

# The Buckeye Guard

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AG Speaks

# TALK FROM THE TOP



Reorganization ...

By the time you receive this issue we will be well into reorganization and many of you will be wondering why did it happen? Why me, rather than another individual or another unit? Those are fair questions and I want to answer them.

First of all, Army War Plans change from time to time based on plans and national policies. As a result, some units become excess and other types are needed. During the 1960's when civil disturbances were frequent, the Army authorized many additional MP units. Now with few civil disorders, 50 percent of all MP units are being removed from the Army troop list. Since Ohio had more MP units than most states, we were selected for reduction of MP units by the National Guard Bureau. Faced with such a choice, we retained the MP units with the most vehicles and radios since they have greater capability in the event patrolling or escort duty in the state mission is required. Army plan changes also dictated the loss of engineer water points in Cincinnati and the dump truck company in Toledo.

Another factor creating a need for re-

organization was our inability to achieve required strengths in some areas, most notably in the Cleveland and northeastern Ohio areas. Faced with a choice of retraining either engineer or armored cavalry units, logic dictated retention of engineers with relocation in some instances. Engineers have the skills and equipment to participate in community action programs and natural disaster recovery operations to a greater extent than does the armored cavalry unit.

In summary, reorganization decisions resulted from changes in national plans, inability of some areas to support the strength required by assigned National Guard units and the need to retain units which would be most beneficial to the state in the event the need arises.

As in every reorganization, some people are adversely affected. They are required to retrain, lose their assignment or potential promotion or are forced to relocate to retain their rank or civilian technician position. This is unfortunate but let me assure you that in the five reorganizations of the National Guard I have witnessed, those who continue to work, try to learn their new branch or as-

signment and encourage others to do likewise generally survive and advance. That is the trademark of the Guard. The ability to be flexible, answer every call and do any job.

I encourage each of you to accept the reorganization and work to make the change a success. If you are adversely affected and feel you cannot be happy and effective in your unit, talk to your commander about a transfer to another unit. He will try to work things out. If you are unsuccessful at unit level, contact the friendly Inspector General.

So much for reorganization and the fact we would like to keep everyone and find each of you a job where you would feel useful. Now to two other points I want to stress. These are really concerns of officers and senior NCO's, but maybe even you, the PFC or Corporal down there can help do something about the problems. These are:

**1. Taking Care of your Own:**

We always like to think that we take care of "our own." But do we? During "Go Guard" almost 1,900 new or prior service personnel were brought into the Guard. It is inevitable that some of these people may have pay problems, promotion difficulties or not know how to request equivalent training. Probably the fella or gal who needs attention most is the junior enlisted person who has just returned from basic and advanced individual training. He has just completed some very rigorous training and deserves the respect of having "made the grade." It won't be hard to spot this guy. He'll probably always do what he's told. He won't say much or complain about his problems. Take the time to be a big brother or sister to someone who may be just too overwhelmed by the bigness of the Guard to ever mention his problems. Maybe you can't solve his or her problems, but your interest will say more than you know.

**2. Retention:**

It's also interesting to note that 25 per-

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## Our Cover ...

Our cover photo was taken by Ohio Air Guard T/SGT Bob Barker, an award-winning photographer attached to the 180th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Toledo. Barker won the "best of show" in the black and white division of the National Guard Bureau Photo Contest in 1976.

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To the Editor:

On behalf of my wife and my son that was born January 31, 1977, I would like to thank the Akron-Canton Air Guard and particularly the two pilots for their assistance in getting us to the hospital during the recent snowstorm on January 30.

We appreciate all of you.

James A. Davidson  
 102 Park Ave.  
 New London, Oh.

**Saving A Life**

To the Editor:

I would like very much to say "thank you" to the helicopter crew who is responsible for getting me to the hospital on Sunday, Jan. 31.

Getting me there so quick may have saved my life, as they had to operate on me only a couple of hours later.

I'm certainly lucky you were available to help me.

Thank you so very much!

Mrs. Carol Lucal  
 Edwards Rd.  
 North Fairfield, Oh.

**Then and Now**

To the Editor:

The article I read "Then and Now" proved very interesting.

The history of Ohio is very important and I'm glad other people are taking an interest in it. Please put more articles in *The Buckeye Guard* like this.

PVT Laura Welker  
 512 MP Co  
 Ft. Huachuca, Az

**Bad Impression**

To the Editor:

As a Guardsman I am disgusted in the wrong impression the general public has about the National Guard.

I would like to know if the public has

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cent of all people that get out of the Guard WERE NEVER ASKED TO STAY! Sixty-five percent of all people who left the Guard never received literature or a letter reminding them of what they have at stake. At Camp Grayling this year a professional Retention Center will be made available to show Guard members their retention benefits. We plan to expand this program and send out literature to all Guard members nearing their ETS dates. Remember, use me well, treat me well and I'll stay in the Guard. If we don't take care of "our own," who will?

Stop and think about it. *What have you done special for someone else or for the Ohio National Guard lately?*

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ever thought about or realized what the Guard has done for the people and for the surrounding community.

People think all we do on weekend drills is sit around the Armory and drink and play cards. Well let me say just one thing in behalf of our Guard units in Ohio:

Remember just a few months ago, when the state was blanketed with snow and those sub-zero temperatures? Well, the good old National Guard was called upon once again to help the state and local communities out of their problem with the deep snow.

It seems as though it was just like yesterday when the National Guard was called upon again to go to Xenia, to help their community clean up after a huge tornado leveled part of their town. It was also that same time when a Guardsman lost his life in helping the community.

People don't realize what we stand for until after something bad has happened to show them.

So don't tell me the Guard doesn't do much of anything, because I know better.

I am a Guardsman, and I'm proud of it.

Sgt. Robert Hittle  
 Co B, 372 Eng Bn.

**Opportunity to Grow**

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter



### New Brigade Patch

A new shoulder insignia has been designed and approved for wear by personnel in the 112th Medical Brigade.

An original design was submitted in September, 1975, by Colonel Earl Smith, Chief of Staff for the 112th.

Although the insignia is currently approved for wear, members might not be sewing them on until late June. The manufacturing contract was sent out the second of February, with delivery expected sometime this month.

was sent to BG Abraham, Asst. Adj. Gen. for Army, by a recent recipient of an Ohio National Guard tuition grant to Hocking Technical College:

Dear General Abraham,

The receipt of this grant has given me an opportunity I would not otherwise have and I am very grateful and my sincere thanks go to all who have made this possible.

My first year in the Guard will be up this May and after being in the Guard this amount of time I am really looking forward to the next two years.

You might find some humor in this. Some people aren't satisfied that I'm "just" in the Guard, today I got a letter from an Air Force recruiter telling me to "join the eagles and test your wings, go Air Force." I won't regret saying "no" to this one offer. I can refuse!

Thank you again for giving me an opportunity to "grow" through the Guard.

Airman Sandra L. Cotton  
 121st Tac Hospital  
 Rickenbacker AFB

## TV Documentary Thought-Provoking

While many people are content to believe that this country has an adequate defense system, there are others who say we do not.

The American Security Council Education Foundation has produced a dramatic and thought-provoking documentary which takes a critical look at the present U.S. defense posture. The film, "The Price of Peace and Freedom" simply asks, "What price are we willing to pay for the freedom we take for granted today?"

The film is available to television stations and can be requested by contacting Mr. John M. Fisher, President American Security Council Education Foundation, Boston, Virginia.

## Barn Sale at Perry

Cots, blankets and other miscellaneous surplus state property will be sold at the Ohio National Guard's Camp Perry on Saturdays June through September from noon until 7:30 p.m.

Camp Perry is located in Northwestern Ohio, eight miles west of Port Clinton.

Call LTC Doile Lama at (614) 466-5451 for additional information.

## New Grants Available at Rio Grande

In line with its ever-increasing role as a "partner in education" the Ohio National Guard recently announced a new tuition grant program at Rio Grande College/Rio Grande Community College in Rio Grande, Ohio.

Ten one-year grants are now being offered at Rio Grande to Ohio residents who are current members of the National Guard, or previous members of the active or Reserve forces who have completed military basic and advanced individual training.

To be eligible for the grant a prior service person must be willing to enlist in the Guard. A current member of the Ohio Guard must extend his or her enlistment for at least two years. Those who have two years or more remaining on their six year Guard obligation are also eligible.

The grants, valued at an estimated \$766 each, are now available for the Fall Quarter beginning Sept. 6, 1977. The deadline for applications is August 1, 1977.

The grants are open to individuals

who have at least one year residency in Ohio and who will enter Rio Grande as freshmen only.

Those interested in applying for the grant should contact their local Ohio National Guard armory; fill out the mail-in coupon accompanying this article; or call toll free 1-800-282-7310.

Earlier this year the Ohio National Guard announced tuition grant programs at both Hocking Technical School and Ohio University.

Ohio University grants are still available.

According to BG James Abraham, Adjutant General for Army, the estimated value of tuition grants donated to the Ohio National Guard now exceeds \$100,000.

The general added, 75 grants have been offered by Ohio University, 30 from Hocking Technical School, and 10 grants from Rio Grande College/Community College.

Mail to: 2Lt Victor Dubina, AGOH-RR, 2825 W. Granville Rd., Worthington, Oh. 43085

Yes, I'd like more information on your tuition program at: (check one)

Ohio U     Hocking Tech     Rio Grande

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

## Notes from the Assistant AG

The time is rather late to consider any further applications for the Ohio U tuition grant program. However, if you have applications that you feel strongly about and believe you have someone you want in the program, a good potential future officer for the Ohio National Guard, then by all means expedite those applications to us. They will receive serious consideration and we'll make every effort to place them.

The problem at this point is getting these people off to BCT and back again. This takes about nine weeks including processing even though the requirement for BCT is only seven weeks. One of the important considerations is that we're able to get them off for this training and back in time before school starts.

### Leadership . . .

Now I would like to talk about something else—a subject that is probably more important to us today than ever before and that is LEADERSHIP. Many talk about it but few really understand what it's all about. Every day I'm amazed at the number of people whose concepts of leadership are purely mechanical or stereotyped and never really understand the heart and soul that goes into it.

Leadership is getting others to do

things that they normally might not want to do. When they do them, it's because for some unknown reason they want to. That unknown quantity is most often leadership. Many are prone to stand back and talk about it in an abstract sense but the real leader is the guy or gal who is in there with the troops, who focuses on the troops, who is part of the troops, and provides the motivation to get them to do things they never did before. It is in this achievement that one finds what I call the "joy of leadership"—the thrill of motivating people to do the things they ordinarily wouldn't do.

For example, the squad leader is part of the squad. He's part of the troops in that squad and how well that squad performs is directly dependent and related to the leadership he exhibits. He doesn't stand aside and put the squad through its paces; he is part of the squad. His job includes insuring that they are well trained, that they perform well, that they are watched over for their basic needs. As that squad begins to perform like true professionals, that's when the "joy of leadership" starts to become evident. The leader sits back and enjoys those qualities that were brought out because of the motivation that was provided.

We talk about the need for an effective

chain of command, for the need to restore the authority of the noncommissioned officer and all this is true. However, it's not very often that you hear about the responsibility that goes with these concepts. Authority becomes total abuse when it's not coupled with a full understanding of the responsibility that goes with it.

### Are you on the team?

Our responsibility is troops, to motivate them, to make them realize their importance and why they're in the National Guard. We're responsible for the quality of people that we bring into the Guard. All this isn't done by some nebulous entity. It's us—we who are members of the National Guard. So, it boils down to one of two things. Are you a member of the team or are you one of the Monday night quarterbacks who can only see what is being done wrong without realizing that we're responsible for at least part of the things that we ourselves criticize?

JAMES M. ABRAHAM  
Brigadier General  
Asst Adj Gen for Army

## A LETTER TO THE WIVES OF OHIO NATIONAL GUARDSMEN:

We know how it is . . . Your husband is away at drill with the Ohio National Guard, or on field training, or maybe mobilized to meet emergencies at home, or halfway around the world . . .

. . . And meantime you have field problems of your own . . . maybe the water heater blows up, or the car won't start, or the children get sick or they become too much to handle alone . . . and, unfortunately, you are alone.

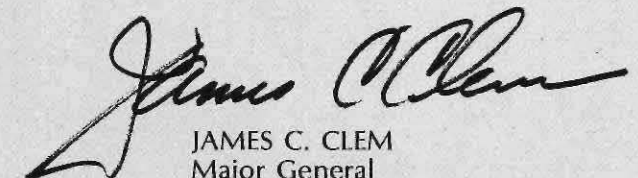
We'd like to express our sincere thanks for your understanding of your husband's desire to serve our country, state and community through his participation in the Ohio National Guard.

We know that without your cooperation, he would find it difficult to be away for his monthly training assemblies and his two weeks of annual training each year.

We're aware that you miss him during this time; but we know that you share, with him, a sense of pride in his contribution to the national defense and the State of Ohio.

We want you to know that we're always ready to hear from you on any questions you might have concerning the Ohio National Guard and your husband's activities in it.

Once again, thank you very much for your cooperation and your support of the Ohio National Guard.



JAMES C. CLEM  
Major General  
The Adjutant General





## Managers

*SPECIALIST DANIEL STARR and his wife Gerry are responsible for the day to day operations of the Camp Perry Clubhouse complex.*

Story and photos by Bob DeVoe

## It Makes "Cents"

# Perry Boasts Great Accomodations

Looking for a vacation close to home that won't wind up costing you an arm and a leg?

Few Guard members and their families know about the great accommodations awaiting them at historic Camp Perry, located along Lake Erie five miles west of Port Clinton, Ohio.

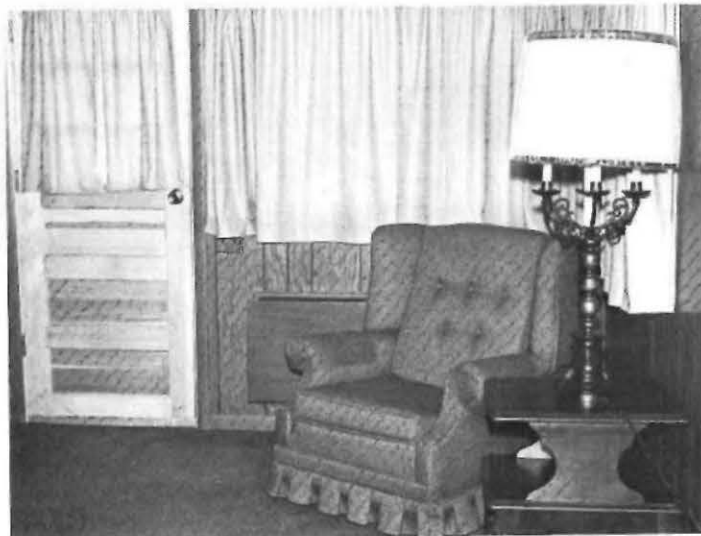
Camp Perry is Ohio's only state-owned military reservation.

During both world wars Camp Perry was turned over to the federal government and was used as a reception and training center and a prisoner of war impoundment. The many small huts were originally used to house prisoners.

The camp has some of the finest rifle ranges in the world, including a 1,000 yard range. Many national-level matches have been held at Perry since 1907.

Camp Perry is used throughout the year by units of the Ohio National Guard for storage, maintainance, range firing

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## Inside ...

*THE COTTAGE INTERIORS at Camp Perry are clean, neat and spacious. Bedding and towels are furnished with each cottage rental. No pets are allowed, however.*



## ... Outside

*EXTENSIVE EXTERIOR and interior renovation changed the old buildings in the Clubhouse complex to the attractive, modern buildings shown above.*

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## Great Accomodations ...

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and annual training.

During the warmer months of June through September, the camp becomes a beehive of military and civilian activities.

### RV SPACES AVAILABLE

The Clubhouse at Camp Perry is a year-round operation. Accommodations in the Clubhouse area range from single motel rooms to cottages and recreational vehicle parking.

Specialist Fifth Class Daniel Starr and his wife Gerry are responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Clubhouse complex.

According to Dan, the Clubhouse area features 27 newly remodeled cottages. Each cottage has room for up to four and is fully equipped with bedding, pots, pans, dishes and towels. "All you need to move in are your clothes and food," he said. In addition, each cottage is fully heated and air conditioned. No pets are allowed.

Dan credits the 612th Engineer Bn., 112th Engineer Bn. and 372nd Engineer Bn. with performing most of the renovation work at Perry. "I personally think they've done a fantastic job," said Dan.

The newly remodeled cottages aren't the only attraction at Camp Perry either—the nearly 300 foot beach frontage facing the Clubhouse complex is "one of the cleanest in the entire west end of Lake Erie."

During the summer months two full-time life Guards are on duty from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week.

Twenty-eight recreational vehicle parking spaces are available complete with hook-ups for water, sewer and electric. Guard members pay only \$5.25 per day for these slots. Pop-top campers (with no hook-up) pay only \$2.25 per day.

### RECREATION GALORE!

In addition to safe swimming and great perch fishing, recreational opportunities abound in the Clubhouse area. Shuffleboard, volleyball and horseshoe equipment are available and baseball enthusiasts can check out balls, bats and gloves.

The Camp Perry accommodations are even more inviting to Guard members and their families because of the close proximity to the giant Cedar Point Amusement Park. Perry is just 18 miles from this midwestern fun spot.

### RESERVATIONS A MUST

Advance reservations are a must for those desiring to use the facilities here. Reservation forms are available through your AST. Additional information can be obtained by calling Dan or Gerry Starr at (419) 635-2519.

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## Loop the Loop

*FAMILY FUN is available at the nearby Cedar Point Amusement Park. The park is open every day through Labor Day, from 9 a.m. to at least 10 p.m. There are also two bonus weekends after Labor Day. A number of new rides are featured at the park including the Loop the Loop (above).*



## 'Let's face it . . . we're hams'

BY BECKY MONEYSMITH

The fact that the Ohio Army National Guard has a band was probably one of the best kept secrets in the state.

Now, however, the talented members of the 122nd Army Band have spread word of themselves through their music.

When Specialist Four Michael Geschke joined the Guard nearly five years ago, he didn't know the 122nd Army Band existed. In fact, he didn't find out about the band until he had spent nearly three years with an engineer company in Cleveland. Even though Geschke knew he would be traveling from Cleveland to Worthington one weekend a month, he requested a transfer.

But the distance Spec. 4 Geschke travels to play in the band doesn't seem that unusual to him. "A lot of guys and girls in the band do a lot of traveling to play," he said. "In fact," he added, "we have a guy living in Pittsburgh right now, and he's in the band."

"People come from all over the state to join the band," Geschke said. "I think

everyone understands that if you want to be in the band, you have to make the sacrifice."

Spec. 4 Geschke was first interested in music at the age of 12. "I realized then that this was something I might want to pursue," he said.

His interest in music has taken him to a career in teaching music to elementary and junior high school student in the Strongsville School system.

Geschke, like many other band members, plays two instruments, the trumpet and baritone horn.

The musician explained why he would like to see all members of the band be able to play at least two instruments:

"We have a concert band and a stage or dance band," he said, "and at the strength we're at now, a lot of people play in both of the bands."

It's really not as hard to become a band member as some people think, Geschke said.

"You should have at least a few years behind you in playing an instrument,

and be a pretty good musician."

Lack of leadership is one reason band members cite for discontent. But recently the information officer for the state, 1LT Don Vaquera, was appointed band manager.

"I think there was a dead period in which we didn't have any leadership, and I think that's a bad morale factor."

Now, however, Geschke feels that because of the new emphasis on management, the band morale has improved.

Spec. 4 Geschke also feels that the band members travel far and work hard for one reason.

"Let's face it," he said, "musicians are hams. If they have something to work for, something to play for, that group puts out 100 per cent."

The group's need to perform will probably be more than satisfied in the future. Band requests have increased sharply during the past few months. As a matter of fact, bookings have already been confirmed for 1978.

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## A Tribute to the Officers and Men of the 148th Infantry Bde.

(Upon my transfer to the 73rd Infantry Bde.)

*'Twas a nice day in April in '59  
When a dude signed his name on the dotted line.  
He didn't know when he'd X'ed the box  
What a summer was like at a place called Ft. Knox.*

*Only the Army could carefully plan  
The perfect slot for a lawyer man.  
Radio school will train this new star  
A career with the code will carry him far.*

*After six months came the wonderful date  
I returned to my home in the 148.  
My weekends were spent with a radio pack  
Taped and secured to my twisted, sore back.*

*From private to sergeant to officer stuff  
Some years were easy, some years were rough.  
With tornadoes and riots and other such things,  
Along with the friendships, hardships and flings.*

*Your career becomes molded as you rise in the Guard  
To a life that is different, to a life that is hard.  
Your family, your job and your friendships, you see  
Cannot conflict in priority.*

*Still there are times that you know deep inside  
That you've done your job well and you swell up with pride.  
And what is there greater than when your young lad  
Points with his finger and yells "That's my dad"?*

*All put together through seventeen years  
Makes leaving you guys cause a few tears.  
Thanks for your help, your guidance, your care  
You made me a man, because I've been there.*

*You worked like hell and made us the best  
The rest fell behind when put to the test.  
Don't let them down, who have gone before,  
Look to the future and keep giving some more.*

*Few of us know what our country's about  
Most guys just talk, others just pout.  
But a guy in the sky watches over you  
You bastards that work in the Infantry Blue.*

*Time marches on and I leave with regret  
The Hours and day of honor and sweat.  
No matter my future, no matter my fate  
My heart shall remain in the 148.*

Major Daniel M. Snyder

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## Veterans Offered Free Placement, Employment Service

Did you know that a free employment service now exists to help job-seeking veterans gain work?

The Veterans Employment Service, operated by the U.S. Department of Labor, maintains 2400 Employment Service (ES) offices in the United States and its Territories.

The offices provide veterans of the armed forces with special interviews, counseling, job preparation and placement services.

Each ES office has one or more designated veterans employment representative.

Those who are eligible for service from the ES office include all veterans of the U.S. military services, with special emphasis placed on the Vietnam era veterans; disabled veterans and handicapped veterans.

According to John P. Lucas, Assistant Veterans Employment Representative for Ohio, extensive outreach and public information programs are conducted in an effort to reach all veterans in need of employment.

In addition, employees are assisted in finding veterans who are qualified and trained for jobs they have to fill.

Each state has one or more veterans employment representative employed by the federal government.

These representatives are trained and informed about employment opportunities available to veterans, and they work closely with employers in the development and location of jobs for veterans.

To apply for ES assistance, contact the local office of the State Employment Service (see state government listings in the phone book). Veterans should ask for the local veterans employment representative. New applicants fill out application forms, are interviewed and then referred to the place where services can be provided. (AMVET)

## NGAUS Sponsors Photo Contest

This year, the National Guard Bureau and National Guard Association of the United States are again sponsoring a nationwide photo contest open to all Guard members. Entries must be received prior to midnight, August 1, 1977.

There will be four \$150 cash prizes and four \$75 cash prizes. Only photographs taken between July 1, 1976, and August 1, 1977, will be eligible for an award.

Entry forms for the contest are available from SSG Bob DeVoe, AGOH-PA-10, 2825 W. Granville Rd., Worthington, Oh. 43085.

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### 'Vantastic' Results From Show . . .

Customized vans adorned the 372nd Engineer Battalion's Armory in Middletown recently as Company A held its First Annual Armory Van Show.

Over 35 customized vans were on display to the public and area high school seniors were admitted for free.

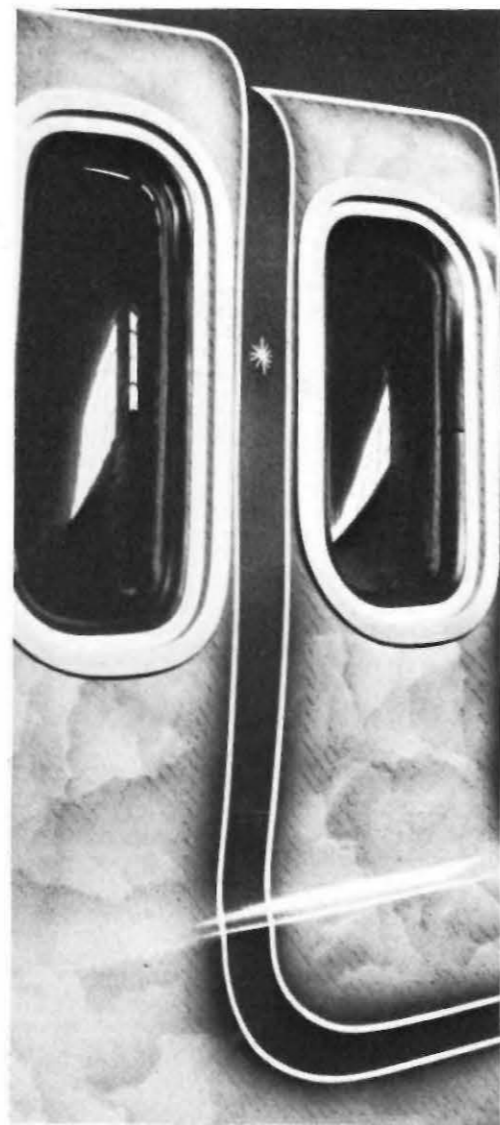
On the outside, the unit set up a G.P.

medium tent filling it with recruiting displays and miscellaneous equipment.

Captain Gerald R. Schoettmer, unit commander, indicated the van show will become an annual event at the armory.

The one-day show drew nearly 300 visitors to the armory.

photos by Bob DeVoe



### New Hall of Fame Member

# ONGA Honors General Kreber

By Bob DeVoe

The Ohio National Guard Association (ONGA) held its Annual State Conference in Toledo April 22 and 23.

Highlight of the affair was the posthumous installation of the late Major General Leo M. Kreber into the ONGA Hall of Fame. The award was presented to Mrs. Kreber, who was the guest of honor during a formal dinner on Apr. 23.

After receiving the honor on behalf of her late husband Mrs. Kreber emphasized, "No one is more thrilled or appreciative than I." She added, "He (Gen. Kreber) was always a gentleman, a true military man, and a real friend to everyone who served with him."

General Kreber was a former Ohio Adjutant General with a military career that spanned 41 years. During World War II he served as commander of 37th Div. artillery.

Keynote addresses during the business session were given by Major General William B. Caldwell, III, Commander of Army Readiness Region VI, Ft. Knox, Kentucky; and Brigadier General John B. Conaway, Deputy Director of the Air National Guard, National Guard Bureau, Washington.

Other speakers included Colonel Wilford D. McGlassen, Executive Assistant (Army National Guard) with the National Guard Association of the U.S.; Major General James C. Clem,

the Adjutant General for Ohio; and First Sergeant Frank Cartwright, President of the Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association.

#### KEY AWARDS

Key awards were presented to First Lieutenant Donald Wolfe and Second Lieutenant John R. Carruthers. Wolfe was named the outstanding Ohio Air National Guard officer for 1976; and Carruthers was honored as the outstanding honor graduate from the Ohio Military Academy in 1976.

Assistant Adjutant General James M. Abraham received the Meritorious Service Medal from Adjutant General James C. Clem during the business session. In presenting the award General Clem praised many contributions made to the Buckeye Guard by General Abraham including the establishment of tuition grant programs at Ohio University, Hocking Technical School and Rio Grande College/Community College.

Colonel Richard G. Magley (Ret.), former ONG Technician Personnel Officer, received the Legion of Merit from General Abraham during the formal dinner.

The two day conference, attended by over 350 people, was climaxed with installation of new officers during a formal dinner.

#### NEW OFFICERS

The new officers of the association include: Captain Steven M. Koper, President; Maj. John McKinney, 1st



MG Leo M. Kreber

Vice-President; LTC Robert V. Zimmerman, 2nd VP; Col. Leslie Pletcher, Secretary; and Maj. John E. Mutchler, Treasurer.

### New Exchange Policy

## Earning Statements are Needed Now

The Department of Defense has announced a change in the policy on the use of exchange facilities by Guard and Reserve personnel.

Currently, unlimited exchange privileges are authorized for all Reservists and Guard members who perform inactive duty training, in either a pay or non-pay status, on the basis of one day of exchange privileges for two inactive training drills.

Reservists and Guard members may choose any day to use the exchange, within the validity period. Spouses will not be allowed to enter the exchange alone, and all register transactions must be completed by the service member.

#### LA or EA?

Due to the change in policy, service members will now be asked to present

either a letter of authorization (LA) or an earning statement (ES).

These documents will be stamped to indicate that a day of exchange privileges has been used. For the rest of that day, the LA or ES will be accepted as an admittance pass into all exchange concessions.

The LE, which is issued by the unit commander, is used by service members who are in a non-paid status.

The LE should include the validity period (12 months from the date of issue), the number of days of exchange authorized, the name and social security number of the service member and spouse and the signature of the unit commander.

Also on the LE will be two blocks with the numbers 1 through 10. These blocks

will be stamped when the soldier has used an exchange day.

The ES is to be used by Reservists and Guard members who perform inactive duty training in a pay status. This form should include the name of the service member, the date of issue, and the number of drills performed.

To estimate how many exchange days the member has, divide two into the number of drills. (This sum should be entered into the appropriate space on the ES.) A date will be stamped on the ES when the member has used a day of exchange service.

The service member's spouse will not be listed on the ES. Instead, the spouse will be required to present some type of identification in order to enter the exchange. (Plain Talk)

# All About People-

The 1977 edition of "Who's Who Among Vocational Students in America" will carry the name of SGT WILLIAM F. KEENER, Co. B, 372nd Eng. Bn., Greenville. The publication lists the nation's most outstanding vocational and technical students.

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SSG BETTY ZIMMERMAN was recently selected as Soldier of the Year for HHD, OHARNG, in Worthington.

Zimmerman came to the Ohio National Guard nearly three years ago, after serving four years active duty. Throughout her military career, SSG Zimmerman has been an administrative specialist.

The Columbus native is married to Command Sergeant Major Zimmerman of the 136th Arty Bn.

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LIEUTENANT DONALD WOLFE is the recipient of Ohio's "Outstanding Second Lieutenant Award" for 1976.

SGT SCOTT LEININGER was recently selected as Ohio's "Airman of the Year."

Both men are members of the 180th Tactical Fighter Group based at Toledo Express Airport.

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CORRI WILLIAMS, daughter of LTC and Mrs. James R. Williams, was recently named the recipient of the Battelle Memorial "Leaders of Tomorrow" Scholarship. The grant is co-sponsored by the Battelle Memorial Institute and Ohio State University.

Corri will receive a scholarship to Ohio State, renewable for four years, valued at \$1500 per year. She is planning to major in microbiology with an ultimate goal of attending medical school.

LTC Williams is S-3 for the 73rd Bde.

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Two future Ohio Army National Guard officers recently reaped honors during graduation ceremonies for their Officer Candidate School Class at Ft. Benning.

SP6 THOMAS CAREY, attached to the 1416th Maint. Co., was named the Honor Graduate.

CRAIG PATTERSON, attached to HHC, 1/166th Inf Bn., was the runner-up.

Others graduating from the Benning OCS class included: Franklin Barnes, Terry Stone, Don Smith and Dennis McGowan.

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MAJOR GENERAL LA VERN E. WEBER, Chief, National Guard Bureau, received his first bronze Minuteman statue from the Ohio National Guard Association.

The presentation was made by LTC Robert Zimmerman, Secretary of the Association.

MG Weber was cited for his outstanding support of the association.

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TSGT DAVE SCHROEDER and MASTER SERGEANT KLAUS SIEBERT, recruiters for the 180th Tactical Fighter Group, Toledo, received the Ohio National Guard's Outstanding Unit Recruiting

and Retention Trophy recently.

This is the third year in a row that the unit has won the award.

The award is based on a rating system that takes into consideration the number of enlistments, non-prior service and minority.

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SP5 JOHN MORROW, '28, has been named the Ohio Army National Guard's "Soldier of the Year."

Morrow, his wife and two children, reside in Wellston, Ohio. He is currently employed as an engineer with the National Cash Register Company in Cambridge.

A member of the Buckeye Guard since 1971, he is currently assigned as a Personnel Records Specialist with Headquarters and Headquarters Battery (-Det 1), 2nd Battalion, 174th Air Defense Artillery, Athens.

He attended basic training at Fort Ord, Calif., and advanced training at Fort Bliss, Tex.

Morrow graduated from Ohio State University in 1971 with a degree in computer science.

He was presented a special award during the Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association's Annual Conference in Cincinnati on April 30.

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TRACIE HIRES, one of many high school seniors taking advantage of the Ohio Air National Guard's special enlistment program, was recently administered the oath of enlistment.

Administering the oath was Lieutenant Colonel Robert Hires, father of the enlistee and advisor to the 180th Tactical Fighter Group in Swanton.

## VA Provides Compensation for Injuries

National Guardsmen and Reservists, keep in mind as you improve your combat posture during annual training, that should you be involved in an accident, the Veterans Administration (VA) will help you.

The VA provides compensation for injuries incurred during actual training activities, and while traveling to and from training locations. There is no time-in-service requirement to receive compensation for service-related injuries. However, you must have been on active duty for more than 30 days to claim compensation for disabilities resulting from disease. (FORSCOM-PAO)

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# What! No Hash Marks?

Rubies, sapphires, diamonds! You may receive one, two, or all three of these precious stones by working the required number of years for the Federal Government.

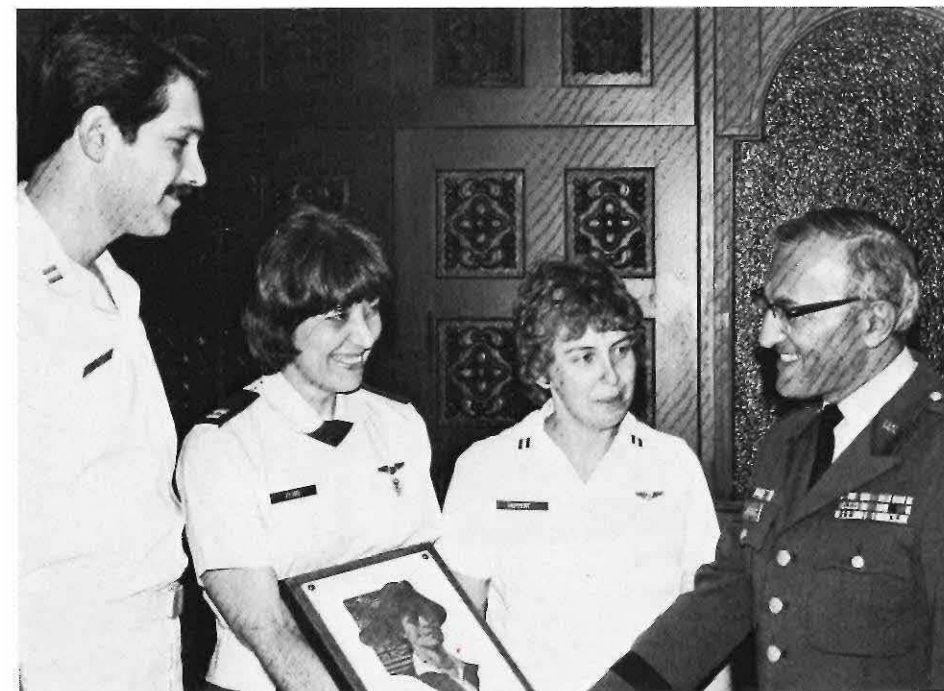
Recently, the Department of Defense joined with other Federal departments and agencies in adopting a new Federal Career Service Award (formerly known as the Length of Service Award) for civilian employees. The design of this new Government-wide emblem or award, which is worn as a collar or lapel pin, includes the United States coat of arms, engraved with the years of completed service. It may be awarded to Federal employees after the first 10 years of service and every five years thereafter through the fiftieth year. In DoD, personnel are presented the Career Service Award and certificate in 10 year increments.

The design is the same for all Federal Career Service Awards, but for 10 and 15 years, a bronze emblem is awarded, and for 20 and 25 years, a silver emblem. The Civil Service Commission says that employees completing 30 through 50 years of service may be awarded a gold emblem with an added feature: a ruby, sapphire or diamond inset. However, the jewel inset is included at the discretion of the department. DoD awards a gold emblem with ruby stone for 40 years of service, and a gold emblem with a diamond stone for 50 years.

This newly designed emblem is one of several DoD military and civilian awards which, in accordance with Defense policy, is presented in recognition of employees' achievements and goals. For civilian employees with previous military service, the Federal Career Service Award also includes the amount of time spent on active duty. (AFPS)



DOD WILL PRESENT this newly designed Federal Career Service Award to employees every 10 years of employment.



## Hospital Staff Honored

BRIGADIER GENERAL JAMES M. ABRAHAM, Assistant Adjutant, Army, recently presented a plaque to members of the Wright Patterson AFB Hospital staff at their monthly commanders call. The plaque was awarded because of letters written by ONG personnel who cited "outstanding medical attention" while being treated at the hospital. Pictured from left to right are CPT Leslie Lebow, CPT Marilyn Floro, CPT Bonnie Huppert, and BG James M. Abraham. (Photo By Don Vaquera).

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## VA Announces Dividends

The Veterans Administration has announced it will pay a record \$403.4 million in GI insurance dividends during 1977.

Payments go to holders of three types of government insurance policies: United States Government Life Insurance, National Service Life Insurance and Veterans Special Life Insurance.

Approximately 3.5 million World War II veterans who maintained their GI insurance policies will receive \$368.1 million, at the average payment of these veterans of \$104, an increase from the 1976 average payment of \$95. Some 114,300 World War I policy-holding veterans will receive \$23.1 million in dividends, an average of \$202 up from \$183, and nearly 550,000 Korean Conflict veterans who kept their GI policies in force will receive \$12.2 million in dividends, at the average payment of \$22, up from \$18.

These dividends represent a return to policyholders of funds not needed to pay the cost of the insurance. In recent years, dividends on most VA insurance policies have increased because the funds have been earning interest at higher rates.

The Veterans Administration says dividend payments will be made automatically on the anniversary date of the individual policies. First checks were mailed in early January 1977. (AFPS)

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## Jet Set '77

# Air Guard Mounts Drive

Three area Ohio Air National Guard units have started operation "Jet Set '77" to help bolster their ranks.

The "Jet Set '77" campaign seeks to enlist 400 new Air Guard personnel between April 1 and June 30.

The drive involves the 160th Air Refueling Group and the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing at Rickenbacker and the 220th Electronics Installation unit from Zanesville.

Lieutenant Colonel William Ingler, project officer for "Jet Set '77", hopes to recruit new personnel through the many educational opportunities presently available to Ohio Air Guard members.

"We're aiming our campaign at both the high school graduate and the prior service person," said Ingler.

"We do offer a young person the opportunity to go to college or Air Force trade school at no cost to him or her," he said.

"Prior service personnel have the chance to wear their former rank again, and to perform training at places like California, Puerto Rico, Hawaii and even Europe," he said.

Persons interested in "Jet Set '77" and the Ohio Air National Guard should call Master Sergeant Motz at Rickenbacker Air Force Base, 497-0607. Collect calls are accepted.

# Buckeye Bits

The 1485th Transportation Company in Covington recently accepted a Superior Unit Award acknowledging the unit's outstanding performance.

The award, issued by National Guard Bureau in Washington, was accepted by Captain Thomas Kinninger, commander, and First Sergeant John Beeman.

The "Go Guard!" incentive drawing was held recently, with nine people winning prizes valued at \$100 or more.

First place winners were presented with a 21 inch color television. Second and third place winners received a \$200 and \$100 savings bond respectively.

In the enlisted category the winners were: Private Fredrick Campbell of Btry A, 2d Bn, 174th ADA; Specialist Four Neil Ketcham of Co. C, 612th Eng Bn; and Staff Sergeant Louis Hendrickson of the same company.

In the recruiter category winners were: Sergeant First Class Guy Gennett of HHT, 2/107 AC; Specialist Four Jack Taylor of Btry A, 2d Bn, 174th ADA; and Sergeant First Class Wilburt Shanklin of the 372nd Engr Bn.

The winning officers were Major Harold Lyon of HHD, 112th Med Bde; Captain James Carter of 5694th Engr Det; and Second Lieutenant Thomas Pettay of Det 1, Btry C, 2d Bn, 174th ADA.

Nearly 130 Ohio Air National Guard members from the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing at Rickenbacker AFB took part in a transatlantic deployment to Ingolstadt, West Germany, in May.

"The deployment was designed to demonstrate the close working relationship that exists among the NATO allied air forces and the capability of the Air National Guard to rapidly deploy forces to Europe when required," said Brigadier General Harry L. Cochran, Wing Commander.

Army Aviation Support Facility Number One, Greensburg, received a letter recently from the Commander of the Ninth Coast Guard District in Cleveland thanking them for providing helicopter standby for the crew of the Coast Guard Cutter Arundel while they were beset by ice in Lake Erie. Rear Admiral J. S. Gracey sent the letter to the ONG unit.

About 10 members of the 181st Weapons Systems Security Flight spent a

recent UTA working at a camp for the mentally retarded.

The Security Policemen put up a mesh fence at Camp Liberty Hill, near Chillicothe. The group finished the work in two days.

A spring jamboree round and square dance, featuring the music of "The Slyh Ones" was held at the Beightler Armory last month.

Proceeds from the dance were



## Off to Belgium

OFFICERS WIVES CLUB members Jo-Ellen Griffith (left), and Frances Johnson (center) present a "Bon Voyage" cake to Joan McDermott, while labeling the last issue of BUCKEYE GUARD. Her husband, LTC Barry McDermott, served as an advisor to the ONG and is being transferred to Belgium with the active Army. Also pictured is a plaque presented by State PIO to the wives for their volunteer efforts in labeling 23,000 BUCKEYE GUARD magazines every other month. (Photo by Don Vaquera.)

## Buckeye Bits

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donated to the Armory's 11th Annual Retarded Children's Christmas Party.

Cadets from the Parma Cadet Squadron 1103, Civil Air Patrol, recently toured Company D, 1st Bn., 107th Armored Cavalry.

The tour was conducted to show cadets and senior members the opportunities available to them in the Ohio National Guard.

Cadet Captain Bryan Siefert, Squadron Commander, is also a sergeant with the 107th.

Parma Cadet Squadron 1103 is rated the number one squadron in the state, according to Captain Patricia Siefert, the Squadron Executive Officer.

The officers and enlisted men of the 256th General Hospital, U.S. Army Reserve, Brook Park, were saluted by the Ohio National Guard during a military dinner and ball on May 6.

Col. James C. Good, Ohio Army National Guard Surgeon, presented a Guard appreciation plaque and letter of appreciation from Assistant State Adjutant General James Abraham to Colonel Peter Carfagna, hospital commander.

Prison inmates from the Grafton Honor Farm are receiving training at the Ohio National Guard state training site at Camp Perry, Ohio.

Colonel Ted Mason, Camp Superintendent, said 21 honor prisoners are receiving training in plumbing, carpentry, painting and electrical work to assist them in finding employment upon their parole from correctional institutes.

The Supreme Court of the United States has upheld the constitutionality of Title 10 United States Code 1331 c.

This decision reaffirms that members of the Reserve Components prior to Aug. 16, 1945, that did not serve on active duty during World War II or the Korean War, are not entitled to non-regular (Reserve Component) retirement pay.

The decision does not affect those individuals with reserve component service after August 16, 1945. (AGOH)

Two Ohio Army National Guard helicopters were on display at the Ayersville High School athletic field in Defiance when the Kiwanis Club kicked off its Annual Radio Controlled Air Show.

Nearly 200 radio aircraft, valued at over \$250,000 participated in the show.

# Guard Shooters Bag 7 Trophies, 31 Medals

Ohio National Guard rifle and pistol teams continue to chalk up honors around the country.

A six man ONG rifle and pistol squad recently won high honors at the Forces Command Military Shooters' Competition at Ft. Riley, Kansas.

They competed against 30 other states and active Army, Reserve and National Guard shooters.

Buckeye Guard marksman Staff Sergeant Ernest Tracy took first place in the M-14 rifle matches.

Sergeant Joseph Pascarella took second place in the .22 caliber pistol competition.

Overall the Ohio shooters won seven trophies and 31 medals to give them the number two rating against first place Louisiana.

### Second in State

The Buckeye pistol team also participated in the State Pistol Matches at Canton, Ohio.

Sergeant Pascarella captured the State pistol championship for the third year in a row; with SSG James Lenardson coming in a close second.

In the team matches, the Ohio squad

won the .22 caliber team match; but were nudged out of first place in the .45 caliber event by a single point.

### World Game Bound

SGT Pascarella, of the 324th MP Company, recently attended the National Guard tryout pistol matches at Black Horse Canyon, Ariz.

He won the NRA Regional Pistol Match during the event and as a result was selected to participate in the National Guard International Pistol Squad, and is eligible to attend the World Games to be held in Korea in the fall of this year.

## Checklist Offered by Tech Personnel

The State Technician Personnel Office now offers a checklist for use when applying for technician positions in the Ohio Army and Air National Guard.

For additional information call the Technician Personnel Office at (614) 466-5457 or write: Adjutant General's Dept., ATTN: TN, 2825 W. Granville Rd., Worthington, Oh. 43085.

## Wives Club News

# The Other Half

By JO-ELLEN GRIFFITH

The Officers' Wives Club greeted Spring 1977 with a flurry of activities, including a fond farewell to a dear friend. The March meeting was highlighted by Brenda Burris of Columbia Gas who gave a slide presentation entitled Foreign Flavors and Energy Savers.

Miriam Solomon of Wild Things (a store specializing in dried flower arrangements) presented a fascinating program in April. Miriam demonstrated how to make and use dried flowers in decorative arrangements for the home.

At the May meeting, a presentation concerning the medicopter program by Specialist Michael Robeano and Maj Jeffrey Richeson was followed by a lively question and answer session.

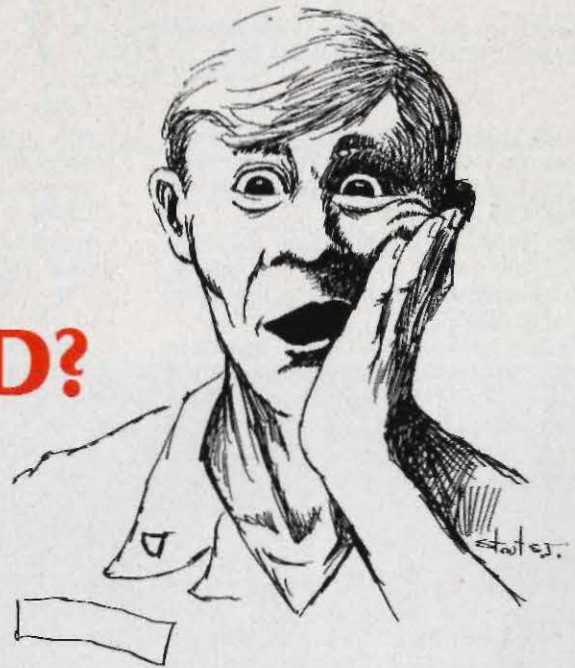
As this is written, the Officers' Wives Club is busily preparing for the OCS graduation on June 5. The ladies will host a reception following the graduation ceremony.

Getting together to put address labels on *The Buckeye Guard* has proven to be more than just a work session. In addition to the mountains of work turned out, the ladies enjoy an extra bonus—another opportunity for good friends to get together. Our April magazine session was especially enjoyable, since it included two very pleasant surprises: 1LT Don Vaquera, the Public Information Officer for the Ohio National Guard, presented our club with a lovely plaque. 1LT Vaquera expressed appreciation for our help in labeling *The Buckeye Guard* during the past year, and for our support of the Ohio Guard. Also, during the same meeting, Joan McDermott was surprised with a beautiful cake which Frances Johnson had baked and decorated for her.

Joan, an active and enthusiastic club member (author of this column during months past), is accompanying her husband, Barry, on an exciting new Army assignment in The Netherlands. Also looking forward to their European adventure are their adorable twin daughters, Donna and Denys, who are excited about learning new languages and meeting new friends. We will all miss Joan and her family, but our loss is Europe's gain. Bon Voyage!!!



# WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT TO LEAVE THE NATIONAL GUARD?



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