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Commentary

AT is Chance to 'Show Your Stuff'



When you receive this issue annual training will be in the offing. It's the time of the year when you and your unit have a chance to put it all together and prove how good you really are.

Don't miff that opportunity. Sure mistakes will be made, but if we recognize them, stop, regroup, critique our mistakes and then do it right, everyone will learn from the mistake. Thus, squad, platoon sergeants and the lieutenants who are where it happens become our most important people. If you are one of these people, make sure you review your tactics the night before the exercise, look for mistakes and use each correction re-

quired as a teaching experience for your entire squad or platoon.

As individual soldiers each of you can help your unit receive the recognition it deserves. Look and act sharp, participate with enthusiasm, help create that good first impression and take pride in your unit's performance. Above all, work hard and be safety conscious at all times.

Annual training can be fun too. When the work is done and plans completed for the next day, have fun. Work hard, play hard, and you and your unit will return from annual training ready for any mission.

From Asst. AG-Army

Substantial Incentives Now Available to Guardmembers

Over the years, we've deplored the fact that the National Guard has had few incentives to help with the problem of enlisting sufficient numbers to meet our authorized strengths. In recent years, the incentives that we have received, while not comparable to the active components, are nevertheless substantial.

Currently, two of the major available incentives are the Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program and the Enlistment Bonus Program. The combination of \$1500 for enlistment plus the Ohio National Guard Scholarship is a tremendous incentive to a senior in high school planning to go on to college as well as those who are already students in college.

Let me shy away from material incentives for a moment and talk about something that makes our incentives more effective. THE BEST RECRUITER IS A NEW RECRUIT who has just come into the unit provided that individual likes the experience.

A number of things go into making up a good experience that perhaps we don't always think about. The obvious, of course, are items like pretraining prior to leaving for basic training, reception in the unit, whether or not a sponsor has been assigned to help in the familiarization and orientation process, the swearing-in ceremony, personal welcome by the unit commander, introduction to the chain of command, etc.

Important also is a good understanding of those material benefits that result from

bringing in buddies. The acquisition of rank, prior to leaving for basic training, as well as hundreds of extra dollars that the individual will be paid are, of course obvious.

PRIDE OF UNIT

A less obvious incentive is a simple thing called "pride of unit". A member of the National Guard performs best and is the greatest asset when that individual has obvious pride in his or her unit. This pride doesn't develop by accident; it reflects a combination of the effects of the chain of command as well as the initial indoctrination.

Commanders must go to great lengths to instill in the new recruit a sense of pride in belonging to a unit. This means, of course, pointing with pride to unit accomplishments in the past, the position of the Ohio National Guard in the defense structure today, the needs of our defense for both today and tomorrow and that the proud heritage of a free people is being continued and is visibly evident by membership in the Ohio National Guard.

Development of pride through the understanding of the history of the Guard and the particular unit of assignment does wonders for morale and for recruiting.

IF WE HAVE PROUD SOLDIERS, WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT RECRUITING AND RETENTION.

BG JAMES M. ABRAHAM
Asst Adj Gen for Army

Belated Thanks

To the Editor:

I have been going to write for months, so at last I am doing so today. I am truly ashamed for this neglect.

First — We want to thank you again for the honor you bestowed upon Barney's uncle — William Frank Banks (99 years of age) as the oldest veteran attending the Ohio State Fair this last summer. And would you believe he is counting on being there this coming summer.

Barney and I made two notebooks, one

for Uncle Frank, and one for ourselves. Uncle Frank was quite pleased with the notebook and said he looks at it almost every day. We thought the pictures were very good and we also enjoyed your BUCKEYE GUARD magazine. I was very glad for that because it gave me the correct names and titles of the men in charge which I could identify with the pictures. I type the names of the people on a wee piece of paper and put them on each picture. Have kept the October issues of BUCKEYE GUARD and HERITAGE magazines. We had copies made of everything (except the pictures) and mailed them to

some of Uncle Frank's relatives at Christmas time.

ELIZABETH AND BARNEY BANKS
Mansfield, O.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Banks has a standing invitation to the 1979 Ohio National Guard/Veterans' Day at the Ohio State Fair. Ceremonies this year will begin at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 19, in front of the Arts and Crafts Building. Our congratulations to Mr. Banks on his recent 100th birthday! The members of the Ohio National Guard heartily salute you!

An Editorial

Someone Does Care!

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The following editorial was written by Ohio Air Guard SSgt. London Mitchell, an information specialist with the 180th Tactical Fighter Group, Toledo, and was aired over WSPD Radio recently.*

When our country was very young, we didn't have a regular, permanent military. Instead, when the need arose, a natural disaster, or attack by enemies, we relied on the Minuteman. The Minuteman was just a regular citizen who in time of need answered the call for help. The first colonial militia was organized in 1636...and the spirit of that first colo-

nial militia lives today in your National Guard.

We, in the Guard, are citizens in this community. A Guardsman might be your next door neighbor, your banker, or your school teacher. And, like the very first militia-men, when the call goes out, the Guard answers . . . whether it's to help flood or blizzard victims, or to defend our country. So, the next time someone talks about an apathetic America, about how no one cares anymore . . . remember, there are a lot of us who do care, and we're there if you need us. We're in the National Guard.

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CSM Comments

From
CSM CARL ARN
State Sergeant Major

I would like to extend a special thanks to each of the spouses of members of the Ohio National Guard for the very vital role they play in making the Guard what it is today.

You can be extremely proud of the immeasurable contributions you have made in helping to obtain the many benefits now available to members of the National Guard.

If it were not for your many sacrifices, understanding and unselfishness when your spouses are called upon to spend extra time (in addition to the weekends and summer camp) away from the family we would not have the professionalism that we now boast in the Ohio National Guard. Your role is becoming increasingly important, so keep your chin up and keep up the good work. We need your support.

From the State Chaplain

All Things New!

ALL THINGS NEW! This is a phrase that captures the reality in which we live. Each day brings new challenges, new opportunities, new problems, new hopes. Each drill we spot new faces; some of the familiar ones are gone. Every time our unit assembles, there are chances for new friendships. Every summer, when we participate in annual training, we are confronted in new and different ways, maybe even a new language if we are among those who serve overseas.

We need to be alive to all that goes on around us. One of the keys to this sensitivity revolves around our approach to new relationships. It is always impressive

to me how much sharing a meal can mean to a friend you have not met. You might take a chance like that to get to know your unit chaplain. We have several chaplains across the state who have just come into the Guard in the last few months. Help them feel at home.

As part of a constant reminder, it is important to reiterate that your chaplain is there to serve you. He can be a valuable asset in planning or sharing in a class, talking over a tough decision, or just forming a new friendship. God Bless you as you greet new friends.

FREDERICK M. KETNER
State Chaplain

251st CCG Wins RR Trophy

BY 2LT MARK STOUT
251st CCG

The 251st Combat Communications Group of Springfield and its locally assigned 269th Combat Communications Flight have been selected as recipients of the Ohio Air National Guard Outstanding Unit Recruitment and Retention Trophy for 1978.

The trophy was established by the Adjutant General to stimulate interest in recruiting and retention of personnel in Air National Guard units of Ohio. It is awarded annually to the Ohio ANG unit having attained the highest score during

the year. The trophy will remain with the 251st until the next annual selection.

Competition was with eight other units in the state and selection criteria was based on number of extensions, reenlistments and enlistments during the year.

The trophy was presented to Colonel Pasquale A. Gicale, 251st Group Commander by BG William S. Casey, Chief of Staff, Ohio Air National Guard.

Colonel Gicale stated that the Air National Guard recruiters and participation by members of both units at the local base were responsible for this selection.

Tragedy Averted by Guardsman

The Dan Slack family was rescued from the icy, swirling floodwaters of the Sandusky river in February. SSG James D. Capucini, along with the other members of the Sandusky County Underwater Recovery Team, helped guide a boat through the current and icy waters estimated at seven feet deep to successfully rescue the Slack family, according to Unit PIO, SGT. Don Schell.

SSG Capucini, along with his wife Miriam, live in Fremont. He has been with the Fremont police force seven years. Last year he was awarded two citations for rescue operations. He is a squad leader in Co. B, 612 Eng En., Fremont.

166th Utilizes 'Patriotic' Recruiting Tools

BY SFC BOB DEVOE
Staff Writer

Support Co., 166th Infantry in London recently kicked off their local recruiting campaign with a patriotic twist.

Not only did the unit dress up several of its members in Revolutionary-era uniforms, they also provided London Mayor Stephen E. Smith with his own three-corner cap for the occasion.

The kickoff included a special showing at the State Theatre of the film "Voices of Freedom", courtesy of theatre manager George Wickline.

A number of community leaders were honored by battalion commander LTC Herbert Eagon for their support of the local Guard unit.

Mayor Smith received a Certificate of Recognition from LTC Eagon for the support and assistance he has provided to Ohio Guard recruiters in conjunction with "Operation Enlistment".

CPT. Randall Dana, Support Co. commander of the U.S. Army's Columbus Recruiting District, also attended the affair. He pledged his support to the Ohio National Guard and indicated his appreciation of the community's assistance in the local recruiting campaign. Leonard also thanked local business leaders for their "strong sense of patriotism."

The entire event was coordinated by Ohio Guard recruiter MSG Preston Lowe and PV2 Thomas DeWitt, PV2 Jim Caskey and PV2 Ken Rollins, all of London, O.



MAYORAL SUPPORT—London Mayor Stephen E. Smith (center) showed up at the State Theatre for a special public showing of the film "Voices of Freedom". The mayor received a certificate for his support of the local unit. (PHOTO BY SFC BOB DEVOE).

RECRUITING ROUND-UP



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

BY MAJ. EDWIN HALL
State R/R Officer

The Ohio National Guard has shown a net gain in strength for the past seven months. Ohio is the only state in the nation to do this. The next few months should show additional gains. The recent gains are a result of more units establishing unit-level recruiting programs. Unit involvement in recruiting is the only way to bring the Ohio National Guard up to full strength. With the 45 ADT recruiters supporting efforts of 12,000 unit recruiters, the Ohio Army National Guard can get the job done.

INCENTIVE AWARDS

A new regulation is currently being published which establishes a new recruiting and retention incentive awards program. The purpose of this program is

to provide recognition for exceptional performance or support for recruiting and retention efforts of the Ohio National Guard. AGOR 612-2 provides all the details on the program. The new program offers the Recruiter Achievement Ribbon to individuals who enlist at least five persons in to the Ohio National Guard. Letters of Commendation, certificates, plaques and other awards are also available. The top recruiters in the state will also receive five days State Active Duty and free use of a family housing unit at Camp Perry.

RECRUITING SCHOOLS

The two day "Dynamics Unlimited" Recruiting School continues to be offered at locations across the state. Graduates of the course receive a diploma and the ARNG Recruiter Badge. The school teaches how to recruit and should be attended by any young officer or en-

listed person who enjoys being in the National Guard. Schools are currently scheduled for Cincinnati in July, Cleveland in August, Dayton in September and Toledo in October. The instruction is interesting and the instructors are all experienced recruiters.

NEW RR OFFICERS

Both Recruiting and Induction Officer positions are now filled in the RR Office. CPT Robert Gabriel assumed his duties as of May 1. He comes from the 437th AVn. Co. Also, 2LT Thomas Lutes assumed his duties on June 1. He graduated from OCS at Fort Benning on May 11. Prior to attending OCS, he was station manager for the Columbus Recruiting Station. Both officers are enthusiastic about supporting the recruiting efforts of Buckeye Guard units.

1SG Michael Scaparrotti

A 'Brown Shoe' Soldier Retires

BY 1LT THOMAS GRANDSTAFF
2/174 ADA, Logan

To some young men the phrase "you found a home in the Army" denotes a slanderous remark. This is especially true during the first hitch, when soldiers not long from civilian life are accused by peers of taking life as a soldier to heart.

Fortunately for the nation, and the Army, a great many of these young men know their minds enough not to listen to this peer pressure, and continue to serve their country until retirement age. Every unit has some of these brown-shoe soldiers who have served their country for most of their adult life. This article is about one of those solid young men, who after 33 years of service is "leaving his home in the Army".

1SG Michael C. Scaparrotti, the "father" of A Battery 2/174th ADA, Logan, officially retired from the Army National Guard in March. Only a fraction of the soldiers, non-commissioned officers and officers

who served, trained and were led by 1SG Scaparrotti were represented by the 300 people who gathered at the Logan Armory for a farewell dinner.

The 33 year career of the "first shirt" started in November, 1940. During World War II he served with the 94th Infantry Division in Northern France, the Ardennes, Central Europe, Rhineland, and the Apennines. Among his many decorations are the purple heart and the bronze star. The 94th Infantry Division Association recently awarded him a lifetime membership for his service and support.

Oftentimes called the unofficial mayor of Logan, Scaparrotti has served his community as faithfully as he has served his country, and the Army. An active member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, he has also served as the President of the Logan Sesquicentennial Committee, Treasurer of the U.S. Bicentennial Committee, field representative of Region Five of the United Way, an active member of the Boy Scouts of America, Hocking County

Historical Society, Hocking County Artists and Craftsman, Logan Lions, DAV, American Legion, and the Loyal Order of the Moose. By his constant support of these civic organizations, mutual support between Guardsmen and the civilian community has been long lasting.

The next few years we are going to witness a great loss to the National Guard units of their World War II veterans who have served so faithfully. Every unit will feel the loss as these dedicated professionals leave their ranks. We can feel a reassurance that those who gave so much have given all of us who served with them the benefit of their experience and leadership to carry on the traditions of their service.

The mixed feelings associated with "leaving home" were best summed up by a young soldier a few months ago when he said "1st Sergeant, I'm sorry I will not get to work with you longer; you are a living part of history, and I could have learned a great deal from you".



Tribute to a Great Man

MAJ. GEN. ROBERT S. BEIGHTLER, World War II commander of the 37th (Buckeye) Infantry Div., was honored with the installation of a large bronze plaque in the rotunda of the Ohio Statehouse. Those attending the ceremony included (above, left to right) Senator John W. Bricker, Mrs. Clare Beightler, Senator Oliver Ocasek and Governor James A. Rhodes. Beightler, who died Feb. 12, 1978, at the age of 85, led the all-Ohio division for 43 months in the Pacific, fighting to victory in the Philippines. The division spent more than 700 days in combat and Beightler was the only National Guard division commander to retain his command throughout the war. (PHOTO BY SFC BOB DEVOE).

Employer Support Committees Meet

BY SFC BOB DEVOE
Staff Writer

The National and Ohio Committees for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve recently sponsored a joint seminar at the Akron Civic Center.

The purpose of the seminar was to familiarize both private and government employees with the services available from the two committees and to provide an overview of the organization's objectives. The seminar also helped to acquaint employers with federal laws related to employee service in the Reserve and Guard.

BG James M. Abraham, Assistant Ad-

jutant General for the Ohio Army Guard, attended the seminar to participate as a discussion leader. He accepted an award from the National Committee to MG James C. Clem, the Adjutant General, for his efforts in forming the Ohio committee. Navy CPT Gordon K. Merriwether Jr., Assistant to the National Chairman, presented the award. CPT Merriwether also made a second presentation to Canton Mayor Stanley A. Cmich and thanked him for his strong support.

Mr. Milton Mitler, Director of Marketing Services for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, was the featured speaker.

In addition to discussing the functions

of the national and state committees, other topics in the discussion included: The Role of the Guard and Reserve in the Defense Plans of the United States; The Economic Impact of the Guard and Reserve on the Local Community; and A View of the Obligations of Employees Under Federal Law.

According to Mr. Thomas R. Jakmides, head of the Ohio Committee and a Goodyear Aerospace Defense Systems executive, "Generally, there is a lack of communication between the Guardmember and his supervisor".

The Ohio Committee is currently

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107th Photo

107th Trains at Ft. Knox

BY SFC RONALD REGAN
2/107th Armored Cav.

Two hundred fifty members of the 2/107th Armored Cavalry units from Alliance, Barberton, Massillon, Canton and Cleveland, swarmed over every inch of Fort Knox during a three-day training weekend recently.

The Guardmembers boarded the cavernous belly of three Ohio Air Guard C-130 aircraft at the Akron-Canton airport. In a little over an hour the giant planes touched down on the runway at Fort Knox.

The first 'booming' sounds of action echoed over the post the next morning, and continued late into the warm, moonless Kentucky evening. At the tank ranges, the gunners diligently took turns firing the 105mm turret-mounted cannons of each tank, and were positioned from 900 to 1400 meters downrange. Each gunner was graded by regular Army personnel and they proved they were qualified marksmen.

Twenty miles away, the Infantry was being put through "Land Navigation" and "Response" course maneuvers. They had to locate and encounter different objectives hidden in the heavy woods and rolling hills of the 109,000 acre Fort Knox complex.

SURPRISE ATTACKS

Later they mounted jeeps and had to respond to surprise combat situations. Some came upon a real Russian tank, as it sped menacingly toward them at top speed. Others searched out enemy bunkers. They advanced using camouflage, natural cover and various attack techniques. Grading was based upon their performance, speed of action and appropriateness of the maneuver.

Meanwhile, the Howitzer battery from Alliance blasted away on yet another dis-

tant range. Its commander, CPT. John Burvis, was more than satisfied with his unit. "They sighted the enemy positions, relayed the proper firing coordinates, and our 105mm mobile guns took care of the rest. We accomplished everything we came here to do and you can't ask for better training than that."

The night firing was a spectacular affair. Mortar crews arched phosphorous illumination flares into the dark sky. The flares, suspended beneath small parachutes, danced, wobbled and slowly descended over the tank range. Powerful tank mounted searchlights helped to pinpoint specific targets. Fifty caliber and new Belgian 7.62mm tank machine guns "belched" a continuous stream of red tracer bullets. Their sights were trained upon personnel and vehicle targets 300 to 700 meters away. The targets vibrated and the dry Kentucky earth flew as it absorbed the shock of each round.

At the same time, every 105mm tank cannon ripple fired along the ready line, as each gunner squeezed off his round. The air and the earth shook from the continual pounding. When it was all over, only one lonesome silhouette target remained standing on the range. Eleven others became shattered hulks.

LTC John McKenney, Commander of the 2/107th Armored Cavalry, summed up the weekend, "It really has been a successful training exercise. We had everything going for us...the weather, the morale of the troops, and the support of Fort Knox personnel. It was great and it showed in everyone's performance." He continued, "From a realistic point of view, I'm pleased with the rate of our progress."

Sunday afternoon consisted of a short flight home. Troopers were tired, but satisfied with knowing that they all did a fine job... "Second to None."

Ohio Cross Presented at Arlington

"May they rest in eternal, honored glory." With those words the Ohio National Guard commemorated the sacrifices of all of Ohio's sons and daughters who have died in the service of their nation in an official ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery recently.

As the sun broke through the clouds and the sound of taps echoed in the distance, a distinguished delegation of Ohio's citizens placed a commemorative Ohio Cross (the state's highest military award) in the Hall of Heroes located near the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Escorted by the drilled precision of the Army Old Guard, Senator John Glenn, Maj. Gen. Loren G. Windom (Ret.), Adjutant General James C. Clem and Major Steven Koper, President of the Ohio National Guard Officer's Association, placed a commemorative wreath next to the tomb.

Inside the Trophy Room of the Arlington Memorial Amphitheatre, the Ohio delegation formally presented a plexiglass encased rendition of the Ohio Cross to Mr. Raymond Constanza, Superintendent of the Arlington National Cemetery.

Boats Keep Troops Happy

BY PV1 FRANK DOUGLAS
Staff Writer

The boats resting in some Ohio National Guard armories may not look like yachts, but they're keeping the troops happy, according to LTC James Feisley, commander of the 737th Maintenance Battalion.

"When they're busy, they're happy," he said, and the four World War II vintage landing craft are definitely keeping them busy.

The boats, which are being restored by four maintenance companies of the Ohio National Guard, are to be used by the Ohio Naval Militia as well as for training Guard troops to "hit the beach."

The boats also serve an immediate purpose for the Guard. "People are getting training, it's a new experience, and it's building pride," Feisley said.

"It's like an old car buff who takes a hunk of beat up old car and works on it until it becomes a nice new shiny automobile. There's a sense of accomplishment there," he added.

To add to this pride, the troops are permitted to put an insignia or emblem on the side of their boat when it is completed.

Norwalk's Company C Named Top National Guard Engineer Unit

BY SFC BOB DEVOE
Staff Writer

Some Ohio Army National Guard units are strong in training; others are great at recruiting and retention; still others have outstanding public affairs programs.

Norwalk's Company C, 612th Engineer Bn., has combined all of these ingredients to come up with a winning team

and capture this year's Itschner Award from the Society of American Engineers and National Guard Bureau, Washington.

Company C has been named the most outstanding engineer company in the National Guard, nationwide.

Lieutenant General John W. Morris, Chief of the U.S. Army Engineer Corps, presented the LTC Emerson C. Itschner Award to Company C commander Cap-

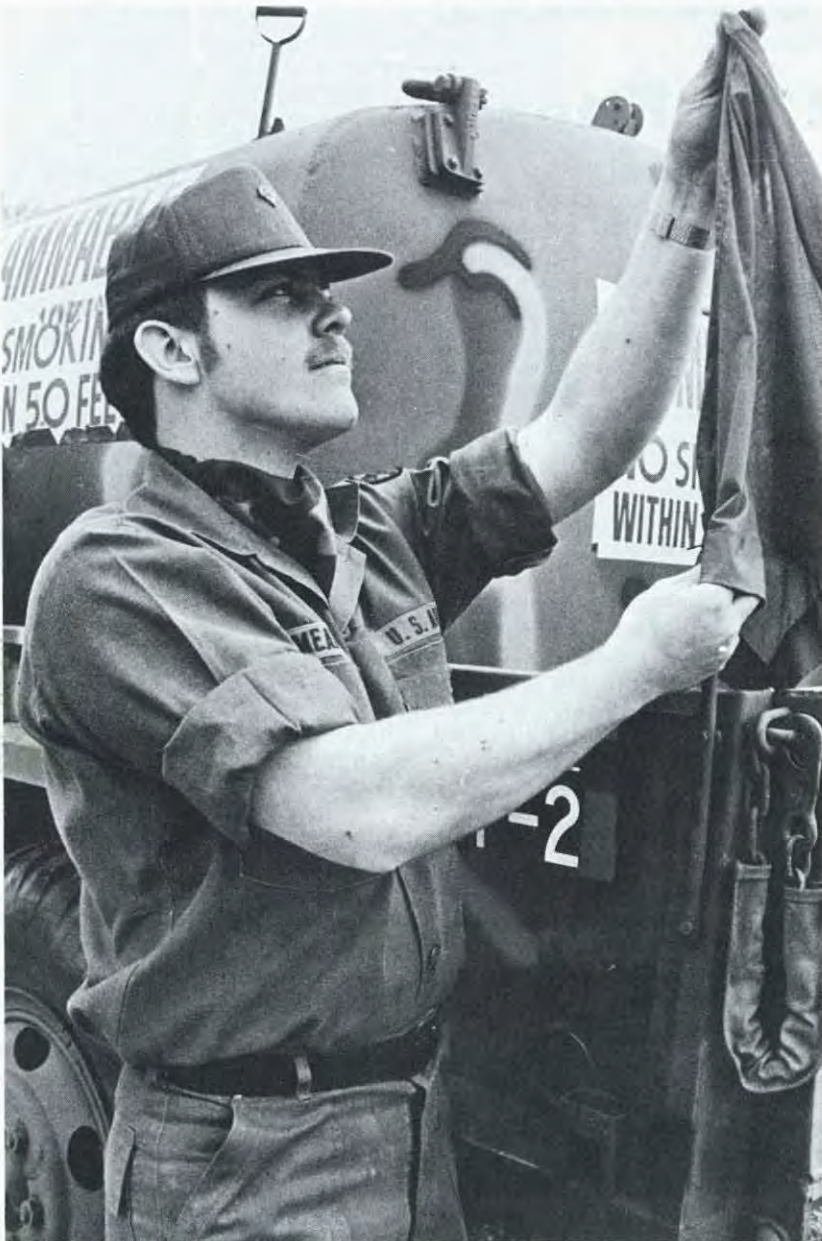
tain Dale Liebenthal, during the 112th Annual Engineer Dinner at Fort Belvoir, Va., in May.

The Itschner Award is named in honor of the former Chief of Engineers. The intent of the award is "to promote leadership in junior officers and to foster esprit in company-size engineer units".

To receive this high award, Company C was required to provide both National Guard Bureau and the Society of American Military Engineers with supporting documentation depicting the unit's activities, training accomplishments, domestic action projects, and annual training activities. Documentation included photographs, news coverage and letters of commendation.

UPHILL BATTLE

During a Norwalk Press Conference to announce the award Unit Public Information NCO SSG Don Nardecchia emphasized the unit's progression from an understrength, low-retention company



DEDICATED UNIT MEMBERS, like SP4 Audie Meade, have helped make Norwalk's Company C a unit with great spirit and high morale. Meade recently organized and trained a color guard for the unit. The color guard makes personal appearances throughout the area in support of recruiting and PIO. (PHOTO BY SFC BOB DEVOE).

Itschner Award Winner — 1979

to the highest strength line unit in the state was an "uphill battle". Just three years ago the unit's strength was around 65 per cent and serious consideration was being given to closing the Norwalk Armory, he added.

One of the most successful programs has been the unit's public information effort. Sergeant Nardecchia and SP4 Richard Frank have developed a unit-level public relations program second to none.

Nardecchia and the rest of the unit have developed excellent rapport with their local media and have received unprecedented coverage of unit activities throughout the year.

"Good publicity and public relations helped us achieve a current strength of 177 members," Nardecchia observed. "It's been a real boon to retention and morale too," he added.

"Other ingredients that have helped this unit succeed are troop-oriented officers and NCO's" said First Sergeant Robert Kraft. "We care about our people and morale is very high in Company C."

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A WINNING TEAM—The key to Company C, 612th's success has always been a strong concern for its people. Four unit members have made significant contributions to the unit's teamwork approach: (left to right) SSG Don Nardecchia, Unit PIO; SSG Jim Costello, Unit Recruiter; CPT Dale Liebenenthal, commander; and First Sergeant Robert Kraft. (PHOTO BY SFC BOB DEVOE).

Norwalk's Company C

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COSTELLO 'TOPS'

In addition to displaying a great deal of consideration for each of its members, the unit has also thrown its full support behind SSG Jim Costello and his "exceptional" recruiting and retention program.

Costello, one of the Ohio Army Guard's top recruiters and the holder of the Gold Recruiting Badge, deserves much of the credit for the unit's exceptional growth.

"He's dedicated, hard-working, sincere, and one of this unit's greatest assets," CPT Liebenenthal emphasized.

In order to be considered for the Itschner Award, the unit had to score high in major inspections, including involved maintenance checks.

In addition, because of its size, the Norwalk unit has become a leader in testing new training techniques in the battalion.

"We kicked off a number of new training programs in 1978," according to CPT Liebenenthal.

The unit's overstrength status also allowed it the luxury of appointing permanent Safety NCO's.

SPOT CHECKS

During weekend drills spot evaluations are conducted on a specific section with no advance notice. CPT Liebenenthal contends, "This procedure teaches each section to be ready for any situation".

One officer, LTC Lewis Sowell, an active Army advisor with the Ohio Army Guard's 416th Engineer Group, has been showered with praise by members of the Norwalk unit for outstanding support.

Sowell, who is also a member of the American Society of Military Engineers, helped the unit prepare its Itschner entry.

Many of the members of this fine unit deserve a good deal of credit for Company C's great accomplishments; but no single person was responsible for the Itschner Award because the unit operates as a team.

CPT Liebenenthal summed up his feelings on Company C's impressive record, "I can't put a finger on why we're better except there's a lot of dedication and extra work from the people in the unit".

The men of Company C have received a fitting reward for being the best.

From Zanesville to Italy...

220th EIS Lends a Hand

BY TSGT. LARRY G. COUNTS
HQ, 7275th ABG

"Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their country." Not a bad quote, but, how about "Now is the time for a few good men from the Ohio National Guard, to come to the aid of the 2113th Communications Squadron, here at San Vito Air Station, Italy." Phew!! It's a little long, but, truer words were never spoken.

The 220th Engineering and Installation Sq. (EIS), an Air National Guard unit from Zanesville, O, traveled over 5,000 miles to lend a hand to the 2113th Communications Squadron.

It all began when the 2113th Comm Sq. researched the expansion of the cable system here, and determined the type of work and material needed to do the job. This information went out to the field and when the 220th EIS saw what the requirements were, they knew that they could do the job, and, have it coincide with their two week training for their National Guardsmen.

Members of the Guard arrived at different times so that they could get their two week training in plus adequately cover the 45 days necessary to get the job done.

Construction members of the Guard began arriving here at the end of January and were soon digging over a mile of trenches for the laying of the new cable. Other members of the Guard, who are known as splicers, began the tedious task of splicing more than 1,500 pairs of cables. Once the splicing was completed, the splicers had to re-label and re-tag all of the terminals. Some of these cables now being installed are replacing some older cables which are five to ten years old.

The new cable, when the work of the Guardsmen is completed, will provide the base with expanded communications capabilities; increase the use of security measures as well as fire protection measures; improve reliability of the system with more alternate lines, and, should last for approximately twenty years.

With the assistance of the 220th EIS, Ohio National Guard, the 2113th Communications Squadron here at San Vito dei Normanni Air Station, Italy, is again improving the capabilities of the base and, making it one of the most modern facilities in the Air Force.

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237th Takes A Giant Step; NCO's Lead at Atterbury FTX

BY SSG MICHAEL BURRIS
SFC EDWARD KRAUS AND
CSM OKEY R. KING
237th Support Bn.

It has been said that the non-commissioned officer runs the Army. In April NCO's from the 237th Support Battalion, 73d Infantry Brigade, were given just that opportunity.

The brainchild of Headquarters Detachment's Maj. Gary Partlow, "Operation NCO" was initiated at the battalion's annual field training exercise at Camp Atterbury, Indiana.

The basic premise of the idea was to have each command and staff position, normally held by an officer, filled by the non-commissioned officer in charge or first sergeant. The now vacant senior NCO positions were filled by junior NCO's.

The planning, direction and execution of the entire exercise was accomplished by NCO's.

Mother Nature represented the first, and most formidable, opponent encountered by the senior enlisted men.

Despite rain and bone-chilling temperatures, tents were erected, meals were cooked and communications lines were established as the "new officers" and their troupes "dug in" to accomplish their mission.

CSM Okey R. King, the acting battalion commander, moved his troops into the field with invaluable assistance from MSG Robert Bradford, the acting exec officer and MSG Edward Jones, the acting S-3.

Company A, headquartered in Columbus, was commanded by SFC H.S. Eads and assisted by SSG Bill Reichert. The two worked well together to establish the unit's position early during the field training exercise (FTX).

The battalion's administrative unit was responsible for the Inspector General Section; Finance Section, and the AG Section.

Company B, also headquartered in Columbus, was commanded by 1SG Charles Jackson and the acting "first shirt" was MSG James Medley. Bravo company handled medical responsibilities for the battalion. People like SSG Bill Roberts (who as a civilian is a paramedic) were ready for any field emergency.

SFC William Thomas commanded Oxford's Company C. In an actual combat situation this unit would supply all of the food, fuel and heavy transportation necessary to support the battalion.

Mt. Vernon's Company D is the battalion maintenance unit and was led by acting commander 1SG James Gray. His



FIRST AID—Members of Co. B, 237th Support Battalion, served as medics during the Atterbury FTX. Here they give aid to SP5 Bill Gilliam. (PHOTO BY SSG MIKE BURRIS).

mission included keeping the battalion's vehicles in good running order and to supply repair parts as needed.

"Operation NCO" was the first of its kind conducted by the Ohio Army National Guard.

During the last few years great strides have been taken by the Reserve Components to restore the responsibility of the NCO.

The 237th has taken a giant step for-

ward to insure its NCO's are properly utilized.

Battalion Commander LTC David E. Smith was very pleased with the performance of all units, and especially the NCO's.

Each senior enlisted man in the battalion will long remember their part in "Operation NCO".

It was a stimulating opportunity that, beyond a doubt, proved the value of today's non-commissioned officer.

179th TAG Wins Top Performance Award

The Mansfield-based 179th Tactical Airlift Group was the winner of the Alan P. Tappan Outstanding Unit Award for Superior Performance for 1978 at a recent awards dinner held at the Westbrook Country Club.

Competition for the award is among all Ohio units of the Air National Guard and is made yearly in honor of the late Alan P. Tappan who was an avid supporter of the Air National Guard and Mansfield Lahm Airport.

Presenting the rotating trophy was Major General James C. Clem, The Adjutant General for Ohio. Brigadier General

William F. Casey, Chief of Staff for the Ohio Air Guard presented an individual plaque to permanently honor the unit.

Over fifty officers and their ladies from around Ohio and twenty civilian dignitaries attended the event.

The annual award is presented to the Ohio ANG unit which excels in unit manning, minority participation, percentage of annual average attendance, inspections, readiness, safety, professional military education, and outstanding accomplishments. Selection of the winning unit is made by a board of officers of Headquarters, Ohio Air National Guard.

437th 'Saves the Day' for Austintown Boxers

BY PFC CHARLES TRITT
Staff Writer

A young boxer in powder blue shorts takes the ring. A standing-room-only crowd cheers wildly. But, this isn't Madison Square Garden. It is the Wade C. Christy National Guard Armory in Austintown, Ohio.

Late last year Lewis Como of Austintown organized the Austintown Athletic Club, but he needed a place for his young boxers to train.

He thought of the possibility of the newly built Christy Armory and got in touch with CPT Conrad A. Bollo, a National Guard officer with Headquarters, 437th Military Police Battalion.

The 437th uses the Christy armory along with the 838th Military Police Bn. and Company C, 112th Engineer Bn.

"The armory was a perfect place for us to train and hold matches, a big room, with showers, and heat," Como said.

The club raised money for equipment and uniforms with fairs and boxing matches. "We built the ring ourselves with the help of a local con-

tractor," Como said.

The ring is easily disassembled, so it can be moved out of the way when the Guard has a meeting.

There are now 10 or 12 boys, aged eight to 16 years old, on the team, according to Alex Marotti, head trainer for the team, and a candidate for the Boxing Hall of Fame.

The boys train hard, five nights a week, three hours a night at the armory.

"The young fighters compete just for the glory, there's no money in it for them," said Marotti.

"All Golden Gloves events are decided on a point system," noted Como. "It's not just a slug fest."

To protect the boys from training injuries all the trainers are members of the Amateur boxing trainers association, according to Como, who is a trainer.

"The club keeps the boys off the street and out of trouble, and if it wasn't for the National Guard's help the club would have never gotten off the ground," concluded Como.



POOPED PUGILIST—Twelve year old Danny Corbisello dreams of becoming a world champ while taking a break. (PHOTO BY PFC CHUCK TRITT).



SEA WORLD ATTRACTION The Ohio National Guard is a corporate member of Sea World's Dolphin Club. This entitles all ONG members and their families to a 15 percent discount to Sea World of Ohio. Dolphin Club membership cards are available from SSG Nancy Clevenger, BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine, 2825 W. Granville Rd., Worthington, O. 43085. (SEA WORLD PHOTO).

Entire County Supports Greenville Recruiting Drive

BY SFC BOB DEVOE
Staff Writer

Eighty members of the Ohio Army Guard's Company B, 372nd Engineer Battalion, Greenville, donated their time on a warm, sunny Saturday morning recently to participate in kick-off ceremonies for their unit's recruiting drive.

In addition to the Guardmembers, many business and community leaders were present to lend their support to the unit including Congressman Thomas Kindness, Greenville Mayor Howard Schloetter, the Darke County Chamber of Commerce, and Col. Robert Copeland.

Brig. Gen. James Abraham, the Assistant Adjutant General for the Ohio Army Guard, was also present for the affair. During the ceremony, he presented ONG Certificates of Recognition to the City of Greenville, the Darke County Chamber of Commerce, the Greenville Daily Advocate, the Early Bird, and WDRK Radio.

Mayor Schloetter commended Company B for its strong community involvement and pledged the city's support. He

also proclaimed a National Guard Week in Greenville.

Boy Scout Troop 373, sponsored by the Greenville unit, presented Company B with its charter.

Congressman Kindness emphasized, "I am very proud of the Ohio National Guard and I'm certain I reflect the views of a whole lot of other people". He also saluted the unit for outstanding community service.

In closing, Kindness said there is a need for a stronger defense establishment in America. "The stronger we are, the less likely it is we have to use our strength".

CPT. James Pleasant, the unit commander, asked all of the members of the unit to "get involved in the community, and get other members of the community involved".

All of the dignitaries were presented with Company B tee-shirts and caps.

A luncheon was held for members of the unit and community leaders following the kick-off ceremony.

Store manager Larry Aukes of Jamesway Dept. Store donated display space for the Ohio Guard Shooting Booth.

The entire event was coordinated by CPL. Robert Beckett, unit recruiter.

Recondo School Builds Co

BY CPT STEVE STONE
Staff Writer

A rebel yell split the air as the Ohio and Kentucky militia squared off to fight through a roadside ambush.

Not a reenactment of some Civil War battle by a bunch of history buffs, but rather it was a real training exercise that pitted members of the two state's National Guard officer candidates against each other.

Officer candidates from the two academies recently attended a three-day field training exercise presented by the staff of the 18th Airborne Corps' Recondo School, Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. For the past several years, senior students in Ohio's Officer Candidate School (OCS) have spent a long weekend attending programs at different active Army installations says School Commandant COL James Hughes.

"We've gone to Ranger Camp at Elgin Air Force Base, Florida and to Ft. Benning," said Hughes. "The core of all the training is small unit tactics and patrolling. We also like to get a flavor for the adventure-type training offered at each post."

Hughes noted that very few state officer training programs engage in this type of training with active forces.

"It gives the students something to remember and creates a true esprit de corps within the class," he said. "In addition, it builds their confidence, gets them on an active Army post and exposes them to highly qualified instruction in a hands-on environment."

This year, in addition to classroom instruction, an 18-hour field problem that involved a night escape and evasion course, the candidates experienced the "slide for life" and a "rope-drop" from 40 feet above a swift flowing river.

The trip had the additional element of competition because it also involved Kentucky officer candidates.

According to Captain Dennis M. Jankowski, Ohio's OCS training administrator, this year's trip represented a joint effort by both states.

"We arranged to have the Ohio Air Guard's 179th Tactical Airlift Group transport both groups in C-130's while Kentucky made the arrangements with the Recondo School for the training program," Jankowski said.

The Recondo School is operated entirely by non-commissioned officers who have served with airborne and special forces units. Jankowski believes that exposing the future officers to professional instruction presented by experienced

NCO's is a valuable part of their military education.

Kentucky OCS Training Officer Captain Harold Hostetler concurred and added: "Looking at the present situation in the military it is clear that the Guard and Reserve is a very important part of the defense force. We are going to have to get (Guardsmen) into an environment where they will be motivated!"

To motivate and expose their candidates to the one-Army concept the two OCS program personnel have taken the initiative by personally contacting active Army installations.

"There is no formal plan for training state OCS candidates on active Army posts," said Jankowski. "It's whoever will take us. The whole program is built on personal contacts."

Ohio Commandant Hughes said timing is the greatest problem in developing training programs on full-time posts.

"Our training time is fairly restricted to weekends. By having the Guard in for training it requires active Army personnel to work on weekends. That hurts their recruiting and retention effort also."

Working on the weekend didn't seem to dampen the enthusiasm of the 23-member Recondo School staff.

Sergeant First Class Arthur Jackson, the school's commandant, seemed pleased and honored that the two states had asked to attend his school. He also shared his opinion about the Guard and the men and women who serve in it.

"The Guardsmen I've worked with are dedicated and committed. They have their own civilian job but are willing to take time to serve in the military. It takes a unique person to do both."

"With a little assistance, should the Guard be called, it would be an asset to the regular forces."

Training NCO Sergeant First Class John Houser added: "When you look at it, we're all in the same boat. We can draw on each other."

"You're helping us," he said. "As NCO's we are getting training in our leadership role by working to train Guardsmen."

Back on the FTX the ambush was over and the instructors were preparing to critique both sides on the actions they had taken.

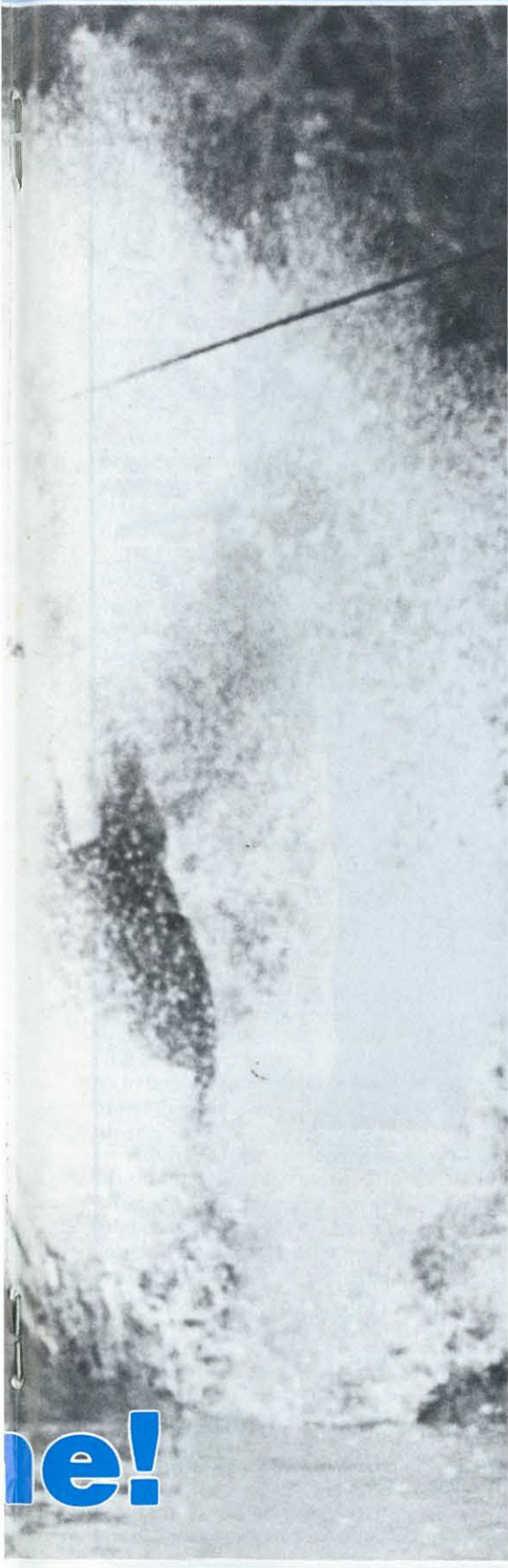
"Hey, Ohio", shouted a Kentucky man with a touch of mountain twang in his voice, "you fellows did real good." "Hey, ridgerunner", came the reply from the Ohio side, "you did O.K. yourself. Did you learn that squirrel hunting?"



PHOTOS
BY CPT
STEVE
STONE.

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Going...

...Going

“Blind-folded and Scarred”

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Capture!

“The Name of the Game is to Survive—

BY CPT. STEVE STONE
Staff Writer

A whip-poor-will in a nearby tree sang a melancholy song for the unfortunate young men who lay face down on the ground, tied and blindfolded.

Both men had been captured during an escape and evasion course which is part of the 18th Airborne Corps Recondo School at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. They were students in the Ohio Army National Guard's Officer Candidate School who were attending a “mini-recondo course” over a three day weekend.

Earlier in the day they had been given an azimuth back to camp and ordered to return to “friendly” lines in small groups. They had to pass through 10 miles of swamp and forest while avoiding capture by a force of aggressors from the 82nd Airborne Division.

Now their freedom was ended.

They would soon be placed in a truck for movement to a POW compound where they had been told all sorts of abominations awaited them.

Candidate Tyrone Ware was already in the truck. Outside, the two aggressors had his buddy standing in his stocking feet in a puddle of muddy water.

Ware managed to free himself and could have easily escaped into the woods. However, he tried to free his friend. What could only be described as a fierce struggle developed between Ware and the two Special Forces Recondo instructors who were acting as aggressors.

Fear does strange things to a person.

With more than a little effort he was subdued, his hands re-tied and his boots removed.

A few minutes later both prisoners freed themselves and were on their captors in a flash. If they weren't winning, it was at least a draw. Neither aggressor called an administrative halt



to the tactical situation. He explained to both Guardsmen that had they been real prisoners their captors would have been armed and simply shot them rather than fight.

After all, he explained, the training couldn't be that realistic.

Later that night Ware was found sitting comfortably in the Recondo School orderly room drinking coffee.

“What are you doing in here?” he was asked.

“I'm dead. I gave them so much trouble they finally shot me,” he laughed. “I got a cigarette out of the deal. I told them I'd talk if they gave me a cigarette. I took it but I wouldn't tell them anything. So they shot me.”

“We resisted,” he said, “We were cool.”

The next morning, during a critique, the instructors explained that the objective when captured is to survive, not be “cool”.

SNIFF: Get Ready for Searches on Active Army Posts

Drugs Spell Big Trouble in Military

BY CPT STEVE STONE
Staff Writer

"We're going to search every piece of luggage and each member, including officers, in the unit," said the security policeman.

A few weeks before that chilling announcement excitement had been expressed about selection of the unit for participation in the big training exercise. It was just what the unit commander had dreamed of.

The unit would be airlifted from an active Air Force installation.

Now the troops were standing tall, duffle bags packed, waiting to board the plane—a proud moment for any commander.

Quietly—no, suddenly—an airman approaches and asks for approval to search for drugs. Specially trained dogs will be used.

Asking for approval is only a courtesy. Federal law allows any base commander to authorize the search of all arriving or departing individuals and their luggage.

The military police order all bags placed in rows on the terminal floor. All troops, including officers, are ordered to stand in a line down a long hallway.

No one goes to the bathroom or anywhere. It doesn't matter that the scheduled departure time has passed. The plane will wait.

In come the dog and its handler. To the dog it was a game. To the police it was deadly serious business.

The dog can smell out even the slightest trace of marijuana or other drugs—even perscription drugs. Drugs prescribed by a doctor must be properly labeled and the holder must be able to present a copy of the prescription.

While most Guardmembers live in a civilian society that now takes a liberal view of possession of small amounts of marijuana, the Armed Forces are not so enlightened. Should even a small amount of marijuana be found, the possessor is in for big trouble.

According to Tim Elliot, 301st Security Police at Rickenbacker Air Force Base, the dogs are 98 per cent effective. Even a pipe or brief case that may have once contained the questionable weed will be de-



tected and the owner subjected to further search.

After much delay, the search is over. The unit is "clean".

The commander is told his troops are now "free" to board the plane—two hours late.

The only funny memory coming from the entire incident happened when a lieutenant asked one of the policemen if he could get his "pot" out of his bag.

He quickly learned that the Air Force doesn't refer to the round steel hat they wear as a "pot."

Fraley to Attend Benning Course

Ohio Army National Guard Sgt. Michael R. Fraley, a member of the 134th Engineer Group, Cincinnati, has been selected to attend the Reserve Component Infantry Officer Candidate Course at Ft. Benning, Ga.

He is one of a dozen Ohio Guardmembers selected for OCS at Benning. The names of the other candidates were published in the April issue of Buckeye Guard. Sgt. Fraley's name was deleted due to a reporting error.

Buckeye Shooters Capture Honors at Army's Central Region Matches

BY LTC FRANK LADD
State Marksmanship Coordinator

Ohio National Guard Competitive Marksmanship Rifle and Pistol Squads traveled to Fort Riley, Kansas, to participate in the Army Central Region Matches in April.

Buckeye Shooters continued to make their presence known, starting with the first day of competition.

The following are the results of those matches:

Individual 200 Yds. Slow Fire Rifle Match (M14) — 3rd Place, TSgt Terry Martino, 121 CAM Sq, Score: 190-6V's.

Individual 200 Yds. Rapid Fire Rifle Match (M14) — Top Novice, SGT Richard M. Roberts, 211 Maint Co., Score: 196-9V's.

Individual 300 Yds. Rapid Fire Rifle Match (M14) - 2nd Place, SGT Marvin E. Cox, Co A, 216th Engr Bn, 196-7V's.

Individual 600 Yds. Slow Fire Rifle Match #1 (M14) - Top Novice, CPT Howard B. Camp, Co D, 612 Engr Bn, 194-3V's.

M14 Rifle Individual Championship — 2nd Place, TSgt Terry L. Martino, 121 CAM sq, 1425-29V's; and Top Novice, CPT Howard B. Camp, Co D, 612 Engr Bn, 1383; 15V's.

V's denote the center of the bullseye count which is used to break tie scores.

In the individual pistol competition, SSG Ronald Benge, Co C, 237th Support Battalion won Top Novice in the .45 Caliber Service Pistol Match. At the same time, Ohio's "long time" composite pistol team Captain, SFC George Bergholz, HHC, 112 Engineer Battalion, won the FORSCOM Central Region .45 Caliber Service Pistol Championship. During the second

day of pistol competition, SFC Charles Kwiatkowski, HHD, 137 S & S Bn, captured 2nd place in the Slow Fire Center Fire Pistol Match.

Team Matches finalized the Central Region Championship Matches with Ohio's Composite Rifle Team taking 2nd place in the "Infantry Trophy Team" Match and 4th place in the "National Match" course match.

Upon completion of the Matches, shooters were selected to represent 5th US Army in the "All Army Championship Matches" held at Fort Benning, Georgia during May. The following Ohio NG shooters were selected to attend: Rifle: SGT Marvin Cox, Co A, 216 Engr Bn; SGT Gary K. Merriam, 220 El sq, ANG; SGT Richard M. Roberts, 211 Maint Co; and SSG David Beveridge (Alternate) Btry D, 2/174 ADA Bn; Pistol: SFC Charles F. Kwiatkowski, HHD, 137 s & S Bn.

179th Wins Pistol Crown

Air National Guardmembers from Mansfield's 179th Tactical Airlift Group came home with the big prize from Sunday's Ohio State Gallery Pistol Match as they were awarded the Governor's Trophy for first place.

Over 150 shooters from all Army and Air Guard units throughout Ohio participated in the annual event at the Olen-

tangy Pistol Range in Columbus. Local Guardmembers on the team are: Larry Rogers, Bob Groening, Wayne Lower, Bill Hawkins, John Blair, and Nancy Kraft.

Individual honors also went to Bob Groening as he placed 3rd in slow fire; high novice in rapid fire; and high novice in aggregate. Nancy Kraft was first in the timed fire event for ladies.

Old Friends in a Hurry

Two 123rd TCF Airmen Share Common Bond

MSGT John R. Metz and Cpt Richard E. Martin have completely different careers, but a common bond — shooting.

MSGT Metz joined the Air Force in 1964 and was a Forward Air Controller in Vietnam. But after several changes he became the recruiter for the Air National Guard at the 123rd Tactical Control Flight in Blue Ash.

He was selected as a member of the ONG High Power Composite Rifle Team in 1977 and was the top G.S.U. Recruiter in Ohio in 1978. MSGT Metz was a team member when the team won a Bronze Medal at the W.P. Wilson National Guard Championship, Little Rock, Arkansas.

CPT Martin started shooting at the age

of seven. He is a life member of the National Rifle Association (N.R.A.) and the Ohio Gun Collectors Association. He was commissioned in 1968 at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana and spent four years as a Weapons controller with the regular Air Force.

He has been with the 123rd TCF since 1973 as a Weapons Controller. He won a position on the O.N.G. Composite Rifle Team for 1979. He is a Geologist for Hill-top Basic Resources Inc. in Dayton.

If you ask both men about shooting, be prepared to listen to 600-200-300 yds with X's and tie breakers. Shooting has its own language; but it can make strangers old friends in a hurry.

ONG Public Affairs Personnel Win Minaret Awards

The Ohio National Guard Public Affairs effort recently received three Minaret Awards from Fifth U.S. Army for excellence in journalism.

Those receiving awards included:

Ohio Air Guard SMSgt. Dave Gallagher for his editorial titled "My Most Priceless Possession" appearing in the Jan. 1978 issue of BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine.

SSG Ray Kraft, unit Public Information NCO for Co. C., 216th Engr. Bn., Felicity, for his photo titled "Can You Dig It" in the Aug., 1978, issue of the magazine.

BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine also won its third consecutive Minaret Award for "journalism excellence" in support of the Army's Information Program.

Troop K Hosts Open House

Troop K, 3/107th ACR Ashtabula, held its annual open house recently. Displays of equipment, demonstrations and movies highlighted the affair.

Information on the Ohio National Guard tuition program was offered to interested high school juniors and seniors.

Also available was information on the Guard's \$1,500 enlistment bonus program.

The officers and enlisted men of Troop K were the hosts during the day-long open house, according to SFC George Felch, Unit Public Information NCO.

Prep School...

73d Bde. Teaches New Recruits the Basics

BY SSGT ROY WORTMAN
Staff Writer

The 73rd Infantry Brigade (Sep) has organized a prep school for new recruits in hopes of reducing the high numbers of washouts that occur when new Guardmembers have their first taste of basic training.

"You learn a lot. You meet different recruits from different places. We know what to expect in basic," said PV1 Pamela Carpenter of Columbus. Sweating from pushups and grinning broadly, she said, "This program doesn't let you go in with your eyes closed."

The 73rd's new concept centralizes instruction for Guard recruits from all units in the brigade.

Instruction takes place in the Armory in Urbana, a central point for the unit. Transportation for the recruits is provided by sponsors who bus the men and women to Urbana Saturday mornings, and return them to their home units Sunday afternoons.

The training, which involves about 126 recruits, lasts three months. Most of the recruits' time is spent at orientation classes, motivation sessions, drill and ceremonies, and physical training. An obstacle course will be completed soon, said SFC Jack Evans, an instructor from Wapakoneta.

COL Andrew Skalkos, Brigade Commander designed the program. The centralized program was designed to give self confidence and advanced preparation to recruits from the Ohio Guard so that the drop-out rate in basic training will be lowered.

Unit feedback has been excellent, said CSM Robert Goodson, the program's coordinator from Washington Court House. And response from parents of the recruits has been gratifying as well, he added. Several mothers called him to let him know that they appreciate it when "someone cares".

Recruits are housed overnight in the armory and are allowed time off within the armory area. Trips to town are not allowed, except for meals. The recruits eat breakfast and dinner at a local restaurant.

In addition to preparing the recruits for basic, there's an additional benefit, "Recruits satisfied with this program become Guard recruiters for us," said Goodson.

The Buckeye Guard



A PREPPIE stretches and strains on the parallel bar at the 73d Infantry Brigade's pre-basic training school. (PHOTO BY PFC CHUCK TRITT).

About 15 instructors help at each day's training.

"It's rewarding," said SFC Denzel McDaniel, an instructor from the 837th Engr. Co. in Lima. "Teaching these recruits is a real challenge but it's worth it if it helps them." McDaniel said that in the past, "abrupt initiation to basic training

led to abrupt quitting. This program will stop that by letting the recruits know what to expect."

Recruits were enthused. PV1 Ray Washington, Columbus, a recruit with S and S Battery, 136th Arty, said "I like every part of this program. It teaches you what to expect in Army life."

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**A Report From the Ohio
National Guard Officers'
Association**

BY MAJ. STEVE KOPER

TENNESSEE CONGRESSMAN KEYNOTES CONFERENCE

Congressman Robin Beard of Tennessee was the featured speaker in the afternoon session of the ONGA Annual Conference held April 20-21, in Akron. (See related article, this page).

The morning session of the conference featured excellent presentations by guest speakers from the National Guard Association of the United States and the National Guard Bureau. Colonel Merle Allen of NGAUS reported on the status of national legislative actions and outlined NGAUS goals for the current year. The representatives from the Bureau, Colonel David Montplaisir and Captain Charles Melvin, presented an in-depth report on the full-time manning issue and its impact. Their talk was followed by a spirited question and answer session from the floor of the conference.

Committee reports produced recommendations in a number of areas which were adopted by the conference. These included, a recommendation by the Finance Committee to retain the current dues structure for another year with no increases, the awarding of \$1,500 in scholarships to four scholarship winners, and the confirmation of the Dayton Sheraton as the site for the 1981 conference by the Time and Place Committee.

The election of LTC Robert B. Zimmerman to the presidency of the association for 1979-80 headed the list of election results. Others chosen for leadership were LTC Philip A. Williams, 1st Vice President; LTC Raymond E. Trickler, 2nd Vice President; Colonel Leslie E. Pletcher, Secretary; 2LT William L. Zieber, Treasurer; Major James E. Caldwell, Trustee and CW3 Russell R. Wannemacher, Trustee. Their term of office begins July 1.

The evening session and dinner was highlighted by the installation of the newly elected officers and by the presentation of awards. Named outstanding young air officer for 1979 was 2LT Steve Walker of the 160th Air Refueling Group. The association's Distinguished Service Award was presented to Mr. Joseph R. Powers of Springfield, the "father" of National Guard Day. In a stirring tribute to two outstanding Ohio National Guardsmen, Major General Loren G. Windom and the late Colonel Allan Tappan were inducted into the Ohio National Guard Hall of Fame.

The 1979 conference closed with dancing to the music of the 555th Air Force Band (the Triple Nickle), Ohio Air Guard, Toledo. It was truly an enjoyable and informative session.

From the Desk of the President...

In this my last letter to you as president, let me echo my remarks to the members in attendance at our conference in Akron. Serving the Ohio National Guard Association as president for the past two years has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. To each of you, who have been my strong support, I extend a warm thanks. We are genuinely blessed with a fine officer corps and it has been a pleasure serving you. I will work closely with the new leadership and I urge each of you to continue your fine efforts in behalf of this association and the Ohio National Guard.

**It's Cleveland
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National Defense Not A 'Sexy' Issue

BY 1LT VICTOR DUBINA
Staff Writer

Congressman Robin Beard (R-Tenn), keynote speaker at the Ohio National Guard Association annual conference in Akron, stated that the All-Volunteer Army is not working the way the American people are being told it is.

Politicians, Beard said, have found it inconvenient to mention national defense because "it is not a sexy issue." Those who do show concern about national defense are branded reactionaries, Beard stated.

He expressed concern that the Soviet Union has five times the number of tanks that the United States has (50,000 to 10,000), that the Soviet Union has 2½ times the tactical aircraft of the United States, 2½ times the number of artillery pieces of the U.S. and more than four times the number of submarines of the U.S. (300 to 70).

If there were an outbreak of hostilities in NATO tomorrow, according to Beard, the Army would be 500,000 men short. The Individual Ready Reserve has dropped from one million men to less than 100,000 men in the last four years. The National Guard and the Reserves will have to provide the fill-in until a draft can supply replacements.

The first solution, Beard said, is to acknowledge that we have a critical problem and then look for alternatives on how to solve these problems. Those alternatives, Beard explained, could include universal service, a draft for the Reserves, or going back to some form of the lottery draft for active duty—"a lottery draft without exemptions."

A member of the powerful House Armed Services Committee, Beard is also the ranking minority member of the Investigations Sub-committee.

Now serving in his fourth term in Con-

gress, Beard focused attention on the combat readiness of the All-Volunteer Army, the critical military doctor shortage and the poor quality of military medical care.

Beard questioned the unilateral withdrawal of forces from South Korea, the unilateral elimination of the neutron bomb program and the unilateral elimination of the B-1 bomber program, stating that at least these items could have been part of the Salt II negotiations. The Soviet Backfire Bomber should also have been a part of the Salt II negotiations, Beard stated.

Beard, a Major in the United States Marine Corps Reserve, stated he began questioning the success of the All-Volunteer Force when what he heard on Capital Hill did not match what he saw on active duty. Beard is the only member of Congress who continues to go on active duty every year.



Enlisted Association Rap

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

BY MSG WARREN MYERS AND SSG NANCY CLEVINGER

Annual Conference Considered 'Skyrocket Success' by ONGEA

The weekend of May 4th brought about much happiness and mixed emotions as the Enlisted Association held its Ninth Annual Conference, hosted by 1/148th Inf. Bn, and 837th Engr. Co, Lima, at the Best Western Motel.

Our guest speaker, E. Larry Moles, held our attention as he does each audience he encounters. He was a delight and applauded by all.

The Mayor of Lima, Mr. Harry Moyer welcomed us to the city and the commanders of the American Legion and the VFW also welcomed us there.

Throughout the weekend the hospitality was tremendous and the conference was very successful. A very special kudos to the host units and their committees for an outstanding conference.

The music at our dinner Saturday night was provided by "The Express" and enjoyed by all.

RAFFLE WINNERS

The winners of the Annual Raffle are: \$500, Don Richard, 214th Maintenance; \$200, Robert Kettering, 160th CAMS and Glen M. Place, HHC 1/148th; \$100, George Moore, 137th S&S Bn and Jim Segraves, 1486th Trans. Co; \$50 winners, Harry Moyer, Mayor of Lima; Michael Foxx, Co A, 112th Engr; T. C. Mahone, 121 TFW; Dave Deckard, 155th Maint Co; T. P. Neal, Co C, 612th Engr; Al Rapp, Co D, 612th Engr; Tona H. McNeal and Betty Boyd. Congratulations!

Our Honorary Members of the Association were presented with a membership card and a special thanks for their outstanding assistance to us. Honorary Members are **COL. EDWARD POWERS** of the 160th Air Refueling Group, **KENNETH MATHIAS**, 160th ARFG, and **Ms. ISABELLE TRAPASSO**, of the State Adjutant General's Department.

During the awards portion we also honored our Airman of the Year, **MSGt. ROBERT BAKER**, 160th Air Refueling Group and Soldier of the Year, **SP5 BONNIE ROGGE**, 684th Medical Company, Westerville. Congratulations to both for a super job as NCO's.

The new officers of the Association are: President, West Stenger; Vice-President, Army, Carl Bicanovsky; Vice-President, Air, Tom Foster; Secretary, Nancy Clevenger and Treasurer, Gary Brown.

CLIPPERS GAME

Remember to support the Clippers Game being held at Clippers Stadium in Columbus August 19 on National Guard Day. This is also "Oldest Vet Day" at the Ohio State Fair Ground at 10 a.m. Hope to see a big turnout at both.

By the time this issue reaches you we shall have just completed our First Annual Bowling Tournament. Winners will be published in our next issue.

Remember to start now saving for our National Conference to be held in Phoenix, Arizona, September 9-13. We want the members of Ohio to be well represented in Phoenix.

Once again we want to pay special tribute to Frank Cartwright and all committee personnel that assisted in the Annual Conference. A very special thank you to **BG PAUL E. HOOVER**, our guest and friend, for his comments and attendance.

Special Kudos to the bartenders (all officers). Everyone said they made great drinks. We enjoyed having them among us. **BG JAMES M. ABRAHAM** poured for us, and had a great time with the troops. Thanks to all.

Auxiliary Making Plans for Phoenix

When this reaches you, I will no longer be President of the Auxiliary. I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support and hard work in achieving the goals set forth. I ask your continued support for the new President so that we may continue to grow and further the ideals of the Guard.

We are looking forward to the National Conference in Phoenix, Arizona. Plans are to have an open pit barbecue, tour of Phoenix or Scottsdale, style show and, of course, the formal All-States Banquet. They plan to have many activities for children in attendance also.

The National Auxiliary will raffle a "squash blossom" necklace of silver and turquoise valued at \$600. Please be sure to support this raffle. The national cook book is also still available.

We hope to see many of you in Phoenix as we need your support.

As you know, we have five national officers from Ohio. They are: Lois Goodson, President; Beverly Arn, Secretary; Joan Foster, Area Director and Legislative Liaison; Viola Stenger, Chaplain; and Sondra Monastra, Historian.

Let's rally together in the sun and sand and enjoy the Arizona hospitality September 9-13. **Beverly S. Arn**

BEVERLY S. ARN
President, EA Auxiliary

Employer Support

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working on the establishment of a Field Operating Council and would like to "Create an atmosphere of total cooperation between the Guard and employers," Jakmides emphasized. He added, "Problems are evident in both the government and private sectors".

Mr. Theodore G. Jenkins, Director of Personnel at Libbey-Owens Ford Corp., Toledo, discussed the heavy impact Guard and Reserve units have on the local economy.

Several avenues are open to Guardmembers experiencing problems with employer support. The first step is to call the Ohio Ombudsman Service at (614) 889-7072; or to write: Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, c/o The Adjutant General, 2825 W. Granville Rd., Worthington, O. 43085.

**Enlisted Association
National Conference is in
Phoenix - Sept. 9-13, 1979**

Buckeye Bits



EUROPEAN AIRLIFT—The Ohio Air Guard's 220th Electronic Installation Squadron, from Zanesville, became the first Air Guard EI unit ever to airlift vehicles in direct support of European Workload. The 179th Tactical Airlift Group provided the airlift as the 220th deployed to San Vito AS, Italy, for base cable installation schemes, according to SSgt. Catherine Parr, unit information NCO. MSgt. Robert McGee and MSgt. William Donnelly load a trencher for transport to Italy. McGee is supervisor of the 220th Motor Vehicle Section. (220th EIS PHOTO)

180th in Top Five

The 180th Tactical Fighter Group Accounted for fourth place in the 1978 Air National Guard competition for the United States Air Force Satellite Supply Award. This places the 180th TFG Supply in the top five percent of all Air National Guard Supply Accounts for 1978.

Competition results were based on nomination comments, past inspection reports, Air Force criteria, and information from the M-32 data bank.

The USAF Satellite Supply Award recognizes the best of all the ANG, Air Force Reserve, and Air Force Satellite Supply Accounts.

The Equipment Management Officer and Mobility Support Flight Commander of the 180th, Major Thomas H. Nagel, has been presented the Meritorious Service Medal.

The NCOIC of the Supply Management and Procedures Branch, SMSgt Gene Griss was presented the Air Force Commendation Medal.

Aggressive Approach

Detachment One, Company A, 1/166th Infantry, Xenia, has been taking a very aggressive approach to recruiting, according to SGT Woodford C. Gray Jr., Unit Public Information NCO.

Their recruiting program was kicked off with a full page ad in the local newspaper resulting in nine new enlistees for the unit. All enlisted for the Ohio Guard's unique scholarship program.

Plan Draws Response

Announced changes expanding the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) have met with great enthusiasm.

Option "B" provides a survivor annuity payable when the members would have reached age 60 if they die before then, or on the date of death if they live beyond 60. Under option "C", a survivor annuity is payable on the date of the member's death, regardless of age. For more information call 800-525-1391, toll-free, or autovon 926-4617.

New Flight Policy

A new policy now allows an immediate family member to fly on military flights within the continental United States as a non-medical attendant to join a hospitalized military member.

According to Military Airlift Command officials, eligibility is determined when a doctor decides the family member is needed for a patient's health and welfare.

The family member enroute to the hospital has the same status as active duty people on temporary duty. Family members losing non-medical attendant status through the patient's death or transfer are afforded space available return trips on military flights. They are in the same class as military people on emergency leave, officials conclude. (TAC News Service).

New Course Service

Soldiers who want information about the Army Correspondence Course Program (ACCP) can pick up the phone for their answers. With the new "Code-A-Phone" service, you can speak directly to personnel at the Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC). You can leave a message when calling after duty hours and your call will be returned. If you can't be reached by AUTOVON phone, your questions can be answered by mail.

The number for ACCP information is 927-3085. (PUSH PIN POST).

Rock Mission Complete

Felicity's Co. C., 216th Engr. Bn., has completed a rock hauling mission which started this past winter in an effort to stop riverfront property of nearby Moscow from slipping into the Ohio River, according to unit information NCO SFC Raymond Kraft.

The unit completed the mission after hauling 2,000 tons of rock, which was used to support the riverfront land.

'Triple Nickle' Praised

The 555th Air Force Band, Ohio Air National Guard, based at Toledo Express Airport, has been awarded the Ohio Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service.

The Commendation reads: "Each year the band performs at numerous charitable events, which entails long hours and long distances of travel, many times at the personal expense of band members. For these reasons the members of the 555th Air Force Band should be commended and congratulated."

The 555th is commanded by Major William F. Dais.

All About People-



NEW COMMANDER —Ohio Army Guard **CPT HOWARD CAMP** has assumed command of Sandusky's Company D, 612th Engineer Battalion. The new commander has pledged to become personally involved with recruiting in the Sandusky area. **CPT. CAMP** resides in Perrysburg and is employed by the Rudolph Libbe Company, Walbridge. (PHOTO BY SGT STEVE JABLONSKI).

Sixteen Ohio Air National Guard recruiters have been presented the Ohio Recruiter Ribbon. They include: **JOHN L. BILL, STEPHEN J. BUTCHER, GEORGE L. DENZER, MICHAEL R. GILMORE, ROBERT A. HEINTZ, TERRY A. HILL, HYACINTH A. HOLLOWAY, ROBERT A. MERCER JR., JOHN R. METZ, GORDON V. ROWE, HAROLD W. SCHEINER, DAVID A. SCHROEDER, KLAUS D. SIEBERT, JERRY W. TEEM, RANDY L. VAUGH** and **KEITH L. ZIMMERMAN**.

CPT JOE BALLOU, Co. B., 372nd Engineers, Greenville, recently swore in two of his brothers into his unit. **RALPH**, who had prior service with the Air Force, is currently attending OCS at Ft. Benning. **GEORGE**, a senior at Fairmont N.E. High School, enlisted for the ONG Scholarship Program and brought a friend in with him.

ROBERT J. WATERFIELD, a member of the Ohio Guard, has been named district engineering manager for Janitrol Div. of Midland-Ross. He will be responsible for the southeast sales district.

The Buckeye Guard

SSGT LESLIE P. HETSLER, Personnel Specialist in the 179th Combat Support Squadron, has been selected as the Outstanding Airman for the Second Half of 1978 for the 179th Tactical Airlift Group. The recommendation from **SSG HETSLER'S** commander cited his outstanding devotion to duty, dedication and "perseverance to perfection" as reasons for his consideration.

2LT CRAIG T. CENESKIE, from Troop D, 1/238 Ca., achieved the status of Distinguished Graduate of the officer Rotary Wing Aviator Course. This top ranking in his class was the result of scholastic achievement in academic testing and flight proficiency evaluations.

BG JAMES M. ABRAHAM, Assistant Adjutant General for the Ohio Army National Guard, was awarded the Ohio Distinguished Service Medal by **MG JAMES C. CLEM** during a ceremony at Beightler Armory recently. The award was made for **ABRAHAM'S** outstanding efforts in developing the Ohio Guard's Tuition Scholarship Program and for his support and enthusiasm.

SGM DOMINIC ESPOSITO was named the parade marshal for both the annual Memorial Day and International Day parades in Lorain this year. **ESPOSITO** is with the 112th Engineer Battalion.

CPT DON VAQUERA, 196th Public Affairs Detachment, Worthington, recently received the Meritorious Service Medal for his outstanding efforts as Public Information Officer for the Ohio National Guard.

THOMAS E. GLOVER JR., son of **SSG THOMAS E. GLOVER**, 37th Signal Company, Lakewood, recently enlisted in the same unit and has elected the split option training program. He currently attends Mayfield H.S. in Maple Heights, O.

The Ohio Army Guard's 200th Med. Co., Cleveland, now has its first father-son team. **ANGELO ROBERSON**, son of **SSG RUSSELL TOPPIN**, was recently sworn in by **CPT G. A. KNIGHT**.

1ST WILLIAM A SIMPSON recently received the Meritorious Service Award from **BG JAMES M. ABRAHAM** during a surprise dinner party marking his retirement following 36 years of military service. Over 100 persons, including **LTC HERBERT EAGON JR.**, commander of the 166th Infantry Bn., attended the affair.

SGM WILLIAM E. PENSYL, Chief Operations Sergeant for the Plans, Training and Operations Division, Headquarters, Ohio Army Guard was recently honored during a retirement ceremony conducted at Beightler Armory, Worthington. **PENSYL** received the Meritorious Service Medal from **BG JAMES M. ABRAHAM**. As a

civilian **PENSYL** is employed by the AG Dept. as a technician in the State Training Office. He has over 35 years of military service.

CPT DALE LIEBENTHAL was recently promoted to his present rank and has assumed command of Company C, 612th Engineer Bn., Norwalk. Formerly, **CPT LIEBENTHAL** served as the unit's executive officer.

MAJOR WILLIAM F. DAIS, Commander of the 555th Air Force Band, Ohio Air National Guard, recently received the Ohio Commendation Medal for meritorious service from support services commander **LT. COL. LARRY HUCKELS**.

SGT DANIEL MURRAY, HQ Troop, 3/107th ACR, while working at his civilian place of employment, removed a candy bar stuck in the throat of an unconscious victim. The method used to dislodge the obstruction is called the Heimlick Maneuver and was applied twice on the unconscious victim found in an Akron area parking lot. **SGT MURRAY** is a graduate of the USAR's CPR course.

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VOLUNTEER SHUTTERBUG—The Ohio Army Guard's 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment has the services of an excellent photographer, thanks to **E. JAY ROBESON II**, of Canton. **ROBESON**, a junior at Jackson H.S. in Massillon, is present at many 107th drills to lend photographic support and intends to enlist in the Ohio Guard to take advantage of its unique College Scholarship Program. (PHOTO BY SFC BOB DEVOE).

All About People-

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MAJ. TED SHANKS, officer in charge of Field Maintenance, 180th Consolidated Aircraft Maint. Squadron, Toledo, recently completed the Air War College.

Six Ohio Army Guardmembers recently received high military awards during ceremonies conducted at Beightler Armory in Worthington. The awards were presented by **BG JAMES M. ABRAHAM**, Asst. Adjutant General for the Ohio Army Guard. Those receiving awards included: **SFC PAUL WARD**, Ohio Commendation Medal; **SFC THOMAS D. LUTES**, Ohio Commendation Medal; **MAJ LYNN V. CORIELL**, Ohio Commendation Medal; **MSG LAWRENCE A. MEAD**, Army Commendation Medal; **SSG HAROLD W. HOUCK**, Ohio Commendation Medal; **SFC WILMER L. SORRELL** Ohio Commendation Medal.

137th S and S Receives 'Rewarding Training' at Lee

BY CPT. PAUL ZIELINSKI
137th S&S Bn.

In March the 137th Supply and Service Battalion stationed in Toledo had the opportunity to participate in what could be considered the most rewarding and innovative training ever available to the unit during a weekend drill. The unit was airlifted to Fort Lee, Virginia, to participate in two days of intensive training in the Quartermaster field. Training was provided by the regular Army instructors at the Quartermaster School.

The weekend started on a Friday evening when the unit boarded two C-130 aircraft provided by the Virginia and Kentucky Air National Guard. At Fort Lee, buses, used to provide transportation throughout the weekend, met the unit and transported them to their quarters.

Classes started early Saturday morning with a briefing and an introduction to the Quartermaster Corps in the Theater of Operations.

The subjects varied from parachute rigging and petroleum pipelines to graves registration/remains identification. Other topics were fabric repair, office machine repair; food and subsistence service; supply distribution; handling and storage; records procedures; and field feeding. The instructors used training aids to clarify the lessons. Each class was located in a different area of the post. This variety and movement broke up the monotony that usually accompanies instructional periods.

After the last class on Sunday afternoon, a unit of tired troops shuffled on the C-130's for the trip home.



PHOTO BY MSGT BOB BARKER

Former WASP, Lois Nelson

WW II WASP...

Unsung Heroine Visits 180th

BY TSGT LONDON MITCHELL
180th TFG

When the director of the Downtown Toledo Associates, Lois Nelson, came to visit the 180th Tactical Fighter Group at Toledo Express Airport, she surprised everyone by bringing along her own flying gear...goggles and flight hat, all custom-tailored and all of World War II vintage!

Lois Nelson was a pilot for the Air Force in World War II, a member of the little known-about Women's Air Force Service Pilots (WASPs).

According to the recently published book "Those Wonderful Women in their Flying Machines" by Sally VanWagenen Keil, these unsung heroines flew some of the most dangerous missions of World War II, many that men refused to fly.

Ms. Nelson, a pilot since the age of 14, joined the WASPs in 1943 and said she flew mostly in the colossal B-24 Liberator.

Air Force Secretary John C. Stetson said the WASP was created at a time when the United States was strained for enough military aviators for combat duty. Although never really recognized as serving in the Air Force, WASPs will soon be considered to have seen service and be eligible for benefits administered by the Veterans Administration.

THE OTHER HALF

BY SUSAN BROWN

The Ohio National Guard Officers' Wives Club wound up its 1978-79 season of activities with meetings at Beightler Armory and at the DCSC.

In April, the group got together at the armory for a salad smorgasbord. The array of salads and hot breads was tempting and delicious. Featured speaker for this meeting was Marilyn Stults, who is directing the planning for the ladies schedule at the National Conference in Cleveland. Marilyn outlined the proposed activities, very enthusiastically, and asked the OWC for support. Election of next year's officers was held, and the meeting ended with a conducted tour of the headquarters facility.

May's meeting, at the DCSC, was special, in that it brought out some ladies not seen at OWC for some time. Invitations were issued to all twenty-two Past Presidents, to be the guests of the club at a luncheon in their honor.

These Guard wives have given so much, over the years, not only in time and service to the OWC, but in support of the Guard. They are an inspiration to all, and, honoring them was a most fitting way to bring the season to a close.

New officers were installed in May. For 1979-80, President will be Mary Ann Doane; Vice President, Janet Seidt; Secretary, Ellen Campbell; and Treasurer, Candy Egelhoff. We wish these girls lots of luck for the new year. Very special thanks go to Susan Button, immediate Past President, and to her board, for working so hard to make the past season a success.

NEW GROUP FORMED

There is some exciting news from

northern Ohio! The Barberton area now has a brand new Ohio Guard Wives Club, meeting monthly in the evening. These ladies had interest enough in the ONG, and the incentive to get out and organize their own local club, not an easy task. Officers for the first year are: President Naomi Lucas; Vice President, Boots Pryor; Secretary, Barbara Wigle; and Treasurer, Alberta Undercoffer. Congratulations and very best wishes to the Barberton Guard Wives Club! This is very welcome support for the ONG from the ladies. Other areas of the state—take note!

The annual ONGA conference was held April 20-21 in Akron. As always, there was a lot of fun and fellowship. Most enjoyable for the women were a bus tour to Stan Hywet Hall, and exploring the Quaker Square shops. It speaks well for the ONGA that whenever it meets, retired members return, some from as far as southern Florida, to participate. How great it is to renew these old friendships!

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Are you a history buff, travel enthusiast, gourmet, or fashion trendsetter? Do you have an interest in holiday decoration, herb cookery, or learning techniques of good communication? Well, gals, you will get a chance to engage in all these interests and more, at the 101st NGAUS General Conference, in Cleveland, October 8, 9 and 10. Arrangements are being finalized for tours, luncheons, fashion shows, as well as in hotel workshops. Enough is planned to give the women lots to enjoy, while their husbands are meeting. Marilyn Stults and her

committee are working very hard to assure a full and varied schedule. Part of the cost of these activities will be included in the registration fee. Part will be subsidized by merchants and others. The OWC voted, in April, a substantial sum to help defray the expenses. Ohio ladies also are volunteering to act as hostesses, both in the ladies hospitality room, and on the tours. No one will need to give more than part of one morning or afternoon.

ONG FAMILY SPIRIT

If there is one recurrent theme in this column, it is "Ohio National Guard Family Spirit"! It is this spirit which brings past and present OWC members together frequently. The spirit shines brightly when a group of Guard wives, in a corner of the state, endeavors to form yet another club in which they can meet and share common interests. Obviously, it is the Guard spirit which keeps us going, when society seems to view us with raised eyebrows. It gives us patience with interrupted family plans. It keeps us flying the flag, often the only one in the neighborhood. The spirit has a long life. It isn't laid aside easily. That old spirit moves retirees to return to Ohio to participate in ONG functions.

Lastly—ladies, you are needed in Cleveland! You are needed to make sure that, as surely as they pack rumpled dress uniforms, well used walking shoes, and souvenirs, the 101st NGAUS Conference delegates, and their wives, take with them, back to the other forty-nine states, the memory of Buckeye hospitality, generously dispensed, and the warmth of the "Ohio Guard Family Spirit"!

It's An Incredible Edible...

A TRIBUTE—Sandy Heintz, wife of Ohio Air Guard recruiter MSgt. Robert Heintz, recently baked this unique cake as a tribute to both the recruiting office and the personnel from the 178th Tactical Fighter Group and the 251st Cbt. Comm. Gp, in Springfield. (178th TFG PHOTO).



Earnie Shavers Comments on Ohio's College Tuition Assistance Program

'... YOU TOO CAN
BECOME SOMEBODY ...'

"It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to become a heavyweight fighter, just like anything else in life that's worth having. You too can become *somebody* by taking advantage of the Ohio National Guard's new College Tuition Assistance Program. If you qualify, you can receive up to four years of college tuition FREE. Learn new skills and earn extra income while serving your country and Ohio. For more information on these outstanding benefits, call the Ohio National Guard Recruiting Office nearest you today or call Toll-Free 1-800-282-7310. You'll be glad you did!"

Earnie D Shavers



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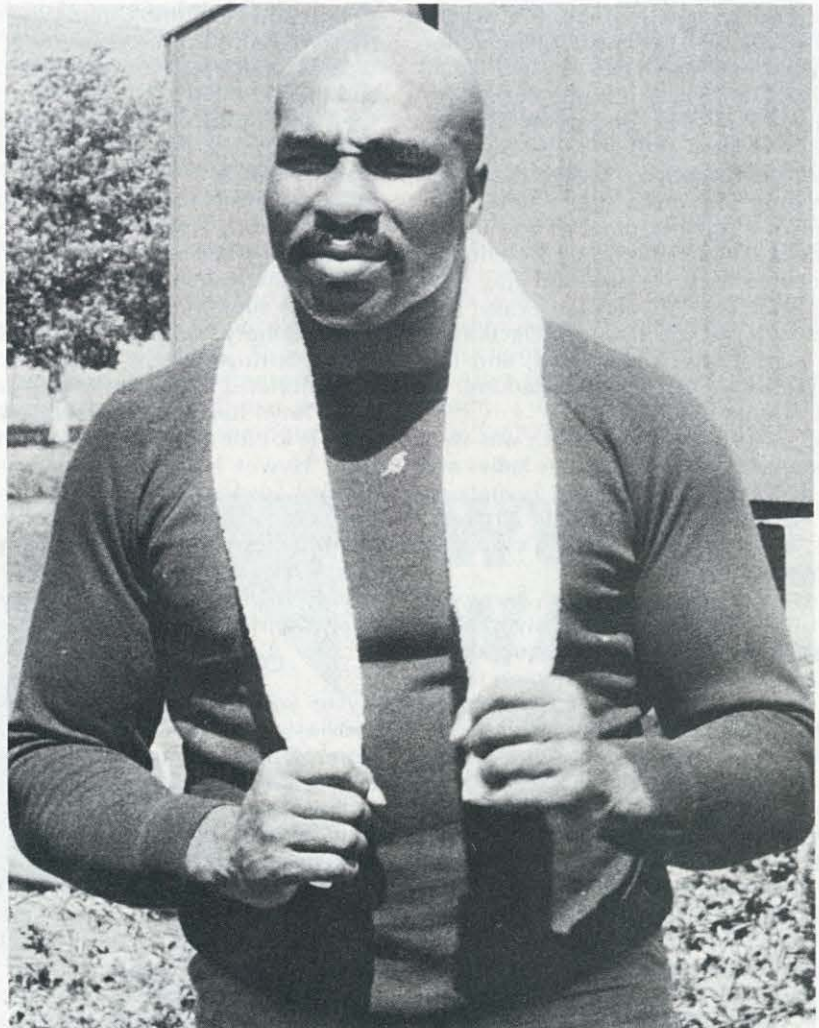


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