mitchell  
180th Fighter Group

**“O**ur first deployment with the F-16 proved the aircraft can fly, it will continue to fly and can be turned quickly,” said Maj. Richard Brazeau, 180th Fighter Group maintenance staff officer.

“It was important on this first deployment to get our confidence level up, and we were able to do that.”

SNOWBIRD, a Feb. 21 to March 4 deployment to Davis-Montham Air Force Base in Arizona, was designed to give pilots from northern states an opportunity to fly in decent weather in the wintertime.

“We left snow and freezing rain here in Toledo to near perfect weather there,” said Brazeau. “I want to thank the personnel who prepared the flight line in the bad weather so we could launch the aircraft. It was a heroic job.”

This deployment also afforded the maintenance crews a first-time oppor-

tunity “to really learn the aircraft, dig in and build a flying schedule,” said Brazeau.

“It would have been fantastic if all the planes would have flown without a hitch, but then our people would not have gained valuable trouble-shooting and maintenance experience.”

Brazeau said there were some real trouble-shooting nightmares, “but we stuck with it and got all the sorties in and all the planes back on schedule.”

Lt. Col. John Lyczkowski, standards evaluation officer, said the deployment enhanced the confidence of both maintenance and operations in the reliability of the F-16.

“Maintenance worked long hours to provide the aircraft, and the pilots were able to utilize the large Goldwater Range to upgrade their training. It was a total team effort.” ■

## Command Profile



### Col. A.J. Feucht 180th Fighter Group

**Occupation:** 180th Fighter Group Commander

**Age:** 46

**Life has taught me:** Success is achieved by hard work, determination and the support of family and friends.

**If I could have just one day to myself, I would:** Ski Taos, New Mexico

**The one film I would like to have starred in is:** Top Gun

**When no one looked I:** Backed my van into my car

**When I was little I wanted to be:** A farmer

**The worst advice I ever received was:** Buy Symbolics stock

**The best advice I ever received was:** Just be yourself

**If I could dine with anyone, past or present, I would invite:** My great grandparents

**The best moment in my life happened when I:** Joined the Ohio National Guard

**My favorite book:** It doesn't take a hero — by Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkop

**My favorite movie:** The Magnificent Seven

**If I could leave today's guardmembers with one piece of advice it would be:** Make the most of your opportunities and work at a job you enjoy.

*Ohio Guard joins the fight to ensure high school students pass the 9th grade proficiency test with...*

# PROJECT PASS

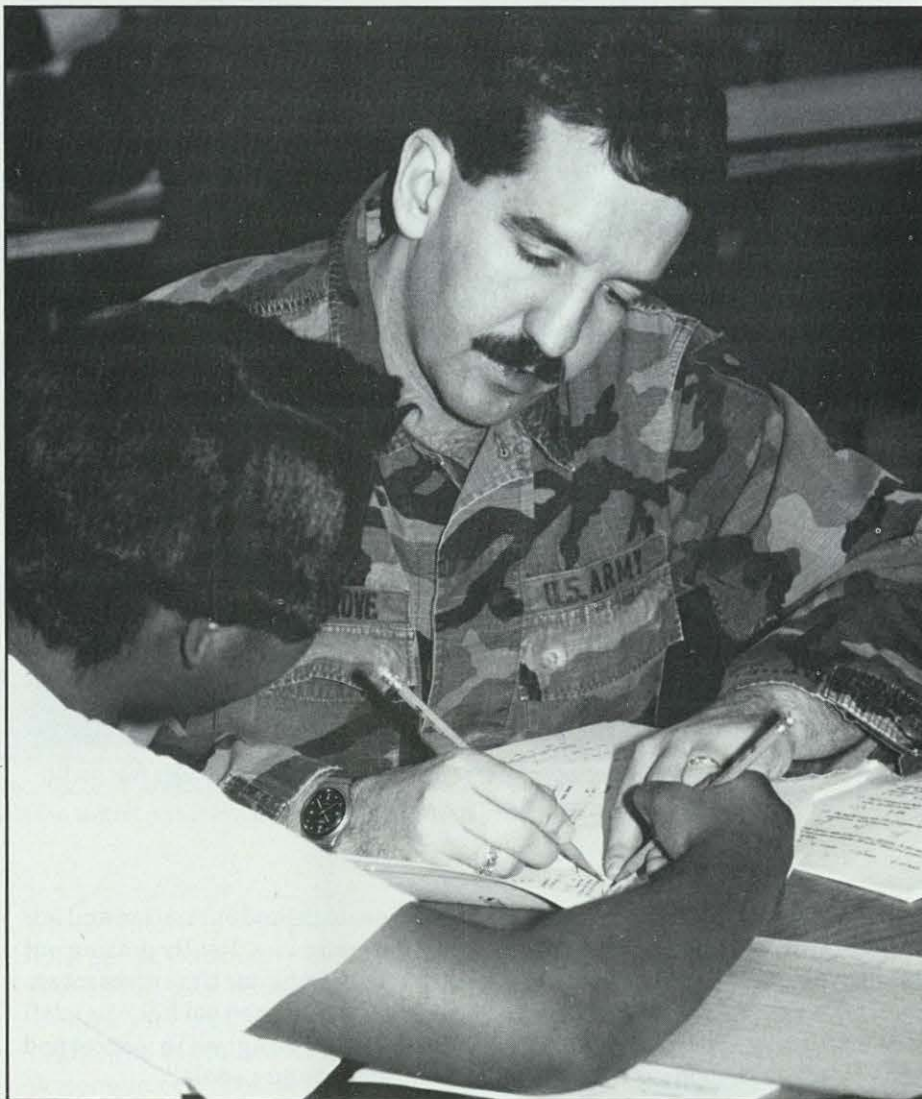
Story and photos by Sgt. Lori King  
HQ, STARC (Det 1-5)

**T**here's another war brewing on the horizon and it isn't overseas. Sadly enough, it's right in our own backyards, or more precisely, in our schools.

This war doesn't concern missile silos or crazed foreign military leaders either. Though our society doesn't like to admit it, the problem is with our teenagers and a declining number of students receiving high school diplomas. It's feared that thousands of Ohio seniors won't graduate next year because they have yet to pass a new legislative requirement: the 9th Grade Proficiency Test.

The four-part proficiency test will be a criterion for graduation beginning with the class of 1994. All Ohio high school students must pass this test, made up of reading, writing, math and citizenship questions, before they can receive their high school diplomas. It is estimated that more than 30,000 students have yet to pass this test.

In response, PROJECT PASS was created by the State Department of Education. Basically, it's a plea to lo-



Spec. Tim Hardgrove tutors a student at Centennial High School in Columbus as part of PROJECT PASS.

cal businesses and organizations to encourage their employees to assist kids in their community.

"The Ohio National Guard can help solve an extremely important problem facing our state," wrote Superintendent of Public Instruction Ted Sanders in a letter to Adjutant General Richard C. Alexander.

"In order to ensure Ohio students have the best opportunities to learn, our Ohio communities must understand and support the conditions necessary for student success. Every learner must have an advocate," he added. "Your help is vital."

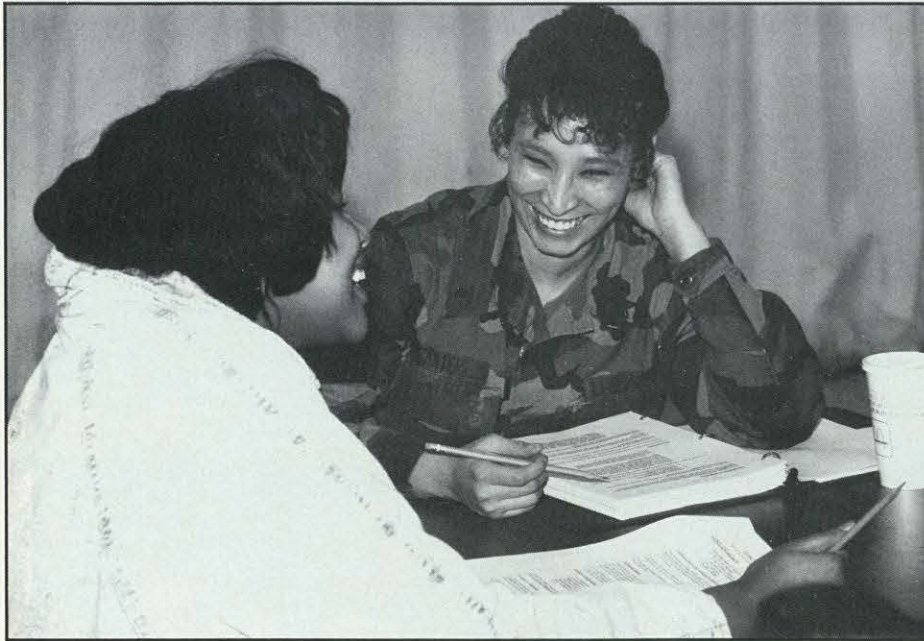
The call for help was certainly understood by Army Capt. Jeffrey Farrell, the State Family Program coordinator.

Farrell quickly drafted a letter requesting every Army and Air National Guard unit to become involved with PROJECT PASS. By contacting a local education representative, Guard members can volunteer to tutor young people who are scheduled to take the next test in November.

Farrell believes National Guard members and their families should be involved in their community one way or another, with this particular cause being one of the better ways.

"We may have 30,000 kids who will finish high school but may not receive their diplomas. Based on the history of the Guard, we have always been here for disasters, and I consider this to be a major disaster," he said.

"I don't think students fully under-



Sgt. Cheryl Carter was one of 24 volunteer soldiers from four Columbus based units that participated in the tutoring program.

stand the implications of not passing the test. And in this day and age, I don't think someone's going to go very far without a high school diploma.

One educator deeply worried about the future of his students is Lloyd Martin, an administrator at Centennial High School, in Columbus. In October, he told Army Guard recruiter Sgt. 1st Class Jeanne Landoll she couldn't recruit his kids until they passed the test and he needed help tutoring them.

Landoll shared Martin's concern because without a diploma these young men and women are barred from military service; so she told him she would see what she could do. A month later he called her back and said he had a tutoring group and would she help teach them the lesson plans. "We're at war to get these kids to pass the test," he reminded her.

By February, one month before the first test was given, Landoll recruited 24 volunteer soldiers from four Columbus units (HQ STARC; Co. C and HHC, Det. 1 of the 237th Support Battalion; and 112th Medical Brigade, HQ)

"We're the hometown Guard and

we're here to defend our nation and our local communities. Really getting out and volunteering our time gives meaning to being a citizen-soldier," Landoll said. "It's proving we're concerned about our young people."

Landoll emphasized you don't have to be a genius to be a PROJECT PASS tutor. All you need is the will to help our youth, and the school district will supply you with the rest: instruction, study materials and the students who need you.

The tutoring sessions are conducted in two 90-minute periods, for math and citizenship, for a total of three hours. The proficiency tests are given twice a year, in March and November, which means October will offer another heavy round of tutoring sessions.

Farrell said the benefit of PROJECT PASS is simple: if the students don't pass the test, they don't get their diplomas. "We're talking about kids not being able to join the military, or even get decent civilian job"

To be a PROJECT PASS volunteer, contact your local school district. ■

# PRIDE in Ohio Guard

Story and photo by  
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HQ STARC (-Det 1-5)

**D**rug prevention is rapidly becoming one of the National Guard's most important peacetime duties. Commitment to this duty was readily apparent when the Ohio National Guard gathered with over 14,000 students and adult advisors at the Albert Sabin Convention Center in Cincinnati, Ohio for the PRIDE World Drug Conference.

PRIDE, the National Parents' Resource Institute for Drug Education, is one of the largest non-profit organizations in the world devoted to drug abuse prevention through education. The annual PRIDE World Drug Conference is the world's largest drug conference, and, according to PRIDE President Dr. Thomas J. Gleaton Jr., the 1993 conference, held from April 29 through May 1, proved to be the largest ever.

This year, the Ohio National Guard was invited to participate and responded by showing up in force.

First up was the Drug Demand Reduction program spearheaded by 2nd Lt. Neal E. O'Brien. O'Brien briefed parents, educators and officials from states around the country on areas where the National Guard can assist local community organizations in the fight against drugs. He focused on initiatives taken on by the Ohio Guard such as the Adopt-A-School and I-Pass programs, as well as other men-

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toring, tutoring, and recruiting activities.

He also mentioned future plans to be implemented in National Guard drug prevention programs to include an Urban Youth Corps and a cadet corps, which are both designed to instill basic military values like team-building, problem solving and decision making.

"What was most apparent," states O'Brien, "was the fact that many people didn't know how involved the Guard was in the areas of drug prevention."

Rounding out his briefing were testimonials by Newark, Ohio's mayor, Frank Stare and their Drug Policy Director, Charlie Franks. They talked about the many ways the Guard has assisted them in drug prevention ranging from mentoring and tutoring activities to providing escorts for students marching into downtown Newark for an anti-drug rally.

O'Brien said the response he got from the conference was very positive. "I received a lot of good feedback and also ideas for our future (in drug prevention). I hope that I passed along just as many ideas to the people attending," he added.

Following O'Brien's presentation,



More than 14,000 students, adult advisors and guardmembers attended the PRIDE World Drug Conference in Cincinnati this spring. PRIDE is the largest non-profit, anti-drug organization in the world.

it was time for the 122nd Army National Guard Band to take the stage. The Dance Combo performed at the reception held for Lt. Gov. Mike Dewine and other officials the first night, and the following evening the jazz ensemble played for the enjoyment of the students and adults alike at a street fair featuring drug-free fun.

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"The band was really appreciated," remarked Ms. Michelle Basket, the National Youth Coordinator for PRIDE. "It was a great opportunity for the children and young adults to really get in close and interact with some positive role models."

On the final day of the conference, Recruiting and Retention played their trump card. "Patriotism '93," a traveling audio-visual production designed by Marketing NCO Sgt. 1st Class Gary Chetwood, capped off the Ohio National Guard participation in this year's conference.

Accented by special lighting and fog effects, the show appealed to the PRIDE audience by combining military video footage set to contemporary music, a motivational speaker and singing by Senior Airman Shannon Scherer (who holds the title of "Miss Columbus"). During the finale, Scherer was joined by over 14,000 singing, clapping and, in a few cases, crying people during her performances of "From a Distance," "God Bless the U.S.A." and "God Bless America." ■



# Girls State “national guard” quells mock riot

Story and photos by Sgt. Lori King  
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*Ashland, Ohio — NEWS FLASH: About 100 Ohio National Guardswomen were called to duty at the Ashland University campus June 26 for riot control and to rescue the governor and the Ohio Adjutant General, both taken hostage by angry Buckeye Girls State (BGS) demonstrators armed with grenade balloons.*

*Several tanks were brought in to control the young demonstrators, allegedly upset over a rumor that they would be forced to stay at BGS an additional half-day.*

*Within one hour of the incident the National Guard, armed with loaded water guns, courageously rescued their state leaders and calmed the rioters.*

*The names of the unruly are being held pending notification of the concerned parents.*

If you think this news story sounds ridiculous and unreal, well, you're right.

This news flash actually reported a mock riot planned and executed by the BGS National Guard as part of a government learning process. The events you just read about did happen, but as a fun learning experience, not a tragedy.

For 47 years the Womens Auxiliary Department of Ohio has sponsored the BGS Government Seminar for ambitious young high school girls facing their senior year. Each summer, girls are chosen and sponsored by local auxiliary units and for one week their lives are consumed with the government.

According to this year's BGS direc-

tor, Warren Griggs, the purpose is to educate young women in the duties, privileges, rights, and responsibilities of American citizenship.

“We want to give them the opportunity to learn the problems of government,” she said. “We have placed special emphasis upon the contribution women can make on our political system.”

The girls experience important roles in three forms of government: county, city and state. As part of the state function, a National Guard is created, complete with 100 positions and a staff of six: adjutant general, Army and Air assistant adjutant generals, quartermaster general, recruiting and retention NCO, and a sergeant major.

For one week, these girls work as a





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molding young women into possible future military machines. And it’s a job she doesn’t plan to give up anytime soon.

As advisor, she teaches the girls about military functions and policies, which includes how the Guard interacts with the state during disasters. She ensures that the team is complete with medical, communications, transportation and even aviation personnel and concerns. Just like any other military unit, the soldiers can reenlist, extend, be discharged, and even face a UCMJ board (Uniform Code of Military Justice).

“I give them real-life situations and then have them react to them,” she said. “I encourage them to use their own creativity, with safety being the biggest factor.”

Although the entire week is considered an educational experience of a lifetime, Manning and her soldiers agree the biggest learning experience occurs during National Guard Day, when they face their own plotted disasters, whether it be a flood, riot or even alien invasions. ■

team. They learn about the military budget, leadership and the role the Guard plays in Ohio. They also learn how to march, and even get a voided paycheck at the end of the week.

The girls also get the opportunity to meet a real general. Ever since Assistant Adj. Gen. for Army Brig. Gen. Steve Martin took office three years ago, he has made a personal commitment to share his military expertise with the Guardswomen.

Traditionally, on the last functional day of the week the BGS Guard reacts to a disaster they previously devised, whether it be national or civil, in order to respond like a regular Guard unit would. Martin flies in prior to the start of the event and has lunch with the military staff members. There he fields questions concerning marshal law, riot control, mobilization and assassinations. Then he usually observes the mock disaster, sometimes even taking part in it.

Although he had to leave prior to this year’s fictitious civil uprising, his presence on that unusually hot and humid morning still undoubtedly added realism to the scenario.

Martin, who was a Buckeye Boys State attendee when he was a young man, said he first accepted the BGS invitation three years ago because he thought it would be fun and exciting.

“I also saw it as an opportunity to meet and talk with sharp young folks who will be the leaders of tomorrow. After all, how can you turn down be-

ing associated with so much energy?”

At 1300 the Guard was alerted to protestors on campus carrying signs, acting aggressively and threatening to kidnap the governor. The unit was activated and the war began. While squirt guns fired and water balloons resembling grenades flew through the air, Sgt. 1st Class Christine Manning watched in admiration.

Manning, a recruiter from Headquarters, State Area Command, and the military advisor to the BGS Guard, sat back and watched her military leaders bloom in front of her eyes.

For the past six years Manning has been the military advisor at BGS,



Above: National guardswomen draw weapons prior to their activation for the riot control. Top left: Soon after Gen. Martin arrives, he is escorted past the Buckeye Girls State National Guard formation by BGS Adjutant General, Daphne Curtin. Top right: Angry protestors bomb the Ashland University Campus with balloon grenades.

# Evaluations test the training, readiness of Ohio units

Story by Spec. J.D. Biros  
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An attempt by the Department of the Army (DA) to standardize training for National Guard and reserve components has brought post-Desert Storm Operational Readiness Evaluations (OREs) to Ohio this year. Five Ohio Guard units have been identified as Contingency Force Pool units under the Forces Command of Defense initiative *Bold Shift*. As a result, these units must undergo annual OREs to ensure their level of preparedness should they be federally activated by the President of the United States.

But an ORE is not another inspection based on records or the physical condition of equipment. Instead, it is a process designed to enhance the Total Army by applying uniform standards to assess wartime mission preparedness.

"The ORE is unique because the soldiers are active participants," said Maj. Richard Willinger, Troop Command Training Officer. "They must perform what they have been taught, and perform it to Army standard."

According to Willinger, the DA takes a look at its unit inventory and decides what types of units it would want to take to a large scale military operation. Typically, combat service support units are selected as Contingency Force Pool units. Only one of the five Ohio Guard units is a combat arms unit, the 2/174th Air Defense Artillery Battalion (HAWK). The other four units — all combat

service support — are the 213th Maintenance Company, the 1/137 Aviation Battalion, the 641st Quartermaster Detachment (Water Purification), and the 1487th Transportation Company. These units were selected to fill critical needs associated with any deployment the Total Army would encounter as experienced in Operation Desert Shield/Storm. In fact, both the 641st and the 1487th served overseas as part of Desert Storm.

"The National Guard's performance in Operation Desert Storm demonstrated our high level of readiness and the strength of our training," Willinger said. "The OREs are to help us improve even more."

Each Contingency Force Pool unit must undergo annual OREs and they must achieve 70 percent overall unit efficiency. A 12-member group of four officers and eight noncommissioned officers administer the four-day ORE. The group is comprised of four active duty soldiers, four Reserve soldiers and four National Guard soldiers. The ORE consists of three phases: compliance, individual and collective. The compliance phase is a re-



An Ohio Army Guard soldier drinks from a canteen while in MOPP 4 during a recent Operational Readiness Evaluation. Five Ohio Guard units will undergo OREs as a result of their designation as Contingency force Pool Units.

view of personnel, training, supply and maintenance records. The individual phase tests the soldiers' skills in Common Task Training (CTT), physical fitness testing and Individual Weapons Qualification (IWQ). The collective phase is administered as an situational training exercise (STX) the entire unit must undergo.

The first two days of the assessment process involves record reviews and selection of unit members to serve as representatives in various testing areas. The third day begins with an STX of the company. The fourth day, 25 percent of those members will then be evaluated on CTT skills, another 25 percent will perform IWQ, and another 25 percent group of licensed equipment operators will

# Ohio Guard wages war against childhood diseases

be required to perform preventative maintenance. Officers also participate in the evaluation.

First Sgt. Terry Johnson's unit, the 213th Maintenance Co., was the second Ohio Guard unit to experience an ORE. "We've always been a highly visible unit because of our status as a 200K unit (the President's list of 200,000 troops most likely to be immediately activated before necessary approval from Congress)," Johnson said. "Our training has always been intensive, and unlike inspections in the past, our troops finally got to demonstrate that training first hand."

An important lesson Johnson said he learned from his first ORE is "how to better manage training to get more out of it. ORE administrators identified our weaknesses and they provided suggestions on how to fix it."

Johnson said his unit received a lot of support from Troop Command to prepare for the evaluation, and said the main suggestion he'd pass on to other Contingency Force Pool units is "do it by the book."

"Don't let yourself get blind-sided," Johnson suggested to other units. "Motivate your people and they'll do the rest. But make sure they train by the book."

The ORE is not an inspection, stressed Willinger, it is an assessment process for training purposes. "Ohio Guard soldiers have never undergone this type of formal evaluation," Willinger said. "We must train to exceed the expectations."

He added that although a unit might not find itself listed as a Contingency Force Pool unit, that unit is not excluded from having to go through an ORE. ■

Story by Spec. Brent Williams  
112th Medical Brigade

**T**he Ohio Army National Guard, the Columbus Public School System, Columbus Health Department and the Franklin County Board of Health took aim at youngsters throughout Columbus recently. The "shots" being fired were actually free Measles, Mumps and Rubella Vaccines (MMR), made available to all sixth grade students in the Columbus City School System throughout April and May.

"State, county and city representatives were extremely supportive of our involvement and together we were able to provide a valuable community service," stated Sgt. William Reynolds, training technician for the Security, Plans and Operations Section of the 112th Medical Brigade. "In the future we hope to expand the program to give more assistance and service, in both rural and urban areas," he concluded.

This collaborative effort was part of Operation SERVE, which represents Support, Evaluation, Referral, Vaccination and Education. The program was designed to assist students and their families from the Columbus area

in meeting a recent Ohio Department of Health policy revision. That revision requires every child to have two doses of the MMR vaccine on or after their first birthday. Previously, youngsters were only required to have one MMR vaccine.

The immunizations were made available to more than 6,000 students throughout the Columbus area. About 10 members from the 112th Medical Brigade visited Columbus middle schools for several weeks prior to immunization dates in preparation for the free clinics. They provided students and their parents with information about Measles, Mumps and Rubella and the vaccine used to prevent them.

The officer in charge of the training period, 1st Lt. Renea Hushour, said that she was very impressed with the flexibility and enthusiasm shown by the soldiers assigned to this project.

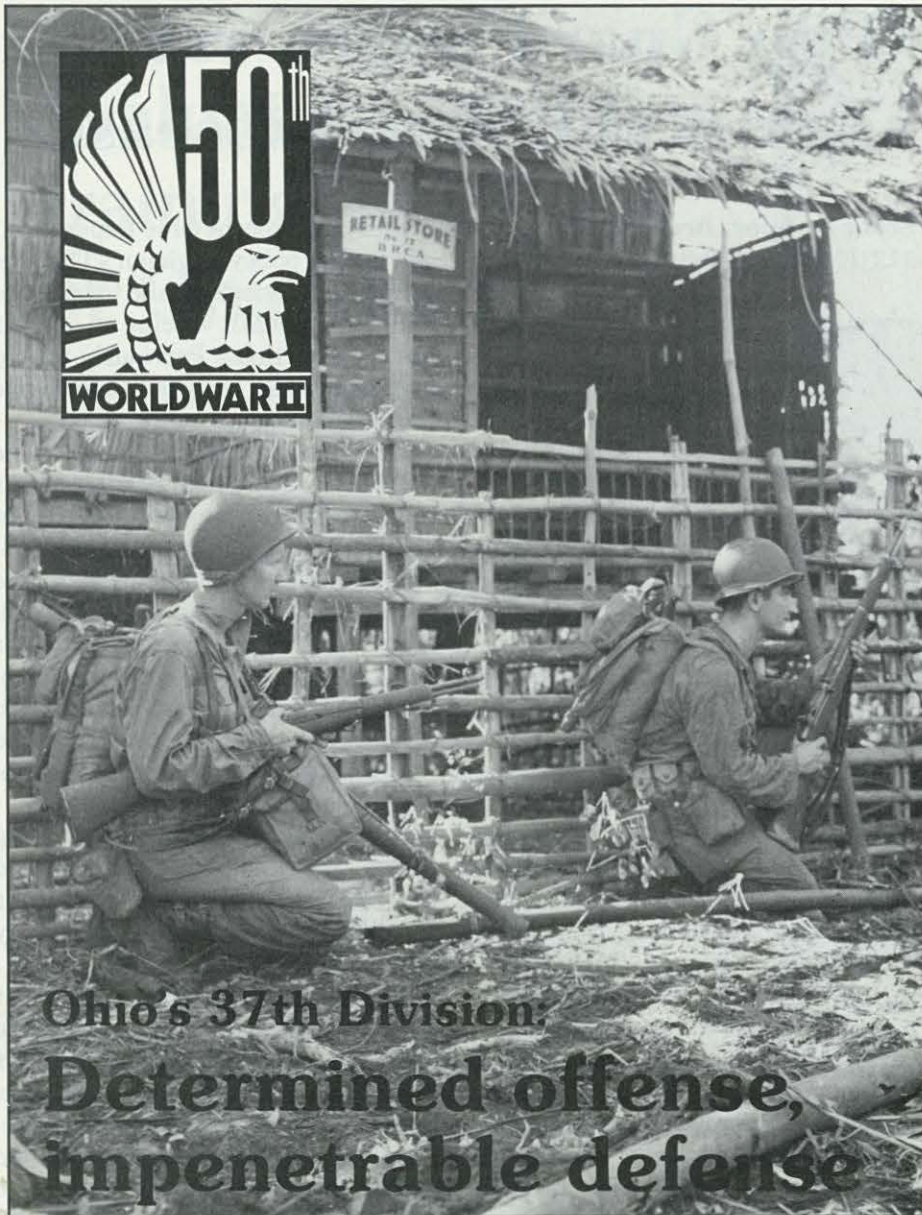
"Everyone was willing to jump right in and do whatever was necessary to make this program work. Though our support was basically administrative, I think everyone involved felt very rewarded to be able to work for Ohio citizens during annual training," she added.

According to statistics from the U.S.

Department of Health and Human Services, cases of all three diseases still occur today and remain a major health threat to all Americans. ■

Medical technicians from the 112th Medical Brigade review information about the MMR vaccines with parents of participating children.





## Ohio's 37th Division: Determined offense, impenetrable defense

Story by Capt. Randall Fowkes  
State Historian

**F**ifty years ago members of the National Guard were called upon to make many sacrifices, and in some cases to make the ultimate sacrifice.

The largest Guard unit in Ohio at that time was the 37th Division. The 37th was ordered to active service for a period of one year beginning on October 15, 1940, more than one year before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

Most people in the United States saw no need for a large military build-

up, but President Franklin D. Roosevelt was sure that the U.S. would eventually be drawn into the war, and was determined that the country should be prepared.

Not all of the 37th's soldiers understood the wisdom of the activation order, but the general attitude was "What the hell, it's only for one year." Many soldiers even relished the idea of a "vacation" from home at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. One soldier reportedly said "Man will I have a southern drawl when I get back home in a year. It'll kill the girls."

Camp Shelby, however, was to be no vacation. The 37th underwent basic training, including such standard fare

as military courtesy, sexual hygiene, intelligence testing, and of course shots, including typhus, smallpox, tetanus, and typhoid.

By June of 1940 the 37th was deemed ready for large scale field maneuvers, much to the joy of the troops, who expressed the sentiment that, "Maneuvers will be a vacation after this place." Unfortunately, due to limited production and Lend Lease requirements, little modern equipment was available for these maneuvers. Jeeps were used to represent whole tank units, while trucks drove behind "enemy" lines disgorging "paratroopers." One local newspaper described the scene as "Just like a bunch of school kids playing cops and robbers." To add insult to injury, it rained 28 days that June, leading one soldier to jest that he knew men who "started growing webs between their toes."

Upon returning to home base, the men were heard paying Camp Shelby back-handed compliments like "Hell, any place would look good after that Cajun hell-hole."

Men began to count the days until their deactivation in October despite rumors that they might be extended another six months. The acronym "OHIO" began to appear everywhere there were federalized Guardsmen. Wrongly blamed on the 37th Division (who only learned its meaning from an article in Life Magazine), it stood for **Over the Hill In October**. When the president did extend the service time by six months, most men remained philosophical, if somewhat disgruntled.

The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor galvanized the nation and ended all griping about service extensions. The United States had been attacked and it was time to get busy and win this war.

The 37th Division was considered one of the best units available, and so it was earmarked for deployment to Europe. However, rapid Japanese victories necessitated the 37th being sent to the Pacific to guard the Fiji Islands, part of the vital link between the United States and Australia.

After another battery of “sadistically” administered shots, which repeated those previously received and added cholera and yellow fever, the 37th sailed for Fiji in February 1942. Only the senior officers knew the division’s destination, and rumors were rampant, but the sentiment expressed by all was “No more training, from now on it’s the real thing.”

When the 37th arrived on Fiji it found no enemy. Training and digging in were the order of the day, while the cooks tried to combat the monotony of cheese and mutton with such concoctions as “Lamburger” until the Army supply system caught up with the division. The 37th established its own Officer Candidate School on Fiji, and two years later most of its company commanders were graduates of this school, although half of the school’s graduates had been either killed or seriously wounded by then.

The 37th spent ten months on Fiji and then moved to the recently captured island of Guadalcanal to prepare for its first combat operation, the attack on New Georgia. While on Guadalcanal, the division received its baptism of fire, administered by the Imperial Japanese Air Force. The men had not dug in immediately upon arrival, but when the bombs started to fall many men could not be convinced to stop digging until the call “One more shovelful and you’re AWOL.”

The rate of men taking the maximum \$10,000 life insurance policy jumped to 99.44 percent.

Once the 37th Division began its attack on New Georgia, it would be in almost constant contact with the Japanese until the end of the war. On the rare occasions that they were pulled back for “rest and refit” the

men of the 37th still would not be far enough back to avoid enemy air attacks.

Through New Georgia, Bougainville, and the Philippines the 37th would acquire a reputation for determined offense and impenetrable defense. Throughout their service, the men of the 37th set high standards, and it is with pride and gratitude that we salute their efforts. ■

*Editor’s Note: Many thanks to Rita O’Brien who supplied these photographs. More history of the 37th Division will appear in upcoming issues of the Buckeye Guard through 1995.*



Above: Three LVTs are shown parked on Malin-gong Street, Binmeley Village, Luzon, P.I., after the American troops liberate the island from the Japanese. Top left: Infantry columns of the 145th and 148th Regiments, 37th Division, along with supporting artillery, fought their way through Manila house by house, block by block. During the attack, the 37th seized the Bilibid Prison and liberated some 20,000 American internees. Top right: The 37th spent more than 592 days in combat in the Southwest Pacific.

# A rare breed of leaders

Story by Sgt. Lori King  
HQ, STARC (Det 1-5)

**A**n advocate of warrant officer-ship recently brought up an excellent point: You don't have to be "crusty" to be a warrant officer.

That's good news for those junior NCOs, and even youthful-minded senior sergeants, who mistakenly believe that myth and perhaps use it as an excuse not to pursue a dream.

Warrants undoubtedly consider themselves to be technically proficient and experienced rather than crusty, and they are certainly proud to be among the rare breed of leadership that's necessary in the Ohio National Guard.

More good news is that there are about 100 warrant officer vacancies available throughout the state. If this sounds inviting, then the National Guard Bureau wants you.

According to Maj. Mike Palumbo, STARC's recruiting and retention officer, being a warrant offers unique responsibilities, upward mobility and other tangible bonuses.

Another benefit is the difference you could make as an officer in a technical capacity, as Chief Warrant Officer James Vanas learned when he made the timely switch from an E-8 to his current rank at the age of 41.

"I've always wanted to be an officer, so I realized I made a big mistake when I missed the age cut-off of 32.5," said Vanas, STARC's intelligence technician.

"When I was the S-2 in the 107th, I felt I accomplished all I could as an NCO and decided it was time to make a difference. I felt I would have more influence in training and policy-

making for the Guard as a whole if I was a warrant officer.

"So I applied, enabling me to make a difference by writing policies in security that benefit people in the field," Vanas said. "My office now uses me as a technical expert in intelligence and security matters, making me feel I've already contributed to the system as a warrant."

Vanas explained the difference between a commissioned officer and a warrant is that the latter is considered to be a reference tool, while people look to the commissioned rank for leadership.

Though it certainly isn't a quick and easy process, Vanas said it was worth the two years of paperwork and schooling he invested to follow his dream.

To obtain his new rank, he first had

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to attend Advanced Individual Training in the spring of 1990 to earn his feeder Military Occupational Specialty of security, 96B. Then he attended Phases I and II of the warrant officer school. But because his unit didn't have an open slot, he served as an E-8 in his S-2 position for another year until he finally found a vacancy in STARC. On April 1, 1992, he was appointed a warrant officer.

Vanas said he encourages NCOs to become officers if they want it in their hearts. "Once you commit to that goal, you do whatever it takes to achieve it. At 41, it wasn't easy. I had to prepare

myself physically and mentally before going.

"After all, I have a hard shell and I'm set in my ways. Going back to school and submitting myself to the challenges of warrant officer school wasn't easy because the rank comes off and the brass goes on. But it was a great challenge and a chance to excel," he said.

Vanas stated that taking the first step, which is making the commitment to apply, is most important. Then you make the necessary steps to ensure you're qualified. He also said that it's important to have a warrant officer as a mentor, and to have the support from the family.

The following is a list of general prerequisites for the WO program:

- Have a GT score of 110 or higher (non-waiverable)
- Be an E-5 or higher
- Pass the APFT and meet AR 600-9 weight standards
- Be between the ages of 18 and 46
- Be able to have a SECRET security clearance
- Have appropriate feeder MOS for the WO specialty
- Two years supervisory experience (waiverable)
- Three years experience in feeder MOS (waiverable)

Palumbo considers the program a good retention tool, particularly for junior NCOs. Currently, the Ohio National Guard warrant officer strength is hovering at 76 percent. He said he'd like to see that number rise, especially in the maintenance field. ■

# Ohio Guard educates the educators

Story by Capt. Warren L. Heady  
HHT, 4/107th Armored Cavalry  
Regiment

**I**t's not often that educators get the opportunity to be educated, but such was the case on April 30, 1993. On that day more than 60 educators, civic and industrial leaders from the greater Akron-Canton area were the guests of the units at the Greensburg Armory complex for a day. Increasing public awareness of the National Guard in the local community was the purpose of the day, but local leaders got more than just an information briefing.

The day started with coffee, doughnuts and routine information briefs, given by Lt. Col. Thomas Luczynski, commander of the Army Aviation Flight Facility. He was followed by Maj. Kenneth Warner, commander of the 3/107 Armored Cavalry Regiment, who spoke on behalf of 37th Armored Brigade Commander, Col. David Hartley.

Examples of Guard involvement in the Lucasville prison riots and their support of counter narcotics missions were used to stress the need for a strong National Guard.

After bad weather forced the delay of a scheduled helicopter ride to Ravenna Arsenal at 10 a.m., the group returned to the flight facility for lunch. The weather cleared by afternoon and the educators boarded eight UH-1H helicopters for a short flight to the arsenal. From the ground, the group watched as M-1 Abrams tanks and AH-1 Cobra helicopters engaged in a combined arms training scenario. When the scenario was completed, the educators had the opportunity to



Above: Community leaders from the Akron-Canton area take advantage of an opportunity to see military equipment up close. Left: After their trip to Ravenna Arsenal, community leaders prepare to board UH-1H helicopters for the trip back to the Greensburg Armory.

climb in, on, over, under and around several different armored vehicles including the M-1. Marty Boyd, an Akron school teacher, was impressed with the knowledge of the personnel involved.

"Having people who had actually worked on the equipment explain it was very enlightening," she said.

Jeff Durbin, a principal in the Lake school system, commented, "I already had a good impression of the Guard, but getting to see the equipment up close was extremely impressive. I didn't know that they (the Guard) had that kind of stuff"

According to Maj. David Deckard of the Recruiting Command, it was the members of both the second and fourth squadrons of the 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment, the 37th Armored Brigade, the Army Aviation Flight Facility #1 and the Recruiting Command

working together that made the "Educator Flight" a reality.

"Everyone did an absolutely incredible job," said Deckard. "Despite inclement weather, the guardsmen once again showed their versatility and ability to adapt to make everything work well".

Most of the civilians involved were surprised to find the wide range of assets, not to mention the large number of aircraft and personnel in their local guard units. And, according to a survey given by the recruiters, nearly all participants agreed that the time taken to attend the program was very worthwhile and an equal number felt the program had given them a greater appreciation of the National Guard.

The words of Marty Boyd summed it up best when she said, "The Ohio National Guard is truly Americans at their finest." ■

## National Guard Associations: **Working for you**

by Staff Sgt. Bob Mullins  
HQ STARC (-Det 1-5)

Ohio's National Guard soldiers and airmen are represented at the state (ONGA and ONGEA) and national level (NGAUS and EANGUS) by the officer and enlisted associations. Both the Army and Air Guard share the benefits derived from the success of these organizations.

The purpose statement of each organization shares basic ideas: to promote and maintain a strong and patriotic National Guard, provide adequate security at state and national level, and to advance the status, welfare, professionalism and spirit of National Guard soldiers. All are non-profit organizations and do not participate in partisan politics or operate for gain.

Grass roots (individual members) and legislative efforts by the state and national organizations over the past two decades has resulted in the establishment of many benefits. Those include:

- Distinctive license plates for POWs and guardmembers
- State active duty pay increased to \$50 per day
- Survivor benefits prior to age 60
- Insurance plans for guardmembers
- New G.I. Bill for Guard/Reserve
- Low cost medical insurance plan
- Improvements in the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act
- Gray area retirement benefits
- PX/BX and commissary privileges
- Enlistment/Reenlistment bonus
- State Tuition Assistance
- SGLI increased to \$200,000
- Vision Care Program
- VA loans for Guard and Reserve
- Improved veterans reemployment rights

Chief Master Sgt. Tom Foster, In-flight Program Manager for the 160th Air Refueling Group, 35 year member of the Ohio Air National Guard and former President of the ONGEA believes that there is a definite benefit to becoming a member of either association. "It is only with strength in numbers that we are able to have a voice in behalf of the membership," he said.

Although membership is expected to continue to increase, Foster wants to remind guardmembers that, "... membership gives you the opportunity to benefit your career."

For more information about the Ohio National Guard associations, contact your unit representative. ■



Tech. Sgt. Ken Strohm was the high point scorer at the Australian Army Skill-at-Arms Meeting.

## Ohio shooter contributes to M-16 title

Story and photo by 2nd Lt. Ellen G. Lampkins  
NGMTU Public Affairs Officer

BRISBANE, Australia—An Ohio Air National Guard member and three teammates from the All-Guard International Shooting team won the M-16 service rifle title at the Australian Army Skill-at-Arms Meeting held in May.

Tech. Sgt. Ken Strohm of the 200th RED HORSE Civil Engineering Squadron at Camp Perry, Ohio, was the high-point scorer with 319 followed by Spec. Ralph Young of the Vermont National Guard with 317, 2nd Lt. Shannon Saucy of the Arkansas Army Guard with 311 and 1st Lt. Dave Kleiber of the Alaska Army Guard with 293.

The four-man team combined for a total of 1,240 points to win the "Chief of the Defense Force" match for the international service rifle team championship.

"We were the best rifle shooters in this competition," said Maj. George Baker, the Officer-in-Charge of the All-Guard team. "And the service rifle championship is indicative of that."

Eleven points separated the National Guard team from the second place finishers of New Zealand. Their scores are an aggregate of two separate service rifle matches.



The team was awarded a trophy and pennant as well as silver medallion for their win.

The same four-man team also placed second in the "Citizen Soldier," an aggregate of four separate matches, with a total score of 710. They were only one point behind another New Zealand team.

Strohm placed in the top 10 percent of the 200-yard counter terrorist match. He placed fourth in the "Director of Infantry" match, which is an aggregate of four separate rifle matches, and third in the "P.K. Oakford," an aggregate of two separate matches.

He also medaled in the Close Quarter Battle (CQB) championship with an individual score of 253. His score along with those of Young, Saucy and Maj. Jerry Penn of the Oklahoma Army Guard combined for a fourth place finish in the "Thompson," the international CQB team championship.

The four man team of Strohm, Saucy, Kleiber and Sgt. 1st Class Kay Anderson of the New York Army Guard was fifth overall in the U.S. Chief of the Army Reserve championship. With a score of 1,052, they were two points out of third place.

Strohm was the leading medalist on the team with seven followed by Young with six.

Last year, Strohm won the All-Army Combat Rifle Championships and was a member of the winning highpower rifle team at the Winston P. Wilson matches. He has been a member of the All-Guard highpower rifle team for the last two years.

In the final three days of competition, the National Guard placed second in the section match for international teams; third in the "Vickers," the international weapons team championship; and fourth in the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy match.

"We're competing against some of the best shooters in the world," said Baker. "Age-wise, we had the oldest team here. You've got to be in shape to do this for two weeks."

"You've got to be in excellent physical condition or you can forget it. Every course of fire replicates an actual battlefield situation that could occur. To make a soldier react instinctively, these are the types of courses of fire you need to train on," Baker said.

Col. D.J. Mead, the director of Infantry for the Australian Marksmanship Training Detachment agrees. "Battle stress is the largest single factor that degrades shooting accuracy in combat," he said.

The two-week match was sponsored by the Australian Army Rifle and Pistol Associations.

Strohm's home team, the 200th RED HORSE, placed second in the Chief of the National Guard Bureau air rifle tournament held at Camp Robinson in May and June. They scored 2,559 and were followed by the 166th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron with a total of 2,459. First place went to a four-man team from the Oklahoma Air Guard with a combined score of 2,650.

Tech. Sgt. Terry Eishen, 200th RED HORSE, was the top individual shooter with a score of 767. ■

## SHOOTERS CORNER

by Maj. Vincent Jiga  
State Marksmanship Coordinator

The 1993 Outdoor Rifle, Pistol and Machine Gun Championships were held in May and June at Camp Perry and Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base. The results are listed below:

### MACHINE GUN

|                |                         |                  |
|----------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Match Winner   | SPC Douglas C. Kustra   | 213th Maint. Co. |
| 1st Place Open | SGT Stephen A. Shumaker | 237th PSC        |
| 2nd Place Open | SGT Paul C. McMasters   | 324th MP Co.     |
| 3rd Place Open | SGT Michael R. Konves   | 213th Maint. Co. |

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| 1st Place Novice | SPC Greg M. Harvey      | 324th MP Co.   |
| 2nd Place Novice | SGT Scott M. Collins    | 54th Spt. Det. |
| 3rd Place Novice | PFC Michael L. Diprizio | 324th MP Co.   |
| 4th Place Novice | 1LT Keven R. Clouse     | 54th Spt. Det. |
| 5th Place Novice | SGT Gregory T. Wade     | 54th Spt. Det. |

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| 1st Place Team | 324th MP Co.     |
| 2nd Place Team | 237th PSC        |
| 3rd Place Team | 213th Maint. Co. |

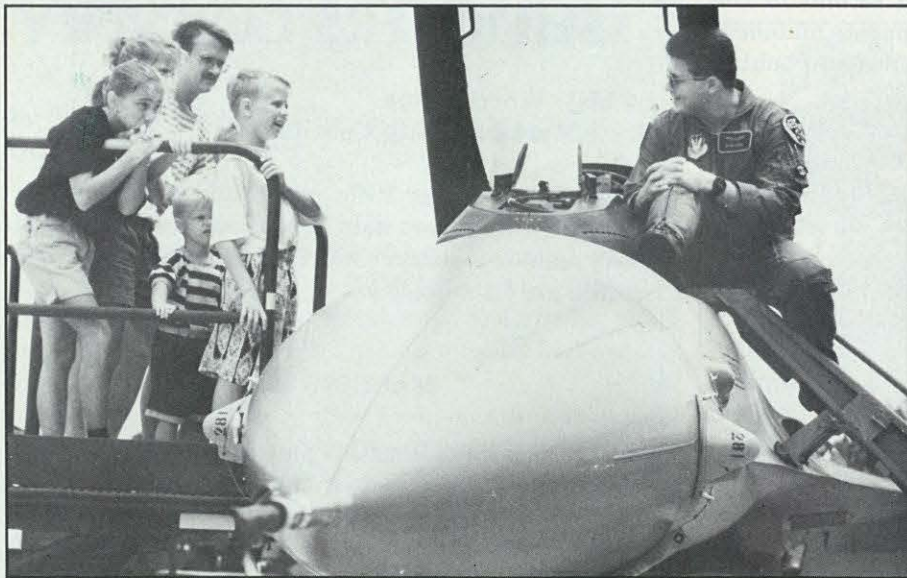
### PISTOL

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|--------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Match Winner | SGT Christopher M. Ward | HHC 37th Inf. Bde.         |
| 1st Place    | SSG Douglas W. Richards | Det 1, 214th Maint. Co.    |
| 2nd Place    | SSG Raymond E. Fuller   | Co D, 1/137th Avn. Bn.     |
| 3rd Place    | SSG Todd L. Friend      | HQ STARC                   |
| 4th Place    | SPC Ron W. White        | Co D, 1/137th Avn. Bn.     |
| 5th Place    | SPC James D. Shields    | Det 1, Co C 148th Inf. Bn. |

|                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| 1st Place Team | 1/137th Avn. Bn. |
| 2nd Place Team | 200th RHCES      |
| 3rd Place Team | 178th FG         |

### RIFLE

|              |                            |              |
|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Match Winner | SSG Richard L. Ebeling     | 200th RHCES  |
| 1st Place    | SRA Robert J. Hrynciw      | 200th RHCES  |
| 2nd Place    | MSG Edward J. LaCroix, Jr. | 200th RHCES  |
| 3rd Place    | MSG Roger E. Eberly        | 200th RHCES  |
| 4th Place    | SPC Greg M. Harvey         | 324th MP Co. |
| 5th Place    | SSG John D. Avery          | 200th RHCES  |



180th Open House



BLANCHESTER ARMORY CLOSES: First Sgt. James chats with Carl and Velma Chaney.

## Blanchester Armory closes its doors

"Old soldiers never die — they just fade away." Those immortal words made famous by Gen. Douglas MacArthur went through the minds of many of the soldiers and residents of Blanchester, Ohio during the closing ceremonies conducted by the 1/147 Infantry May 1 at the National Guard armory.

"I watched the armory being constructed in 1925," said Carl Chaney, a life-long resident of Blanchester. "I've been a member of the American Legion Post for 40 years," he added. The post used the building for their meetings. His wife Velma was teary-eyed as she recalled her memories of the armory.

"For 50 years of our married life we have lived within sight of the armory," she said. "I've watched the men go off to war and have seen them called up in the middle of the night for floods, tornados, labor strikes and recently, the prison riot in Lucasville."

At the close of the ceremony, Lt. Col. Benjamin E. Thompson, battalion commander of the 1/147th Infantry Battalion presented the flag to the mayor and the town of Blanchester.

Also attending the ceremony was company 1st Sgt. Roy D. James, who was Master of Ceremonies and Chaplain Kenneth E. Speilvogel who delivered the invocation.

"Whenever the community has needed the Guard they've been ready immediately," Blanchester Mayor Lee Miller said. "I'll miss seeing the soldiers marching in our parades and at the many ceremonies they have participated in. Most of all, I'll miss seeing the flag flying here on the corner."

Just like the old soldier... the Blan' Armory may just fade away... but it won't be forgotten. *Story by SSG David Risher HHC 1/147th Infantry.*

## Open house a big success

First Lt. Brian Caudill discusses the F-16 with the Krulik family during the recent 180th Fighter Group open house. Hundreds of people came to the Toledo air base to see the F-16's and maintenance shops, avionics areas, weapons loading, the mobile kitchen, fire house, and other areas. This was the 180th's first open house in over 10 years. *Photo by Tech. Sgt. Scott Ridge*

## Red Ribbon Week set for October

"Neighbor by Neighbor, Ribbon by Ribbon... United for a Drug Free Ohio" is the theme for this year's Red Ribbon Campaign.

The Red Ribbon Campaign originated when Federal Agent Enrique Camarena was murdered by drug traffickers in 1985 and his family wore red ribbons to the funeral. The red ribbon has since become the symbol to reduce the demand for drugs.

During Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 23 through Nov. 1, and throughout the month of October all elements of the Ohio National Guard will take part in this awareness campaign. Red Ribbons will be distributed during October drill in support of drug-free lifestyles.

## OCS reunion in the works

OCS class XXVII is planning a class reunion for Oct. 23, 1993. Reunion organizers need help locating members and their current address and phone numbers.

For more information contact Patty (Clark) Prater or Richard Sebetto, both at (419) 666-3472; or Jon Barron at (419) 666-3473 or (419) 862-2726.

## Ohio Guard runs in Lincoln Marathon

The 1993 Lincoln Marathon cleared a path for Ohio National Guard members as the National Guard marked its tenth consecutive year of participation.

Roughly 330 guardmembers competed, with the Ohio National Guard taking four places in the Nebraska race. Col. David White, 121st Air Refueling Wing, placed first in the males 50-54 age category, with a time of 3:14:13. Capt. Elizabeth A. Burns, 145th MASH, placed third with a time of 4:12:32 in the female 40-44 age category. Spec. Kathryn Turk, 135th Military Police Company, placed second in the female 17-24 category with a time of 5:00:09. Sgt. 1st Class Bruce E. Ronald, 1485th Transportation Company, placed second in the males 40-44 age category with a time of 2:44:27.

Being considered a top-of-the-line athlete is nothing new to Ronald, who made the team in 1988 and again this year. "I knew I was doing well, but honestly I was surprised that I did that well," Ronald said. Ronald is anxiously awaiting the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C. which will be his first race with the elite group of Guard marathoners.

## Air Guard Supports Tri-State Anti-Drug Airshow

The 8th annual tri-state, anti-drug airshow was held May 21, 22 and 23 in Huntington, W. Va. The airshow brought together civilian and military aircraft and personnel to raise money for anti-drug efforts in Ohio, Kentucky, and West Virginia.

This year's show included a MiG Fighter, an appearance by the Stealth aircraft and an F-16 aerial demonstration by Toledo's 180th Fighter Group. The Army's Golden Knights demonstrated their skill at precision parachuting and the Marine Corps performed maneuvers with a Harrier,

an aircraft that combines the capabilities of a fixed wing craft with the maneuverability and vertical lift of a helicopters.

Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base sent members of the 160th Air Refueling Group and the 121st Air Refueling Wing to support and aid the military efforts of the airshow. Joel Griggs, a DoD police officer from Rickenbacker, coordinated the military aircraft and personnel for the show. According to Griggs, who has been a member of the airshow planning committee for several years, "the cooperation and participation of the military units help make this airshow a success as well as sending strong anti-drug message to the community on our behalf."

"The tri-state anti-drug airshow is where Rickenbacker's Air National Guard first began its efforts in the anti-drug campaign six years ago," said Air Guard Recruiter Master Sgt. Steve Butcher. "It's a good example of unit member's involvement in the community to serve as role models in the war on drugs." *Story by Senior Airman Shannon Scherer 121th Air Refueling Wing.*

## Results of Bowling Tourney announced

The Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association has released the final standings of the 15th ONGEA Bowling Tournament. The winners in each category are as follows:

**Teams:** Friendly Five from Youngstown with a score of 3,063

**All Events:** Randy Hosler from Ashland with a score of 2,161

**Doubles:** Denny Baum/Randy Hosler from Ashland with a score of 1,326

**Singles:** Mike Dannenberg from Toledo with a score of 712.

Congratulations to all the guardmembers who participated in the tournament.



Pfc. Reining, G Troop, during the 21-gun salute.

## Troop G Answers the call

Soldiers from Troop G, 2/107th Armored Cavalry performed a stirring 21 gun salute during a Memorial Day service at Beachwood High School. The event paid tribute to the many servicemen and women who have given their lives for their country.

First Sgt. Gary Sellars organized the resources and personnel necessary to perform the salute; Staff Sgt. Rex Huffenbach was in charge of training the team. Participants included Staff Sgt. Kenneth Davis, Staff Sgt. Rex Huffenbach, Sgt. Kenneth Dolly, Sgt. Matt Eyler, Sgt. Mark King, Spec. Martin Gray, Spec. Mike Harbart, and Pfc. Mike Reining.

## WANTED: Families in the Guard

The staff of the Buckeye Guard is interested in researching and writing a story on families in the National Guard. If you are a member of or know of guardmembers who belong to families that have several members in the Guard, please write the Buckeye Guard at 2825 Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus, Ohio 43235-2789 ATTN: Guard Families.



Ellington is honorary "Chief".

## Ohio ANG inducts new E-9s; selects honorary chief

After the statewide 1991 Air and Army National Guard E-9 conference, Air Guard chief master sergeants decided their Army counterparts had a program they wanted to modify and adopt. The result — the first "Chief Master Sergeant Induction Ceremony" for Ohio Air Guard members, held in November 1992 at the E-9 conference.

Chief Master Sgt. Earl Lutz, Ohio Air Guard's Senior Enlisted Advisor, did a lot of the work to develop the program from similar ones in the Army National Guard and in the Air Force. "The ceremony is important because it helps to emphasize the importance of the chief master sergeant corps by recognizing the people and bringing them into that corps," Lutz said.

Recognizing important people doesn't end with the guardmember. The spouse of the newly inducted chief is also honored. The ceremony, designed by Lutz, involved giving the spouse a certificate and a red rose.

Another honor, the "State Honorary Chief Master Sergeant Award," was given during a January 1993 ceremony. The first recipient of this award was State Staff Chaplain (Lt. Col.) John B. Ellington Jr.

Ellington was unanimously chosen by the Ohio Air Guard chiefs for his service to guardmembers throughout the state. Chief Master Sgt. Greg John, 121st ARW Chief of Information Customer Support and the person who nominated Chaplain Ellington, said that once the recommendation was made, the response was overwhelming.

"One after another of the chiefs stood up and told stories of how the chaplain has assisted them personally, or someone they know," John said.

Ellington was honored to receive the award. "To be a chief is the ultimate in the enlisted corps. The honor was one of the best things to happen to me since I've been in the Guard," Ellington said.

Through his chaplaincy, Ellington deals with Air Guardmembers throughout the state and works all the aspects of his profession.

John and Lutz agreed that honoring Ellington and all that he has done for guardmembers and their families throughout the state sets a high precedent for future nominees to meet. *Story by 1st Lt. Ann-Marie Noland HQ, Ohio National Guard.*

## Williamson receives select Armor Association Medal

Nominated during his tenure as commander of 2nd Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Lt. Col. Charles D. Williamson was recently awarded the Bronze Medallion of the Order of Saint George. The award recognizes the demonstration of the traits, virtues and qualities attributed to Saint George.

Saint George, a great soldier in the Roman Army, earned a reputation for solving seemingly impossible problems. His place in history is cer-

tain. Perhaps his contributions to the history of human courage is greater than his significance in political and military history. In the year 1097 A.D., 700 years after his death, his spirit appeared to crusaders and encouraged the soldiers to continue battle. These qualities embodied in the memory of Saint George were demonstrated by Lt. Col. Williamson, reflecting greatly upon himself and the spirit of the Cavalry.

## Air Guard units honored

The 124th Air Control Squadron was selected to receive the 1993 Distinguished Mission Support Plaque, sponsored by the National Guard Association of the United States. This award recognizes five mission support units for their outstanding performance during 1992. Members of the 124th ACS will accept their award at the NGAUS annual conference in Biloxi, Mississippi, this October.

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The Ohio Air National Guard's 251st Combat Communications Group was recently selected as the Outstanding Communications Computer Systems Organization for 1992. As the recipient of this award, they are now in competition for the McClellan award as the best communications organization in the Air Force. The 251st was the first Guard or Reserve unit to win the McClellan award; they received the award in 1981.

Concurrent with the receipt of the outstanding organization award, an individual from the group was honored for performance. Capt. Michael E. Welsh, 251st Operations Officer, was awarded the Air National Guard Communications-Computer Systems Professionalism Award for 1992. Selection for this prestigious award attests to his superior performance and achievements.

## Ohio officer honored with national award

For the first time in the history of the Ohio Army National Guard, one of its soldiers has been recognized as one of the nation's most outstanding young officers in the United States Army.

Capt. Rufus J. Smith, with the Ohio Army National Guard Inspector General's Office, is a recipient of the MacArthur Leadership Award. The award, given in conjunction with the General Douglas MacArthur Foundation, recognizes those company grade officers who epitomize the ideas of "duty, honor and country."

Twenty-six lieutenants and captains, representing active and reserve components of the Army, received the award at a ceremony at the Pentagon on May 27.

"There is no way I could have won without the support of the soldiers and leaders of the HAWK Battalion," Smith said. It was during Smith's tenure with the Hawk Battalion when he was nominated by his superiors for the award in 1992.

After serving on active duty for four years as an enlisted soldier, Smith joined the Ohio National Guard in 1982. In 1983, Smith attended federal officer candidate school and received his commission as a second lieutenant in the Air Defense Artillery branch of the Army.

Smith assumed duties as administrative officer with the state's Duster unit which evolved into 2nd Battalion, 174th ADA HAWK, nestled in McConnelsville, Ohio. Smith was an active participant in the transition of the battalion and moved into the role of training officer. As the assistant S-3, Smith was instrumental in organizing the battalion's successful live fire exercise at Fort Bliss, Texas in 1992.

"I believe it is very important to provide soldiers with the best leadership possible," Smith said.



MacArthur Leadership Award winner Capt. Rufus J. Smith

"They deserve it."

Having served as an enlisted soldier on active duty, Smith understands the issues and concerns typically associated with enlisted soldiers. "I chose to become an officer because I thought there was a void in strong leadership and I felt I could make a significant contribution," he said.

Smith firmly believes in leading by example. Besides having maxed the physical training test for the last three years he said he "seeks the tough jobs" and "takes responsibility" in situations. This type of attitude has earned him the respect of his fellow soldiers.

Though Smith has set a precedent for leadership in the Ohio National Guard, he remains humble about his national recognition. "I just want to make a contribution to the National Guard and what it stands for," he said. "Wherever they need me or ask me to serve, I'll be happy to do so and give it my best effort." *Story by Spec. J.D. Biros 196th Public Affairs Det.*



Maj. Phipps retires

## 216th Eng. Bn. commander retires

The 216th Combat Engineer Battalion has announced the retirement of Maj. James C. Phipps. After 22 and one-half years in the Ohio Army National Guard, Phipps will be retiring from the Guard as the commander of the 216th Eng. Bn.

Phipps will be missed by the soldiers from the 216th Eng. Bn. and the 16th En. Bde.

## ONGA Award:

# Honoring those who serve

Once again, nominations are solicited for the Hall of Fame and Distinguished Service Awards. Selected persons will be honored at the 1994 Ohio National Guard Association Conference.

### Hall of Fame

Criteria are as follows:

1. Officers, warrant officers, and enlisted personnel who have served in the Ohio National Guard are eligible.

2. A person shall become eligible for nominations three years after retirement from the Armed Services, or three years after death, whichever comes first. A member of the Ohio National Guard who is awarded the Medal of Honor while serving in a National Guard status or on extended active duty from the Ohio National Guard may be inducted into the Hall of Fame at any time.

3. Nominations for the Hall of Fame shall cover the entire military and civilian service of the nominee.

Sustaining exceptional performance of all duties, the institution of innovative programs which were unique to their time frame, the enhancement of the combat effectiveness of the Ohio National Guard and the enhancement of public support of the Guard are types of service to be considered.

### Distinguished Service Award

Criteria are as follows:

1. Any person, military or civilian, is eligible.

2. A person is eligible for nomination at any time.

3. This award may be given for a single act or for performance over an extended period of time.

4. a. An individual must have accomplished an outstanding achievement on behalf of the Ohio National Guard.

b. Outstanding performance by the individual must have been such as to clearly identify the person as having played a key role in the accomplishment for which the award is to be given.

c. Although a single accomplishment may be deemed qualification for this award particular consideration should be given to those individuals who have contributed outstanding service on a sustained basis.

d. Civilians who assist the Ohio National Guard by their actions and support may be considered for this award.

### Award of Merit

Personnel considered for this award would be those who have made a contribution which did not meet the criteria for the present awards, but whose contribution deserves recognition. This award is to be based on such areas as leadership, longevity, a meritorious act or deed, a project or activity which has contributed significantly to the benefit of the Ohio National Guard, military service performed at a level above the norm, or to an individual who has served the Ohio National Guard Association over and above what is reasonably expected from the member.

### Nominations

The proposed citation should not exceed 800 words for the Hall of Fame and 500 Words for the Distinguished Service Award. The language used should be such as will be readily understood by the news media and the general public. Acronyms and military jargon are to be avoided. Citations used in connection with the awards previously made to the nominee may be quoted. The full text of these and other supporting documents may be attached for consideration of the Awards Committee.

A suggested outline follows:

1. Date and place of birth.
2. Date and circumstance into military service.
3. Chronological listing of career high-points to include:
  - duty assignments
  - promotions
  - noteworthy actions or accomplishments
  - excerpts from previous citations
4. Conclusion

Anyone may submit nominations for the awards. Nominations along with proposed award citation text and a synopsis (brief summary) of no more than two pages should be submitted to The Ohio National Guard Association, ATTN: Awards Committee, P.O. Box 8070, Columbus, Ohio 43201 by February 1, 1994.

Community Action

# Army Style

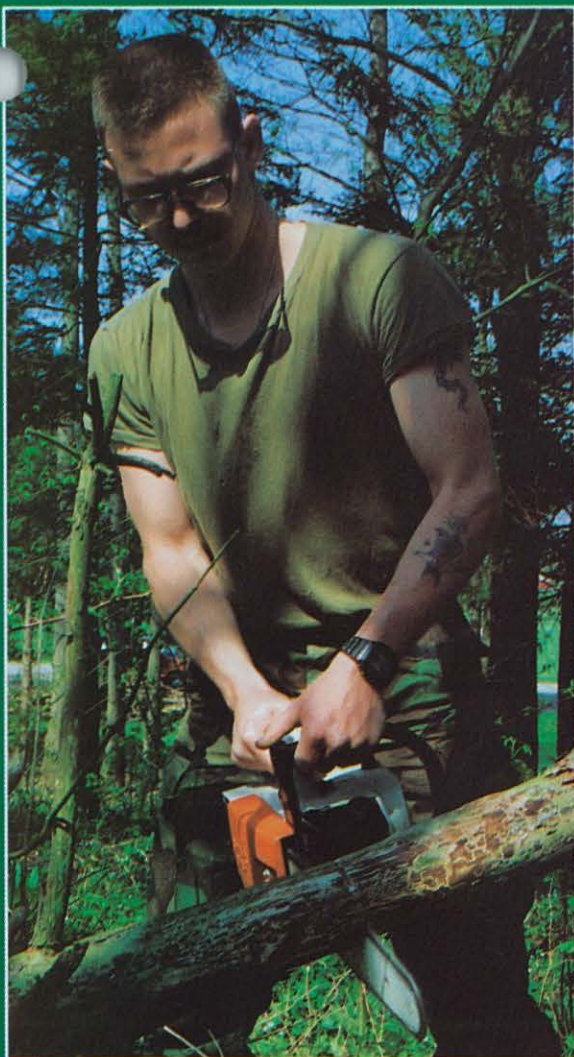
Story and photos by  
Staff Sgt. Ralph Rohner Det. 1,  
Co. D, 1/148th Inf. Bn.

An Army infantry detachment from Urbana planted the seed for a local community relations program that grew into a tri-county event. The action-packed day was the result of bold initiative and a lot of enthusiasm by Detachment 1 of Company D, 1/148 Infantry Battalion.

Det. 1, which falls under the command of Capt. David C. Reeves and 1st Sgt. George E. Young of Co. D, Findlay, has only been in Urbana since September 1992. New to the community, the members decided they needed a program that would boost public opinion and awareness of their unit, and benefit the community as well.

The unit's Readiness NCO Staff Sgt. Ike Wintz and Unit Public Affairs Representative Staff Sgt. Ralph Rohner laid the groundwork back in February 1993. The two guardmembers asked city officials if there was anything the unit could do for Urbana. Art Bear, city of Urbana Administrator, and Bruce Eulizer, an Urbana police officer, took the unit's offer to heart and brought the Guard's proposition to a city council meeting.

After the meeting, Art Bear called the unit with the city's ideas. Planters downtown needed some dead shrubbery replaced, a wooded section of the city park needed thinned out and there was a littered section of roadway outside town that needed cleaned



Top left: Spec. Quentin Durrstein cuts up a tree in the Urbana City Park. Top right: Sgt. Christopher Theobald (left), Pfc. Eric Hibner (center) and Pfc. Stephen Holland paint over graffiti on an underpass.

up. The unit responded by accepting all three of the city's projects and adding a few more of their own. The final task list included replacing shrubs in downtown planters, hosing down the town square, clearing out a wooded area in the city park, picking up litter along a section of city road and painting over graffiti on an underpass.

Unit members then decided to find a way to include charities in their community effort. Rohner contacted Johnny Packer of the Champaign County Chapter of the Shriners; together the two men began organizing an aluminum can drive to benefit the Shriners' Hospital for crippled and burned children. The end result was a three county (Madison, Clark and Champaign) aluminum can drive using 2 1/2 ton trucks as transport. Other unit members discovered that Moose Lodge Local #824 collected the pull tabs from aluminum

cans to help defer the cost of insulin and syringes for diabetic children. Since the unit was already planning the can drive, unit members decided to pull off the tabs for the Moose Lodge fund.

The cap to Det. 1's ambitious plan was a wheelchair basketball game, with the ticket proceeds divided between the Shriners and a local senior citizen center.

Once May 1 was selected as the date for Det. 1's "Community Relations Day," unit members concentrated on coordinating all the activities, while local newspapers and radio stations informed the public of the scheduled events.

Beginning at 6 a.m., Staff Sgt. Joe Keel led a group downtown to handle replacing dead shrubs in planters, picking up litter and washing down the streets with fire hoses.

Staff Sgt. Dan Wallace took a second group to a section of city road that needed cleaned up and painted. With the city of Urbana supplying the tools and paint, unit members went to work. Trash was picked up, brush was cut down and a graffiti-covered railroad underpass was painted over.

Sgt. Adam Richards and a third group headed for the city park to meet Rocky Teets of Urbana City Park & Recreation. Clearing the wooded area was the largest task facing the unit. "I know

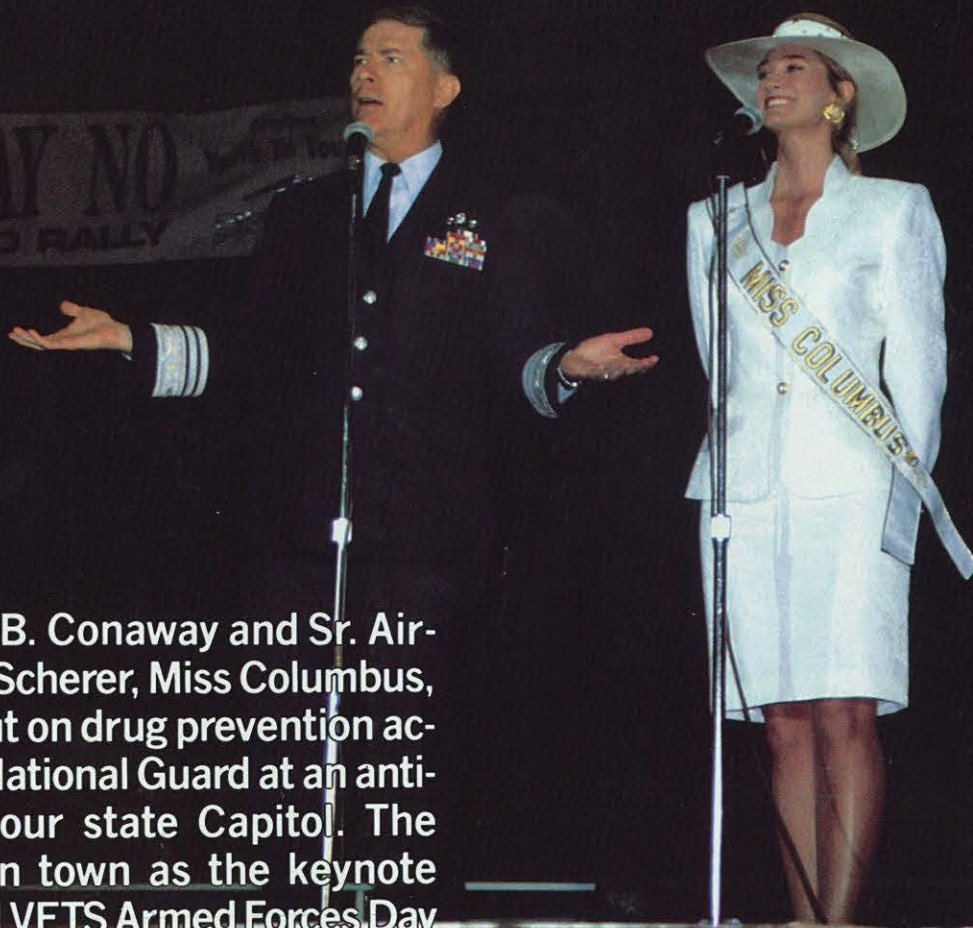
you won't be able to finish the job," Teets told the group, "just get as far as you can." Much to Teets surprise, Det. 1 pulled together and finished this last task by the end of the day.

While all the work was being done around the city of Urbana, 2 1/2 ton trucks rolled out of the armory and set up at three area Kroger stores to collect aluminum cans. At the end of the collection, the Shriners' fund received two and one half truck loads of aluminum cans, and the Moose Lodge got more than 50,000 tabs for their charity fund.

The final event of the day was a wheelchair basketball game between unit guardmembers and the Champaign County Sheriff's Department. In wheelchairs donated by Action Wheelchairs of Columbus, guardmembers and sheriff's deputies struggled to play ball from the confines of their wheelchairs.

Det. 1's Community Service Day was a "win-win" situation for all the agencies involved and unit members left residents of Urbana with a positive public opinion about the Guard and their unit. ■

JUST SAY NO  
MARCH AND RALLY



Lt. Gen. John B. Conaway and Sr. Airman Shannon Scherer, Miss Columbus, Ohio, speak out on drug prevention activities of the National Guard at an anti-drug rally at our state Capitol. The general was in town as the keynote speaker for MILVETS Armed Forces Day Luncheon. (Photo by Cameron Williams)

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